

PowderBlast and Education Information

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Greetings from the Avalanche Center.

I hope all of you had a great summer. It was a little too short for my taste, but I'm excited to get the season rolling forward. This time of year we work on our funding, write articles, and tighten our education programs. Mark Staples, Eric Knoff and I will be attending the International Snow Science Workshop in Tahoe in a few weeks where I'll present a [paper on the Saddle Peak avalanche](#) last February.

We are already booking many avalanche classes this winter. Our [Education Calendar](#) is constantly being updated, so check back frequently.

Below are details on our 12th Annual PowderBlast and some avalanche classes the next few months.

Enjoy the fall and let's keep our fingers crossed for a safe, powder filled winter.

Doug Chabot

12th Annual POWDERBLAST

Title Sponsor: *Montana Import Group*

Friday, October 29th 2010

6:30-10:30 pm

Emerson Cultural Center, Bozeman

\$30 admission

Silent Auction, dinner by Bountiful Table, beer from Blackfoot Brewery, wine and live music by Holler n' Pine.

Online ticket sales start October 8th, or you can buy them at Barrel Mountaineering, NLTC, Timber Trails and Grizzly Outfitters.

12 Hour Avalanche Classes

No registration required.

Click on links for more details

1. [BASIC AVALANCHE AWARENESS](#): Bozeman

The **GNFAC, Friends of the Avalanche Center** and **ASMSU** will teach a Basic Avalanche Awareness Workshop. Cost is \$25.

Evening Sessions: December 1 and 2, 2010, 7:00pm to 9:30pm, at MSU.

Field Session: December 4, 2010, 9:15am to 3:00pm, at Bridger Bowl Ski Area.

2. [BASIC AVALANCHE AWARENESS FOR SNOWMOBILERS](#): Bozeman

The **Friends of the Avalanche Center** in conjunction with **Team Bozeman** will offer a Basic Avalanche Awareness Workshop specifically for snowmobilers. Cost is \$30.

Dates and Place: Classroom session at Team Bozeman, Wed and Thursday, December 1 and 2, 2010, 7-9:30 pm with a field day either Sunday Dec 5 or 12, depending on the snow.

3. [BASIC AVALANCHE AWARENESS FOR SNOWMOBILERS](#): West Yellowstone

The Friends of the Avalanche Center will offer a Basic Avalanche Awareness Workshop specifically for snowmobilers in West Yellowstone, Montana. Cost is \$30.

Dates and Place: Holiday Inn Conference Hotel; classroom 12-5 pm December 16, 2010 with an all day field session the following day. This course repeats January 1 and 2, 2011. **SKIERS ARE WELCOME ON THE JANUARY COURSE. THEY WILL HAVE A SEPARATE FIELD SESSION.**

Free Avalanche Awareness Lectures (<1 Hour)

Thunderstruck 9 Premiere, Lewistown

When: Sat, October 30, 3pm – 9pm

Where: Lewistown, MT ([map](#))

Description: OCT 30 :: Lewistown, MT :: Yogo Inn, downtown :: Poolside at 3:00pm, Avy class at 5:00pm, show at 7:00pm :: Saturday night

Ava Awareness, Bozeman

When: Thu, November 11, 7pm – 8pm

Where: Northern Lights Trading Company, Bozeman ([map](#))

Description: We will give an entertaining 1 hour Avalanche Awareness lecture using pictures and videos. We will cover avalanche terrain, weather, snowpack and human factors. Event is FREE and open to all ages. Call NLTC at 586-2225 for more information.

Sidecountry @ REI, Bozeman

When: Wed and Thur, November 10 and 11, 6:30pm – 7:00pm

Where: REI, Bozeman ([map](#))

Description: Are you interested in skiing out of bounds from Bridger Bowl? The Friends of GNFAC in cooperation with REI will be hosting a FREE Bridger Bowl sidecountry avalanche awareness presentation. This is in conjunction with season pass sales both evenings. It's a different ball game out there and you should be aware of the hazards.

1hr Awareness @ Basecamp, Helena

When: Thu, November 11, 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Where: The Basecamp, Helena, MT ([map](#))

Description: The Friends of the Avalanche Center will offer a Basic Avalanche Awareness Workshop at The Basecamp in Helena, MT. Topics covered include: avalanche terrain recognition, the affect weather has on avalanche hazard, the development of the mountain snowpack, decision making skills, and basic search and rescue procedures. For more information, contact Tim at the Basecamp, 406-443-5360

1hr Avalanche Awareness @ Grizzly Outfitters

When: Wed, November 17, 7:30pm – 8:30pm

Where: Grizzly Outfitters, Big Sky, MT ([map](#))

Description: The Friends of the Avalanche Center will offer a Basic Avalanche Awareness Workshop at Grizzly Outfitters in Big Sky. Topics covered include: avalanche terrain recognition, the affect weather has on avalanche hazard, the development of the mountain snowpack, decision making skills, and basic search and rescue procedures. For more information, contact Grizzly Outfitters at 406-995-2939.

1hr Awareness @ Basecamp, Billings

When: Thu, November 18, 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Where: The Basecamp, Billings, MT ([map](#))

Description: The Friends of the Avalanche Center will offer a Basic Avalanche Awareness Workshop at The Basecamp in Helena, MT. Topics covered include: avalanche terrain recognition, the affect weather has on avalanche hazard, the development of the mountain snowpack, decision making skills, and basic search and rescue procedures. For more information, contact Don at the Basecamp, 406-248-4555