



SKIING VOLUNTEERS

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NORDIC SKIING SKILLS

BACK COUNTRY SKIING



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NORDIC SKI PATROL



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National Ski Patrol System

Nordic patrols are an integral part of the National Ski Patrol System (NSPS). A volunteer organization with over 25,000 members, NSPS has been serving the skiing public since its inception by Minot Dole in 1938. Patroller dues support the national organization at various levels in return for administrative services, research and training, liability insurance, and news and training literature. NSPS was instrumental in establishment of the U.S. Army's famed 10th Mountain Division.

Our objective is to provide ski area management and back country ski tours with volunteers performing services that help make their facilities and tours safer and more enjoyable to the skiing public. We insist that our patrollers provide these services with impeccable diplomacy, competent skills, accurate knowledge, a friendly smile, and unselfish dedication

Patrol Training

Many men and women have joined the NSPS take advantage of the top notch training that is available. Training programs have been standardized nationally and the curricula designed by experts in numerous fields. Some of the training is required; other programs are strictly voluntary.

Minimum training requirements:

— Each year in the fall you must take an Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC) refresher to review your first aid skills. This refresher renews your OEC certification. Also required is an on-the-trail-refresher; it reviews skills used in patrolling such as map, compass, search and rescue, ropes, knots, lashing, and public relations.

— During the first year on the patrol, you will need to train in skiing and toboggan handling as well as basic outdoor skills. By the end of the first year, you will be tested on these skills with other patrollers.

— Within the first three years, you must pass a course in basic mountain travel and rescue; this course takes one day.

Although the above are the minimum requirements, many patrollers and patrols wish to further their skills and expertise and take other training available through the local patrol or NSPS. Patrollers may elect more advanced training or work to become course instructors.

Can You Qualify?

— Do you enjoy being challenged by all kinds of skiing conditions and situations? Would you like the opportunity to share that challenge with others?

— Are you an enthusiastic nordic skier? Would you like to pass on your enthusiasm to other skiers?

— Do you desire to sharpen your own skiing and first aid skills? Would you like to use those skills to make Nordic skiing a safer and enjoyable for all?

How To Join

If you are interested in volunteering your time to help fellow Nordic skiers and in making cross country skiing a safer sport, then we urge you to join us! To become a Nordic Patroller with NSPS you must:

— Be at least 15 years of age.

— Attend an OEC course.

— Submit an application to and be accepted by a NSPS patrol. You may contact the person listed on this brochure for an application and further information.

— Pay necessary NSPS fees that include the cost of appropriate training manuals.

— Have a proper attitude for helping other skiers.

— Assemble, by the beginning of the second year, a patrol pack with basic first aid and survival and equipment repair items. Many patrols have discounts available for these materials.

