Welcome Candidates!

Your first season with the Homewood Volunteer Ski Patrol (“HVSP”) is here at last. Now that you have an account to access our website you can get acclimated with the full scope of the training, we will be completing together this year. Be sure to favorite the website as it is where we will continue to direct you for useful information, our training calendar, social events, and all things Homewood Volunteer Ski Patrol.

First and foremost, we want to make it very clear that safety is the number one priority in everything we do. Your instructors understand that you are a valuable resource and all efforts to mitigate risk will be employed throughout your training and beyond. However, it is your responsibility to understand your limitations and to vocalize your safety concerns or physical limitations to your instructors.

The first phase of your training is reviewing/covering our area specific OEC and radio protocols. This is a chance to get acclimated to the specific equipment we use here at Homewood Mountain Resort as well as practice how we communicate on the radio.

The second phase of your training is handling toboggans, learning the intricacies of the mountain’s terrain including run names and off-piste areas, openings, sweeps, where we stage and place emergency equipment and how we interact within mountain operations. Depending on the weather and coverage of the mountain, we generally start toboggan training in early January. Please take a chance to review the *Event Calendar* on the website for training weekends and details. Training generally completes in March, and we stagger weekends to build in rest and/or time for you to shadow or free ski. We have a relatively short window to get you trained and proficient so please make every effort to attend all scheduled training weekends. In the event that “life happens” and you will miss one of these weekends please contact one of your instructors to schedule a make-up.

As you will see within the *Event Calendar*, training weekends have a specific mountain area and/or skills focus. Missing weekends means that you will need to return to these areas/skills during a make-up day; the rest of your candidate class will not wait for you to keep moving forward. Please review the training attendance outline on the website for further details.

We look forward to an exciting year together. Welcome to the Homewood Volunteer Ski Patrol

Your OET and OEC Instructor/Trainers