

**Certified Climbing Instructor, LLC**

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*American Mountain Guides Association*  
(AMGA)  
**Single Pitch Instructor (SPI)**  
Program Application



Please send completed applications to:  
[info@certifiedclimbinginstructor.com](mailto:info@certifiedclimbinginstructor.com)

Application for:  **SPI Course**  **SPI Assessment** (use 1 application if applying for both)

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

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

**Phone (cell/other):** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ / ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** \_\_\_\_ **Years Climbing:** \_\_\_\_ **Are you an active climber (10+ days in past year)?**  yes  no

**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 (showing I've lead a minimum of 15 trad climbs for an SPI Course or 40 for SPI Assessment).**  yes  no

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

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

**If yes, when?** \_\_\_\_\_ **Instructor(s)?** \_\_\_\_\_

**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

\* please submit a copy of valid membership/certifications with this application, or bring original/copy to your program.

**How does your past climbing and/or instructional experience qualify you for this program?**  
Please tell us about any personal or professional experience that makes you a good candidate for the CWI program.

*By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and currently meet the following prerequisites and am prepared for participation in the SPI Course or Assessment I am applying for. To finalize my enrollment and receive pre-course information, I will remit a deposit or tuition in full.*

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

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

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### **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.

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### **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.
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### **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)
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Please email the CCI Office with any general questions. SPI Program inquiries and Assessment challenges can be made to Adam Fox, AMGA Single Pitch Instructor Program Discipline Coordinator: [adam@foxmountainguides.com](mailto:adam@foxmountainguides.com).

The above program information is copied from the AMGA website:

[www.amga.com/programs/SPI](http://www.amga.com/programs/SPI)