

AIR FORCE



OUTDOOR RECREATION

# BACKCOUNTRY

## SKIING & SNOWBOARDING



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for prices, ski shop services,  
winter rental equipment,  
ODR activities and more.





## BACKCOUNTRY TOURING

Colorado is best known for its amazing mountains, from 14ers, to rolling hills, to the peaks and valleys that define this wonderful state, constantly beckoning 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 and chaos of the lift line and the mad dash to harvest even one run of fresh snow. Avoid the masses and don't be confined by the 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 light weight 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 as they are. 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, whether you ski one line or 10. Come out and learn this favorite activity of Coloradans and have the experience of a lifetime! Being a part of your local MWR, our prices are often only half of what commercial outfitters charge, without sacrificing an inch of our high quality experience.





## OUR BACKCOUNTRY GUIDES

**U**SAFA is proud to have indisputably the most experienced, and highest trained staff in all of military MWR. Instead of contracting our trips out to other outfitters, we ensure 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 USAFA backcountry guide has completed at a minimum, avalanche safety training to AIARE Level 2/Pro Level 1, has at least four seasons and 100 days of experience leading groups in avalanche terrain, is certified in Wilderness First Responder (WFR) or 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, AMGA/IFMGA Certified Mountain Guide, Professional Member of the AAA and has 15 years of backcountry guiding experience guiding in Colorado, Alaska, Europe and Canada. Our guides are exceptional educators, are patient, and are 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!



## ACCREDITATIONS AND TRAINING

The American Institute for Avalanche Research and Education (AIARE) Provider: (AIARE) 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 four 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, which is plentiful in Colorado. 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, visit [avtraining.org](http://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 training and highest standard of education in the industry, requiring candidates to have 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 guides constantly offer in-house continuing education and mentorship. For more information on the extensive training our guides pursue, visit [amga.com](http://amga.com)





## GUIDED BACKCOUNTRY SKIING/SNOWBOARDING

**Jan 4, 24 | Feb 7 | Mar 14 | 6:30 am-6 pm. Custom dates also available.** For folks seeking powder and fun lines in the backcountry away from the masses, we are excited to continue to offer our popular guided BC skiing and snowboarding trip. Our experienced and professional AMGA Certified Ski Guides will take you out for a day on Monarch Pass for some low ratio instruction. If you are new to BC skiing/snowboarding, this is a great course to learn the basics, and if you have some experience and are looking to push a bigger day and learn some terrain in our area, our guides can get you there! Activity includes equipment, guides, and transportation. Custom dates for private groups are also available by emailing [usafaoap@gmail.com](mailto:usafaoap@gmail.com). **\$175/person, three people min.**

## CUSTOM TRIPS/ACTIVITIES

Email [usafaoap@gmail.com](mailto:usafaoap@gmail.com) to schedule a custom trip/activity for just your group! One ID card holder may sponsor up to five guests. Save money with larger groups, set your own schedule and customize your own activity! Some activities may need to be planned far in advance, others may only require a week or so. Our guides are some of the best in the industry and are working hard to give you the experience of a lifetime! Your gratuity is very much appreciated and can be accepted as cash, venmo or paypal.





## BACKCOUNTRY SKI/SNOWBOARD CAMP

**Feb 14-16.** If you are just getting into backcountry skiing/snowboarding or if you already have experience in the backcountry and are wanting to up your game, check out our intensive BC Ski/Splitboard Camp. Learn from the only AMGA/IFMGA Mountain Guides and in the DoD for multiple days of intentional and measured skill development that will have you moving through the mountains on your skis/snowboard efficiently, safely and with good style! This trip will be based out of Salida and will go out to the mountains surrounded by slopes ripe for powder riding. Activity includes lodging, transportation, equipment, and guides. **\$525/person, payment plan eligible.**

## OAP VOLUNTEERS WANTED

If you are interested in volunteering your time to help us with biking, climbing, hiking, or any other trips we offer, give us a call and we will tell you how to become an official OAP volunteer!

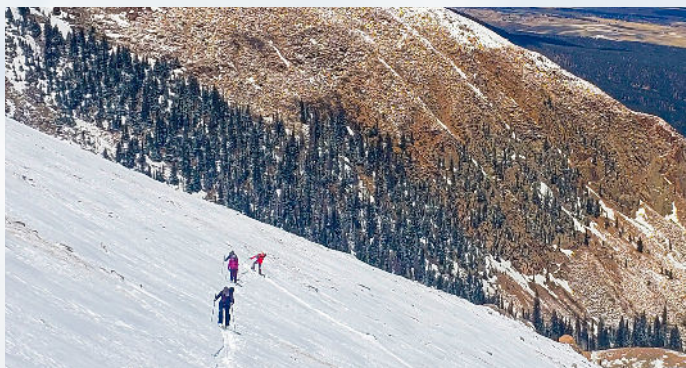


## SKI/SNOWBOARD AND ALPINE CLIMBING ON PIKES PEAK

**Ski/Snowboard Days | Each weekend in April/May 2026**  
**Climbing Days | Custom Dates available by emailing [usafaoap@gmail.com](mailto:usafaoap@gmail.com).**

Join our in-house AMGA/IFMGA Licensed Mountain Guides and experience the steeps in Glen Cove, learn to ski mountaineer, and learn to apply avalanche safety principles to real avalanche terrain in spring skiing conditions. Come experience our home 14er like never before and learn how to move in the alpine! Activity includes any rental skis/snowboard, avalanche gear, transportation, highway entrance fee, climbing equipment needed, and your local USAFA expert guide (gratuity not included in price). Must be an advanced level skier/snowboarder if skiing/boarding.

**\$159/person**



## ALPINE/SKI MOUNTAINEERING CUSTOM TRIPS

Have a mountain here in Colorado you've always wanted to climb/ski? Are you training for a big objective and want a guide to help get you ready? Maybe you want to tick off one of the 50 classic climbs in North America? Schedule a custom trip with one of our AMGA Certified guides to accomplish your ultimate Colorado mountain goals. Ski mountaineering is best in Colorado April-June, and Alpine climbing goes all the way through September. Trips include guide, transportation, and equipment. Overnight trips include meals. Email [usafaoap@gmail.com](mailto:usafaoap@gmail.com) now to schedule your epic day! **Two person min.** **Prices start at \$200/person and vary depending on trip type and length.**



## 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 [usafaoap@gmail.com](mailto:usafaoap@gmail.com) to check availability and pricing for your custom experience.



## OAP CANCELLATION POLICY

- » 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 may 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.
- » Cancellations within 7 days of the single-day activity start date will NOT be refunded or rescheduled unless otherwise stated.
- » Cancellations within 30 days of a multi-day activity start date will NOT be refunded unless someone takes your place on the activity. Any refunds issued in this case will result in a service fee of 10% of the total price for the activity.
- » Cancellations 30 days or more before a multiday activity start date are refundable in full unless otherwise stated.
- » Refunds may be given within 30 days of the activity when a medical emergency or military TDY/PCS orders prohibit participation. A dated and signed doctor's note or signed orders must be presented within 72hrs of the document issue date 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. No refunds will be given in these cases after 30 days from the trip start date.
- » "No Shows" are non-refundable and will not be rescheduled.

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