

## **To all White Pass Volunteer Ski Patrol Applicants:**

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the White Pass Ski Patrol. We will be selecting up to 15 applicants for the 2010 season. Patroller candidates will be selected based on skiing ability, outdoor experience, attitude, and willingness to maintain the high standards set forth by the White Pass Ski Patrol. For example, the White Pass Ski Patrol was voted the Outstanding Volunteer Ski Patrol for the Pacific Northwest Division in 2009 as well as the Outstanding Patrol for the Northwest Region.

After the ski evaluation held on January 9, 2010, we will begin skiing and toboggan training through the balance of the 2010 season. Next fall, beginning in early September, we will offer the Outdoor Emergency Care first aid course. This intensive course will require about two months of alternating weekends to complete, and will culminate in a written exam and skills evaluation. The costs to take the first aid course, take a CPR class, and pay for your first year of dues of approximately \$200.00. Successful completion of the course is required to become a member of the patrol. On-the-hill first aid training as a candidate patroller will continue when the 2010-2011 ski season begins.

You will again be evaluated mid-season to become a regular patroller. For those of you selected, the requirements to be kept in good standing are as follows:

- Join the National Ski Patrol – yearly dues are \$59.00.
- Acquire and keep a current Healthcare Provider CPR card. We will offer the course in the spring of 2010, and annual refreshers are provided by the Patrol.
- Pass the Outdoor Emergency Care course.
- Complete the candidate year of training, which includes: toboggan training, on-the-hill first aid training, avalanche rescue, chair evacuation, area protocols and more. Candidate training is usually on Saturdays and may require more days on the hill than the minimum company requirements.
- After successful completion of the above requirements, you must purchase a patrol jacket and first aid pack - \$150 to \$400 depending on the jacket choice.
- Attend yearly refreshers (first aid, CPR, chair evacuation, and on-the-hill).
- Be present for the minimum duty days set forth by the White Pass Company.
- Maintain a good working relationship with the White Pass Ski Patrol and the White Pass Company.

There are some great benefits for being a member of the White Pass Ski Patrol. Assuming you are a member in good standing, the current benefits are:

- Seasons pass for all active patrol members. It may be used any day of the season.
- \$40.00 seasons pass for all immediate family members age 13 and older. \$25.00 seasons pass for immediate family members' age 7 to 12.

- Free beverages and discounted meal prices, for patrollers only, in the Day Lodge Cafeteria.
- All active members of the National Ski Patrol receive invoice price on new Subaru cars.

Should you have any questions or need more information, please contact me by phone at 253-847-6463 or by email to [nsp8044@aol.com](mailto:nsp8044@aol.com).

Very truly yours,

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