

# BLUE MOUNTAIN SKI PATROL

## Application

Return application, pages, 3&4

To:

Jim Staloski, Roster Secretary  
195 great oaks drive  
Nesquehoning pa 18240

### **Application deadline, February 10, 2012**

Ski Patrolling is demanding. Blue Mountain Ski Patrol (BMSP) is a member of the National Ski Patrol (NSP) and serve as ambassadors for the Blue Mountain Ski Area (BMSA). 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.** We ask you read this carefully to fully understand the commitment. If you are successful at the ski-off and interview, BMSP expects you to join us for an evening weekend and a weekday shift. Ski with us and see what patrol duties entail, get to know us, how we operate and the expectations of the BMSP. The training commitment is significant. The candidate year is long and challenging.

**Page three, an application, and four, a liability release need to be returned no later than February 10, 2012 to The Patrol Roster Secretary.**

First aid training starts in June continuing through the start of ski season in December.

The Patrol functions as a team. The ability to undertake the duty assigned ensures that we are successful in serving the skiing public. Skills over and above First Aid and Skiing are diplomacy, people skills, and teamwork.

Patrolling can be fun and very rewarding knowing you have assisted with a customer's misfortune. Sometimes we are appreciated, other times we are not. We enforce the skier's code of conduct and Ski Area safety protocols. Diplomacy needs to prevail when safe snow sports policies are implemented.

Being a Ski Patroller is a challenge never knowing situations we will find ourselves in. The training is very comprehensive, and continues annually with refresher courses, practice sessions, and annual re-certifications.

The first year of patrolling is a candidate year, starts in June, and the attendance requirement is one night a week 7:00-10:00 p.m. working on the First Aid Training, theoretical and practical skills. There will be homework and self-study. 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. Ski Patrollers respond to take care of an injured customer and efficiently get them safely into the Emergency Care System. Conditions can be adverse; therefore, we train in those conditions. Prior to the season candidates must pass a written examination. Classes are also held outside so a candidate gets 'first hand' experience and practice in snow and night conditions. A practical test involves simulated accidents. Candidates must pass both a written and practical examination to become a patroller. The passing level for the test is very strict, it has to be.

After the OEC test, training for Ski and Toboggan Training begins. The skiing is to sharpen basic skills needed to handle toboggans, followed by 'hands on' toboggan training. When the candidate passes the Ski & Toboggan (S&T) test, they become a Basic Patroller. A candidate needs to pass the S&T training within two years.

Blue Mountain Ski Patrollers commit about 16 hours per week during the skiing season. The BMSP shift is one weeknight per week (6:00 to 10:30PM), which translates to about 5 hours. Weekend shifts are 2 shifts every third weekend. Shifts alternate mornings (DAYS), which are 7:00 AM, at the top of the mountain and handing over to the EVENING shift at about 3:00 PM. One weekend would be Saturday and Sunday (Days), next shift weekend Saturday and Sunday (Evening) shift which is 2:00 until-10: 30 PM.

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. 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, February 13, 2012**

**Start time, 6:00 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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## Application

I would like to join the BMSP for the ski off and interview on February 13, 2012 at 6:00 P.M.

### CANDIDATE DETAILS

Name: LAST: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Intl: \_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB : (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ M / F

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town : \_\_\_\_\_ State : \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (h): (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (m): (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (w): (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Season pass holder? \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail : \_\_\_\_\_

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

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\_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Aid Skills: \_\_\_\_\_

Skiing Skills: \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced / Intermediate / Beginner

Student (under 18 yrs) Sponsor's name \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline for applications is February 10, 2012

## 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 .....