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Avalanche North Avalanche Education Program Schedule

*Avalanche Skills Training as
recommended by the Canadian
Avalanche Association*

See www.avalanche.ca for info

Courses Available:

- Transceiver practice
- Specialty courses for sledders, boarders, skiers, industry, SAR volunteers and youth
- Refresher courses
- Certification programs
- Advanced Certification programs.



All instructors are members of the Canadian Avalanche Association, graduates of the CAA training school and are registered and experienced avalanche course providers. Level 2 instructors are ACMG certified guides. For more information contact 867-633-2199 or info@avalanchenorth.ca

Course Descriptions:

Refresher -

If you took your course a while ago and have not practiced much since then, or if you took your course in another location and want to know more about Yukon specific weather and snow conditions this course may be for you. New information related to terrain assessment and decision making tools are provided as well as exploring the web for weather information and practicing transceiver skills. Courses are held for one evening indoors and 1 day outdoors.

Youth courses -

Worried about your kids heading into the backcountry or a youth looking for some introductory skills and information? Learn how to use a beacon and how to recognise avalanche terrain so you can avoid it.

Certification Courses -

Avalanche Skills Training (AST) Level 1 and AST Level 2 courses for skiers, boarders and sledders use curriculum, instructional materials and student handbooks provided by the Canadian Avalanche Association. The AST Level 1 course is a pre-requisite for attendance at an AST level 2 course or a Canadian Avalanche Association Training School course.

Assumption of Risk and Liability

All course participants will be required to sign a course waiver and medical screening form prior to the field portion of the course.

Equipment

Course participants will be required to travel in the backcountry and will require appropriate equipment (snowmobile for snowmobile course, alpine touring or telemark skies with climbing skins, split snowboard with climbing skins or snowshoes, poles, full sized day pack, warm clothing worn in layers for easy removal or addition, spare warm clothes, spare gloves, sunglasses, sunscreen, personal first aid kit, food and warm liquid).

Avalanche transceiver, shovel, probe and snow science kit provided for student use during course as part of course fee. A course manual, field book, Avaluator™, rescue resource card and certificate of completion are provided with each course to each student to take home.



Locations and Itinerary

Whitehorse Classes are held at Sport Yukon at 4061 4th Avenue. Classroom sessions in other communities are usually at a college or public library. Classroom sessions will be held on the Tuesday and Thursday night from 6 to 9:15. Wednesday snowmobile evening sessions and weekends will be outdoors. Friday evening and Saturday evening may also be utilized for courses outside of Whitehorse. You may wish to bring supper with you for evening sessions.

Field sessions will vary with location. Expect to spend the journey to the site stopping enroute to view avalanche terrain and avalanche start zones from your vehicle. Mid-morning to the end of the day will include learning how to use transceivers, traveling as a group to an easy location, stopping to view terrain and assess avalanche hazard and learning how to do a snow profile as a group.

Day 2 in the field will include a self rescue scenario, an organized rescue scenario, route selection, terrain evaluation, group management, safe travel skills and individual snow profiles. Snowmobile courses will utilize the Wednesday evening for transceiver skills and the field day for profiles, travel and rescues.

Registration Information

Participant's Name

Address

Email address

Phone Number

_____ (w) _____ (h)

Skier, boarder, sledder (please circle)

Signature

Payment:

Course fees:

Youth short-course \$ 50
Refresher: \$ 75
AST Level 1 \$250
AST Level 1 snowmobile \$ 225
* AST Level 2 \$ 850

* AST 2 courses are 4 full days of ski touring in the field with an ACMG mountain guide with early mornings and evenings spent in the classroom. Meals and accommodation are included. Course may be split into 2 weekends and costs will drop

