

The logo features a stylized mountain peak with a central circle, rendered in a light gray color. 

# Mt. Rainier Institute of Photography

## Daily Excursions 2010

Join long time Photographer and Rainier Climbing Guide Adam Angel for an unforgettable experience in Mt. Rainier National Park. Our Mt. Rainier Photography Workshops are one of a kind. Adam's all digital studio near the park serves as our base and as a state of the art facility for digital processing and printing. We have easy access to the park's main entrances without sacrificing our learning and working facilities. Our top notch instructors are very familiar with Mt. Rainier and current digital photography techniques. Photography Workshops offer a great chance to increase your photographic knowledge and skill in a stimulating environment. They are also great portfolio builders. Other companies may offer photographic tours of Mt. Rainier, but none can offer the expertise and experience that we have on the mountain.

The Institute provides opportunities and amenities that will be hard if not impossible to find elsewhere. As you investigate the different options on the market, keep the following in mind:

- We have first class field instructors who know the natural history of Mount Rainier, the latest shooting techniques, and Wilderness First Aid. They are also great people!
- Our Rainier Workshops originate at the studio of Adam Angel Photography in historic downtown Morton. We provide private van transportation for all shooting excursions, and gourmet fare along the way.

### Workshop Summary

**Land-cost:** \$1250 up to 5 people, \$125 for each additional passenger (max. 10)

**Costs Included:** Field Instructors, Mt. Rainier National Park entrance/use fees, meals in the field, all ground transportation to/from/within the park from our base in Morton. Use of a digital workstation at the studio if desired. The workstation features a color calibrated LCD display to hook your laptop to. Use of our Epson Wide Format printers, paper and ink.

**Costs Not Included:** Lodging, airfare and/or transportation to our base in Morton, Washington. Personal shopping and snacks, items of a personal nature.

## SIGN UP INSTRUCTIONS

Fill out and submit the forms at the end of this document:

To confirm your space on the trip we need:

MRIP Forms 1,2,3,4

\$500 application fee

Balance of fees due 90 days before departure.

## Program Details

This information should answer many of your initial questions and also guide you through the next stages of preparing for the workshop. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

### Leadership

Adam came to Mt. Rainier in 1999 to work as a climbing guide for Rainier Mountaineering, Inc. Guiding on Mt. Rainier launched an international climbing career with International Mountain Guides that took him to Africa, Nepal, Tibet, Argentina, Alaska, and Mexico. During these travels Adam began capturing images of the fantastic locations that he visited. “In the beginning I wanted to show people what we saw on expeditions and try to bring a little of the magic home to them. I soon realized that the real magic is in the humanity that you encounter while traveling the world. We are all climbing a mountain, that’s life. Lessons learned in the mountains helps us get the most out of every day.” Today Adam Angel Photography revolves around people. It is a blend of images from around the world at large and an active studio and gallery. Adam is based in Historic Downtown Morton in the foothills of Mt. Rainier.

Adam is a Certified Wilderness First Responder, a Professional Member of the American Mountain Guides Association, and a “Leave No Trace” Trainer. He is a Senior Guide on Mt. Rainier and around the world for [International Mountain Guides](#). Most importantly though he is a husband and father. Adam’s dedication to and love for Mt. Rainier as well as his intimate knowledge of the mountain’s flanks give him a unique perspective as a photographer in the park.

### Leave No Trace

We are committed to Leave No Trace. On Mt. Rainier this means working with the National Park staff to ensure that the Park regulations are followed.

### Camera Gear

The photo gear list is not a shopping list, but merely a suggested mid-point for equipment. You do not need everything on the list, but it would certainly benefit the outcome of your images to have most of the equipment recommended. If you want to bring more that is fine, but it is crucial that you consider each item, and whether or not you think that you will need it. Remember that all of your equipment is at risk to harsh weather conditions, theft, etc.... Camera gear is heavy, expensive, and generally a pain

to lug around, so consider your options and remember that the lighter your camera bag, the happier you will be! Trust me.

### **Weather**

July through early September are normally very stable weather periods. That said, it is always difficult to predict the exact weather conditions we will encounter. Rain, snow, and wind, as well as extreme heat and sun exposure are all hazards that can be experienced on Mt. Rainier. It is not unusual for the temperatures to be very cold before the sun comes up. A light weight packable down jacket (or equivalent) is highly suggested for early morning shoots. We expect that the weather will be perfectly reasonable but it is important to prepare for all possibilities.

### **Personal Field Equipment List**

Trekking shirt or equivalent  
Fleece jacket or equivalent  
Waterproof shell jacket  
Trekking pants or equivalent  
Waterproof shell pants  
Lightweight hiking boots or approach shoes and socks (non-cotton)  
Sport sandals for wading (optional)  
Gloves (an additional pair of fingerless gloves can be nice as well)  
Warm Hat  
Sun Hat  
Sunglasses  
Sunscreen and lip balm  
Any necessary prescription medications  
Trekking poles if desired  
Headlamp with adequate batteries  
Water bottle(s)  
Pocket knife  
Insect Repellent  
Personal snacks if desired

### **Photography Equipment List**

This is not a shopping list, but merely a suggested packing list. You should be able to limit your lenses to three or four.

- One to two digital SLR camera bodies
  - Reducing lens changes will help keep your sensor clean!
- Wide angle zoom or prime for landscape images
  - I use the Canon 16-35mm f/2.8L
- Mid range zoom and or Macro lens
  - I use the Canon 24-105mm f/4L IS (Image Stabilizer)
- Sturdy padded camera backpack
  - I use the LowePro Photo Trekker
- Dedicated on camera flash

- I carry one flash with either a remote triggering device or an off camera shoe cord.
- Batteries for camera and flash. Use terminal covers or place in individual plastic bags.
  - See [http://safetravel.dot.gov/index\\_batteries.html](http://safetravel.dot.gov/index_batteries.html)
- Battery chargers and socket adapters
- Memory cards
- Memory card reader or “camera to computer” cable
- Lens Pen or lens cloths, blower bulb
- Lightweight Tripod
- Lens hoods

**Computer Equipment List if using studio. (Required Minimum)**

- Laptop Computer
- Adobe Photoshop CS4 Installed
- Wired Mouse
- Digital DVI adapter to connect laptop to LCD Display.

## **RAINIER Application Package - 2010**

**Please Note:** Many of our programs on Mt. Rainier are fully booked, but changes occur regularly. Please check the schedule on our website, or call the office to check availability before sending your application and deposit. Thank you.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

#### **Initial steps:**

- Carefully read, execute and submit the following **MRIP forms 1, 2, 3, 4** and supporting materials in order to apply for and reserve your position on an MRIP program:

**MRIP Form 1:** General Terms and Conditions.

**MRIP Form 2:** Participant Information.

**MRIP Form 3:** Participant Medical Information.

**MRIP Form 4:** Acknowledgement of Risk.

- **If you are \*\*\*UNDER THE AGE OF 18\*\*\*, you must be accompanied on the climb by a parent or legal guardian and both you and your parent or legal guardian must sign ALL FORMS. If you are MARRIED, your spouse's signature is \*\*\*REQUIRED\*\*\* on MRIP Form 4.**

- Include a check for your application fee payable to Adam Angel Photography. All payments are to be in US dollars. If you are applying for program admission within 90 days of the program's start date, all fees for the program are due and payable.

- Mail or ship the above materials to:

**Mt. Rainier Institute of Photography**

**P.O. Box 1270 (mailing)**

**165 Winslow Lane (shipping and courier service)**

**Morton, WA 98356**

**206 552 9661**

- We encourage you to send application materials using FedEx, United Parcel Service or U.S. Postal Service Express Mail.

- You will be notified by email upon our receipt of your completed application materials and formal acceptance for the program. Your position is not confirmed until all properly executed forms and application fees have been received and reviewed in the office in Morton, WA. We will send you additional program materials, instructions and updates via email as needed.

## **MRIP FORM 1: General Terms and Conditions**

**Adam Angel Photography reserves the right to deny participation to any individual. Upon acceptance of your Application Package and confirmation by us, applicants are deemed Participants of the program subject to all of the following terms and conditions:**

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTICIPANTS**

- We expect participants to be in good health and possess the physical fitness level required for their particular program. We expect participants to bring proper personal clothing and equipment.
- Participants need to read and understand the materials they have received regarding the program and its objectives, itinerary, travel plans. Participants should contact MRIP whenever questions arise.
- Everyone is expected to work together, and to be considerate of every participant.

### **MRIP DISCRETION**

- MRIP requires Participants to be prepared physically, technically and psychologically for all programs and MRIP reserves the right to dismiss a Participant from a program at any time based on any factors that MRIP discovers.
- Participants must supply MRIP true, complete and accurate information on the Participant Information form (including the information concerning training and prior mountaineering experience), Participant Medical Information form, and in any other written or oral communications.
- MRIP reserves the right to change, alter or cancel the itinerary as, in MRIP'S sole discretion, MRIP finds necessary for the proper and safe conduct of the program.
- Participants acknowledge that MRIP program plans are necessarily subject to change based on a number of factors, including but not limited to weather, terrain, changes in costs, and many other factors, and that MRIP has complete discretion to effect any change of plans to accommodate any of these or other factors, including but not limited to increases in program fees, changes to the program schedule or itinerary, change of guides or staff, and changes to any means of conveyance, when deemed necessary or advisable, without notice and without allowance of refund and with the liability for any increased program fees, if any, to be born by each participant.

### **PROGRAM FEES AND PAYMENTS**

- Registration for MRIP Rainier programs requires a minimum \$500 application fee. Final balances are due 90 days before the first scheduled date of the program. Full payment required for trips that cost less than \$1000. It is the participant's responsibility to adhere to the fee payment schedule. Participants may not receive additional notice of payment due dates from MRIP.
- Late payments may result in cancellation of program reservations and forfeiture of all fees paid.

### **CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY**

- Cancellations made greater than 60 days before the program date will result in refund of all fees paid less a \$1000 cancellation fee. Cancellations made within 60 days of the program date will result in forfeiture of payments made. Changes requested before the customer's scheduled program will be allowed, subject to availability, with a \$100 change fee imposed.

### **PROGRAM CANCELLATION**

- MRIP reserves the right to cancel a trip for any reason prior to departure. In that event, MRIP will refund application and program fees paid by Participants.
- In the event of cancellation of a program and upon refund to Participants of all program fee payments, MRIP shall be released from any further liability to Participants, including but not limited to liability for additional costs Participants may have incurred, pre-departure expenses, non-refundable advance purchase air tickets, equipment purchases and medical expenses.

**OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- Participants authorize and release to MRIP the use of their image in any photograph or video recording for any legal purpose of MRIP.
- Participants understand that no guarantees have been made with respect to the program objectives.
- I agree that Washington law shall be applied in any legal action involving the interpretation, validity and/or enforceability of this agreement or any disagreement or legal action between the parties, and that any legal action, lawsuits or arbitration resulting from my participation in this activity shall be brought only in Lewis County, Washington.
- MRIP hereby gives notice that it only serves as an agent for hotels, transportation companies, land operators, and suppliers of travel services, and that no responsibility or liability is assumed by MRIP in connection with any travel service, including but not limited to airlines, hotels, and motor vehicle operators, and that MRIP will not be responsible for any act, error, omission, nor any injury, loss, accident, delay, irregularity, or danger by a supplier of travel services to Participants.
- Participants acknowledge that they are advised to buy personal life, medical, accident, travel, baggage, cancellation, rescue, and other insurance that may pertain to their participation in the program. Participants understand that MRIP provides them with no such insurance coverage.

This service is operated by Adam Angel Photography, under a Commercial Use Authorization contract with the U.S. Government and administered by the National Park Service. The CUA holder is responsible for conducting these operations in a satisfactory manner. Prices are approved by the National Park Service.

Please address comments to: Superintendent, Mount Rainier National Park  
Tahoma Woods, Star Route, Ashford, Washington 98304

**AGREEMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Participant print full name), of my own free will, for my family, minor children, spouse, dependent parents, my heirs and executors, assigns and myself, have had a full opportunity to review this document and I have read, understand and agree to the General Terms and Conditions contained herein. I have also read the other Forms in the MRIP Application Package, MRIP program materials and relevant website information (e.g. Fee Payment Schedule, Itinerary, Personal Equipment Checklist, and other documents, maps, accounts, and information pertinent to the program and I understand and agree to the information, terms and conditions contained therein. The above named forms are incorporated herein.

**Participant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS APPLICATION PACKAGE IS SUBJECT TO FINAL ACCEPTANCE BY MRIP IN MORTON, WA.**

**If under 18, Parent must also sign: Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent please print full name:** \_\_\_\_\_

## MRIP FORM 2: Participant Information (Page 1 of 2)

### A. Personal Information

Full Name:

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Address:

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City:

State:

Zip:

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E-Mail Address:

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Phone (H):

(W)

(Fax)

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Date of Birth:

Marital Status:

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Occupation:

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MRIP Program & Departure Date:

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Total Program Fees \$

Payment Included \$

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### B. Photographic experience:

### C. Reason for taking this workshop:

## MRIP FORM 2: Participant Information (Page 2 of 2)

### D. Meals:

Are there any foods you cannot eat?

### E. Emergency Contact Information:

Primary Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_(Relationship?)

Day/night phone(s)

Alternate Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_(Relationship?)

Day/night phone(s)

### F. Insurance Information:

I have Purchased Trip Cancellation Insurance for this Trip: \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If yes, Provider and policy number: \_\_\_\_\_

### G. MRIP Marketing Questionnaire:

How did you hear about MRIP? Friends? Internet? Previous trips with us? Please tell us who/where:

### AGREEMENT

The information I have provided on MRIP Form 2: Participant Information is true and correct.

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If under 18, Parent must also sign: Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent please print full name: \_\_\_\_\_

### MRIP FORM 3: Participant Medical Information

Hiking at altitude can be strenuous. In addition, medical care may not be immediately available in the backcountry. We do not want you to engage in any activity that would be detrimental to your health or which would be opposed by your doctor because of recent illness, injury, surgery, etc. If you have any questions regarding your participation, please contact your doctor.

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

How would you describe your health (use additional page if necessary)?  
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Please answer the following questions by circling Yes or No. If **Yes** to any, please describe on a separate sheet. Have you ever had any of the following?

Allergies Yes / No      High Blood Pressure Yes / No      Dislocations Yes / No

Frostbite Yes / No      Do you get cold easily? Yes / No      Shoulder, Back, or Knee problems Yes / No

Diabetes Yes / No      Are you pregnant? Yes / No      Asthma Yes / No

Epilepsy Yes / No      Heart Disease Yes / No

Do you use tobacco? If yes, details \_\_\_\_\_

Are you taking any medications (for what? dosage? use additional page if necessary)  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any limitations on your activities (use additional page if necessary)?  
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Do you have any other conditions that might affect your health (use additional page if necessary)?  
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**AGREEMENT**

The information I have provided on MRIP Form 3: Participant Medical Information is true, complete and correct.

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If under 18, Parent must also sign: Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent please print full name: \_\_\_\_\_

## MRIP FORM 4: Acknowledgement of Risk (Page 1 of 2)

### IMPORTANT: THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT

Please read and understand this document before signing. If you have any questions please consult us and/or your attorney. Please review and sign with spouse (or parent if minor)

Mt. Rainier Institute of Photography, (hereinafter also referred to as "MRIP") has taken care to assure that our Participants have a rewarding experience. We wish to inform our Participants that hiking and travel are not risk free. The same elements that contribute to the unique character and fun of being in the mountains, such as the physical exertion of hiking, can cause loss or damage to equipment, injury, illness, or in extreme cases, permanent trauma, paralysis, or death. We do not want to heighten or reduce your enthusiasm for the experience, but we do want you to know in advance what to expect and to be informed of some of the possible risks. We ask that you read this acknowledgement of risk, sign it, and return the original documents it to our office.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK

In consideration of the services of Mt. Rainier Institute of Photography, their officers, agents, employees, and stockholders, and all other persons or entities associated with those businesses (hereinafter collectively referred to as "MRIP") I agree as follows:

Although MRIP has taken reasonable steps to provide me with appropriate equipment and skilled guides/instructors so I can enjoy an activity for which I may not be skilled, MRIP has informed me this activity is not without risk. Certain risks are inherent in each activity and cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the activity. These inherent risks are some of the same elements that contribute to the unique character of this activity and can be the cause of loss or damage to my equipment, or accidental injury, illness, or in extreme cases, permanent trauma or death. MRIP does not want to frighten me or reduce my enthusiasm for this activity, but believes it is important for me to know in advance what to expect and to be informed of the inherent risks. The following describes some, but not all, of those risks.

You, the Participant, need to understand that you are going to be entering an environment with hazard and risks, including those associated with traveling out of doors, and with the forces of nature. Below is a list of the possible hazards but not all of the hazards you may encounter. Travel is by vehicle and on foot. Travel by foot is over unpredictable trail and slippery rocks. Attendant risks include vehicle accidents, falling, drowning, and others usually associated with such travel, as well as environmental risks. Many times the risks associated with transportation can be the greatest risk itself. You assume the risk of all travel arranged by yourself or by MRIP. Environmental risks include rapidly moving, deep or cold water, insects, snakes, and predators including large animals, falling and rolling rock, lightning, flash floods, and unpredictable forces of nature, including weather that may change to extreme conditions without notice. Additional risks are frostbite, high altitude illness, sunburn, heatstroke, dehydration, and other mild or serious conditions.

You may trek at altitude to which you will not be accustomed. Altitude sickness is the term used to describe the effects on a human body at altitudes higher than the person is accustomed to. Altitude sickness is usually associated with nausea, headaches and a loss of appetite. Altitude sickness can lead to conditions that may result in death. **However, the Participant must exercise their own ability and thought in keeping safe and secure, and is solely liable for their safety and that absent direction from MRIP it is his or her decision to travel, return home at any time.** Throughout the trip, Participant is responsible for his or her own safety and for the safety of other members of their group. Participant agrees to adhere to all decisions made by the employees, contractors, field instructors, owners and members of MRIP at all times. Participant understands that those decisions may be based on many factors, including the overall safety of the group. Participant understands and agrees to those decisions, which are in fact the way most professionally conducted trips operate.

## MRIP FORM 4: Acknowledgement of Risk (Page 2 of 2)

I am aware that photography workshops entails risks of injury or death to any participant. I understand the description of these inherent risks is not complete and that other unknown or unanticipated inherent risks may result in injury or death. I agree to assume and accept full responsibility for the inherent risks identified herein and those inherent risks not specifically identified. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary, no one is forcing me to participate, and I elect to participate in spite of and with full knowledge of the inherent risks.

I acknowledge that engaging in this activity may require a degree of skill and knowledge different than other activities and that I have responsibilities as a participant. I acknowledge that the staff of MRIP has been available to more fully explain to me the nature and physical demands of this activity and the inherent risks, hazards, and dangers associated with this activity.

I certify that I am fully capable of participating in this activity. Therefore, I assume and accept full responsibility for myself, including all minor children in my care, custody, and control, for bodily injury, death or loss of personal property and expenses as a result of those inherent risks and dangers identified herein and those inherent risks and dangers not specifically identified, and as a result of my negligence in participating in this activity.

I have carefully read, clearly understood and accepted the terms and conditions stated herein and acknowledge that this agreement shall be effective and binding upon myself, my heirs, assigns, personal representative and estate and for all members of my family, including minor children.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian, if participant is under 18 years of age

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Signature

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Date