# AAC Education at the ICM

The International Climbers Meet is an internationally celebrated event in Yosemite Valley. The American Alpine Club happily serves its mission to support our passion for climbing by convening AAC Members and climbers from all over the world for fellowship, adventure, and collaboration.

This year, there will be programmed education elements added to our typical cavalcade of climbing, camaraderie, and community. There will be three full days of instructional programming, 5 evening clinics, and daily stump the chump Q&A sessions. All education programming will be facilitated by professional AMGA certified guides and instructors to guarantee that ICM participants receive the most current, most accurate, and most engaging content available.

## Education Schedule

**October 14**

Full Day Clinic: Rudiments of Multipitch Traditional Climbing

Everything a climber team needs to know to do their first multipitch climb, to refine the multipitch systems they are already using, and discover the efficiencies needed to free climb the massive granite in Yosemite Valley.

Topics covered: Belaying a leader and one or two seconds. Stance Management. Protection and Anchoring. Multistage descent.

Evening Clinic: Releasing an autoblocking belay device under load

**October 15**

Full Day Clinic: Real World Trad: Placing Gear, Taking Falls, Getting Up No Matter What, Bailing

Invariably, there are tons of skills related to traditional climbing that are difficult to learn outside of personal experience, and most of those kinds of learning experiences involve travail and mishap. Not any more! We’ll cover the between the lines skills that will keep climbers out of unplanned bivouacs, out of the YOSAR litter, and home for dinner.

Evening Clinic: Rappelling with extensions and backups

**October 16**

Full Day Clinic: YouSAR. Self Rescue skills that you might actually need and you might actually remember

Self-Rescue curricula rarely focus on the scenarios that actually routinely happen. Our clinic will spend less time focusing on unlikely scenarios like incapacitated climbers or leader-rescue and more time focusing on the awkward scenarios that every climber eventually experiences.

* Rope gets stuck when you try to pull it.
* Rope Drag is so severe the leader can’t move.
* I dropped by belay device.
* My rope doesn’t make it to the next rap station

Evening Clinic: Self Rescue Obstacle Course. Prizes for best times!

**October 17**

EDU teams will host a day of cragging at a number of the best single pitch venues in the valley. Including:

Glacier Point

Church Bowl

Sunnyside Bench

Swan Slabs

Lower Falls Amphitheater

Evening Event: Ron Kauk presentation Climbing in Nature and Keeping it Sacred

**October 18**

Join our education team for a long multipitch climb. Climbing long routes with multiple transitions and cruxes up the smooth walls of the valley is what captures most climbers’ imaginations in Yosemite Valley. . Our guides will be ready to host the following climbs, but also open to suggestions.

Munginella to Saginella

Serenity Crack to Sons of Yesterday

The Braille Book and The Sequel on Higher Cathedral

Kor Beck

Evening Clinic: O-Dub Fashion Club

Put on your best off-width climbing outfit and walk the catwalk for prizes. The best costume will balance function, style, and hilarity.

**October 19**

Join our education team for an Adventure Climb. Yosemite is full of climbs that are best characterized by the overall experience and adventure rather than the rock climbing. Our guides will be ready to host the following climbs, but also open to suggestions.

Arrowhead Spire to Arrowhead Arete

Royal Arches to Crest Jewel

Regular Route on Higher Cathedral Spire

Regular Route on Lower Cathedral Spire

Evening Clinic: Stump the Chumps.

Climbing instructors are available for Q&A on any technical topic.