

# **The North Face – Alpine Club of Canada Leadership Training Information and Application Form**

This information is for Alpine Club of Canada members who are applying for The North Face – Alpine Club of Canada national summer or winter leadership training courses.

These leadership courses are designed for those members who already have considerable climbing, mountaineering and/or ski mountaineering experience, and have taken some related courses. The TNF-ACC courses are to provide training for our active section trip leaders, GMC amateur rope leaders and national camp managers. It should be emphasized that this course is not designed to replace local section leadership and training initiatives; rather, it is a fine-tuning for participants and a focused learning/sharing program.

Applicants need to have organized and led ACC trips and have considerable pertinent skills, especially those relevant to mountain activities. Participants should be fit, strong and have confidence in their own abilities. Participants will learn guiding and people management skills in the mountain environment. Please note the courses do not cover technical climbing skills or first aid.

Training activities are organized and presided over by ACMG guides. They instruct each segment of the program with daily field activities and evening presentations and group discussions. In addition, The North Face sometimes sends a representative who contributes to the learning throughout the week.

Participants also have the benefit of mentorship by an experienced camp manager. Meals are provided and prepared by a camp cook (who will also mentor - and inspire!) All participants will assist with routine meal and housekeeping chores and duties as needed.

There will be ten participants in total at each of these camps with a mix of representatives from ACC Sections and trainees for ACC National camp manager positions.

To apply for one of the Section placements on each course, you must have the endorsement of your Section Executive. If your Section chooses to endorse more than one person, we will ask the Section to prioritize the applicants from the perspective of the general good of the Section. To apply for one of the National placements on each course, you must have the endorsement of one of the following: the Director of Club Services at the National office, an ACC mountain guide or a current National camp manager or amateur leader.

In addition to these endorsements, you must provide two letters of reference. The references must be from climbing, mountaineering or skiing partners.

The application form is meant to assist the Leadership Development Selection Committee to assess all applicants. Please ensure that your application is complete, and that you have submitted your letters of reference. Incomplete applications will likely be rejected.

The following criteria are used when assessing applications. There is no "order of importance" within the criteria.

- applicants must provide a letter of endorsement from any of the following: their Section Executive, the Director of Club Services, an ACMG mountain guide who currently works on ACC camps, or current ACC camp manager or amateur leader
- applicants must submit a complete application, including all requested references
- applicants must have the appropriate and adequate technical skills and abilities
- applicants must be active, contributing members of the ACC, and show a willingness to commit to leading trips once they've taken the course

Within these guidelines, the committee strives to create equality amongst the numbers of participants from different Sections. For the winter course, preference will be given to applicants who have taken the Advanced Recreational Avalanche Course.

Please note the Selection Committee strongly prefers that applications and letters of endorsement be completed and submitted electronically. Email your application to [adventures@AlpineClubofCanada.ca](mailto:adventures@AlpineClubofCanada.ca). Please have the people writing your endorsement and references email us directly.

The deadline for applications is as follows:

Winter Course:	November 1
Summer Course:	May 1

Late applications will not be accepted. Announcements of successful applicants will be made by November 10 and June 1 annually.

Completion and return of The Alpine Club of Canada's Waiver of Liability form is a condition of registration in our leadership courses. Participants will not be allowed to attend the course if the completed form is not received prior to the commencement of camp. You can download the form from our web site at [www.AlpineClubofCanada.ca](http://www.AlpineClubofCanada.ca).

# ACC Leadership Training Application Form

Please use bold or blue to fill in your answers electronically.

## Training applied for:

- The North Face – ACC Winter Leadership Course  
 The North Face – ACC Summer Leadership Course

Seeking Endorsement From:

- Section (which section: \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 National

## 1. Personal Details

Name:  
ACC Membership number:  
Section affiliation:  
Address:  
Home phone:  
Work phone:  
Fax:  
Email:  
Profession:

## 2. Emergency Contact Information

Please note that we will also contact this person for confirmation of details if we are unable to contact you during our planning or with last minute information.

Name:  
Relationship:  
Address:  
Home phone:  
Work phone:  
Email:

## 3. Experience

a) How many years you have been:

- backcountry skiing
- mountaineering
- rock and/or ice climbing

b) List all relevant outdoor skills courses you have taken (i.e. avalanche, first aid, skiing, mountaineering courses, etc.), including date, course name, location and provider.

c) How many days have you been out on your longest

- ski trip?
- climbing/mountaineering trip?

d) Outline your three most difficult mountain trips, including mountaineering objectives, scrambles, rock routes, ski mountaineering trips, and date completed. Include the route taken on the objectives. If you are applying for the winter course, your outline should contain three winter trips. If you are applying for the summer course, your outline should contain three summer trips. Please label each trip with the following:

G - the trip was done with a professional guide

F - the trip was organized with friends; you shared in the organization and leading

S - you seconded the route

L - you organized and led the group, or did the trip solo

#### 4. Skills

Please rate your competence in the following skills. Not being competent with a skill does not necessarily mean you will not be accepted. Use this scale:

1 - never done it before

2 - have done a few times, but not yet competent

3 - have done it a number of times, basic level of competence

4 - competent

5 - very competent, could teach it to others

##### a. **for summer and winter applicants:**

Tying into a rope

Belaying others

Crevasse rescue systems

Constructing snow anchors

Constructing ice anchors

Placing ice protection

Short roping

Lead climbing on snow

Lead climbing on ice

Navigation with map and compass

White out navigation

**b. for summer applicants only**

- Walking with crampons
- Ice axe arrest
- Glacier travel
- Constructing rock anchors
- Placing rock protection
- Route finding

If you know, please state what grade you are generally comfortable climbing and/or leading:

- Sport climbing:
- Mountaineering:
- Ice climbing:

**c. for winter applicants only**

- Backcountry ski touring
- Skiing on a glacier
- Skiing roped with other skiers
- Skiing downhill with an overnight pack
- Skiing the steeps
- Avalanche assessment
- Winter camping
- Avalanche Transceiver use
- Route finding in avalanche terrain

What type of ski/board equipment do you have (alpine touring, telemark, split snowboard)?

What is the make, model and frequency of your avalanche transceiver?

How would you rate your skiing ability?

- beginner (“green runs”)
- intermediate (“blue runs”)
- advanced (“black diamond runs”)

**5. Objectives**

a) Why do you want to attend this course?

b) Provide details of your volunteer contribution to The Alpine Club of Canada (e.g. trip leader, executive, section or national level volunteer). How do you hope to volunteer and participate with the ACC in the future?

## 6. References

Please have your Section Executive, the Director of Club Services, an ACMG mountain guide who works on ACC camps, a current ACC camp manager or amateur leader email us their endorsement of your application. In addition, have two of your skiing or climbing partners email us a letter of reference for you.

List of references that will be forth coming (include name, relationship, email address):

Endorsement:

Reference 1:

Reference 2:

## 7. Health and Fitness

- a) Age:                      Weight:                      Height:
- b) Allergies:
- c) Date of last medical check-up:  
    Status at that time:
- d) Have you had any serious illnesses or injuries in the past five years? If so, please explain.
- e) Do you have any heart, pulmonary or other chronic conditions? If so, please explain.
- f) Have you had any previous altitude related problems? If yes, please explain.
- g) List any medications taken on a regular basis.
- h) Please list any food allergies, dietary restrictions or preferences.
- i) Please outline your regular fitness program.

## 8. Submission information

Please ask your references to email their comments to the Leadership Development Committee care of the ACC Manager of Club Services [adventures@AlpineClubofCanada.ca](mailto:adventures@AlpineClubofCanada.ca) **before November 1.**

**Due to the large number of applications and the challenges of having a selection committee located across the country we strongly urge you to submit your application electronically by email to the address listed above.**