



Dear Prospective Mt. Spokane Patroller.

My name is Andy Porter and I am the lead instructor for this year's Candidate Class. I would like to give you some important information that you should know before the upcoming ski test. We are restricting the number of potential candidates to 20. The ideal number would be 15, but we know through experience we will lose anywhere from 5 to 6 candidates throughout the year due to unexpected circumstances.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE SKI TEST AND CLASSES:

THE SKI TEST is only scheduled for SATURDAY MARCH 2nd on Mt. Spokane. At that test you will be given a ski pass if needed. You will then go out with our instructor group and we will go over the basic skiing techniques that you will be required to know in order to be able to pull a toboggan. At this time, we are only looking for those who will be able to pull a toboggan and be able to manipulate safely the different terrain and conditions of Mt. Spokane. ALL PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES MUST PASS THIS SKI TEST. If you don't, that is ok because you can try out again next year. We usually have ski tests and a candidate class every year.

FOR THOSE PASSING THE SKI TEST: We will meet before the day is over and you will be given a very detailed letter explaining the process in which you just started, a calendar with specific dates and location of meetings, and the expenses aligned with joining the National Ski Patrol.

FIRST GENERAL MEETING: March 28th. At that meeting you will have to pay several expenses (addressed in the letter mentioned above), as well as obtain a 5th Edition Outdoor Emergency Care Book. We will go over the book expectations, requirements and place of instruction. This candidate year will be very demanding, but very rewarding in the end. ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY.

This is only a summary of the whole program. In the end you will be able to serve the skiing and boarding community of Mt. Spokane as a very knowledgeable medic.

If you have any questions you can contact me, Chris White or Dennis Yanuszski

See you on the Mountain☺

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