



JACKSON HOLE®

2024 Mammut Backcountry Camp 1

Welcome to Jackson Hole!

Monday, January 8th

4:00-5:00 pm Camp check-in at RPK3. All guests must have completed their Smartwaivers and they must watch the safety video prior to Tuesday.

Tuesday, January 9th

Day 1 - Avalanche Awareness, Backcountry Travel Practices, and Companion Rescue

8:30 am Meet guides on the mountainside of the Tram dock, next to the RPK3 Restaurant deck. Load an early tram or early gondola, at their guides' discretion.

9:00 am Split guests into groups according to similar riding ability and backcountry experience. Take an in-bounds lap off the Tram or Gondola.

10:00 am Create phone list (guests text guides their names and phone numbers), discuss avalanche forecast and season history, hazard rating definitions and recent avalanche events, and weather forecast (guides show guests links to Teton Avalanche Forecast, 24-Hour Data Summary, Recent Observations, and RPK Forecast)

10:30 am 1st BC Tour. Equipment Fundamentals: Guides *demonstrate* and then have guests *practice* using beacons, shovels, and probes in the backcountry. Guides might want to bring a spare beacon in a stuff sack to throw down the slope for their demonstration. Have participants assemble probes and shovels, and practice techniques, but potentially wait until tomorrow for a complete companion rescue scenario (probing for a buried pack and digging it out).

12:00 pm ***Lunch provided***

1:30 pm 2nd BC Tour. Implementing the decision-making process. Ongoing terrain and field observations.

3:30 pm Back in bounds.

4.00pm Après event

Wednesday January 10th

Day 2 - Beacon Basin & Companion Rescue

8:30 am Meet guides on the mountainside of the Tram dock, next to the RPK3 Restaurant deck. Load an early tram.

8:45 am Discuss avalanche hazard forecast, recent avalanche events, and weather forecast. Focus on what has changed from yesterday and how will that affect our decision-making.

9:30 am 3rd BC Tour. Companion rescue. Demonstrate and coach probing and shoveling techniques. Guides can use Beacon Basin or bury a pack in the backcountry, but make sure to give participants ample time to practice probing and shoveling to develop competency. Discuss and practice group shoveling technique, with a point person and rotation.

12:00 pm ***Lunch provided***

1:00 pm 4th and 5th BC Tours.

- *Avalanche problems exercise*: what are the current avalanche problems, how do we assess them, and how do

we mitigate them? Ask participants to list and discuss all 9 avalanche problems: Wind slab, storm slab, dry loose, wet loose, wet slab, persistent slab, deep persistent slab, cornice fall, and glide avalanche.

- *Terrain selection exercise:* Have participants rotate through managing the group in our terrain, with the guide closely monitoring and coaching.
- *Informal stability tests:* pole probing and hand shears. Demonstrate and coach.

3:30 pm Back in bounds.

4:00 pm ***Après event***

Thursday, January 11th

Day 3 Snowpack Structure

8:30 am Meet guides on the mountainside of the Tram dock, next to the RPK3 Restaurant deck. Load an early tram.

8:45 am Discuss avalanche hazard forecast, recent avalanche events, and weather forecast. Focus on what has changed from yesterday and how will that affect our decision-making.

9:30 am 5th BC Tour. *Snowpack structure:* Informal vs. formal stability tests, when to use them. Demonstrate CT and ECT.

12:00 pm ***Lunch provided***

1:00 pm 6th BC Tour. Have guests perform CT and ECT with coaching from guide. *Trip planning* for Friday's tour: Participants should look at Teton Avalanche Forecast, 24-Hour Data Summary, Recent Observations, and RPK Forecasts (2pm and morning fx's). Guests use mapping software (CalTopo, Gaia, Google Earth) to create a tour plan if they are interested in the techy side.

3:30 pm Back in bounds.

Friday, January 12th

Day 4 Longer Tour Day

8:30 am Meet guides on the mountainside of the Tram dock, next to the RPK3 Restaurant deck. Load an early tram.

8:45 am Discuss avalanche hazard forecast, recent avalanche events, and weather forecast. Focus on what has changed from yesterday and how will that affect our decision-making.

9:30 am 7th BC Tour. Implement tour plans, with participant's leading the group in the backcountry monitored closely by a guide coaching them. Include stability tests (formal or informal), terrain selection and analysis (have guests take slope angles, identify avalanche paths, travel habits (one at a time? Safe zones?), decision making (bring up the human factor).

12:00 pm ***Lunch provided*** (*usually a sack lunch eaten in the backcountry on the last day*)

1:00 pm 8th BC Tour. Continue participant led tours with snowpack and weather obs, terrain selection, and decision making. Group rescue scenario: I like to bring a spare beacon in a stuff sack, throw it way down a non-avalanche prone slope, and lead a group rescue practice drill.

3:30 pm Back in bounds.

6.30pm Camp banquet dinner- RPK3 restaurant, Teton Village

***Camp Schedule Subject to Change**