

# MTTA Ski Patrol Requirements

The following criteria must be met and validated by the Ski Patrol Director no later than Dec. 1st in order to patrol.

## Applicants must:

- \_\_\_ Be at least 18 years old and sign a DNR Waiver.
- \_\_\_ Have winter wilderness experience, map & compass, fire-starting, bivouac skills\*.
- \_\_\_ Be able to ski or snowshoe miles of steep/deep snow in harsh winter weather.
- \_\_\_ Have winter clothing and gear (see list below).
- \_\_\_ Have adequate transportation to the MTTA Snoparks. (4 wheel drive, AWD, chains or traction devices).
- \_\_\_ Purchase and properly display valid Snopark permit (winter) and Discover Pass (summer) if driving.
- \_\_\_ Pay annual MTTA membership dues of \$25 (or be part of a \$35 family membership).
- \_\_\_ Attend Ski Patrol Training annually, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. in July or Sept.
- \_\_\_ Participate in at least one work party annually (2nd Sat. June - Oct).
- \_\_\_ Complete a 1<sup>st</sup> Aid/CPR course (limited availability through MTTA. Provide current certification every 2 yrs).
- \_\_\_ Complete an Avalanche Awareness class. (Free through MTTA. Only need AA training once).
- \_\_\_ Accompany a veteran patroller on first mentor patrol to a hut (if a patroller is available).
- \_\_\_ Patrol a minimum of 4 times; once each month Jan – March and once in Dec. or April (your choice).
- \_\_\_ Work in the MTTA office at least once, mid-Dec.- mid-April (will find a trained replacement if unable to).
- \_\_\_ Do chores at huts (clean, shovel stairs, fill snow buckets/water filters, restock TP/towels, etc)
- \_\_\_ Be responsible for MTTA key at all times (pay replacement fee if lost and return if no longer patrolling).
- \_\_\_ Always carry a pack with the 10 essentials and an MTTA radio (turned on).
- \_\_\_ Leave children/pets home while on patrol unless an adult is able to supervise them. (Pets must stay outside).
- \_\_\_ Reserve and pay for lodging for family and friends. (Only patrollers can sleep in patrol rooms).

Applicants unable to meet these guidelines are encouraged to use the MTTA trail system until they have the necessary skills. (Must reserve and pay for hut reservations). Candidates will be on probation for one year.

## Minimum Gear List for Patrolling:

\* may be checked out at the MTTA office).

- \_\_\_ Wicking polyester top (no cotton)
- \_\_\_ Water-resistant/waterproof pants
- \_\_\_ Waterproof, insulated jacket
- \_\_\_ Thermal or base-layer top and bottom
- \_\_\_ Socks (wool or synthetic)
- \_\_\_ Waterproof hiking or ski boots
- \_\_\_ Waterproof, insulated gloves
- \_\_\_ Goggles, sunglasses, hat
- \_\_\_ Map & compass or GPS
- \_\_\_ Headlamp/flashlight and fire-starting items (waterproof matches, flint/steel, Bic lighter, Fire sticks)
- \_\_\_ Backpack\* with extra clothing, food, water
- \_\_\_ 1st Aid kit\* and emergency shelter (mylar sheets, bivy bag\*)
- \_\_\_ Trekking poles
- \_\_\_ Skis (Telemark, XC, AT) or snowshoes\* (can be rented at Whittaker's)