



Leadville ITC Venue Details

Summary

- Classroom venue: [Colorado Mountain College - Leadville Campus](#) or via Zoom
- Elevation range: 8,000-13,000 ft
- Elevation gain: 1500 - 3000 ft daily
- Travel distances: 3-5 miles daily
- Competence moving on skis or splitboard with ~30lb pack is required

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 on the CMC campus or just outside of the town of Leadville. At least two full-day field sessions will take place at Vail Pass which is approximately a 45 minute drive from Leadville.

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.

Terrain

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.

Lodging and Food

Lodging and food are not included in the course cost. There are several lodging, grocery options in the town of Leadville. Due to weather and possible poor road conditions students should plan to stay in Leadville.

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.

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