



AIARE Course Instructor

About Bluebird Backcountry

Bluebird Backcountry is the first and only fully human-powered, inbounds backcountry ski area in the country. With a mission to make backcountry skiing safer and easier to learn, our operation features a 1,200-acre avalanche-evaluated and ski-patrolled area with zero chairlifts. Guests come to try backcountry skiing, develop their backcountry skills, and explore new terrain in a relatively safe, welcoming, social, and COVID-friendly backcountry environment. In short, we bring together the comforts of a ski resort, the expertise of a guide service, and the adventure of the true backcountry. We are located on the Continental Divide in Colorado, halfway between Kremmling and Steamboat Springs (just over a 30-minute drive from both).

Our team has a welcoming, energetic, get-it-done culture. We are excited to introduce a new way to think about skiing... and to see just how far we can take the Bluebird Backcountry concept.

Our Education Program is the core of Bluebird Backcountry. For many participants, Bluebird will be their very first taste of the backcountry. During our test seasons in 2019 and 2020, we taught an Intro to Backcountry lesson to more than 500 students. For our upcoming 2020–21 season, we're excited to expand our suite of educational programs. We are developing curricula and intend to teach refresher courses, intermediate backcountry skills, and AIARE programs such as Rec 1, Rec 2, and Avalanche Rescue, among others.

Job Summary

We're looking for a qualified course instructors who are experienced, enthusiastic backcountry skiers or splitboarders. In addition to deep knowledge of avalanche education best practices, we need instructors who are eager to make backcountry skiing and splitboarding more welcoming and accessible. The ideal candidate possesses:

- AIARE Instructor Status
- Significant teaching experience and is up to date on best practices for backcountry and avalanche education
- Commitment to Bluebird Backcountry's mission and goals—and excitement to welcome newcomers, many with 10 or fewer days of experience in the backcountry
- Excellent verbal communication and is skilled in team dynamics

- Flexibility and eagerness to work in a collaborative, fast-paced-yet-grassroots startup environment

Duties

- Instruct AIARE courses in January, February, and March 2021
- Act as a Bluebird Backcountry ambassador and be ready to help with mountain safety and provide information to guests when asked
- Uphold, promote, and support the Bluebird Backcountry vision of fostering a community of passionate backcountry skiers and riders

Location and Timing

This role can range from a contract role teaching a few courses to a full-time seasonal role that involves some guiding and backcountry instructing as well.

Bluebird Backcountry is located halfway between Kremmling and Steamboat Springs, Colorado. We are open Thursdays through Mondays, from December 24th, 2020 through March 28, 2020.

All courses will take place within Bluebird Backcountry's leased area, in some cases in-bounds and in other cases out of bounds. The property is entirely unimproved, and the skiing is more variable and adventurous than manicured or groomed.

Compensation

- \$275-\$325 / course-day depending on experience
- Bluebird Backcountry day passes to give to family and friends.
- Rustic lodging in Kremmling if desired

To Apply

Please email jobs@bluebirdbackcountry.com with "AIARE Course Instructor" in the subject line. Include the following:

- A brief cover letter
- Your resume