



Summary - Combo Course (Ski/Splitboard and Motorized)

- 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
- Experience and competency moving on skis, snowboard, or snowmachine with ~30lb pack is required

Location: Jackson, WY at [Central Wyoming College](#)

Lodging and food are not included in the course cost, however there are several lodging and grocery options in Jackson. During the course you will transition between field and classroom sessions.

AIARE will plan for all of our classroom sessions to take place in person in Jackson, however there is a chance the classroom portion will be conducted virtually. If a move from in-person classroom sessions to virtual classroom sessions happens, we will notify you as soon as possible. Due to the uncertainties and many factors involved we ask for your flexibility and willingness to adapt. For the duration of the course, you should plan to stay somewhere that has reliable internet that can withstand Zoom meetings. Whenever possible, classroom sessions will be mixed travel modality, which stimulates the free flow of ideas and shows how risk management strategies apply across different contexts. Please read our [COVID-19 Course Disclosure](#) prior to enrollment.

Ski/splitboard participants' field sessions will take place in the Greater Teton National Park. Snowmachine 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 are 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.

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

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.

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

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](#).