

SMG AIARE Gear List

All gear is mandatory unless otherwise noted.

- Wool or synthetic socks
 - Long underwear top and bottom, wool or synthetic (not cotton)
 - Fleece or softshell pants
 - Fleece Jacket
 - Light puffy or heavyweight fleece jacket (a "light" puffy jacket weighs a pound or less)
 - A down or synthetic parka (A parka usually weighs more than 18 ounces)
 - Hard shell pants and jacket
 - Warm hat that covers your ears entirely
 - Balaclava/face mask
 - 1 pair lightweight gloves
 - 1 or 2 pair heavyweight ski gloves
 - 1 pair warm mittens
 - Goggles
 - Sunglasses

 - Snow travel equipment:
 - Snowshoes
 - Alpine touring skis
 - Splitboard with repair kit
 - Snowboard and snowshoes
 - Microspikes or similar traction device (Yaktrax, Icetrekks, Hillsound trails, etc)
 - Repair Kit (multitool or screw driver, ski straps. Spare splitboard screws and binding parts)
 - Mountaineering boots, ski boots, or snowboard boots
- Cold toes in your ski boots? Check out the DryGuy Boot Glove.**
- Ski/trekking poles
 - Ski helmet for those on skis or snowboard
 - Day pack (35-liter or 2,200 cubic inch minimum)
 - Headlamp with extra batteries
 - 1.5 liters of water and/or a thermos
 - Lunch and snacks for each day
 - Air-activated hand warmers
 - Personal blister and first aid supplies
 - Pencil
 - Recommended: sunscreen, Mt. Washington map, lip balm



Food for thought about food:

You need to fuel your furnace while out in very cold weather all day. Being well fed and well hydrated is your best defense against cold injuries like frostbite. A typical day's food should consist of the following, at a minimum:

- A hearty breakfast (before we meet each morning)
- 4-6 snacks, such as granola bars, candy bars, or fruit
- A sandwich for lunch
- 2-3 sugary energy foods, like Gu packets, Shot Bloks, Skittles, etc.
- 1.5 to 2 liters of water and/or tea

We will supply you with a beacon, probe, and shovel. If you have your own, please bring them. You will also be receiving from us an AIARE Field Book.