

basic patroller level certified through National Ski Patrol or an equivalent organization or produce a letter from the individual's Patrol Director verifying this level of training.

## Course Scheduling Information

For open enrollment Snowsport Public Educator course visit [www.wildernesseri.com](http://www.wildernesseri.com).

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## Snowsport Safety Educator Course



**16 – Hour Course**

# The Patrol Discipline

One of the most overlooked areas of ski patrolling is public Snowsport safety education. Whether trying to prevent skiers and snowboarders from getting caught in avalanches and avalanche awareness to wearing helmets to following the skier responsibility code, these are all areas for Snowsport safety education. All of the above areas are designed to change emergency response from reactive to proactive. Preventing emergencies from happening is the most cost effective route for emergency response.

All too often most of a Patrol's efforts and training are aimed at responding to an emergency. Responding to an emergency is a more reactive way of dealing with Snowsport injuries. A much more efficient way of dealing with Snowsport injuries is a proactive stance.

The prevention of Snowsport injuries is more cost effective way of dealing with the hazards in snowsports. Preventing an injury from happening always is more effective then dealing with the injuries after the injury happens. However, to accomplish the proactive stance, an individual needs to have special training and skills outside of the skills necessary for emergency response.

The Snowsport Safety Educator courses provides Patrollers, Hill Bosses and Patrol

Directors the tools necessary to begin changing from a reactive response to Snowsport emergencies to a proactive response to Snowsport emergencies.

## The Course

The Snowsport Safety Educator course is a 16-hour course designed to turn a patroller into an entry-level public educator in the arena of Snowsport safety. The course is presented in lecture and skills stations to allow the individual to gain the necessary knowledge and skills to begin creating and presenting Snowsport safety education programs. All students will be required to create a presentation and present during the course.

The course consists of 8 hours of lecture (covering: Introduction to Snowsport Safety education, review of common injuries, accidents and causes of emergencies at resorts and in back country locations, creating Snowsport safety education programs, selecting and determining the appropriate materials for a program based on audience, how to prepare written reports, creating and maintain public education work schedules, following the five step planning process, evaluating programs and presentations, introduction to public speaking) 2 hours of classroom skills (covering: working with different

medias,) and 6 hours of hands on skills (presentations by students).

During the course and after examination of the typical emergencies that occur in snowsports, the class will discuss educational topics that could prevent these incidents from happening.

## General Information

Snowsport Safety Educator course can be presented anytime of the year and is done entirely indoors. Successful completion of the course requires 100% attendance and participation in all aspects of the course. After successful completion of the course the student will receive a certificate of completion.

This course is offered in both open enrollment classes and in contracted form. In the event of contracted classes, the Patrol and Resort is required to provide a classroom site suitable for PowerPoint presentations. Wilderness Emergency Response Institute provides all material for the course. Students taking the course will be required to provide materials for taking notes.

## Prerequisites

To attend the Snowsport Public Educator Course an individual must be at a