



IWLS

International Wilderness Leadership School

Course Itinerary

This is a flexible trip itinerary that shows the general progression of the trip. Our exact schedule will depend highly on the weather, strength of the group, and time of year.

Day 0: Pre-trip meeting at 6:00 PM (unless otherwise directed) your hotel in Salt Lake City. After a brief meet and greet with your instructors and fellow students, we will discuss the course and students' goals and expectations. Bring your personal gear and clothing for a gear check.

Day 1: We'll depart for the mountains after making final preparation in gear, food, and personal equipment. . It is about a 4.5 hour drive to Great Basin National Park, we'll arrive in the evening and establish our first camp beneath Wheeler Peak.

Day 3-5: The first portion of the trip focuses on expedition camping, and general travel techniques. Skills will including but are not limited to: avalanche awareness, safe winter travel techniques, general mountaineering skills, belaying, and anchor building.

Day 6-8: More advanced mountaineering skills and summit objectives. Once we've covered the basics, we'll move on and apply these skills to some of the ascents in the area. Additionally, we'll cover more advanced skills including route finding, navigation, emergency protocols, high angle rescue and more. Utilizing the great weather of western Utah, we'll attempt some exciting summit climbs above 12,000 feet.

Day 9 - 11: Technical climbs and summit attempts. During this segment of the trip, the group will continue to tackle technical climbing objectives. Participants will have the opportunity to be in leadership roles, develop teaching styles, and be active participants in group decision-making and safety management.

Day 12: Return to Salt Lake City. In the last few days of the course we will have final evaluations. Students will be evaluated, by their instructors, on their understanding and completion of the IWLS curriculum in addition to a self-assessment.

