



Boeing Employees Alpine Society

Basic Mountaineering Class (BMC) Policies

Lectures

- Students must attend ALL lectures and participate in skills training and trip planning exercises after the lectures.
- The lectures start on Wednesdays at 7 PM with team time following the lectures. Class will usually end between 9:30 and 10 PM, but may occasionally run later.
- Students are expected to review lecture material including assigned readings and complete online quiz(zes) over the material prior to lecture night and to turn in their homework assignments at the beginning of class. Homework not received at the beginning of the class is considered late and may result in not being allowed to attend the following outing.

Outings

- Students must attend ALL weekend outings to graduate; do not expect to be able to make up a missed outing. (See the schedule @ BOEALPS.org/courses/BMC)
- Most outings build on the skills learned at the previous outing, therefore once you miss an outing it is likely that you will be dropped from the class.
- Since the lead instructor is responsible for all students' safety and whereabouts, no student will leave an outing for any reason without communicating with the lead.
- After an outing students and teams are required to stay in the parking lot with their cars until the last team returns and/or their lead instructor dismisses the team. This dismissal will conclude the outing.
- Students are asked to join their team after the weekend outings for dinner. This is an important time for team bonding and recapping the events just experienced.
- Students should not plan any additional activities on the same day as an outing. Although most weekend outings will get you back to Seattle between 7 & 9 PM, on some outings teams have returned to the city significantly later. We climb all over Washington state, and many factors can cause a late return.
- Students are required to provide all required mountaineering gear and technical clothing listed in the BMC Gear List.
- The class provides ropes, snow pickets, radios, an emergency satellite messenger, and one 4-season tent per team. (Tents require a \$100 fully refundable deposit and must be returned clean and dry.)

Prohibitions

- No guests, friends, or pets are allowed on any course outings. No exceptions.
- No drugs, tobacco, or alcohol will be tolerated before or during any outings. Any person deemed by the lead instructor to be unfit to climb will not be permitted to attend the outing, and may be dismissed from the class (see above regarding missed classes). If you are taking any prescribed medications you must notify your lead instructor.
- No harassment of any kind or unsafe behavior will be tolerated and will be grounds for dismissal from the class on the first offense without any refund.
- No radios, iPods, earbuds, etc allowed during outings. Cell phones are permitted for camera use only and students are prohibited from using the phone's GPS or map functions while in the field.



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Dismissal from BMC

- Students may be dismissed from the course if, in the expert opinion of their lead instructor or the Head Instructor, they are not progressing at a satisfactory rate or if their fitness is below expectations, as either of these factors becomes a safety concern in the mountain environment.
- Students will be dismissed from the course if they violate any of the BMC policies. Boeing employees are further bound by Boeing policies and HR may be notified in addition to dismissal from class.

Drop / Refunds

- If a student chooses to drop out of the BOEALPS Basic Mountaineering Class (or is dismissed due to any of the reasons above), they may be eligible for a partial refund of the class fees. Students shall receive a progressively decreasing refund of total class fees if they separate from the course, depending on the date notice is tendered. See the table below for specifics. To drop out with a partial refund, the student must notify the [Head Instructor](#) at bmc@boealps.org of their intent by the following dates:

<u>Date notice given</u>	<u>Amount of fees refunded</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Guest</u>
○ Before the first lecture (by Monday, Feb 13 th)	Amount refunded: Full	\$425	\$525
○ After the first lecture (by Friday, March 3 rd)	Amount refunded: 90%	\$382.50	\$472.50
○ After the first outing (by Friday, March 10 th)	Amount refunded: $\frac{2}{3}$	\$283	\$350
○ After the second outing (by Friday, March 24 th)	Amount refunded: $\frac{1}{3}$	\$142	\$175
○ After the third outing (Saturday, March 25 th)	Amount refunded: None	\$0	\$0

- **In any case, the BOEALPS membership fee is NON REFUNDABLE.**