

Treetops Junior/Adolescent Mountain Host

Program

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T-JAM

Mission

The mission of the Treetops Junior/Adolescent Mountain Host program (TJAM), is to create an environment where service oriented young people with an interest in snow sports can work together and alongside the Treetops Ski Patrol to provide a valuable service while enjoying the camaraderie and shared-learning that is part of the patrolling experience.

Objectives

The objectives of the T-JAM are:

- To provide an organized program for young people interested the sports of skiing and snowboarding.
- To create an atmosphere that encourages camaraderie among members who share both an interest in snow sports and a common desire to support the snow sports community.
- To create an environment where members can demonstrate and mirror the professionalism of the Treetops Ski Patrol.
- To act in a supporting role of the Treetops Resort ski area management.
- To provide a venue that exposes members to future membership and training in the National Ski Patrol organization.

Program Benefits

To Treetops Resort area management:

- Eyes and ears on the slope
- Role modeling for other young skiers and snowboarders
- Guest services

To the Treetops Ski Patrol:

- Assistance with scene management
- Assistance with patrol building maintenance (clean & orderly)

- Assistance with related patrol activities i.e. stocking/packing toboggans, Outdoor Emergency Care, ski swap, annual refresher, etc.

To the T-JAM Member:

- Sense of camaraderie and belonging
- Stewardship - Community Service activity
- Exposure and potential path to NSP membership
- Outdoor Emergency Care awareness and knowledge for use in everyday life

Membership Qualifications & Cost

- Membership is open to young people between the ages of 12 and 18 years.
- The Minimum age eligibility requirement is 12-yrs old at the time of T-JAM registration
- Interested individuals must be able to pass a joint-interview with the T-JAM Coordinators and Patrol Director.
- All T-JAM members will be required to attend a first aid and CPR course and will be required to pass the CPR course. The current cost (11/2017) is \$40.00 for the course.
- T-JAM members will be required to maintain their CPR certifications on a yearly basis.
- A T-JAM uniform will be available for use at the beginning of the member's shift and will be returned to the Patrol room at the end of the shift.
- The designated uniform will be worn always while on duty.
- Following a successful shift, the T-JAM member will be allowed to ski on a Treetops Ski Patrol pass for the rest of the day after they have returned their uniform.
- Ski patrol passes are to be returned before the end of any skier day there are **NO EXCEPTIONS!!**
- T-JAM members are entitled to one meal that they can eat with their sponsor during a shift.

Obligations and Expectations of a T-JAM Member

General Duties

- T-JAMs will ski with their sponsor always. T-JAMs will not be allowed on the hill skiing/boarding without their sponsor.
- T-JAMs must be with the sponsor during sign-in
- T-JAMs are expected to help with packing toboggans, cleaning the patrol room, organizing first aid supplies and assisting patrollers as requested.
- T-JAMs are expected to help during Outdoor Emergency Care classes, refreshers and at Treetops Ski Patrol fundraisers.

On-Hill and Patrol Room Duties & Guidelines

- Each T-JAM shall know and be able to recite the "Your Responsibility Code".

- T-JAMs are the eyes and ears of the Treetops Ski Patrol.
- T-JAMs are responsible for immediately notifying a Treetops Ski Patroller of any incident.
- T-JAMs will not be involved with handling or treating patients at any time.
- During an on-hill incident, T-JAMs may assist with securing the scene if requested by a Treetops Ski Patroller.
- T-JAMs will not operate a toboggan, ride in a toboggan or ride on transportation vehicles.
- The duty and treatment room are off limits except at the discretion of their sponsor and the hill leader.

Training opportunities for T-JAMs may include as available:

- Outdoor Emergency Care exposure (National Ski Patrol)
- CPR
- Skiing Skills (PSIA certified Instructors)
- Scene Management

Code of Conduct

- Parents/guardians are directly responsible for the behavior and actions of the T-JAM member.
- T-JAMs will be under the direct supervision of an adult sponsor at all times.
- Misconduct may result in dismissal from T-JAM Program.
- Excessive misconduct by any T-JAM member may result in the loss of the T-JAM program at Treetops Resort.
- Misconduct may include and is not restricted to:
 - Not heeding to "Your Responsibility Code".
 - Misuse of the patrol facility.
 - Presence in the treatment or duty area without permission or adult supervision.
 - Behavior reflecting poorly on the T-JAM Program, Treetops Ski Patrol, National Ski Patrol or the Treetops Resort Ski Area.
 - Patrolling in a T-JAM jacket without a sponsor

Administration

Sponsorship

- Young people meeting the age requirement must be sponsored by an active, registered adult member (21 or older) of the Treetops Ski Patrol.
- The parent/guardian assumes direct responsibility of the T-JAM member, not the sponsor.
- The sponsor participates only as a chaperone while the child is signed in the roster book.

The Treetops Ski Patrol and Treetops Resort area management has the final approval of T-JAM Member's membership.

Program Administration

- There will be one, preferably two, adult sponsors (minimum age 21 yrs) overseeing the program.
- This person(s) will be a registered and active member of the Treetops Ski Patrol.

Uniform

- While on duty the T-JAM member will be identified on the hill with a designated Uniform.
- On-hill uniforms are the property of the Treetops Ski Patrol and are to be left in a secured location within the duty room when not in use.
- The on-hill uniform is worn only when under the supervision of a T-JAM sponsor.
- While on duty the T-JAM member will wear appropriate ski or snowboard attire that reflects the professionalism of the Treetops Ski Patrol.
- A T-JAM tee shirt can be worn during non-snow sport events (fundraising and refreshers).

Duty Shift Administration

- T-JAMs will be under the direct supervision of a sponsor at all times.
- T-JAMs will have a separate sign-in page in a T-JAM roster book.
- This is separate and distinct from the duty books used by the patrollers and will be used to track the number of T-JAMs on the premise.
- T-JAMs will sign-in with their sponsor.
- The ratio of T-JAMs on the premise cannot exceed 2 T-JAMs to one sponsor.
- While on the hill T-JAM member must wear their designated uniform.
- Each T-JAM Member is expected to hang up the uniform jacket that they used in the assigned location after the completion of their shift. Jackets should not be found at any other location.

Continuation in the Treetops Ski Patrol

Once the T-JAM member has reached 15-yrs of age and has shown exceptional work ethic and behavior, they can qualify to take the National Ski Patrol Outdoor Emergency Care Class.

The patrol would encourage them to continue on the track of the NSP, and Treetops Ski Patrol education programs toward becoming a basic candidate patroller.

This would be at the complete and total discretion of the Treetops Ski Patrol Board of Directors and Treetops Resort Ski Area Management. Once accepted into the membership of the Treetops Ski Patrol they fall under the Treetops Ski Patrol Standard Operating Procedures and are expected to meet all the requirements expected of a candidate and a member of the Treetops Ski Patrol.

The undersigned have read and agree with the above program policy.

T-JAM member: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

T-JAM Coordinator: _____

Treetops Ski Patrol Director: _____