



**SWS Mountain Guides**

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## **INTERMEDIATE ICE CLIMBING**

**Lee Vining/ June Lake, California**



**General Description:** For the experienced snow climber, or rock climber who have attended our Basic Ice Climbing course. A challenging and exciting advanced technical ice course with plenty of time spent on the ice. Instruction includes: tool placement development, protection placement both ice and rock placement, simulated ice leading practice, establishing a belay for multi-pitch ice climbing, and introduction to mixed climbing, with emphasis on efficient climbing.

**Location:** Lee Vining Canyon and/or June Lake area, depending on ice conditions.

**Itinerary:** We will meet in Lee Vining at 7:00 am on the first day and carpool/hike to the ice climbing area. Expect about a 20-30 minute drive and 1 hour or more hike up to the base of the ice climbing. Plan on returning to Lee Vining by late afternoon. Second day, leave Lee Vining by 7:00 am and return to the cars by 4:30 pm. This itinerary is subject to change due to weather, snow, and ice conditions at the time of the course.

**Food and Lodging:** Food and lodging are **NOT** included in this course. You can either camp out or attain lodging in Lee Vining (highly suggest getting a room). We will hike out to the ice each day and return to town each evening. You may join us for a group dinner in June Lake in the evening if you wish. For lodging recommendations and/or special motel rates please see below or contact our office.

**Lodging Recommendation:** Murphy's Motel 760.647.6316 [www.murpheysyosemite.com](http://www.murpheysyosemite.com) (Ask for the ice climber's special approx. \$55.00 to \$85.00 per night). Best Western Lake View Lodge 760-647-6543 [www.bwlakeviewlodge.com](http://www.bwlakeviewlodge.com) (ask for the ice climbers special \$70-\$90 per night).

**Level:** Advanced. Participants should be in good to excellent physical condition. Previous ice climbing or mountaineering (snow and ice) experience required. This should include a working knowledge of climbing knots and belay techniques. Any questions? Give us a call.

**Dates 2012:** January: 9-10\*, January: 16-17\*, January: 21-22, February: 13-14\*, February: 16-17\*, February: 25-26, March: 5-6\*, March: 10-11, \*Denotes mid-week sessions.



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**Cost:** \$375.00 (Guide ratio will kept to 1:3, group size limited to 6)

**Includes:** Professional instruction / guide(s), technical group, helmets, ice tools, climbing equipment, permits, A selection of ice tools will be available for student use.

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