

## Ski Cooper Junior Ski Patrol Program Guidelines

**PURPOSE.** Provide a description of procedures and activities to be conducted during designated Junior Ski Patrol days.

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION.** The Junior Ski Patrol Program is for youths ages 8-15 who have an interest in the Ski Cooper Ski Patrol. Younger or older youths may participate in the program at the discretion of the Junior Ski Patroller Director. For example, a 17 year old who has interest in becoming a young adult time patroller, but does not currently have the skiing skills, may become part of the program. Only children or grandchildren of Ski Cooper Employees or Volunteer Ski Patrol may participate in the Junior Ski Patrol Program. The program emphasizes safety, fun, and introduction to Ski Patroller roles and responsibilities.

**SUPERVISION.** The patroller who has volunteered and been assigned Junior Ski Patroller Supervisor (JSPS) duty is responsible for safety of the JSPs and all aspects of the below activities. **Safety of the Junior Ski Patroller (JSP) takes priority over all other considerations.** The JSPS is responsible for JSP supervision until released to their parents at the end of the day.

### JSPS RESPONSIBILITIES.

1. The below activities **must** be conducted under the supervision of the designated JSPS.
  - Sign-in with other patrollers prior to the morning meeting. Annotate you are working with the JSPs for the day.
  - Notify the hill leader prior to the morning meeting that you are leading Junior Patrollers for the day. Provide hill leader with the number of JSPs you anticipate for the day. Coordinate for front and back side opening runs appropriate for the JSPs signed up for the day.
  - Attend the morning patrol meeting with the JSPs at 8:00 am.
  - Immediately following the morning patrol meeting, meet with the JSPs, ensure you have all their names for the day, and review the activities of the day.
  - Conduct opening front side and back side opening sweep with
  - Maintain accountability of the JSPs throughout the day.
  - Link up JSPs with Ski Patrollers for closing runs based in JSP ski ability level. Pay careful attention to weather conditions at the end of day to determine if the JSP should by-pass backside closing runs.
  - Ensure JSPs are linked up with their parents at the end of the day.
2. The below activities **may** be conducted under the supervision of the assigned JSP Patroller.
  - Select trails that require tower packing and gate management during opening runs.
  - Conduct FAR orientation prior to the mountain opening for business.
  - Conduct ski trail familiarization. Focus on names of trails, landmarks, check-off points, and potential hazards. Ski area map should be used during familiarization by JSPs.
  - Provide ski lessons to JSPs to improve their technical proficiency.

- Conduct avalanche beacon training. Paid Patroller on duty can provide information on areas where training can be conducted.
  - Conduct avalanche probe line training. Again, check with the Paid Patroller for suitable areas.
  - Review and monitor dispatch procedures. Needs to be coordinated with dispatcher on duty. Ensure dispatch room is not overwhelmed with JSPs.
  - Conduct inspection of toboggans.
  - Chicago Ridge orientation to include map orientation, tour cat transit procedures, avalanche control, and rescue.
  - Review patroller ethics.
  - Patrol Headquarters orientation.
  - Review snowmobile operations.
  - Review snow stake procedures.
  - Ensure JSPs are knowledgeable of the Skier Responsibility Code.
  - Review radio procedures.
3. JSPS can perform any routine ski patrol duties, with the exception for FAR, while supervising JSPs to include run sweeps and top times. JSPs cannot enter the FAR during operating hours. JSPs will accompany the JSPS at all times during the patrol duty day. JSP members may assist the JSPS with all duties except for patient care.

#### **JUNIOR SKI PATROLLER RESPONSIBILITIES.**

- Have fun.
- Report to the JSP Patroller prior to the morning patrol meeting.
- Attend the morning patrol meeting fully dressed and ready to go.
- Follow the instructions of the JSP Patroller.
- Talk to the JSP Patroller if you are having any issues. Examples include if you are cold, need to use the restroom, are hurt, are hungry, are asked to do something you are not comfortable with (e.g skiing too difficult of terrain), etc..
- Do not leave the NSP Patroller until you have been linked up with your parents at the end of the day.
- Be courteous to members of the public.

#### **SCHEDULING.**

1. Patrollers schedule JSPS patrol days first with the JSP Program Director. Once approved, the Patroller notifies the Patrol Scheduler to be annotated on the master patrol schedule as providing JSPS support for the designated dates. JSPS Patrol dates should be coordinated as early as possible, and no later than the established deadlines for each scheduling period.
2. Parents must coordinate JSP participation for specific dates a minimum of two weeks in advance. Coordination is conducted by sending e-mail notification to the JSP Program Director.