



PALMER, ALASKA AVALANCHE AWARENESS LECTURE DESCRIPTION

The Alaska Avalanche School is a non-profit organization created for the purpose of promoting public safety in and around the mountain environment through education, research, publishing, and consulting. You have our commitment that we'll provide you with the highest quality of training possible. Please read the following information carefully. We look forward to your participation in the upcoming *Avalanche Hazard Recognition Lecture Series*.

DETAILS:

Cost of the Workshop: FREE

Workshop Duration: Half Day (4 hours total)

Tuition Includes: Instruction

Tuition Does Not Include: Round trip transportation to and from the class-site, food and water for the duration of the lecture.

LECTURE TOPICS TO BE INCLUDED:

This presentation is intended for backcountry travelers and enthusiasts ranging from skiers, snowboarders, climbers and more. This lecture series is meant to give a solid introduction to avalanche behavior, terrain, and snow instability. Topics to be covered include: Avalanche characteristics, terrain analysis, formation of avalanches, recognition of hazards, decision-making, safe travel, and self-help backcountry rescue.

Program curriculum consists of:

Avalanche Characteristics

Terrain Analysis

Formation of Avalanches

Recognition of Hazards

Decision Making

PRE-REQUISITES:

There are no pre-requisites for students interested in participating in this program.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE:

There are two lectures scheduled for December 19th, 2009. The first lecture time begins at 9:00 am and the second lecture time begins at 1:30 pm. Pre-registration check-in will begin 30 minutes prior to the lecture start time. Each lecture program is scheduled to run for a full 4 hours with intermittent breaks.

WORKSHOP LOCATION: The workshop will be held at the MTA building in Palmer, Alaska. The address is 480 Commercial Drive. Driving directions are included below.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Heading North (from Anchorage), take the Parks hwy past the Palmer Fairgrounds, go just past the building on the left that has the DMV located in it and Commercial Drive is the next street on the right. This street is also the last street before the exit to go into downtown Palmer.

PARTICIPANT GEAR REQUIREMENTS:

Notebooks and pencils or pens are highly recommended. Since you will be sitting the majority of the day drinks are allowed in the classroom.

MISCELLANEOUS:

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 907-345-0878 or email: AlaskaAvalanche@mac.com.

We look forward to seeing you in the mountains!