

# Junior Mountaineering Team

## Program Description



Montana Mountaineering Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to promote the values of rock climbing, mountaineering, and backcountry travel. In alignment with that purpose, MMA is proud to introduce – for the first time in the United States – a Junior Mountaineering Team. Under the tutelage of highly qualified and experienced instructors, this program provides high school students with an opportunity to begin a life-long apprenticeship of alpine climbing. The goal of this program is to give enthusiastic kids the tools they need to explore their local mountains and the adventures that lay beyond: to make them alpinists. The team meets for instruction throughout the year and will cover topics such as: knots, harnesses, ropes, anchors, belaying, rappelling, rock climbing, ice climbing, backcountry travel, and self rescue. Trip planning and logistics is also covered in preparation for an extended climbing trip in the summer.

### Schedule

Generally the first weekend of the month – all day, and sometimes overnight. There will be some exceptions like holidays, and special events.

### Expenses

Instruction and group gear:	Free
Personal gear:	\$0-\$500
Bridger Bowl pass:	\$37
Lodging and food:	\$100-\$200

\* Money can be earned in the annual Sandbag Sufferfest to offset these expenses.

Every team member is also responsible for their own transportation expenses.

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