

AMGA SINGLE PITCH INSTRUCTOR COURSE AND ASSESSMENT/ROCK GUIDING MENTORSHIP

Starting in the Spring of 2020, we will be offering Single Pitch Instructor Courses and Assessments accredited through the American Mountain Guide's Association (AMGA) in house by our own AMGA Certified Rock Guide and SPI Provider. The AMGA is the only internationally recognized mountain guide training organization in the United States. A member of the International Federation of Mountain Guides Associations (IFMGA), the AMGA offers the most robust training and highest standard of education in the industry, requiring candidates to meet a professional level of skill in instructing and managing risk in climbing and skiing disciplines. This course and certification level is the standard required by most land management agencies in order to obtain permits for guided/instructed climbing. Aside from legal permitting requirements, these programs also provide candidates with a robust curriculum focused on instructional and technical skills necessary to deliver a safe and high quality climbing product to your participants. For more information, please visit www.amga.com/single-pitch-instructor/. Courses will run from \$300-\$400/ person depending on number of participants and include curriculum fees, transportation, equipment and SPI Provider.



OTHER PROFESSIONAL LEVEL COURSES

These can stand alone or added to other courses to maximize TDY time and value of training.

- ACA Stand Up Paddle Board Instructor Levels 1 and 2
- WMA/WMI Wilderness First Aid and First Responder
- LNT Trainer Courses
- Military Training Mountain Operations
- Prep courses and programming mentorship in military adventure programming



CONTACT INFO

For more information and to set up your staff training, contact USAFA OAP at 10fss.OAP@us.af.mil, or by office phone at 719 333 2940.

Feel free to search our website and Facebook pages for examples of trainings and programs at: www.usafasupport.com/outdoor-adventure.html and www.facebook.com/usafaaoap/

PROFESSIONAL STAFF TRAINING PROGRAMS & MENTORSHIP

through
USAFA OUTDOOR ADV. PROGRAMS





Over the past 10 years, the USAFA Outdoor Adv. Programming Office has been building a robust reputation as a center for accredited and professional level trainings, as well as a resource for joint AF base programming and staff mentorship. As a certified/accredited provider of many trainings in many outdoor recreation disciplines, and being located near a plethora of outdoor recreational resources, we are uniquely suited to train AF ODR program staff in the activities they need to run your outdoor adventure programs. By being able to offer these trainings and certifications for our ODR cousins, program staff from bases where training funds may be tight and programs are mostly subsidized by R4R or similar APF funds can maximize their budgets to offer more programs for their base populations, as well as gain the professional development which leads to staff retention and program quality and safety. By providing your program staff with hands on mentorship in addition to normal course curriculum, they can glean skills and a deeper understanding of each activity and foster working relationships between bases. All of these training programs include lodging on USAFA and all transportation in the local area so TDY costs can be further reduced. All of these courses can also be brought directly to your base for more specialized training needs. Associated costs in this brochure are estimates based on minimum participation needs and location of course work.

PROFESSIONAL LEVEL TRAININGS:

ACA RIVER SAFETY AND SWIFT WATER RESCUE SKILLS COURSES AND ASSESSMENTS

If your program operates a whitewater rafting, kayaking, SUP, or other float program on a moving river, this requisite training is key to maintaining adequate risk management and rescue capabilities if something goes wrong. The American Canoe Association (ACA) is one of the leading accrediting

bodies for river specific rescue training, and our in house Level 4 Certified Instructors have a combined 75 years of experience to help deliver these courses for your staff. Unlike other rescue organizations which cater largely to fire and SAR groups, the ACA has designed these Swift Water Rescue programs specifically for the whitewater and river professional guide/instructor. By offering both Skills Courses which introduce basic rescue skills, as well as certification level Assessment Courses, we can take your river staff through a thorough progression of learning and credentialing. Courses run from 1-3 days depending on the level of training, and range from \$100-\$200/person with a minimum of six participants, and maximum of 24 participants. The average commercial cost of these trainings is \$250-\$400/person. For more curriculum information and explanation of training levels, please visit www.americancanoe.org/page/Courses_SR.

COLORADO STATE RAFT GUIDE LICENSE/ TRAINING

USAFA has held a commercial permit on the Arkansas River in CO for over 30 years. In order to operate in the state of CO as a river outfitter, our guides must go through a rigorous training program including 50 hours min. of on water training, classroom conceptual sessions, and basic rescue and risk management strategies. CO is one of the few states that requires and actual standardized licensing process for all raft guides, and guides from CO are often accepted on rivers in other states due to this known standard of training. If you are operating float trips or whitewater trips on a river near your base and want to get your staff/volunteers up to snuff, we can either add your guides to our existing staff trainings, or set up a condensed program model for your guides specifically. We provide all the



equipment, transportation, guide instructors and permits and depending on the length of training your guides need, can run this for your guides for \$200-\$500/person. Min/Max participation depends on the type and length of program you'd like to engage with. Our guide instructors are all 10-30 year veteran guides with high level certifications in many types of river guiding. This is also great opportunity to see how the cogs of our river programs turn and to exchange ideas on program efficiency and continuity.

AIARE AVALANCHE EDUCATION AND RESCUE COURSES

The American Institute for Avalanche Research and Education (AIARE) is on the forefront of avalanche safety training and is the national standard for education in winter backcountry travel. As an AIARE Course Provider, we offer 4 levels of avalanche safety training including our free evening Avalanche Awareness Class, 1 day Avalanche Rescue Course, and 3 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. These skills are developed through mentorship, feedback, and hands on experience, and create educated backcountry users who use an informed approach to decision making in avalanche terrain. For more information on specific curriculum and benefits, visit www.avtraining.org. AIARE Level 1 and Rescue training is the minimum level of education your staff should have if they are taking your participants into the mountains around avalanche terrain. We can also offer mentorship and skill training in backcountry skiing and split-boarding, as well as programming activities like winter hut trips. Cost: \$400-\$475/person.