

MTTA Ski Patrol Requirements and Gear

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

Must:

- ___ Be 18 years old or older.
- ___ Pay MTTA membership dues of \$25 or be part of a family membership of \$35.
- ___ Sign a DNR Waiver.
- ___ Have winter wilderness experience, map & compass, fire-starting, bivouac skills*.
- ___ Be able to ski or snowshoe miles of steep slopes in poor weather.
- ___ Have winter outdoor clothing and gear (see list below).
- ___ Have adequate transportation to the MTTA Snoparks. (4 wheel drive, AWD, chains and/or traction devices).
- ___ Purchase and properly display a valid Snopark permit at Snoparks (if driving).
- ___ Attend Ski Patrol Training annually (3rd Sat. July or Sept. Only need to attend one).
- ___ Participate in at least one work party annually (2nd Sat. June - Oct).
- ___ Complete a 1st Aid/CPR course (free through MTTA. Must provide currency certification every 2 yrs).
- ___ Complete an Avalanche Awareness class. (Free through MTTA. Only need AA training once).
- ___ Patrol at least once each month from January through March (regardless of weather conditions)
- ___ Volunteer in the MTTA office once, mid-Dec. through mid-April. (will find a patroller replacement if not able to fulfill).
- ___ Do chores at huts (shovel stairs, fill snow buckets/water filters, restock TP/towels, clean bathrooms, sweep, etc)
- ___ Always carry a pack with the 10 essentials and an MTTA radio (turned on).
- ___ Accompany a veteran patroller on their first trip to a hut (if a patroller is available).
- ___ Will leave children/pets home while on patrol unless another adult is able to supervise them. Will reserve and pay for lodging for family (only patrollers can sleep in patrol rooms). Pets must stay outside.

*If a candidate cannot meet these guidelines by Dec.1st, they may come out with a veteran patroller to gain experience until they have the necessary experience and skills to retrain the following year. (Must reserve and pay for hut reservations).

Minimum Gear List:

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

* may be checked out at the MTTA office).