



## AMGA Single Pitch Instructor (SPI) Course Application

Please email this application and resume to:

I am applying for:  SPI Course  SPI Assessment (use a separate application for each program)

SPI Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ SPI Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day/evening): (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ / (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Years Climbing: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an active climber (10+ days in past year)?  yes  no

I am applying to be a candidate in the:  SPI Course  SPI Assessment

I have past traditional lead climbing experience?  yes  no

To what grade are you comfortable climbing when on Top Rope? 5.\_\_\_\_ Leading trad? 5.\_\_\_\_

I have attached a personal climbing resume or listed on this application a minimum of 15 (for SPI Course) or 40 (for SPI Assessment) trad leads I've completed.  yes  no

*Please only answer the following questions if you are taking the SPI Assessment:*

Have you previously completed an AMGA TRSM or SPI Course?  yes  no

If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_ With whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a current member of the AMGA at the Associate level (or higher)?  yes  no

Do you have current basic First Aid and CPR (or above) certifications?  yes  no

How does your past climbing and instructional experience as relevant to this program? Please list any certifications or trainings you've participated in here. (This section is optional, but helps our instructors.)

*By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and currently meet the following prerequisites for participation in the SPI Course or Assessment I am applying for.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Pre-Requisites for Single Pitch Instructor Course**

You meet the pre-requisites for the SPI course if you: Have a genuine interest in rock climbing and instructing novices on single pitch crags. Are at least 18 years old at the time of the course. Have at least 12 months prior climbing experience. Are an active climber with traditional lead climbing experience (leader placing pro). Have trad lead climbed a minimum of 15 graded rock climbing routes (any grade). Are capable of comfortably climbing 5.8 while on a top rope.

The above pre-requisites are absolute minimums and most candidates have way in excess of the above. Without having at least this amount experience you are unlikely to play a constructive part on the course or be able to make best use of the training. If you are unsure of your skill levels we suggest hiring an AMGA/IFMGA certified guide to evaluate and enhance your skills and experience prior to SPI Program enrollment.

### **Pre-Requisites for SPI Assessment**

The SPI Assessment can be taken directly following the SPI Course if the candidate successfully completed the course and meets the Assessment pre-requisites. However, it is highly recommended that the SPI Course candidate takes time practicing and consolidating the skills learned on the course before assessment (6-12 months). You meet the SPI Assessment Pre-requisites if:

- You have successfully completed an AMGA Single Pitch Instructor Course or AMGA Top Rope Site Manager Course.
- You have trad lead climbed a minimum of 40 rock climbing routes. A large number of these should be at 5.6 grade and hopefully on a variety of rock types.
- You are capable of comfortably lead climbing 5.6 traditional routes (leader placing protection). You will demonstrate your leading ability on a variety of routes on the assessment.
- You are capable of comfortably climbing 5.8 while on a top rope.

### **Gaining SPI Certification**

To gain SPI Certification candidates must:

- Successfully pass the SPI Assessment
- Hold current AMGA Membership at Associate level or higher
- Hold current First Aid Certification (see SPI Certification First Aid Requirements)

The information above is listed on the AMGA website at the following address:

<http://amga.com/programs/SPI.php>