

NATIONAL SKI PATROL SPYteam PATROL MANUAL

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the National Ski Patrol SPYteam Patrol.

In 2001, Dave and Kay Lee Brown approached the Willamette Pass Ski Patrol (WPSP), the Willamette Pass Resort and Camp Fire USA to sponsor a Teens-In-Action Junior Ski Patrol for high school students, 14 – 18 years old. Camp Fire USA believes in the importance of developing leadership skills and empowering youth to affect change in the communities it serves. Teens-In-Action, Camp Fire USA's teen service-learning program is based on the idea that teens, like you, are the key to the future and are making a difference in communities nationwide. Teens-In-Action empowers teens to speak out and stand up in their communities. The patrol was member named the SPYteam (Ski Patrol Youth).

The SPYteam program mission evolved to meet the needs of the members, WPSP and the Willamette Pass Resort. SPYteam youth became fundamental members of the WPSP operations. Along with the SPYteam service and leadership opportunities, many members expressed an interest in gaining the advanced skills necessary to become adult patrollers. In 2010, the SPYteam was accepted as a model for the National Ski Patrol Jr. Ski Patrol program. To comply with NSP guidelines, age requirements were changed to 15 – 17 years old. The SPYteam affiliation was changed from Camp Fire USA to the National Ski Patrol.

The Willamette Pass Ski Patrol and the Willamette Pass Resort wholly support you as an active participant in the SPYteam program.

As a SPYteam Patroller you will:

- 1 develop skills and knowledge to become familiar with the tasks and responsibilities that ski area management may require;
- 2 learn how to assist in caring for injured skiers and making mountain recreation safer and more fun;
- 3 perfect your skills;
- 4 help with patroller and candidate patroller training;
- 5 be able to earn service hours to meet school requirements;
- 6 be a respected part of the industry;
- 7 and you'll have fun.

GOALS AND PURPOSES

- 1 To provide service to the skiing community
- 2 To provide services to the WPSP
- 3 To increase knowledge and develop leadership skills for youth members
- 4 To prepare youth members to qualify as adult ski patrollers

LEADERSHIP

Dave Brown is the NSP/WPSP SPYteam co-leader.

Kay Lee Brown was the Camp Fire USA Teens-In-Action SPYteam Patrol leader of record. She was member of NSP for several years as a full patroller. She will continue to be the co-leader behind the scenes. Kay Lee can be reached at KayLeeBrownRN@msn.com or 541-343-4434.

Many other WPSP members have volunteered to assist with the group.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

- 1 **Membership in National Ski Patrol** - All SPYteam Patrol members will become members of National Ski Patrol. The \$69/year dues cover annual dues to National, Division and Region. Your membership also allows you to take part in NSP activities, earn awards and education. Members must be 15 years of age. Continuation to full NSP status will be after the 18th birthday.
- 2 **Parental Involvement** – Parents will provide written parental consent, transportation to SPYteam Patrol activities and provide personal proof of family insurance. (Drivers must be 21 years old or older.) Parents are expected to support and encourage their youth to excel. Wavers for permission will be signed for special activities as needed.
- 3 **Identification** - SPYteam Patrollers shall be neatly dressed and wear identification provided by the Patrol.
- 4 **Public Relations** – The WPSP is responsible to and represents Area Management. In this role, safety and courtesy are the primary goals.
- 5 **CPR** – All SPYteam Patrol members will become certified in CPR and maintain certification with yearly refresher training.
- 6 **Skiing ability** - SPYteam Patrol members working with the Alpine Patrollers will have their own skiing equipment and be able to ski at a solid intermediate level. Members working with the Ski Patrol Auxiliary (first aid room) will not need to be able to ski.
- 7 **Supervision** – while functioning as a SPYteam Patroller, members will be supervised at all times by an adult, SPYteam volunteer member.
- 8 **Season Ski Pass** – SPYteam Patrollers may use their Ski Pass to free ski after putting in three days of SPYteam Patrol activities during the month and after getting permission from Dave Brown. Members are not required to put in three days per month but must do so before taking a ‘free ski’ day using their season pass.
- 9 **Assignment of “Duty/Training” Days** – SPYteam Patrol members will sign up for on-the-hill duty/training days on an on-line roster. Sign-up will be on a first come, first serve basis. SPYteam Members are encouraged to patrol with Patrol 1, 2, and 3 each month.
- 10 **Drugs and Alcohol** – Drug or alcohol use will not be permitted and will result in dismissal from the program and loss of the season ski pass.

TIME REQUIREMENTS:

Being in High School means your life is already full of important school and activity obligations. You will negotiate your SPYteam Patrol schedule around your other responsibilities. The SPY team leaders will have the option of suspending privileges at any time if its activity gets in the way of any school performance. The following activities are opportunities for you to participate as a SPYteam Patrol member.

- 1 **OEC** (Outdoor Emergency Care class) – Members of the SPYteam Patrol will serve as ‘patients’ for OEC class training and testing activities.
- 2 **Ski Patrol Candidate Training** - Members of the SPYteam Patrol will serve as ‘patients’ for candidate training and testing activities, except riding in sleds during candidate training.
- 3 **Annual Refreshers** - Members of the SPYteam Patrol will serve as ‘patients’ for both the in-town and on-the-hill refresher training and testing activities.
- 4 **Patrol Room Set-up** – Prior to the season opening of the mountain the patrol room must be cleaned and stocked. This is a great opportunity to learn the location of patrol supplies.
- 5 **Patroller Sled Training and Refreshers** - Members of the SPYteam Patrol will serve as ‘patients’ for the Patroller sled training and refreshers.
- 6 **“Shadow” On Duty Patrollers and Auxiliary Members** – Many of the active Ski Patrollers have offered their services to mentor SPYteam Patrollers on Alpine patrolling and patrol room duties.
- 7 **“Guest” Relations** – Area Management may, on occasion, ask SPYteam Patrollers to assist with special events, hosting, and greeting.
- 8 **Patrol Duty Training** – Training sessions will be held for the SPYteam Patrol members to learn Patroller duties such as communications/radio use, first aid, opening and closing runs, sled packing, skiing lessons, first aid equipment and room operation, patrol operations, helicopter evacuation, search and rescue, and avalanche awareness. These sessions may be held in town or on the hill.
- 9 **Work Parties** - Members of the SPYteam Patrol are encouraged to assist with WPSP work parties.
- 10 **Community service time**- Hours can be credited for community service if they apply to the requirements
- 11 **Fund raising** – Members of the SPYteam Patrol will participate in Willamette Pass Ski Patrol fund raising activities.
- 12 **NSP classes**- all Spy Team members are eligible to participate in NSP classes. Their use after completion may be may be age limited due to state rules or other requirements. All classes completed will be carried on when any additional requirements have been met.

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I agree to abide by the requirements of the SPYteam Patrol Manual.

Name

Signature

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Parent Signature

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