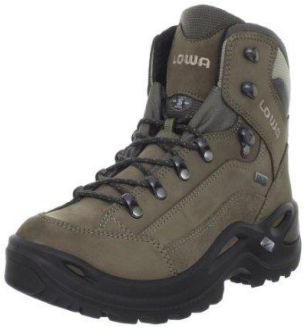
Group 3 Staff Boot Recommendations

NOTE: This list of boots is not comprehensive; many other models will work for the class.
Remember, one of the most important considerations when choosing footwear is fit.

Asolo EVO TPS 520 GV		**Rudy:** Heavy and expensive but very durable, loves talus, and takes crampons.
HI-TEC (Various Models, Dalhart III Pictured)		**Will:** Available at Big 5, etc. This is a cheap light boot with no break-in time.
La Sportiva Makalu		**Will:** A heavy mountaineering boot that's well-built. Costs around $300.
Lowa Lady Light GTX		**Sabrina:** I like these shoes (much better than my previous pair of Vasques). I pretty much don't have any blisters and they are comfortable. I still have issues with the balls of my feet aching, especially after significant downhill. I haven't figured out how to remedy that and I'm not sure that it is the shoes.

Lowa Renegade GTX		**Jaime:** Good, comfortable, all-around boot with minimal break-in time. Gore-tex lining, but leather needs to be waterproofed a few times if you want to use it for snow travel and snow camp. More seams than I would like and not always the most durable for the pricetag. Now comes in fancy colors!
Vasque Summit GTX		**Marek:** Tough, all-seasons, go-anywhere boot with great comfort and no need for a break-in period. Has excellent Vibram lug sole, all leather upper with minimum seams, Goretex inner and superb water protection especially when treated thoroughly with Nikwax waterproofing wax.
Vasque St. Elias GTX		**Sarah:** This boot is great for heavier loads and it's completely waterproof. It's definitely a winner for snow camp! I ultimately chose this boot due to having wide sizes. Drawbacks are it's a heavy boot, often my feet sweat as there's poor ventilation and it's overkill for summer backpacking. It's a great boot for WTC but you will probably want something a little lighter for summer backpacks. **Melissa:** Good for snow camping and wet weather hikes. Room in the toe area, works well for larger women's feet.
Vasque Breeze III Mid GTX (NOT FOR SNOW)		**Garen:** It's light weight and works well on my hard-to-fit feet. However, it's not built for cross country and certainly wouldn't work in snow.
Zamberlan 996 Vioz GTX		**Chuck:** Excellent fit and durability.