



Guiding Information Package

Welcome to the Hyland Backcountry guided ski touring program for Winter 2026-27! I look forward to spending time in the mountains with nice people.

Winter goes by faster each year - So organize early to avoid disappointment.

Please read through this package carefully and don't hesitate to get in touch if you need more information.

My Guiding Philosophy:

I've been guiding for 25 yrs, and I still appreciate being out in the mountains with people. I have a family with 2 young children, and I have a very strong motivation to come home at the end of each day.

As a Professional Guide I will:

- Guide to the conditions, and I will attempt to manage the risks that we both share accordingly.
- Ensure your objectives and risk tolerance align with mine - If they don't, that's fine. I'll refer you to another guide.
- Take the time to ensure you have basic competence in rescue techniques and processes. We both count on that.

The weather creates a variety of backcountry conditions that I have no control over. Everyone loves to ski powder in sunshine, including me, but it does not magically appear every day. You must be open minded to variable conditions.

If we have never skied together before, please do not ask me, on our first day in the mountains to ski something complex. Developing trust between a client and guide takes time, based on ability, fitness, conditions and above all attitudes.

If this makes sense and you respect my philosophy, I'll make sure I work hard to give you an enjoyable day in the hills.

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Pricing

Guiding fees work on a ratio system. GST is extra. This also includes vehicle transportation, up to 125 km, for 3 guests. Please note: These costs may change due to increases in annual guide expenses such as insurance, fuel, and rising costs of living and running a business.

I'll let you know when booking what the cost will be.

# of Guests	Price per Guest
1	\$650
2	\$350
3	\$250
4	\$200
5	\$170
6	\$150

Larger Groups:

- For groups beyond 6 we will likely add a second guide. Pricing will differ somewhat to reflect the extra cost of the 2nd guide.

Extra Fees:

- Mileage beyond 100km
- Equipment Rentals (Avalanche PPE, Skis, Harness' etc...)
- Helicopter or Snowmobile Access rates
- Park or lift fees used

Complex, Overnight or Multi-day trips:

- Base pricing for these trips will be as above, but extra fees may be added for organizational and trip planning time, equipment preparation, and guiding travel expenses depending on trip destination and travel required.

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Payment

In general, all short term private guiding work, I will invoice 1 trip organizer in advance, unless it is an HBS organized trip with a set per person fee.

We prefer Interact E-Transfer.. Your (Groups) spot is reserved when we receive your payment. You will read and agree to the *Booking and Cancellation Policy* when you complete the registration package on the website.

Location, Dates & Times

We will let you know the logistics in advance of the trip.

Waivers

Mountain travel is not without certain risks and hazards. All participants will be required to read and sign a digital waiver at the online registration page, in advance of the trip and payment process, and a paper copy will be completed in person on the day of the trip.

Equipment

All participants will need to provide their own backcountry equipment. (See attached list) If you do not have the required gear, please make arrangements to rent or borrow gear for the trip.

Please let us know if you need any assistance in Smithers with gear rentals.

Back Country Evacuation

Participants will be required to pay for any costs associated with medical evacuations from the field, in the unlikely event of injury or illness. **We strongly recommend Trip Cancellation and Interruption insurance.**

Cancellation Policy

This is outlined in the registration forms.

Transportation, Lodging & Meals

We can provide transportation from Smithers for up to 3 guests, or you provide your own transportation. There are a few accommodations possibilities in Smithers we can recommend. Guests must provide their own meals.

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Recommended Equipment Check List

Clothing

- ☐ Wool and or synthetic socks
- ☐ Base Layer top-synthetic, wool or silk
- ☐ Base Layer bottoms-synthetic, wool or silk
- ☐ Mid-insulation layer top- Pile, synthetic or wool
- ☐ Mid-insulation layer bottom- Pile or multi-purpose
- ☐ Light wind shell- Windproof, water-resistant, breathable
- ☐ Weather layer top-Goretex or other waterproof
- ☐ Weather layer pant- Goretex or other waterproof
- ☐ Warm outer jacket - Down or synthetic
- ☐ Toque - Wool or synthetic
- ☐ Light gloves - Wool, synthetic or leather
- ☐ Insulated gloves - Wool or synthetic, waterproof outer

Travel Equipment

- ☐ Skis, Skins, Splitboard ,Poles, Repair kit (any specific parts to your gear)

Snow Safety Equipment

- ☐ Avalanche Transceiver (Digital Only), shovel, probe

Specialty Equipment

- ☐ As prescribed by the guide

Group Equipment (HBS Provided)

- ☐ Altimeter, map, compass, GPS (optional)
- ☐ 1st aid kit, emergency bivi sac, emergency toboggan
- ☐ Group repair kit, may substitute for personal repair kit
- ☐ Communications device - VHF radio, sat phone, cell

Personal Equipment

- ☐ Pack - light, comfortable, 30-40 liters
- ☐ Sunglasses, goggles, sunscreen, lip cream
- ☐ Headlamp, water bottle, thermos
- ☐ Lunch - extra food
- ☐ Blister kit, pocket knife, personal 1st aid stuff

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