



General Information

Intermediate Mountain Training Winter Course (IMTWC)

Hosted by Colonel Besik Kutateladze



Sachkhere Mountain Training School

Partnership Training and Education Centre, Georgia

January 20 - February 17, 2023

1. General Information

Within the Partnership programme Sachkhere Mountain Training School offers Intermediate Mountain Training Winter Course in Georgian mountains. The training will be conducted in the high mountains and includes movement up to 3500 m. with skis and operating on icy terrain, technical skiing, search and rescue of avalanche casualties, familiarization with rules of engagement and live-firing in high mountains. The course is open to NATO, Partner, MD, ICI and PatG countries.

2. Location

Training will be conducted at Sachkhere Mountain Training School, in Abuli and Gudauri, Georgia

3. Course Duration

Four weeks (29 days)

4. Number of Participants:

Minimum - 8 military personnel;

Maximum - 30 military personnel;

Quota per nation: 5 slots.

Places will be allocated in the order in which the applications are received.

5. Schedule

The course starts at 9:00 and finishes at 18:30

Trainings are conducted from Monday to Friday.

Note: The cultural event is planned during the course.

6. Course Requirements

Physical Requirement

- Good physical shape:
Capable of performing outdoor activities at high altitudes;
- Candidates are required to have completed Basic Mountain Training Winter Course and are kindly requested to provide (via e-mail or fax) a copy of a respective **certificate** to the course administration prior to the course;
- Students are requested to provide (via e-mail or fax) their **health certificate** (English version) with the application form.

Language Requirement

English language is essential; required proficiency in English is 2/2/1/1 (according to STANAG 6001). English language certificate should be provided (via e-mail or fax) with the application form.

Rank Requirement

Participant must be active duty junior officer (OF1 – OF4) or NCO (OR1 - OR9).

7. Costs, Accommodation and Meals

Accommodation, meals, course fee and local transportation including from/to Tbilisi International Airport is fully covered by the MOD of Georgia. Travel costs to and from Georgia is responsibility of the sending nation. During the course participants are lodged at the hotel facility. The hotel offers rooms designed for up to 4 participants.

8. Visa

Visa is sending nation's responsibility.

Visa is not required for citizens of the EU, NATO and the majority of Partner countries.

9. Medical Service

Level 1 - Medical support will be provided by a locally assigned doctor. More serious medical cases are supported by civilian medical services and should be covered by the insurance of an individual participant.

10. Dress Code

Participants should bring 2 pairs of field uniform (winter), boots, training suit and civilian clothes (Formal attire is not required).

11. Equipment

During the course participants will be provided with necessary mountain equipment.

12. Evaluation System

Participants will be evaluated according to the Centre's evaluation system based on the final test. Successful participants will receive course completion certificates.

13. Communication

Participants will have access to the Internet at the hotel.

14. Social Program

Participants will be offered to participate in the cultural event hosted by the Georgian MOD.

15. Intermediate Mountain Training Winter Course includes 149 hours + 34 hours for administrative procedures (Total 183 hours).

Training Week 1

Day 1, Friday		
Course opening ceremony, introduction to the instructors and brief overview of the course		
Day 2, Saturday		
09:00 – 13:00	Rifle zeroing	Practical
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 16:00	Conference: High mountain shooting techniques	Theoretical
Day 3, Sunday		
Departure to Abuli mountain shooting range. Checking in and preparation for combat shooting.		
14:00 – 18:00	Conference: High mountain shooting techniques	Theoretical

Day 4, Monday		
09:00 – 11:00	March in high mountains	Practical
11:00 – 15:00	Negative shooting (shooting downwards)	Practical
16:00 – 17:00	Lunch	
17:00 – 17:30	Mountain sickness	Theoretical
17:30 – 18:00	Preparation for the following day	
Day 5, Tuesday		
09:00 – 11:00	March in high mountains	Practical
11:00 – 15:00	Positive shooting (shooting upwards)	Practical
16:00 – 17:00	Lunch	
17:00 – 17:30	Rules for operating on a ski track	Theoretical
17:30 – 18:00	Preparation for the following day	
Day 6, Wednesday		
09:00 – 11:00	March in high mountains	Practical
11:00 – 15:00	Shooting from one slope targeting another one	Practical
15:00 – 16:00	Lunch	
16:00 – 17:30	ARVA- a transceiver for searching a person trapped under the avalanche	Practical
17:30 – 18:00	Preparation for the following day	
Day 7, Thursday		
09:00 – 11:00	March in high mountains	Practical
11:00 – 15:00	Pre-test shooting	Practical
16:00 – 17:00	Lunch	
17:00 – 17:30	Stretcher -UT 2000	Theoretical
17:30 – 18:00	Preparation for the following day	
Day 8, Friday		
09:00 – 13:00	Current assessment: shooting	Assessment
Returning to Colonel Besik Kutateladze Sachkhere Mountain Training School		
Day 9, Saturday		
Day off		
Day 10, Sunday		
Departure to Gudauri		

Training Week 2

Day 11, Monday		
09:00 – 11:00	Ski adjustment and regulation	Practical
11:00 – 15:00	Technical skiing	Practical
15:00 – 16:00	Lunch	
16:00 – 17:00	Rules for backpack kit preparation	Practical
17:00 – 17:30	Adjusting leather and crampons on skis	Practical
17:30 – 18:00	Preparation for the following day	

Day 12, <i>Tuesday</i>		
09:00 – 14:00	Skiing in fresh snow	Practical
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch	
15:00 – 17:30	Using probe (searching stick)	Practical
17:30 – 18:00	Preparation for the following day	
Day 13, <i>Wednesday</i>		
09:00 – 14:00	March: +800 m. ascent and checking snow cover	Practical
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch	
15:00 – 16:00	Techniques for using a stretcher (UT-2000)	Practical
16:00 – 17:30	Technical skiing	Practical
17:30 – 18:00	Preparation for the following day	
Day 14, <i>Thursday</i>		
09:00 – 15:00	Skiing in fresh snow	Practical
15:00 – 16:00	Lunch	
16:00 – 17:30	Making anchor points	Practical
17:30 – 18:00	Preparation for the following day	
Day 15, <i>Friday</i>		
09:00 – 14:00	Pretest march +1200 m. ascent with + 12 Kg. load +2 L. of water	Practical
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch	
15:00 – 17:30	Using ARVA- a transceiver for searching a person trapped under the avalanche	Practical
17:30 – 18:00	Preparation for the following day	
Day 16, <i>Saturday</i>		
<i>Cultural Tour</i>		
Day 17, <i>Sunday</i>		
<i>Day-off</i>		

Training Week 3

Day 18, <i>Monday</i>		
09:00 – 14:00	Roped skiing	Practical

14:00 – 15:00	Lunch	
15:00 – 17:30	Current assessment - ARVA - a transceiver for searching a person trapped under the avalanche	Assessment
17:30 – 18:00	Preparation for the following day	
Day 19, Tuesday		
09:00 – 14:00	March +1000 m. ascent and crossing over an obstacle path	Practical
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch	
15:00 – 17:30	Making turns	Practical
17:30 – 18:00	Preparation for the following day	
Day 20, Wednesday		
09:00 – 14:00	Skiing in fresh snow	Practical
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch	
15:00 – 17:30	Trainees use a stretcher UT-2000	Practical
17:30 – 18:00	Preparation for the following day	
Day 21, Thursday		
09:00 – 14:00	Skiing in fresh snow	Practical
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch	
15:00 – 17:30	Making turns	Practical
17:30 – 18:00	Preparation for the following day	
Day 22, Friday		
09:00 – 14:00	March: +600 m. ascent	Practical
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch	
15:00 – 18:00	Building a shelter in snow	Practical
18:00 - 19:00	Dinner	
19:00 – 21:00	Preparation for the overnight stay	
21:00 – 07:00	Overnight stay (in Igloo)	Practical
Day 23, Saturday		
07:00 – 08:00	Breakfast	
08:00 – 13:00	March: +300m. ascent	Practical
Day 24, Sunday		

Day-off

Training Week 4

Day 25, Monday		
09:00 – 14:00	Roped skiing	Practical
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch	
15:00 – 17:30	Making turns	Practical
17:30 – 18:00	Preparation for the following day	
Day 26, Tuesday		
09:00 – 11:00	Skiing in fresh snow	Practical
11:00 – 14:00	II Current assessment: making anchor points in snow	Test
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch	
15:00 – 17:30	Evacuation of casualties trapped under the avalanche	Practical
17:30 – 18:00	Preparation for the following day	
Day 27, Wednesday		
09:00 – 14:00	III Current assessment: skiing in fresh snow and on a piste (ski path).	Test
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 17:30	Final test: Making turns on uneven terrain	Test
17:30 – 18:00	Preparation for the following day	
Day 28, Thursday		
09:00 – 14:00	Final test: March with 14 kg. load and 2 L. of water.	Test
Day 29, Friday		
Returning to Colonel Besik Kutateladze Sachkhere Mountain Training School		
13:00	Course Graduation Ceremony	

NOTE: Schedule might be changed due to the changes in weather forecast

16. Contact

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Important NOTE: *Participants have to be at Mountain Training School NLT January 20, 2023.*