

## WHY DO THIS COURSE?

A large proportion of the NZ backcountry consists of alpine terrain which up to two million people visit every year. Tracking techniques and sign recognition often require modification to suit this environment and the missing subject. The Alpine Tracking course is highly customised to meet the needs of alpine rescue teams, ski field staff or SAR teams operating in an alpine environment.

The training will focus on the selection and practical implementation of techniques and methods as well as the range of sign unique to alpine environments and those that go missing in them. The content can be adjusted to suit winter or summer conditions depending on the specific needs of the host organisation.

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

The overall objective is to improve the chance of locating and correctly interpreting sign in alpine environments.

Specific objectives will be tailored to suit your organisations requirements, but may include any or all of the following:

- effectively implement a range of tracking and sign cutting processes in an alpine environment;
- use tracking skills to identify, interpret, record and communicate human sign in an alpine environment.

## COST

SARINZ is a registered Charitable Trust, and as such it only seeks to cover costs and minimal overheads. Any profit made by the Trust MUST be reinvested into Search and Rescue, usually through Research and Development (R&D). This means that an investment in SARINZ training is an investment in the future of SAR.

Course or individual costs will be confirmed with the course organiser prior to the event. All course logistics such as participant accommodation, travel, meals, venue will be arranged by the course organiser.

## COURSE PROGRAMME

The workshop can be fully customised to meet your organisation training needs, and as such the timing varies. We recommend approximately 8am until 10pm to accommodate training activities after dark. You will be notified of the specific timings of your training via email in the weeks prior to the course.

The training can occur over as many days as your organisation requires to meet its training objectives.

## PRE-REQUISITES

To attend this course you must have the personal skills, clothing and equipment to operate in an alpine environment regardless of the weather, involved in some aspect of Search and Rescue or Alpine Rescue (including members of Ski Patrol).

## WHAT TO BRING

### For every course:

- Pen/Pencil
- SAR or Hi-Vis vest (if appropriate)
- Two torches/lights (ideally 1 headlamp and a bright handheld spot light/torch)
- Sunglasses and/or goggles
- Personal medication/first aid kit
- Suitable footwear for the environment
- Suitable clothing for the environment including warm base layers and full outer shell (wet weather jacket and pants)

### Specific items for your course may include:

- Transceivers
- Crampons/Ice Axe
- Skis/Snowboard/Snowshoes

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