



## **Hut Based Avalanche Education Suggested Gear List**

This list is to aid you when packing/planning your visit to the Woody Creek Cabin or The Mount Zimmer Yurt for an educational course. The cabin and yurt are furnished with a well outfitted kitchen, mattresses and a toilet for your stay. The list below are additional items you should bring along.

### **Clothing**

Backcountry skiing is a very aerobic sport. Learning how to layer and having many options to do so is key to staying comfortable for long days. Remember that the weather changes rapidly in Montana. In this course it is primarily educational, which means more pit digging and standing in the snow talking about terrain and snowflakes than you may on a recreational tour, so having an extra jacket can be super nice!

- Base layer top and bottoms (capilene or wool)
- Mid layer vest and/or top (R1 or similar)
- Weather proof outer shell, top and bottom (Gore Tex or equivalent)
- Down/synthetic insulated jacket
- 2 pairs of wool or synthetic socks- 1 for skiing and 1 for sleeping, so you can rotate dry pairs
- Gloves or Mittens (2 pairs recommended, light and heavy- keep in mind mittens are harder to do pit specifics with)
- Sun visor or brimmed hat, stocking cap, buff, or bandana
- Comfortable clothes for hanging out in hut- fleece pants, cotton t-shirt, hut booties etc.

### **Snow Safety Gear**

- Avalanche transceiver (must be a modern 3 antenna beacon manufactured in the last 10 years)

- Shovel (must be metal, no plastic)
- Probe (at least 230cm)
- Snow saw (Recommended for Level 1, required for Level 2)
- Crystal Card and Loupe (Optional for Level 1, required for Level 2)
- Inclinometer \*
- 2 Snow thermometers (Level 2 only)

### **Ski Gear and Accessories**

- Alpine Touring skis, Telemark, or Split board
- Ski/Snowboard boots
- Ski poles- powder baskets preferable
- Climbing Skins- make sure these fit your skis/board and cover the whole base
- First Aid/Foot Repair-Blister kit- bring what you need for yourself
- Water Bottle/Hydration unit 1L minimum- try to avoid bladder style hydration units, they tend to freeze and are a lot to manage
- Goggles or Sunglasses (or both- glasses can be nice for up and goggles for down!)
- Medium sized pack- 40/50L is helpful for hut based courses, but work with what you have
- Map/Compass\*
- Ski scraper \*

### **Other Essentials**

- Sleeping Bag for hut– (most clients find a bag with a temp rating down to 20 to be plenty sufficient, as the cabin is heated by wood stove)
- Toothbrush/paste
- Additional Toiletry items- prescription meds, ibuprofen, contact supplies, wet wipes, hand sanitizer etc.
- Sunscreen
- Headlamp
- Extra batteries- for beacon and headlamp
- Lip balm
- Food and Snacks

### **Accessories**

- Book\*

- Portable charger/ headphones- there is no cell service in Cooke City, but you can bring your phone for camera/ personal use. There are no charging capabilities in the cabin, so you're on your own\*
- Earplugs\*
- Leatherman/Multi tool

\*Optional gear

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