



# AMERICAN ALPINE INSTITUTE, LTD.

## CLIMBING AND TREKKING EXPEDITION APPLICATION

**TO REGISTER:** Complete both sides of this form and submit it with a deposit of \$250 for continental U.S. programs, \$500 for programs in Alaska and outside the U.S., or full payment for the Rainier program to: American Alpine Institute, Ltd., 1515-12th Street, Bellingham, WA 98225. We will hold telephone reservations for six days while awaiting your mailed registration form and check. Call 360-671-1505, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Pacific time, Monday - Friday.

**WHEN YOU REGISTER:** We will send you a registration packet that contains all necessary forms and information for your trip, including a detailed equipment list, recommendations on background reading, a Leave No Trace ethics and procedures booklet, and more.

Name of Trip \_\_\_\_\_ Trip Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_

INTERNATIONAL TRIPS ONLY	
Passport Number: _____	Citizenship: _____
Date of Issue: _____	Place of Issue: _____
Birthdate: _____	Birthplace: _____

In case of emergency notify: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact's home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us (e.g. Climbing magazine, website, friend): \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate sheet of paper please provide the following information:

1. **OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE:** Please describe your outdoor and/or mountaineering experience, particularly as it is relevant to the program for which you are registering. This information will help your instructor and guide address your individual interests and goals as effectively as possible.
2. **MEDICAL INFORMATION:** Please describe any physical limitations or medical conditions that could affect you during the program (e.g. diabetes, previous joint dislocations, history of frostbite or high altitude illness, allergies).
3. **PHYSICAL CONDITION:** What physical activity do you have during a normal week? What special things will you be doing to get ready for your program?

I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Make checks or money orders payable to: American Alpine Institute, Ltd.

\***Visa/MasterCard:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Expires:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*A 2.5% bank charge will be added to any credit card tuition payment.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## POLICIES ON CANCELLATION, TRIP OPERATIONS, & PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

### DOMESTIC TRIPS (except Mt. Rainier and Alaska):

I understand and agree to the following schedule of refunds and non-refundable cancellation fees. Except for a \$50 non-refundable registration fee, tuition payments will be fully refunded if I need to cancel or reschedule so long as I give American Alpine Institute, Ltd. (AAI) six weeks written notice. The same refund policy applies with less notice if the program is full and someone takes my place. If not, the full deposit is forfeited with three to six weeks notice and full tuition is forfeited with less than three weeks notice. Additional conditions are described below in the section "All Trips."

Final payment is due five weeks prior to the beginning of the program. If registering less than five weeks before the beginning of your program, confirm your place by telephone and then submit this form and the full fees.

### RAINIER TRIPS:

I understand and agree to the following schedule of refunds and non-refundable cancellation fees. I understand that full fees are due upon registration, and that in the event I later cancel, except for a \$100 non-refundable registration fee, the remainder of my payment will be refunded only if the trip is full and someone takes my place. Otherwise, the full fee is non-refundable. Additional conditions are described below in the section "All Trips."

### FOREIGN TRIPS AND ALASKA:

I understand and agree to the following schedule of refunds and non-refundable cancellation fees for programs costing less than \$10,000 (for trips costing more, do not use this form). If cancellation is received 105 days or more prior to the date of departure, the deposit will be refunded except for a \$100 non-refundable registration fee. The same refund policy applies with less notice if the program is full and someone takes my place. With 75 - 104 days written notice, the cancellation fee is 25% of the land cost; with 45 - 74 days written notice, the cancellation fee is 50% of the land cost; with less than 45 days written notice the full land cost is forfeited. Additional conditions are described below in the section "All Trips."

### ALL TRIPS:

I understand that most American Alpine Institute, Ltd. (AAI) groups range in size from seven to ten participants down to just a few participants depending on the program, that with such small groups individual cancellations can seriously affect the finances of the program, and that this policy has been established to protect the participants from the cancellation of their trip because of late withdrawals by others. I understand that in the unlikely event AAI is unable to operate this program because of inadequate participation, I will receive a refund of all land fees paid for it, and that if I cancel from a full program and it is refilled prior to departure, I will receive a full refund except for the non-refundable registration fee. I understand that AAI encourages the purchase of trip cancellation insurance that covers losses in the event that illness or injury prevents participation in my chosen program.

I understand and agree that AAI retains the discretion both prior to and after departure to cancel any tour, trip, course, expedition, or program (collectively the "program"), and to alter or omit any part of an itinerary, to substitute hotels, to change leaders, and to change any means of conveyance without notice. I understand and agree that in the event of cancellation of a program, AAI is not responsible for expenses incurred in preparation for the program (including but not limited to airfare and travel insurance). I further understand and agree that if programs are canceled due to acts of insurrection, strikes, acts of God, or any other cause beyond the control of AAI, AAI may issue partial refunds, at its sole discretion, either based on a pro-rating of program fees (program days used in relation to total program length) or based on the difference between original and revised program budgets.

I understand that it is my responsibility to select a program appropriate to my physical abilities, mental preparedness, and interests and that I am responsible for being in sufficiently good health to undertake the program. I understand that I am responsible for studying all pre-departure information, for bringing all the clothing and equipment included on the program's equipment list, for conforming to standards of personal hygiene to minimize the risk of illness to myself and fellow program members, and for acting in a manner considerate of fellow program members and the cultures and natural regions visited. I understand and agree that if in the opinion of AAI I fail to fulfill these obligations, AAI may terminate my participation in the program without refund of fees. I understand that these conditions are set forth to protect the safety, health, integrity, and success of the program.

I, (name) \_\_\_\_\_, have read, understand, and agree to the terms of the policies on cancellation, trip operations, and personal responsibility described above.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature if under 18 years of age: \_\_\_\_\_