



Montana Backcountry Camp Schedule

Thursday

- Parent drop off at 5pm in Gardiner, MT at Yellowstone Cabin #4
- Gear Check (Beacons, shovels, probes, and necessary equipment works)
- Packing and preparation (what we carry, how to pack efficiently), dinner

Friday

Morning

- Depart Gardiner at 7am for Cooke City, MT
- Beacon Check and introduction to backcountry gear
- Skin to Woody Creek Cabin (observe terrain, introduce skinning technique)
- Arrive at Cabin – lunch around 12-1pm

Afternoon

- Expectations of the weekend (goals, backgrounds, team-building)
- Intro to basic avalanche awareness concepts
- Intro to Beacons (wear/care, range, flux line circle) (group exercise/clinic)
- Rescue practice – Outside, either near cabin or up at lake

Saturday

- Breakfast and review of previous day (group discussion) 7:00am
- Making a tour plan (group management, goals, terrain)
- All day in field (visual clues, red flags, intro to terrain management)
- Ascending progression (kick turns, track angle, sidehilling, breaking trail) Ski!

Afternoon

- Lunch discussion about objective hazards and backcountry decision- making.
- Back to Cabin – 4:00pm, Daily Debrief - observations/lessons, learned/questions

Sunday

Morning

- Review of previous day (group discussion)
- Decision making and exercise i.e. heuristic traps and teamwork
- Tour plan – choose options for day based on conditions, forecast, group members

Afternoon

- Back to cabin by 1pm
- Debrief camp, highs, lows, learning moments, ski out - back to cars by 2:15pm
- Meet at the Albertsons in Livingston, MT at 5pm