
Early Season Backcountry Skills Tune-Up at Mount Carlyle Lodge



6 Days / 5 Nights – Heli-Access Backcountry Education & Touring / Dec.16th -21st 2025

Get your head and skis in the snow before the season really starts!

This immersive early-season course is designed for backcountry skiers and splitboarders who want to **tune up their avalanche skills, dial in daily routines for successful backcountry trips, and get off to a good, safe start to the season.**

Led by two ACMG-certified guides, this 6-day heli-access lodge-based program offers a relaxed but highly practical learning environment tailored to your experience and goals. It's not a rigid AST 2 course, it's a flexible, mentor-style setting where we focus on what *you* want to work on, from weather/avalanche forecasting to companion rescue to solid group travel habits.

What You'll Learn & Practice

- Establishing a solid daily routine for weather checks, bulletin interpretation, and trip planning
 - Companion rescue refreshers (and best practices for real-world scenarios)
 - Snowpack study – reading the early season layers that will be the base for the seasons snowpack
 - Group management, safe travel techniques, terrain choice discussions
 - Student-led decision-making days with guide support
 - Evening fireside chats and informal presentations on avalanche topics
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Daily Rhythm

- Morning coffee/tea provided
 - Group forecast/avalanche hazard meetings
 - Full field days with a mix of guided and student-led tours
 - Après and day trip reflections at the lodge
 - Evenings with fireside chats, presentations, and time to relax
 - Enjoy the sauna, hot bucket shower, and fully outfitted backcountry lodge comforts
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What's Included

- ✓ Helicopter flight in and out
- ✓ 5 nights accomodation at Mount Carlyle Lodge
- ✓ All dinners, plus morning coffee and tea
- ✓ Sauna, bedding, hot shower with provided soaps/shampoo
- ✓ 2 ACMG-certified guides delivering instruction and mentorship
- ✓ Flexible curriculum tailored to participant interests

Students bring their own breakfasts and lunch/snack supplies.

Who's It For?

- Experienced backcountry skiers and splitboarders looking to refresh avalanche skills
 - Riders wanting a safe early-season warm-up with professional guidance
 - Anyone keen to sharpen discipline, planning habits, and group management
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Pricing

- **Early Bird:** \$1895 CAD (until Sept 30th])
- **Regular:** \$2100 CAD

Space is limited to maintain small group ratios (10 spots available at 5:1 students per instructor).

How to Book / Learn More

For availability and questions, reply to this email. \$500 Deposit required to secure spot, full payment due November 1st. Payments can be made by e-transfer to reservations@kmhbc.com

