

EASTERN DIVISION SKI AND TOBOGGAN TRAINER/EVALUATOR DESCRIPTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A senior alpine patroller who exhibits strong skiing/riding and toboggan skills on more difficult terrain, varying conditions and weather, has completed instructor development (Phase II, S&T), and is a current Toboggan Instructor.

The patroller must demonstrate outstanding leadership, good character, a positive attitude for training and evaluation with good judgment. The T/E should lead by example and motivate candidates in all aspects of the ski and toboggan programs by promoting continued self improvement; the T/E should provide a non-threatening atmosphere for training and provide effective feedback. Assist with the delivery of S&T programs at the region and local level to support mountain management. The T/E conducts senior training clinics, senior evaluations and the enhancement programs and completes administrative requirements for course completion and as required by policy and procedure.

The T/E identifies, develops and mentors patrollers as prospective senior candidates. The T/E assists with the development of future trainer evaluator candidates. Continued communication with patrol leadership and region ski and toboggan advisors is paramount to a successful training program and subsequent evaluations.

Trainer/Evaluators (T/E) are trainers *first* and evaluators as a secondary responsibility. T/E's must have the knowledge to understand the elements of the ski and toboggan skills being presented and is able to communicate clearly with candidates. It is the responsibility of the T/E to continuously check for understanding and to provide effective feedback relative to the objective being demonstrated.

Trainer/evaluators are empowered to make decisions that meet the needs of candidates and those of the local ski area and the National Ski Patrol System.

The primary focus of Eastern Division Trainer/Evaluators is to promote the senior alpine ski and toboggan programs within all areas of training and to enhance the skills necessary to maintain proficiency at the local and region programs.