

BLUE MOUNTAIN SKI PATROL

Application

Return application (pages 3&4)

To:

Blue Mountain Resort

Attn: Ski Patrol

P.O. Box 216

Palmerton, PA 18071

spatrol@skibluemtn.com

Application deadline January 28, 2019

Thank you for your interest in ski patrolling at Blue Mountain! Ski patrolling is both fun and rewarding and we look forward to talking about it with you in person. The following few pages will give you an overview of who we are, what we do and the requirements of the organization. To begin, Blue Mountain Ski Patrol (BMSP) is a member of the National Ski Patrol (NSP) and as patrollers we serve as ambassadors for the Blue Mountain Ski Resort (BMSR). The skiing public appreciates an atmosphere where they can ski at their respective levels knowing the BMSP is ready to assist.

Page one and two briefly outlines duties and training requirements of the Blue Mountain Ski Patrol as well as the multiple components of the application process. Please take some time to read these forms completely. On the following pages you will find a written application in which we will ask you complete and return to the Candidate Selection Chairperson at the address above. You will be contacted directly regarding the date and time of the ski off. The ski off, to be conducted during a weekday evening includes actual time out on the hill where your abilities will be evaluated by a panel of patrollers. Subsequent to the on the hill portion, you may be invited to participate in an interview. Following, we may ask you to join us for an evening weekend *and* a weekday shift. Through skiing with a shift, you will experience a 'day in the life' including what patrol duties entail, how a ski patroller operates around the resort and the expectations of the BMSP by Blue Mountain Resort management. These are all mandatory parts of the application process. We recognize this is a multifaceted application process; however, the training commitment required of you and our staff is significant. The candidate year is long and challenging.

The application found on Page 3 and liability release found on page 4 both need to be returned prior to January 28, 2019 to the email or address above.

The first year of patrolling is referred to as your candidate year and you will be referred to as a patrol candidate. Your training will begin with the first aid training portion, one night per week from April into the beginning of the ski season. The class is held on a weeknight from 7:00 – 10:00 pm at the main patrol building. In this course you will work on first aid training, theoretical and practical skills and will be expected to read and complete homework independently of class time. BMSP uses the Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC) manual produced by the NSP. The OEC manual is equivalent to an EMT course, with an emphasis on Outdoor Emergency Care. Prior to the season candidates must pass a written examination and a practical test involving simulated accidents. Candidates must pass both the written and practical examination to become a patroller. As we are dealing with life and death situations, the passing scores for both of these exams is rigid.

After the OEC test, training for ski and toboggan handling will begin. During this training the focus will be on sharpening skills needed to handle toboggans, carrying equipment and navigating terrain. A practical examination will follow the training. When you pass the Ski & Toboggan (S&T) test, you will become a Basic Patroller. It is required that you pass the S&T training within two years.

The patrol functions as a team and in the broader scope, as a representative of Blue Mountain Resort. As agents of the mountain, we are tasked with not only assisting the skiing public who are sick or injured, but also in serving the guests at our resort. In addition to the first aid skills, we expect diplomacy and teamwork to be a priority especially when we are enforcing the skier's code of conduct and ski area safety protocols.

One of the challenges of being a ski patroller is the breadth of situations in which we have to train and prepare for. Therefore, our training is comprehensive and continues annually with refresher courses, recertifications, and practice sessions.

During the ski season, Blue Mountain Ski Patrollers commit about 16 hours per week. The expected commitment includes one weeknight per week and every third weekend. Your weeknight shift begins promptly at 6:00 pm at Top Shack. Weekend shifts include both Saturday and Sunday alternating between day shift and evening shift. Your expected start time for day shift is 7:30 while afternoon shift is 2:30 pm. Your day shift will end around 3:30 pm or when your hill captain releases your shift. Evening shifts, similar to the weeknight shift, end after the mountain is cleared and completely shut down. During your candidate year, your ski and toboggan training will be held on a separate night.

As you can see patrolling is quite involved. The BMSP Executive Committee believes by explaining this commitment you will be more prepared to ask questions and gain a better understanding of what the BMSP is about.

If you are under the age of 18 during your candidate year we ask that you get a sponsor from a Blue Mountain Patroller, or somebody directly affiliated with Blue Mountain Ski Resort. It is protocol to ask that person BEFORE you submit their name on your application. Student candidates with sponsors do significantly better and usually complete the training.

Keep this sheet for reference.

Ski-Off and interview, January 30, 2019

Start time, 5:30 P.M. prompt at the Valley Lodge. Look for a registration table.

YOU MUST sign and return the liability release form with your application.

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I would like to join the BMSP for the ski off and interview on January 30, 2019 at 5:30 P.M.

CANDIDATE DETAILS

Name: Last: _____ Middle Intl: ____ First: _____

Address: _____

Town : _____ State : _____ Zip _____

Phone (h): (_____) _____ - _____ Phone (m): (_____) _____ - _____

Phone (w): (_____) _____ - _____ Season pass holder? _____

Jacket Size _____ Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ X-Large _____

E-mail : _____

Do you know any BM Ski Patrollers who can give you a reference? _____

Occupation: _____

Hobbies Interests: _____

First Aid Skills:

Skiing Skills: _____ Advanced / Intermediate / Beginner

Student (under 18 yrs) Sponsor's name _____

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Blue Mountain Ski Patrol

Liability Release Form

I, the undersigned, understand that as a prospective candidate for the Blue Mountain Ski Patrol, I am undertaking any and all risk inherent in participating in this candidate ski-off. I certify that I have valid health care insurance and agree that I will be solely responsible for whatever health care expenses I may incur while participating in this candidate ski off. I acknowledge that skiing is a dangerous sport. I therefore stipulate that I will hold Blue Mountain & Blue Mountain Ski Patrol harmless for any reason, including, but not limited to, any personal injury I may suffer in the course of this candidate ski off; and the two standard shifts that I may be asked to attend to more fully understand the duties of the BMSP.

Signed

Date

Print Name

Signature of Parent or Guardian if under 18 years of age:

Signed

Name