

Introduction to Avalanche Safety

Free Course Materials for Avalanche Educators

AIARE is pleased to announce the availability of course materials for educators to present an Introduction to Avalanche Safety course. This is an ideal course for educational organizations such as forecast centers, ski patrol, guide services and search and rescue groups.

The “*Introduction to Avalanche Safety*” course is the intermediary step between basic avalanche awareness and the Level 1 course as defined by the American Avalanche Associations “*U.S. Avalanche Education Progression*.” The Lesson Plans within the document presents the course over a one-day time frame and is mainly field based.

This course is meant to target riders frequenting avalanche terrain via lift access from ski areas and easily accessible backcountry trail heads and highway passes. This terrain is also known as “near county,” “slack country” or terrain that sees high local use. These users are typically young, relatively inexperienced and their travel is limited to day trips.

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- The Hans Saari Memorial Fund
- Friends of the Gallatin National Forest Avalanche Center
- The National Avalanche Center
- The J.T. Lambert Foundation

The course materials include the following:

- Course overview and instructor lesson plans
- 20 NAC Avalanche Safety brochures
- “Stay Alive” DVD

A \$10.00 charge covers shipping and DVD reproduction. If you are an outdoor educator you can order your copy at www.avtraining.org – go to “Store” in the top menu bar.

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