# AAC Education at the ICM

Added this year will be **three full days of instructional programming**, **five evening clinics**, and daily stump the chump Questions and Answer sessions. All education programming will be **taught by professional AMGA certified guides and instructors** to guarantee that ICM participants receive the most current, accurate, and engaging content available.

## Education Schedule

**October 9**

**Full Day Clinic**: Foundation of Multi-pitch Traditional Climbing 9am to 3pm

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

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

**Evening Clinic**: Releasing an auto-blocking belay device under load 6PM

**October 10**

**Full Day Clinic**: Real World Traditional Climbing: 9am to 3pm

* Placing Gear
* Taking Falls
* Getting Up No Matter What
* Retreating

There are many skills related to traditional climbing that are difficult to learn outside of personal experience, and most of these learning experiences involve travail and mishap. Not anymore! We will cover the skills that will keep climbers out of unplanned bivouacs, out of the YOSAR rescue litter, and home for dinner.

**Evening Clinic**: Rappelling with extensions and backups 6PM

**October 11**

**Full Day Clinic**: YouSAR. Self Rescue skills that you will actually use and you will actually remember 9am to 3pm

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

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

**Evening Clinic**: Self Rescue Obstacle Course. Prizes for best times! 6PM

**October 12**

Climbing Instructors join participants for climbing objectives all day

**Evening Clinic**: The Astroman Beauty Contest.

Teams of two will rack up for the valley classic Astroman and present themselves before a panel of judges. Top Prizes based on a harmony of style, practicality, and preparedness. 6PM

**October 13**

Climbing Instructors join participants for climbing objectives all day

**Evening Clinic**: Making love to the O-Dub.

A masochist expose on what it takes to love the off width. 4PM

**October 14**

Climbing Instructors join participants for climbing objectives all day

**Evening Clinic**: Stump the Chumps.

Climbing instructors are available for questions and answers on any technical topic. 6PM