

Denali National Park and Preserve **2013 Guided Mountaineering SUP Application Supplement**

This program allows a number of Special Use Permits (SUP) to be issued to qualified guide services to guide or lead mountaineering related activities in the parts of the Alaska Range administered by Denali National Park.

A. Applicants must complete the general SUP application form found at:

http://www.nps.gov/akso/management/special_use-permits.cfm

B. Applicants must submit the following materials along with their application to be considered for a Mountaineering SUP.

Accreditation, Training, and Certification Requirements

1. Company Accreditation

Accreditation through the American Mountain Guides Association (AMGA,) or equivalent. (Note: current NPS concessionaires meet this requirement through equivalence.)

2. Guide Training and Certification Requirements

The company applying for a SUP **must submit** written documentation that verifies the following, including where applicable, copies of certificates, training certificates and/or records:

All guides/group leaders will meet or exceed the following requirements for experience, training and certification:

- a) Successful completion of a formal guide's training program either through the company applying for the SUP, or through the AMGA/IFMGA. Equivalent of the AMGA's Alpine Guides course curriculum is preferred.
- b) Successful completion of an avalanche training course that meets or exceeds the American Avalanche Association's Level 2 program.
- c) Possess a valid record of training (card) for a Wilderness First Responder program.
- d) Possess a valid Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) card.
- e) Previous climbing and guiding experience that includes glacier travel and a level of technical climbing experience appropriate to the objective of their course or climb.
- f) Successful completion of a Leave No Trace (LNT) program, or equivalent, that meets or exceeds LNT's Trainer program.

Operating Plan

Company Background, Procedures and Policies

The company applying for a SUP **must submit** documentation that responds to the following topics:

1. Philosophy or Mission Statement

2. Administrative Structure and Personnel

3. Resource Protection, Sanitation, Waste Management Programs

4. Safety and Medical Program

5. Emergency Operations and Protocols

6. Risk Management Plan

7. Acknowledgement of Risk Form

8. Staffing

- a. Describe your guide's training and ongoing staff development programs.
- b. Describe your employee performance evaluation process.

9. History of Operations

- a. Describe your company's history of operations in the Alaska Range and in other areas with similar terrain and conditions.
- b. State in detail your company's overall background and experience relevant to the operation of guided mountaineering services.
- c. Summarize your other areas of operation and land use permits. Include a description of any permits that have been revoked or administrative actions you have been involved with regarding a revocation of use or access, including other businesses in which the principals of the company or individual applying on behalf of the company have been involved.
- d. Explain any guided mountaineering accidents or injuries requiring significant treatment or evacuation of clients or guides in the last 5 years.
- e. Explain the circumstances of any instances when your company's insurance for guided mountaineering has been cancelled or revoked.
- f. Identify and explain if the company or its principals have any pending lawsuits or been found liable through a court or mediation for incidents or activities in relation to guided mountaineering.

10. Instructional and Educational Programs for Clients

11. Guided Ascents

12. Briefing Clients on NPS Policies and Protocols

13. Clients with Disabilities

14. Reservation, Cancellation, and Refund Policies

15. Considerations for Other Park Visitors

16. Address Environmental and Cultural components if applicable.