

# WHEN CAN A BASIC STUDENT GO ON A CLIMB?

Step 1: Pass a conditioner hike with a Tacoma Branch Committee Member – The student can go on any basic alpine climb that does not involve snow travel, glacier travel, or rock techniques.

Step 2: Pass ice axe arrest at Field Trip 3 (Winter Overnight) – Basics Students can participate in Basic Alpine Climbs that do not involve glacier travel or rock climbing techniques (ie leader belays or rappels).

Step 3: Pass Lead Belays at FT5 – if yes, Basic Students can now go on basic alpine climbs with rock techniques and basic rock climbs. Note: if a basic student did not pass FT 3 Ice Axe arrest, they cannot go on climbs until after FT 6/7, even if they pass belays (all early season climbs will have snow).

Step 4. Pass Ice Axe Arrest (FT7) and Crevasse rescue (FT6) – if yes, the Basic Student can go on All climbs

