



MAKING SAFETY A HABIT

# AIARE Level 2 Avalanche Course

## FAQ's

### WHAT PRIOR QUALIFICATIONS DO I NEED TO FOR THE LEVEL 2 COURSE?

YOU SHOULD AT LEAST HAVE TAKEN THE AIARE LEVEL 1 COURSE OR AN EQUIVALENT COURSE.

### DOES THIS COURSE HELP ME IN MY DECISION MAKING PROCESS AS A RECREATIONAL BC SKIER?

THE COURSE IS DESIGNED TO GO INTO MORE DETAIL ON A RECORDING AND SCIENCE LEVEL. IT WILL CERTAINLY INCREASE YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE WINTER SNOWPACK, BUT THE OVERARCHING THEME OF THE COURSE IS GEARED TOWARDS SKI AND MOUNTAIN PROFESSIONALS.

## REQUIRED EQUIPMENT LIST

### SKI GEAR

- Skis
- Ski Boots
- Ski Poles
- Climbing Skins

### SAFETY GEAR

- **Transceiver** - single frequency, 457 kHz only
- **Shovel** - compact, lightweight, metal blade preferred
- **Probe** - dedicated probe only, ski poles do not suffice

### SNOW STUDY ITEMS

- **Snow Saw** - longer saws are better for stability tests
- **Basic Snow Study Kit** – digital or dial stem thermometers(celcius), crystal card, loupe, ruler
- **AIARE Field Notebook (provided) and Writing Utensil(s)**
- **Compass** - adjustable declination a must
- **Altimeter** - Suunto watch works well
- **Map Case** - large zip-loc will suffice

ASAP WILL PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY BOOKS AND HANDOUTS INCLUDING,

- *LEVEL 2 WORKBOOK, THE AVALANCHE HANDBOOK, SWAG, AIARE FIELDBOOK*