

Environmental and Outdoor Education Opportunity: Winter Safety Programs in Kananaskis Country

The Environmental Education program in Kananaskis Country is offering a **NEW** enhanced winter education program and we'd like **your class to join us!** There are 3 parts to the program:

1) In-Class Presentation

Our **NEW** Winter Safety Educator will visit your classroom and deliver the Parks Canada *aviSmart* presentation (previously only delivered to students living in mountain communities). This 60-80 minute interactive presentation will introduce your students to winter safety and avalanche awareness. Our educator will also help prepare your students for their field experience in Kananaskis Country.

2) Field Experience in Kananaskis Country

Join our Winter Safety Educator or other Education Specialists as we extend the classroom learning into the field. While snowshoeing in Kananaskis Country, students will learn how to safely plan winter trips and will be introduced to the science of snow. Students will dig snow study pits, look at terrain features, discuss avalanche reports, and begin to interpret how the science informs avalanche predictions and safety. Students will also conduct beacon searches, play snowshoe games, and have a positive winter experience in Parks. **Please note, students are never in avalanche terrain during this program.**



3) Follow-up Evaluation

As this is a new program, students and teachers are expected to participate in evaluating the program. The follow-up session may entail an additional short visit from our Winter Safety Educator or a prepared lesson for the participating teacher to deliver. Your contribution to the meaningful evaluation of this program allows us to refine and improve this program for future years

Details:

- **Cost:** \$225 per class (includes in-class visit and field program). Fee does not include the cost of bussing or snowshoe rentals
- **Class Size:** Maximum class size 30
- **Availability:** In-Class and Field programs will be delivered from January 7 to March 31, 2013
- **TO BOOK:** Email Kananaskis.Education@gov.ab.ca or call the Environmental Education Office at 403-678-5500 (Ext.284). Space is limited, schools will be received on a first come – first serve basis.