

2018 Training Dates and Details

All guides arrive May 29th to begin soft skill training and WFR training. Our WFR course is hybrid, meaning that lecture phases are to be completed before arrival to training. Scenarios, other lectures, and testing will be conducted on site in Spokane. Soft skill training includes risk management, teaching Bible studies, how to avoid burnout, etc. Other training includes map and compass navigation, emergency situation action, and general outdoor skills.

General rock climbing training will be in Spokane at this time. Guides then split off to locations to begin technical training:

- Ascent guides travel to Sahale glacier in the North Cascades for ASCENT 1 school (mountaineering and backpacking training).
- BAC guides travel to Smith Rock to learn multi-pitch climbing and rescue. After Smith, these guides travel to Eldorado in the North Cascades for ASCENT 2 school (technical mountaineering and crevasse rescue).
- Oregon guides go to the Deschutes for raft school.
- Seattle guides travel to Banks Lake for SUP and more climbing training.

Training lasts a total of about two weeks, and trips start around the middle of June!