

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 alpine and 5 Nordic applicants for the 2011 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. We were also a runner-up for Outstanding Patrol for the nation in 2010.

After the ski evaluation held on January 8, 2011, we will begin skiing and toboggan training through the balance of the 2011 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.

Costs to participate are \$125.00 at the end of the ski test to continue in the program, then \$125.00 at the completion (not passing) of the toboggan training to move forward into the OEC training. None of the fees are refundable. The \$250.00 covers the candidate's registration for the 2011 patrol year, and then in October, you will need to register like everyone else for the 2012 patrol year.

- On-the-hill first aid training as a candidate patroller will continue when the 2011-2012 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 2011, 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.
- Within 3 years after getting on the patrol, complete the avalanche 1 course

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:

- \$5 season's pass for all active patrol members. It may be used any day of the season.
- \$40.00 season's pass for all immediate family members age 13 and older.
\$25.00 season's 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. Discounts for ski gear and clothing are also available.

Should you have any questions or need more information, please contact me by phone at 360.456.2037 or by email to mmetlen@comcast.net.

Very truly yours,

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