



Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Volunteer Ski Patrol at Villa Olivia, a facility of the Bartlett Park District. Please review the information below regarding requirements.

**Volunteer Summary:**

The Ski Patrol administers first aid to injured or ill patrons, assists patrons to medical care facility for treatment, evacuates patrons from the chair lift when necessary and facilitates overall safety by following and implementing slope etiquette and rules. This is an at-will position.

**Qualifications:**

You must be at least 18 years old and a high school graduate or equivalent to participate. You must be proficient in skiing and/or snowboarding and be a National Ski Patrol Member. This volunteer position requires strong people and customer service skills to communicate effectively with staff and the public. You must be CPR and first aid trained and provide your own ski/snowboard equipment.

**Membership & Training Information:**

To be considered for the Villa Olivia Ski Patrol (VOSP), you must first be a member of the National Ski Patrol (NSP) [www.nsp.org](http://www.nsp.org), a national organization of over 30,000 patrollers. The NSP provides training and education to individuals interested in patrolling at downhill and cross-country ski areas. There is annual membership due required in addition to successfully completing the NSP's Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC) course. There is a cost to take the course and to purchase the OEC textbook. Additionally, you must have a current CPR card including defibrillator training issued by a recognized provider such as the National Heart Association. Although the NSP does not teach CPR, some OEC instructors are also National Heart CPR instructors and this training is held in conjunction with the OEC course for those who do not already have it. Please note that the cost incurred for the membership, textbook and trainings are NOT covered by nor reimbursed by the Bartlett Park District.

Once you have completed the OEC course and have the CPR certification your status with the NSP changes from candidate to Patroller and you are eligible to become part of the VOSP. Most Patrollers go on to complete the NSP's Outdoor Emergency Transportation (OET) course where you learn how to use a rescue toboggan to move an injured or ill patron to the medical care facility. Upon the successful completion of the OET course, you NSP status changes to Alpine Patroller (or Nordic if you are a cross county skier).

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To remain a member in good standing of the NSP, there are annual dues, and an OEC refresher. In addition, an Alpine Patroller needs to demonstrate their OET competence annually. A current CPR card (good for 2 years) is also required.

## **So that was a lot of information, where to begin?**

We start with the OEC class. Traditionally Villa Olivia has teamed up the Four Lakes Ski Patrol to hold the OEC class at the Four Lakes facility in Lisle, IL. The class normally starts in mid-March and runs each Saturday until the end of May. The class has both written and practical finals.

Additional training is required for Villa Olivia's chairlift for aerial evacuation to assist patrons off the chairs, when needed. An annual refresher is required.

## **Uniform:**

Patrollers are responsible for their own uniforms. The uniform consists of a red patrol coat. There is an option for a black coat with a patrol vest. You must also wear black ski pants and a ski helmet. A first aid belt or a patrol vest with a built in first aid pouch in the back is also required. Patrol jackets, vests and first aid belts are available through the NSP and other vendors. \*Please note that the costs incurred for the uniform are NOT covered nor reimbursed by the Bartlett Park District.

## **Volunteer Hours:**

There is a 40 hours per season volunteer requirement. Villa Olivia is currently open Thursday through Sunday, plus Monday through Thursday during the school winter break, Martin Luther King Day and Presidents Day. There is a Thursday and Friday night shift of approximately 3 hours and four weekend shifts, am and pm on Saturday and Sunday each of approximately 6 hours. If you are on a Thursday or Friday shift, you patrol every week. If you are on a weekend shift, you patrol every other week. If Christmas and New Year's fall on a patrol day (Thursday-Sunday), the patrol provides coverage on those days.

## **Volunteer Benefits Include:**

You can enjoy free skiing/snowboarding at Villa Olivia while on duty as well as a meal ticket for the ski cafe. After your first year, you are entitled to a free pass for your family or a single free ticket on your patrol shift. Volunteers enjoy the comradery of other members of patrol and the satisfaction of helping the patrons of Villa Olivia that need our assistance.

If you are interested in becoming a Villa Oliva Ski Patroller please fill out a volunteer application at: [Volunteer - Bartlett Park District \(bartlettparks.org\)](http://bartlettparks.org) to begin the process.