



SWS Mountain Guides

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A3 AVALANCHE COURSE Level 1

Avalanche Fundamentals

Certified American Avalanche Association (A3)

24 Hours of Instruction / 40% Classroom 60% Fieldwork



Prerequisites: Participants are required to be in good physical condition. No formal avalanche education is required. Strongly Recommended: Winter skills, Snowshoeing or Backcountry Skiing experience, first aid, introduction to avalanche safety, SWS Mountain Guides recommended reading list.

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Description: Avalanche Level 1- Avalanche Fundamentals introduces students to the real and potential avalanche hazards in the winter environment. Throughout the course, we will learn how to recognize, gather, and record information about these hazards and apply them to various decision-making and judgment methods. Learn how to manage the observed hazards and how to minimize them. Finally, learn how to give us a safety zone and how to rescue ourselves from our misjudgments.

Certified Course: Our course curriculum fulfills the " National AvalancheLevel I standard when taken with a one-day Avalanche Rescue Course and is Certified by the American Avalanche Association (A3) and meets or exceeds requirements for the National Park Service, Forest Service, and various Guide & Avalanche Associations for Level 1 courses. Give us a call if you have any questions.

Meetings: Course starts at 8:00 am on the first day of the course.



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What to Expect: Participants will not be traveling fast. We will be skiing/snowshoeing over calculated routes that afford as much in the way of safely accessible avalanche terrain as possible. Stops will be made frequently for discussion of terrain, snow conditions, vegetation, weather, and anything related to avalanches. Your instructor will be thinking out loud, giving reasons for choosing a certain route or for not crossing a certain slope. Participants will put into practice all the techniques of field hazard evaluation.

Food and Lodging: Lodging is available in the City of Mount Shasta, we are meeting at our office location which is a few blocks from both restaurants, grocery stores, and lodging options. Lodging can be found in Mount Shasta, CA. as well.

Level: Participants are required to be in good excellent physical condition. Some snowshoeing or skiing experience is recommended but not required.

Pricing and Dates: For updated pricing and dates please visit our website at: www.swsmountainguides.com

Includes: Professional instruction/guides, course materials, permits, and permit fees. **Avalanche Equipment (beacon, probe, shovel) are available for rent.**

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