

MIT OUTING CLUB

WINTER MOUNTAINEERING SCHOOL

The IAP Winter School offers the MIT Outing Club the opportunity to teach winter hiking and camping techniques and train winter leaders on a larger scale than our normal winter trips permit. This school is designed to teach the skills of winter mountaineering to people with the minimum necessary experience, and to train the more experienced in leadership techniques. There will be six evening workshop sessions held at MIT and three weekend trips to the White Mountains in New Hampshire. Arrangements for the trips will be made at the workshop sessions. Recommended references for the material to be covered are Winter Hiking and Camping, an Adirondack Mountain Club book by John A. Danielson, and Mountaineering: the Freedom of the Hills, by the Seattle Mountaineers.

Minimum experience includes 3-season camping, backpacking, and outdoor cooking. All are expected to be in good physical condition, as winter mountaineering is quite strenuous. Trips will be run at all levels of difficulty. Participants will be given the choice each weekend of day trips, overnight trips, or ski trips. Trip size will be limited and will depend on availability of cars.

The following personal equipment is absolutely necessary. Each participant should own or borrow it. Of course reasonable substitutions may be acceptable, but everyone must be well equipped. This will be discussed more fully at the first meeting. A significant monetary investment should be expected by those who do not already own many of the items listed below.

Clothing - wool pants, shirts, sweaters, hat, mittens, socks; balaclava, wind parka (60/40, 65/35), mitten shells, warm winter jacket, rainjacket and rainpants
Other - water bottle, cup and spoon

Much of the other necessary equipment may be rented from the Outing Club. Remember that sleeping bags and footgear must be good to -10 F, or less.

Schedule:

Indoor Sessions - January 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21 at 7:00 pm in the Student Center Room W20-400

Trips - January 10-11, 17-18, 24-25

The evening workshops will last about two and a half hours each, with a break in the middle. It is important that those going on the trips attend all of the indoor sessions.

We would appreciate your filling in the registration form and leaving it at the Outing Club office - Student Center Room 461.

Interested? Come in and fill out a Registration Form; Talk to some winter enthusiasts.