



Jackson ITC Venue Details

Ski/Splitboard and Snowmobile combined course

Summary

- Classroom venue: [Central Wyoming College](#) or via Zoom
- Field venue: Grand Teton National Park or Togwotee Pass
- Elevation range: 8,000-13,000 feet
- Elevation gain: 1500 - 3000 ft daily
- Travel distances:
 - Ski/splitboard: 3-5 miles daily
 - Snowmobile: 8-20 miles daily
- Competence moving on skis, splitboard, or snowmobile with ~30lb pack is required. This course cannot accommodate travelers on snowshoes.

This is a time-intensive course and you should be prepared, mentally and physically, to stay engaged over long long days (up to ten hours) in the field, classroom and/or via Zoom. All students must meet AIARE's [Essential Eligibility requirements](#) in order to participate on this course.

Classroom Sessions

AIARE believes the richest learning takes place when course participants can interact with each other as well as their Instructors. Because of this, we are working hard to plan classroom sessions in accordance with CDC and local guidelines for indoor instruction. Please read our [COVID-19 Course Disclosure](#) prior to enrollment.

Our highest priority, however, is the safety of our staff and course participants. To continue to offer a course that meets our high standards, we are also simultaneously planning to create a collaborative environment virtually. Because an all day Zoom call is not realistic, expect that this alternate plan will require transitioning from Zoom meeting to the field more often.

Required Technology and Internet Bandwidth

To facilitate an online option, course participants must have a laptop or tablet with a camera, speakers, and microphone and be staying in a place that has reliable high speed internet access and is quiet and relatively free from distractions. Expect to meet with fellow

course Participants virtually in large and small groups. All classroom sessions (virtually or in person) will mix participant modes of travel. This stimulates the free flow of ideas and shows how risk management strategies apply across different modes of travel.

We will keep you informed of the status of the course format and notify you as soon as we made a decision to move to a virtual format. We ask for your flexibility and willingness to adapt to this highly uncertain and ever changing situation.

Field Sessions

Some short field sessions may utilize outdoor open space within the town of Jackson or on the CWC campus. Ski/splitboard participants' field sessions will take place in the Greater Teton National Park. Snowmobile participants' field sessions will be held at Togwotee Pass. In both instances, the classroom is approximately 45 mins to field locations and backcountry terrain and you will be required to drive. If your mode of travel is a snowmobile, expect to be trailering/hauling your machine to the trailhead for at least 3 days.

Environment

Weather can be highly variable from sunshine to snow and/or rain and temperatures can be sub-zero degrees Fahrenheit. Because of the environmental factors, you must be able to practice self-care that minimizes the possibility of hypothermia, frostbite and non-freezing cold injury.

Snow coverage is always a consideration during early season courses. This venue usually has adequate snow cover (~75-100cm) to travel upon starting in early December. However, if coverage is unacceptable or unsafe the course may be modified or cancelled. Please see [AIARE's course cancellation policy](#) for details.

Terrain

Ski/Splitboard: Travel requires moving in mountainous terrain and variable snow conditions, both uphill and downhill on skis (AT or telemark) or splitboards efficiently by ascending 900-1200 ft/hour.

Snowmobile: Travel requires moving on a snowmobile efficiently and safely. As a participant in a motorized course, you must have expert riding ability and be proficient with sidehilling, navigating through dense timber, and be accustomed to traveling long distances over varying terrain.

Lodging and Food

Lodging and food are not included in the course cost, however there are several lodging, grocery options in Jackson.

Equipment

Participating in an AIARE course requires modern, well maintained backcountry and rescue gear. Bringing old, or marginally functioning gear is a detriment to the learning environment and could negatively affect the safety of the group.

As part of our [COVID-19 plan](#), AIARE will have additional cleaning supplies for the classroom. Please plan to bring enough masks and hand sanitizer for personal use on the course.

Wyoming law requires that all snowmobiles must have either a current Wyoming Resident or Nonresident User Fee Decal prominently displayed on the outside of each snowmobile. Each permit is thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) and may be purchased [online](#).

Please review our [IT Course Equipment List](#) for more details.