

CUSTOM AND PRIVATE TRIPS

As always, we are happy to offer custom trips to better fit your schedule and goals. From intro level skills to advanced ski mountaineering techniques, we can build your dream trip! Call 719-333-2940 or email 10FSS.FSWOOutdoorAdventureProgram@us.af.mil to check availability and pricing for your custom experience.

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OPEN: Mon-Fri 9 am – 6 pm, Sat 7 am – 4 pm
CLOSED: Sun, Holidays

DISCLAIMERS

A High Risk Activities Worksheet (AF 4391) is required to participate in ANY high risk activity, for ALL Active Duty Personnel. It is required and must be completed before they participate in most of our Outdoor Rec Adventure Programs. This responsibility lies solely on the Active Duty participant + must be submitted to CC or AOC.

OAP CANCELTION POLICY

- Cancellations 30 days or more before a multi-day activity start date are refundable in full unless otherwise stated. Cancellations within 30 days of a multi-day activity will not be refunded unless someone takes your place on the activity. Any refunds issued in this case will be charged a service fee of 10% of the total price for the activity.
- Cancellations within 72 hours of the activity date will NOT be refunded or rescheduled unless otherwise stated.
- “No Shows” are non-refundable and will not be rescheduled.
- Full payment for all trips is due at time of registration.
- All trips are subject to cancellation due to unsafe weather or conditions outside of our control. In this event, the trip will be rescheduled or you may opt for a refund minus irretrievable deposits. In the case of cancellation due to insufficient participation, a full refund will be issued.
- Refunds may be given at any time when a medical emergency or military TDY/PCS orders prohibit participation. A signed doctor's note or signed orders must be presented in order to receive a refund in these cases. If a refund is given for a multi-day trip in this instance, OAP will retain a service fee of 10% of the total price for the activity.



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2018 - 19 BACKCOUNTRY SKIING, SNOWBOARDING and AVALANCHE EDUCATION



BACKCOUNTRY TOURING

Colorado is best known for its amazing mountains. From 14ers, to rolling hills, the peaks and valleys that define this wonderful state constantly beckon the adventurous and restful alike. With the snow industry booming at resorts around the state, the experience of being in the mountains can get lost in the crowds, lift line and the mad dash to harvest even one run of fresh snow. Don't fight the masses and be bound by a trail map. Colorado has some of the highest quality backcountry skiing and riding in the world, with light powder and incredible views few venture to see. Our state of the art specialized lightweight equipment and safety gear allows you to move efficiently and safely through the winter wilderness. While *earning your turns* is certainly more work than riding a lift, you will be rewarded with fresh snow, no lines to stand in, and time to enjoy the mountains. Learning the intricacies of finding the best snow, the most efficient route, and how to navigate around hazards like avalanches will deepen your love and understanding of the mountains. This sport rewards you with solid exercise, your very own fresh ski lines, and incredible satisfaction at the end of the day weather you ski one line or 10. Come learn this favorite activity of Coloradians and have the experience of a lifetime! Being a part of your MWR, our prices are often almost half as much as commercial outfitters without sacrificing an inch of our high quality experiences.



OUR BACKCOUNTRY GUIDES

USAFA is proud to have indisputably the most experienced, and highest trained staff in all of military MWR. We don't contract our trips out to other outfitters, instead, we make sure our guides are consistently at the forefront of guide training and avalanche education in the industry, often exceeding the standard for the commercial industry. As a center for excellence, USAFA OAP only hires the highest quality staff, and provides nationally and internationally accredited training for our guides and our guests. Guiding in and around avalanche terrain is a complex and difficult job. Each lead USAFA backcountry guide has completed at a minimum, avalanche safety training to AIARE Level 2, has at least 4 seasons and 100 days of experience leading groups in avalanche terrain, is certified as a Wilderness First Responder (WFR) or in Wilderness First Aid (WFA), and has been through an extensive training and evaluation process to vet their guide quality. Our head guide is a certified AIARE Level 3 Avalanche Professional and AIARE Course Leader, a Professional Member of the AAA, has passed the AMGA Advanced Ski Guide Course and Aspirant Examination process, and has 12 years of backcountry guiding experience from Colorado to Alaska. Our guides are exceptional educators, they are patient and excited to share their craft with you. They are lifelong backcountry users and professionals who are committed to delivering an incredible experience while prioritizing group safety. By ensuring your guides are thoroughly qualified, we can confidently say your trip will be of the highest quality and your only disappointment will come from going back to normal life! For a list of our guides and their backgrounds and training, please visit our website at usafasupport.com/outdoor-adventure.html.



BACKCOUNTRY WEEKEND ADVENTURE

Feb 8-10, March 8-10; meet at Outdoor Rec at 8 pm on Friday and expect to be back on Sunday by 7 pm.

The Colorado Rockies hold amazing backcountry mountain hut systems which allow us to ski/snowshoe into secluded cabins in the mountains and enjoy the playgrounds of our National Forests for a whole weekend. Join us for one of these all-inclusive trips this winter and learn about travelling in the mountains in winter, avalanche safety, and ski/snowboard untouched powder, or snowshoe along high mountain ridges. Your experienced guides will find you the good snow, teach you about the mountains, and keep you fed and comfortable each day and evening in the cabin. This trip is a great way to experience the ultimate Colorado lifestyle. Skiers and snowboarders should be physically fit, and proficient on black diamond slopes at ski resorts. This is one of our most popular programs and spaces often fill quickly. Included: Ski/Snowboard/Snowshoe equipment, five meals, lodging for two nights, transportation and your guide(s). Guide gratuity not included in price.

Cost: \$300/person with a six person minimum/10 person max. Must be at least 16 y/o. RecOn discount available.

INTRO TO BACKCOUNTRY SKIING/SNOWBOARDING

Custom dates available; times 6:30 am-6 pm.

Get off the resort and spend a day skiing or riding your own personal powder, big lines, and tranquil trees in the backcountry. This one day trip will teach you the basics of using modern backcountry touring equipment and avalanche safety gear. It's also a great way to get some perspective on how to stay safe and have fun deep in the mountains, away from the chairlifts. Your guide will take you to the best snow around and show you the benefits of earning your turns in the Rockies! These trips are for advanced level skiers and riders, and folks who are cardio fit. Includes transportation, equipment and guide. Price does not include guide gratuity. *Cost: \$90, Min. 2 people.*



AVALANCHE CLASS AND COURSE

NEW and FREE Avalanche Awareness Class

Wed., Dec. 11, Jan. 23; 6-8 pm, meet at the ORC classroom.

Colorado is home to some of the most stunning and formidable mountain landscapes in the world. It is also home to one of the most interesting and reactive snow packs. This class is a brief introduction to snow safety, the equipment required, and will help you to travel and evaluate avalanche terrain in the high Colorado Rockies; and it's free! Classes are taught by an avalanche safety instructor certified and trained through the American Institute for Avalanche Research and Education (AIARE).

AIARE Level 1 Avalanche Safety Course

Thu.,-Fri., Jan 17-18; 6-9 pm and Sat.-Sun., Jan. 19-20; 7 am-6 pm.

This course is designed for all winter backcountry users and is the minimum standard of knowledge for safe travel in the Colorado high country. Comprised of two evenings and two field days. Day one, classroom evening sessions go over key concepts, developing a common language in snow science, and basic rescue techniques. Days two and three are in the field digging observation pits, evaluating the snowpack, practicing both safe travel and terrain evaluation techniques.

Any user of the Colorado winter backcountry should have the knowledge taught in this course in order to have fun, stay safe, and help others if needed in the wintry wonderland we love to play in. All equipment, transportation, and instructors are included in this interesting, and exciting course. Classes are taught by certified AIARE instructors.

Cost: \$360 (avg. 25% lower than anyone else!) Sign up no later than Fri., Jan 11. RecOn discount available.

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ALYESKA SPRING BREAK TRIP

Sat., March 23-Wed., March 27 (USFA Spring Break).

While not a full backcountry ski trip, our Spring Break trip to Alaska has everything the intrepid snow slider would ever want! Ski and stay at Alyeska resort in Girdwood, AK for three days. Flight, lodging, lift tickets, and transportation included. For an additional \$75, add a guided backcountry ski day in the steep chutes along Turnagain Pass! Heli Skiing is also an option for an additional cost. *Cost: \$1600/person. RecOn discount available.*

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ACCREDITATIONS AND TRAINING

The American Institute for Avalanche Research and Education (AIARE) Provider is on the forefront of avalanche safety training and is the national standard for education in winter backcountry travel. As an AIARE provider, we offer 4 levels of avalanche safety training including our free evening Avalanche Awareness Class, 1 day Avalanche Rescue Course, and three-day Recreational Level 1 and 2 safety courses. Accredited through the American Avalanche Association (AAA), these courses allow backcountry users to develop decision making in and around avalanche terrain, which is plentiful in Colorado. These skills are developed through mentorship, feedback, and hands on experience. We aim to create educated backcountry travelers that will be less likely to end up in avalanches and more likely to have long and happy lives in the mountains. For more information, visit avtraining.org

The American Mountain Guides Association (AMGA) is the only internationally recognized mountain guide training organization in the United States. As a member of the International Federation of Mountain Guides Associations (IFMGA), the AMGA offers the most robust and highest standard of education in this industry. It requires years of experience, course work, and examination to gain credentialing as a mountain professional. Our guides undergo training from the AMGA in many mountain disciplines, and our AMGA Certified Instructors and trained guides constantly offer in house continuing education and mentorship. For more information on the extensive training our guides pursue, visit amga.com

