



American Mountain Guides Association (AMGA) Single Pitch Instructor Course and Assessment

The Single Pitch Instructor (SPI) course teaches climbing instructors to proficiently facilitate and instruct the sport of rock climbing in a single pitch setting. The SPI is the only internationally recognized single pitch climbing instructor certification program in the United States. It was developed to fit in the AMGA Rock program. The program is for current, active rock climbers who have a real desire to teach rock climbing in a single pitch setting.

Who participates?

Candidates could be current climbers who wish to undergo additional training, uncertified climbing instructors, scout leaders, university professors that teach climbing, and summer camp professionals who wish to undergo additional training, experience and certification to gain employment as a climbing instructor in the outdoor adventure/education industry.

Prerequisite:

You must be a professional member of the AMGA to participate in the course. Candidates meet the prerequisites for enrollment in an SPI course if they:

1. Have a genuine interest in rock climbing and instructing on single pitch crags.
2. Are at least 18 years old at the time of the course.
3. Have at least 12 months prior outdoor climbing experience.
4. Are active climbers with traditional lead climbing experience (leader placing pro).
5. Have traditionally led a minimum of 15 rock climbing pitches (any grade).
6. Are capable of comfortably climbing 5.8 while on a top rope.

To gain SPI Certification candidates must:

1. Successfully pass the SPI Assessment.
2. Hold current AMGA Membership at Professional level.
3. Hold current First Aid Certification (see SPI Certification First Aid Requirements). First aid training is not a prerequisite for participation in this course or assessment.

More about SPI Certification:

Certification is valid for three years as long as the candidate keeps current AMGA Membership and First Aid Certification. After three years, current SPIs can re-take the SPI Assessment to renew SPI certification. Any current SPI who attains certification in any Mountain Guide Program discipline attains permanent SPI certification status provided they maintain AMGA membership and the appropriate level of emergency medical certification.

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