



AVALANCHE COURSE EQUIPMENT LIST

TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT:

The following equipment is mandatory for the course. You are expected to provide your own equipment and/or rent gear in advance for your course. Rental prices apply.

- **Backcountry Touring Skis or Splitboard:** Should include backcountry touring skis/splitboard, touring boots, climbing skins, poles (collapsible for splitboarders), and one ski strap. The following locations rent backcountry ski/snowboard setups for \$60-\$80/day
 - Big Sky: [Grizzly Outfitters](#) (skis) - 406-551-9470
 - Bozeman: [Uphill Pursuits](#) (skis) - 406-404-1021
 - Bozeman: [World Boards](#) (splitboards) - 406-587-1707
- **Avalanche Safety Pack:** Backpack containing avalanche beacon, shovel, and probe.
- **Helmet:** optional
- **Snow Saw:** available at [Uphill Pursuits](#)
- **10 feet of 1mm cord for isolating snow columns:** available at [Spire Climbing Center](#)
- **Slope Meter:** available at [Uphill Pursuits](#)

NOTE: It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the proper gear from this list and/or RESERVE YOUR GEAR in advance for your trip. We will not be able to provide refunds if you fail to provide, reserve, and rent your gear in advance.

CLOTHING LIST:

- **Long Underwear:** mid-weight (top & bottom), synthetic or wool
- **Soft or Hard-shell Pants**
- **Fleece or Sweater:** medium or lightweight
- **Insulated Jacket:** down or synthetic (consider a heavy down layer on colder days to stay warm while standing around studying snow pits)
- **Waterproof Jacket with Hood:** Gore-Tex
- **Ski Socks**
- **Hat:** fleece or wool hat that covers ears
- **Gloves:** a pair for skinning and a pair for digging pits and instruction
- **Neck Gaiter/Buff or Scarf**

OTHER:

- **Ski Pack:** 25-40L with ski/snowboard and avalanche gear carrying capabilities
- **Sunscreen, Sunglasses, Goggles, Chapstick**
- **Thermos:** optional but wonderful to have
- **1-liter Water Bottle** with insulated sleeve (full!) - Camelbaks are not recommend due to their tendency to freeze
- **Food for the Day:** enough snacks and lunch for each day
Hint: keep some food in your pockets so it doesn't freeze.
- **Camera:** optional
- **Hand Warmers:** optional
- **Small Notebook & Pencil**