

Snake River BASE Academy

Higher Education for Lower Freefall

Death Camp

Death camp is offered twice each year, at Memorial Day (the 3rd week of May) and Labor Day (the first week of September). Death Camp is free, and admission is highly competitive. Typically, we receive approximately 30 applications for 5 places. Admission is offered based on evaluation of student applications, reference checks, student preparation and class composition.

The Snake River BASE Academy's Death Camp is the most comprehensive introduction to BASE available today. The course will focus on basic BASE skills, with an additional emphasis on the history and ethics of BASE, and the teamwork necessary to many BASE jumps. In addition to standard First Jump training, the course will cover appropriate brake settings, advanced packing techniques, object avoidance techniques, object evaluation, and landing skills. Time and jumper aptitude permitting, we will also cover unpacked jumps, particularly as used for emergency situations, and multi-way jumps.

Syllabus:

Day 1: Packing

Discussion: The risks of BASE

Video and Discussion: Impact (Discovery Health), Over the Edge (Justin Kardi, Jason Fitz-Herbert)

Exercise: Letter to family

Packing

Discussion: Differences between skydiving and BASE cultures

Video and Discussion, Exits: Lemmings (Will Forshay)

Day 2: Beginner Exits

Exit Training

Discussion: Logging jumps

Landing Area Preview

Discussion: Jumps, landing, flight patterns

PCA BASE jumps

Video and Discussion: 2004 ABA Compilation (Australian BASE Association)

Day 3: Deployment

Discussion: BASE ethics

BASE jumps: Hand held

Discussion: BASE community

BASE jumps: Delay nomination, Hand held

Video and Discussion: BASE Community Self Regulation

Day 4: Floater Exits

Discussion: BASE History

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BASE jumps: Stowed or hand held

Exit simulation: Floater exits

BASE jumps: Floater exits and/or stowed.

Discussion and Exercise: Appropriate Brake Settings

Video and Discussion: From Gravity Came Groundrush, Nobody But Me BASE Jumps Like I Do, Para-Care (John Hoover), Boenish El Cap Jumps (Carl Boenish), Gravity Sports (Dennis McGlynn)

Day 5: Object Avoidance Drills

Discussion: Object Avoidance

Avoidance Drill BASE jumps

Discussion: Insurance

Avoidance Drill BASE jumps

Discussion: Object Evaluation

Day 6: Object Avoidance Drills

Avoidance Drill BASE jumps

Packing, Part 2: Packing without tools

Avoidance Drill BASE jumps

Discussion: Recognizing Skillful BASE jumps

Video and Discussion: Radix (Jimmy Halliday)

Day 7: Landing Drills

BASE jumps: Landing Drills

Video and Discussion: BASE malfunctions and correction.

BASE jumps: Landing Drills

Video: Lemmings Extreme (Will Forshay)

Course includes packing video, packing tools, course reader, log book and t-shirt.

Course is limited to a maximum of 5 students.

There is no cost for this instruction.

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