

News From Yamnuska Mountain Adventures



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YMA NEWS

Hello,

We've had a fantastic start to the 2008 season. Yamnuska's director, David Begg, led a group of powder skiers to Japan for an amazing taste of eastern culture. We've had over 200 people train with us in avalanche safety since the start of the season and over 50 private groups come out to test their skills on our Bow Valley Ice.

With only half the winter gone, it looks like it's going to be an amazing Spring skiing and ice climbing season with lots of snow and great ice to enjoy.

Our news this month features some great upcoming trips and events as well as some shining reviews from our overseas expeditions.

Read on to find out what is in store for the rest of the winter!

Cheers,
Andrew Stevens



Yamnuska at the Forefront of Winter Mountain Sports

On most days between 7 am and 8 am, there's an active buzz at the Yam office as guides and clients gather for the start of another day of ice climbing school... or private guiding... or an avalanche training course.

It has been a brisk winter season and we're happy to report that we've had a great time on all of our programs; everything from an overseas powder ski trip to Hokkaido, Japan, to a full complement of ice and mixed climbing clinics throughout December and January. And we're only half way through the winter!!!! Some ideas.....

- * [Intro to Ski Mountaineering](#) - March 2nd - 7th
- * [Wapta Extended Traverse](#) - April 7th - 13th
- * [Mistaya Lodge Backcountry Ski](#) - March 30th - April 6th
- * [Avalanche Safety](#) - Introductory or Advanced - various dates.



Check out www.yamnuska.com for full details on all our winter programmes.

Courtesy of Margaret Imai-Compton

Toronto Outdoor Adventure Show

If you're in Toronto or the GTA, come and visit us at the [Outdoor Adventure Show](#) February 22 - 24/08 at the International Centre on Airport Road. We'll be featuring our summer hiking and mountaineering brochures with lots of information on new trips such as the [Kananaskis Alpine Traverse](#) (combined backpacking/mountaineering trip) and perennial favourites such as our [Snow and Ice weekends](#) and [Hot Rock](#).

Bonus! Fill out an entry form at our booth for a chance to win a Deuter Backpack!



Yamnuska has recently partnered with this high-quality guide approved gear manufacturer, and we are offering the Aircontact Lite 50 + 10 Backpack to one of our lucky winners.

[Click here to see more of Yamnuska's Guide Recommended Equipment](#)



Great Gear from Yamnuska!

Surprise and delight your special person for any occasion. Our gift certificates and Yam branded gear, outdoor clothing, guide recommended equipment and backpacks are original, one-of-a-kind gifts for any occasion.

Just call our office at 1-866-678-4164 or email info@yamnuska.com and we'll chat with you about gift giving possibilities. Our website features these products and gear packages from renowned manufacturers such as Petzl, Deuter, and Outdoor Research.

WINTER GEAR BLOWOUT! For a limited time we are offering 30% off selected Yam branded OR clothing: Men's Moto Softshell Jacket, Couloir Gloves, and Revo Sweater. Call us for sizes and colors (1-866-678-4164).

Have you tried..... ?

Every winter Yamnuska instructs clients who are new to ice climbing, backcountry skiing and avalanche safety. The rewards of taking up a new winter activity are evident in the evaluation comments we receive at the end of each course.

'Ice climbing was new to me but in 5 days I progressed from a total novice to an aspiring mixed climber. Grant Meekins was a patient and excellent coach, the others in the course made it fun and we had a new spectacular location every day. I'll be back!"

Nicholaus V. - Red Deer, AB



There's still plenty of opportunity to sign up for our full range of introductory and intermediate courses in [Ice Climbing](#), [Backcountry Skiing](#) and [Avalanche Safety](#). You'll have the satisfaction of knowing you challenged yourself and acquired new mountain skills. All details on programme specifics, locations, dates and prices are at www.yamnuska.com.



Powder Skiing in Northern Japan Hokkaido Trip Report

Dave Begg and Maria Cashin of Yamnuska led a group of powder enthusiasts to the land of the rising sun for a phenomenal powder skiing trip in Hokkaido. Dave Campbell's trip report says it all!

"I thought the trip to Japan was truly amazing. The Japanese were super friendly and polite despite my complete lack of Japanese. The food was incredible - I got to try beef tongue and raw liver and more strange foods in one week than I ever thought possible. I had some of the best ski runs I've ever had - it only stopped snowing for 3 hours the whole time we were there and the skiing was superb, awesome. The Onsen (hot spring baths) were a real treat. I had one in the morning and every night after skiing. Thanks to David, Maria, and Hirofumi our Japanese guide who set the bar very high in terms of the total service package." Dave C. - Calgary



Look for more news about upcoming Yamnuska overseas expeditions in our Spring newsletter. Our May Bolivia expedition is already full and we're planning a Mt. Logan trip for 2009! If you have a new idea or place you have always dreamed of going, contact us to see what we can organize for you.

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