

American Avalanche Association

AVPRO 2017 Info Sheet

Dates: March 8 - 15, 2017

Location: Crystal Mountain Resort and Alpental, WA

Cost: \$1600 non-AAA members, \$1500 AAA members

Scholarships: Two scholarships will be awarded for \$750 each to applying AAA members. Application details can be found at www.americanavalancheassociation.org.

Deadline: October 31, 2016

Submit to: Dallas Glass: dallasglass@yahoo.com

Course Description: This course will provide expert instruction designed to provide participants the opportunity to become accurate and efficient in snowpack observation. The course will solidify the participants' understanding of snowpack physics and avalanche formation and give them tools to apply that knowledge to the assessment of avalanches and avalanche potential. Terrain assessment, route finding, group management, and decision-making will be examined and practiced daily. Avalanche rescue and beacon use will be extensively practiced, and participants will be brought to a higher level and expected to meet a standard.

Additionally, the course will provide an overview into highly organized avalanche control programs (both at ski areas and highways), and provide industry norm instruction into avalanche control practices. This course will benefit a large audience including: forecast center avalanche observers, ski patrollers, ski guides, search and rescue coordinators/trainers, highway technicians, and experienced recreationists who want to pursue a career in the avalanche realm.

Prerequisites: It is required that participants have taken one of the following: a Level 2 avalanche course, both phases of the National Avalanche School, or their equivalent of in-house training and experience.

Who Should Attend AVPRO: AVPRO is intended for all disciplines of avalanche professionals with a solid background in avalanche fundamentals, companion rescue, and basic snow assessment. The course will continue to build on this foundation of snow science with an emphasis on high level of companion and organized avalanche rescue, accurate and advanced snow stability assessment, and avalanche control programs and procedures. From ski areas: Route Leaders and Snow Safety Staff with 3-7 years of experience.

Student:Instructor Ratio: 6:1. We also use numerous guest instructors during our course. Last season we had a dozen guest instructors that are THE experts in the field on various topics related to our curriculum.

Application: Applications and tuition can be sent to Dallas Glass: 50% of the tuition is do at enrollment.

Questions and Contact: Dallas Glass, dallasglass@yahoo.com, 205-994-4778 (cell)