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## Professionalism for the Outdoor Educator Equipment Checklist

Your course will take place in Bellingham, Washington. This area enjoys a typical maritime climate of mild temperatures throughout the year with frequent precipitation in the winter and generally pleasant summers. The preferred climbing season extends from about late April, through the summer, to the end of September. Summer highs can be up in the 80's but more commonly are in the 60's to 70's. Nighttime lows are usually around 50°F. Rain is not uncommon, particularly before mid-June. Rain is less common here than in other climbing areas on the coast, because the mountain is in a rain shadow. A typical day in the summer might begin cool and pleasant, warm to the lower 70's by afternoon, and drop to a night-time low between 40-50°F.

For this course you will be expected to provide your own lodging. Many students will opt to camp at Larrabee State park about 20 minutes away from our office and where your course will be taking place.

At AAI we take equipment and its selection seriously. Our Equipment Services department is expertly staffed by climbers, skiers and guides. Additionally, we only carry products in our store have been thoroughly field tested and approved by our guides. This intensive process ensures that all equipment that you purchase from AAI is best suited to your course and future mountain adventures. Please contact us to select equipment for your course.

Please be sure to check the forecast several days prior to your course to ensure that you are properly prepared.

[NOAA Bellingham, WA Weekly Forecast](#)

### **Call or E-mail the Equipment Shop for Advice on Gear**

Please feel free to contact the equipment shop for advice as you prepare for you program. We are happy to provide you with equipment advice whether or not you choose to purchase or rent equipment at AAI. We take your comfort and safety seriously.

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<b>Essentials</b>	<b>Packing Checklist</b>
<i>Smart Phone</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Own <input type="checkbox"/> Buy
<i>Gaia Smartphone App</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Own <input type="checkbox"/> Buy
<i>Guide Pace Smartphone App</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Own <input type="checkbox"/> Buy
<i>Altimeter Smartphone App</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Own <input type="checkbox"/> Buy
<i>Compass</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Own <input type="checkbox"/> Buy
<i>Map Tool with UTM Grid Reader</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Own <input type="checkbox"/> Buy
<i>Notebook and Pen/Pencil: Right as rain paper might be a good thing to consider if notes need to be taken outside.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Own <input type="checkbox"/> Buy
<i>Clothes Appropriate for being outside (Rain jacket/pants)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Own <input type="checkbox"/> Buy

<b><i>Other Optional Items</i></b>	<b>Packing Checklist</b>
<i>Laptop Computer</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Own <input type="checkbox"/> Buy

