

Required Equipment For Field Training

Students are required to bring the equipment they have been assigned for completing Snow Surveys in their region.

Required equipment includes:

- Suitable outdoor clothing (and layers) for prolonged outdoor field sessions in the snow.
- Field packs with any equipment that is normally carried during surveys for safety or survival.
- Skis or snowshoes for over snow travel during the field sessions held during the training.
- Where available, students are recommended to bring their federal sampling kits (snow tubes).

Things to Bring to Your Training Session

The field session will be conducted outdoors regardless of weather conditions. Please come prepared for over snow travel, and with suitable clothing for working in the snow for a full day. Please use the gear list below as basic guidance on what should be brought to the training. If you have specific gear that you use in the field that is not listed, please bring it.

Required Equipment - Outdoor Clothing

- Base layer shirt(s) – Wool or Synthetic
- Base layer pant(s) – Wool or Synthetic
- Warm socks - Wool or Synthetic
- Winter Boots - Sorel/Muck/Ski Boots
- Winter Shell Pants
- Winter Shell Jacket/Parka
- Insulated Jacket/Parka
- Warm Hat – Wool or Synthetic
- Mittens or Gloves (2 pairs)
- Face Covering – Balaclava or Buff

Required Equipment - Over Snow Travel

- Students MUST have skis or snowshoes for this training, and they must be brought with you to the field sessions.

Recommended Outdoor Equipment – Should Be Brought To Training If Provided

- Federal Sampling Tubes (only if driving to training)
- Sleeping Bag - Winter Weight
- Sleeping Pad
- Ground Cloth
- Backpack

- Rope or Cordalette
- Hatchet or Knife
- Flashlight/Headlamp with extra batteries
- Sunglasses or Goggles
- Packable Shovel (Avalanche Shovel)
- Water Bottle (1 quart minimum) – Metal Recommended
- Metal Cup (If Water Bottle is NOT Metal)
- Small Tarp - 8' x 10'
- Waterproof Matches or Other Fire Starter
- Sunscreen
- Space Blanket
- Field Medical Kit
- InReach, Spot, or Other Location Device
- Compass
- Phone or Other Navigation Device
- Other emergency/survival equipment YOU CARRY

Avalanche Equipment (If Provided)

- Avalanche Beacon
- Collapsible Shovel
- Avalanche Probe
- Inclinator