



LUTSEN SKI PATROL

I want to thank you for your interest in the Lutsen Mountains Ski Patrol. At the end of the season every year our patrol director and assistants sit down to go over our goals and personnel levels needed to meet demands for the upcoming season. I would encourage you to check back with us after the current season to see if we will have openings available. Patrolling at Lutsen can be very challenging due to the variety of terrain and your abilities to patrol effectively in all areas and conditions is required. Lutsen is a very fun and exciting area to patrol along with a very committed group of patrollers to patrol with!

1. Patrol Shifts

- **All patrollers at Lutsen** - Signs up for and patrols a minimum of 12 duty shifts.
- You do NOT have to be primary at Lutsen but you must patrol a full (12 shifts) schedule.

2. Patrol Benefits

- Patrollers have an option of receiving (in addition to personal season pass) 12 daily comp tickets to be used at their discretion OR a season pass for family members **18 or under and living at home.**

All patrollers, while on duty, receive a discount on food/beverage and in pro shop. These discounts vary from year to year and will be announced at annual refresher.

3. Scheduling

Lutsen Mountain Ski Patrol utilizes an online scheduling and sub system based on seniority. We typically open scheduling in September to **ALL** patrollers for Holiday scheduling only (Thanksgiving and the weekdays and weekends between Christmas and New Year's, MLK and President's weekends). If you are new to Lutsen this is a great time to sign up for shifts. During this time **ALL** patrollers (even those new to Lutsen) can sign up to patrol on those days and preference is given to those requesting the most consecutive days (i.e. – if you sign up for all four days during Thanksgiving you will have “preference” over someone wishing to only patrol 3 out of 4 days). After the initial holiday signup the patrol roster is divided up, based on seniority, and you will receive a date at which time you may enter the online system and **select full weekends only.** Only after we have gone through the entire roster for full weekend signups the schedule is then opened to any single day assignments that may be available.

- We only provide patrol coverage on weekdays - during the two week holiday season, spring break or special events.
- Christmas Day patrol shifts count as 2 shifts
- We provide medical coverage for the Lutsen 99er Bike Race and Norpine Fat Tire Race - those days count towards your 12-day minimum.
- If you sign up to patrol optional events in the off season, instruct at our refresher, etc. you will receive credit for those days. However, there is a maximum of 2 off season days of credit and all patrollers will be required to patrol, on snow, a minimum of 10 of those days.
- Hill Training and Refreshers are held annually and you must pass all hill training to remain on the Lutsen patrol.
- Finding a sub for your shifts at Lutsen is very difficult – if you are signed up for a shift you need to be there. We realize that life isn't always predictable but if an event comes up that prevents you from filling your shift it is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement. IF you are a “no show” for a shift you will be removed from the patrol roster.



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4. Duty Shift

A duty shift at Lutsen Mountains is a full day from opening to close. Patrollers are expected in the patrol room for hill assignments between 7:30am and 7:45am the day of their shift. Patrollers are not allowed to leave until all “sweep” procedures are complete and all patrollers are back in the patrol room – **no exceptions**. You should expect to be done with your duty day between 5:00pm and 6:00pm depending on the time of the season, number of skiers, etc.

5. Lodging

A Patrol lodging subsidy is available at Superior Ridge in Schroeder for patrollers on their duty weekends. The patroller books room, at patroller rate, and Lutsen then pays a subsidy directly to Superior Ridge for their portion. The amount and availability is likely to vary from year to year and will be announced at fall refresher. We will still contact the local lodging operators and try to negotiate a rate for patrollers coming up to patrol. We have been very successful in the past years and we typically see lodging rates from \$70 and up/night for our patrollers. Please consider all travel, lodging and food costs when considering patrolling at Lutsen as they can be significant.

6. Annual OEC & Chair Evac Refresher

Lutsen Mountain Ski Patrol holds our annual refresher (typically the last weekend in October). We utilize the Hybrid refresher, online portion required prior to attending refresher. The OEC Instructor refresher is held Friday night, the OEC Hybrid Refresher is held on Saturday morning and the Lift Evac/Special training is held after lunch on Saturday. If you are a member of another patrol you are not required to attend our OEC Refresher but **you are required to attend the Saturday afternoon chair evac/training sessions**. The Gondola Evac requires special/advanced training and is not required by patrollers. As a Lutsen patroller however you will have a ground level role if a Gondola Evac is required. We also have several areas at Lutsen that require specialized “high angle” rescue techniques and your participation, after training, will be required in those situations as well.