



# Info Pack: Winter Leadership Course

*\*The following logistical information may be subject changes. Please refer to course emails for the most up to date information.*

**Date:**

January 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>

**Location:**

Fairy Meadow Hut and surrounding area, flying in and out from Golden, BC.

**Guides:**

Doug Latimer and Matt Reynolds

## Accommodation

The 2025 ACC Winter Leadership Program sponsored in part by The North Face will be based from the ACC's Fairy Meadow Hut. The terrain and access that the hut has at its fingertips make it a world class destination and the skills you will be taught throughout this course can be transferred to many different areas and types of terrain. Depending on the day and conditions, terrain can and will be found to challenge all levels of participants. The hut is spacious, comfortable and complete with a sauna and kitchen. A generator will be flown up to power projector equipment to facilitate evening sessions.

Accommodation will be provided at the hut from the evening of Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> through to January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (7 nights). Please note that you are responsible for your own accommodation arrangements prior to and after the course.

## Food

Food will be provided for this course through Peak Eats and cooking will be equally tasked among participants with the help of a camp manager. *. If you have any food intolerances or allergies, please include that information with your application and we will do what we can to accommodate you.*

## Difficulty

Participants are expected to be fit, strong and have confidence in their own skills. We can't stress enough the need for a good level of fitness. As days will be spent on ski's an intermediate level of ski ability is required. Participants must be prepared to spend long, consecutive days in the field, building skills and techniques. In the morning and evenings, there will be presentations and group discussions on various leadership and avalanche related topics. For those individuals who live at lower elevations (less than 1000m/3300'), we recommend that you arrive in the mountains a few days before the camp to do some skiing on your own. You will be living at and above 1980m/6500' for the week and acclimatizing to this elevation will help immensely.

## Camp Staff

The instructional staff will consist of: ACMG Ski Guide Doug Latimer, ACMG Mountain Guide Matt Reynolds, and camp manager Rachel Onstage. The staff will guide and instruct each segment of the program with daily field activities, and coordinate them with morning meetings, evening presentations and group discussions.

## Transportation and Meeting Place

Your group will meet at **7AM MT** at the Tim Hortons off the Trans-Canada Highway in Golden, BC on **January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025** before traveling to the nearby heli-staging area.

Tim Hortons

1421 Trans-Canada Hwy, Golden, BC V0A 1H2

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Heli-staging will take place at the Sorcerer Lodge Heliport near Heather Mountain Lodge off Highway #1. The turn-off to staging is 56km west of Golden. Turn off the highway at the Heather Mountain Lodge sign and immediately turn right again. Go 800 meters down Rogers Road, past the Rogers Pass Pusher Station, and you will see parking on your right. The helipad is on the left just up the hill. The entire group will need to be present at staging for **8AM MT** to review safety procedures. Flights into Fairy Meadow Hut will begin at **9AM MT**.

Heli-Staging Location

51°29'19.2"N 117°28'32.9"W

Rogers Road, Golden, BC

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It is your responsibility to find your way to Golden. You will be provided with a carpool list prior to the trip. Please use this list to arrange carpooling with others on the trip.

Trips may not always run exactly according to schedule for reasons beyond our control (weather, avalanche hazard, road closures, wildlife, terrain closures, etc.) For this reason, we recommend that you do not book any scheduled travel (such as airplane flights) within a day or two of the last scheduled day of your camp.

Please note that in the three recent years there have been highway closures that have affected the ability of participants to make the appointed meeting. Do not make tight travel plans that have you arriving "just in time" for the meeting. Also, *please, please, please* bring your cell phone with you and provide the national office your cell phone number. In previous years we were only able to make vital last minute alternative arrangements through the cell phone network when participants were trapped due to highway closures.

## Equipment

The equipment list should be carefully reviewed when packing for this camp. Please do not hesitate to contact or email the ACC head office or your guides if you have any questions at all about your equipment. We want to be sure that you have all the right gear but that you don't bring too much.

Alpine touring skis, telemark skis or a split board may be used on this camp. It is very important that your skis (or split board), boots and climbing skins fit properly and be in good condition. Skis must be wide, modern and intended for variable backcountry conditions. Skis that are essentially cross-country skis with metal edges are not acceptable. Please ensure that all your gear is well broken in, especially your ski boots. Poorly fitting boots and the blisters that will result will drastically affect your experience and slow down the entire group.

If you require rental equipment, Gear Up (On Highway 1A in Canmore) offers a 10% discount on rental gear and a 10% discount on retail climbing gear (excluding ropes) to ACC members.

## Avalanche Transceivers

Participants on all mountaineering, skiing and ice climbing trips, camps and courses of the Alpine Club of Canada in avalanche terrain are **required** to use a modern avalanche transceiver, as recommended by the Canadian Avalanche Centre.

It is the ACC standard to use 3-antenna avalanche transceivers when required for a course. Let me know if you have any questions, or feel free to email your guides (cc'd). Analog,

single-antenna and two-antenna transceivers are no longer acceptable. If your transceiver is more than ten years old, it is recommended that you bring a newer unit.

You must also bring **two (2)** complete sets of batteries for your avalanche transceiver. Do not rely on the batteries that come with the transceiver. We will practice extensively on at least one day which will drain your batteries!

## Cell Phones and Electronic Device

Due to known interference issues between digital avalanche transceivers and cell phones and other electronic devices, you will be required to turn your cell phone and other electronics off during all backcountry travel on this course. You will be in terrain and areas where cell reception isn't possible. If you use your phone as your camera, it must be carried in a pocket at least 30cm away from your transceiver **even if it is in airplane mode**. GoPro users will also be required to always maintain this 30cm separation which means that chest mounted GoPro and similar units are not allowed.

## Gear

*Please do not purchase any new equipment without first consulting Doug Latimer or one of the other instructors.*

Very little equipment or replacement parts will be available on the trip, so be sure you arrive properly equipped with all items adjusted, sized and in very good condition. Shortages and inadequate gear may limit your enjoyment of the experience, rule out your participation in some activities, or impose an unnecessary burden on other participants. It is highly advisable that all equipment (particularly new, borrowed or unfamiliar gear) is checked out extensively before the camp on at least one other trip.