

## **DEC 14TH : AVALANCHE REFRESHER DAY**

WE WILL BEGIN OUR JOURNEY WITH A ZOOM SESSION A FEW DAYS BEFORE WE MEET ON SATURDAY TO GO OVER THE BULLETIN AND WHAT TO BRING. WE WILL THEN MEET IN THE OFFICE SATURDAY MORNING TO DO A QUICK GEAR CHECK BEFORE HEADING OUT TO TETON PASS TO TALK ABOUT THE FORECAST AND DO RESCUE PRACTICE. WE WILL GO ON A SHORT TOUR TO DUST THE RUST OFF AND ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT PREPARATION FOR THE SEASON.

## **JANUARY 18TH : UPHILL TRAVEL AND EFFICIENCIES TOUR**

WE WILL MEET AGAIN THE WEEK BEFORE ON ZOOM TO QUICKLY GO OVER THE UPDATED FORECAST, START OUR DISCUSSION AROUND MILEAGE AND VERTICAL GAIN CHOICE FOR BACKCOUNTRY OBJECTIVES, AND REVIEW THE GEAR NEEDED TO GO ON A LONGER TOUR IN GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK. ON SATURDAY WE WILL MEET AT TAGGART LAKE TRAILHEAD AND TOUR ONE OF THE CLASSIC BACKCOUNTRY ZONES. WE WILL START BY CONVERSATIONS AROUND PACE SETTING, EFFICIENT SKINNING, BREAK EFFICIENCIES AND TIME MANAGEMENT. AT THE TOP WE WILL GO OVER QUICK TRANSITIONS AND SKI DOWNHILL. THE MAIN GOAL IS TO LEAVE FEELING TUNED AND DIALED ON EFFICIENT TOURING AND TRANSITIONS.

## **FEBRUARY 13/15TH : STUDENT LED TOURS**

THE 13TH ZOOM SESSION WILL BE AN HOUR LONGER THAN THE PREVIOUS ONE AS WE PLAN OUT A TOUR IN GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK USING MAPPING PLATFORMS SUCH AS CALTOPO, GAIA, ONX BACKCOUNTRY, ETC. ONCE THE GROUP HAS CREATED A PLAN, WE WILL MAKE SURE WE HAVE THE TOOLS NECESSARY DOWNLOADED ON OUR PHONES. ON SATURDAY WE WILL SET OFF ON OUR OBJECTIVE, PUTTING THE PARTICIPANTS OUT FRONT TO NAVIGATE. WE ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO USE TECHNIQUES LEARNED IN THE JANUARY CLASS TO SET PACES, SCHEDULE BREAKS, AND REMAIN ON A TIME PLAN. ONE BIG GOAL IS TO FEEL CONFIDENT IN CARRYING OUT TOUR PLANS.

## **MARCH 22ND : SPRING SKIING BASICS**

WE WILL BEGIN BY MEETING ON ZOOM THE WEEK BEFORE TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL SKI LINES. OUR MAIN GOAL IS TO LOOK AT THE FORECAST AND CHOOSE SOMETHING WITHIN OUR GROUP'S ABILITIES. WE WILL REFRESH OUR MEMORIES ON SPRING SNOWPACKS AND WHAT WEATHER PATTERNS / TRENDS MAKE GOOD SKIING CONDITIONS - AS WELL AS THE TIMING AND POSSIBLE LOCATION OF GOOD CONDITIONS. WE WILL LIKELY GET AN EARLIER THAN NORMAL START SATURDAY TO SKI A BIGGER OBJECTIVE IN GTNP. WE WILL TAKE OBSERVATIONS ALL DAY AND CONFIRM WHAT WE'VE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT HOW THE SNOW FEELS AND CHANGES THIS TIME OF YEAR. THE MAIN GOAL IS TO SET PEOPLE UP FOR SPRING SKIING IN THE COMING MONTHS.