



Frequently Asked Questions about NSP Host Memberships

Q: How do I become an NSP Mountain Host member?

A: For unit membership inquiries or an application, please contact Cheri Overton at the National office at coverton@nsp.org or at 303.988.1111 ext. 2646.

Q: What is a Unit Membership?

A: Unit membership is the area resort or mountain membership. The area resort or mountain will designate a Unit Representative who will oversee the Mountain Host program. Either the area resort or mountain will pay for all individuals to become Mountain Hosts (\$55.00 per individual) or they will require each individual to pay for their own membership as they join UNDER the Unit name. The Unit will act as the representative for the area. The unit must be registered prior to the Mountain Hosts completing the Outdoor First Care course.

Q: How does a Mountain Host membership differ from other Memberships in the NSP?

A: The host membership helps you qualify for activities normally associated with host programs, including on-hill customer service responsibilities, public service and safety programs.

Q: Does the host membership qualify me to do any patrol activities?

A: No, the host membership requires basic first aid and does not meet any other patrol skill requirements. However, this could be a good place to start to meet the requirements for patrol membership.

Q: Is first aid training required to be a host member?

A: Yes, NSP Mountain Hosts must complete the NSP's Outdoor First Care course. Outdoor First Care comprises basic first aid information and hands-on application. An online course is available for Mountain Hosts (and other area personnel as applicable) to complete prior to the hands-on training. There is a series of practical training modules, followed by both a written and practical test. The cost for the course is \$25 per person. The certification lasts for two years. Each candidate must complete a basic (lay person) CPR/AED course as the **first part** of the course. An example of an acceptable course is the AHA Heartsaver/AED course. There are other CPR providers such as American Red Cross or the National Safety Council that have acceptable courses. The course taken must include instruction on the AED.

Q: How does the host membership differ from an alumni and patroller membership?

A: An Alumni membership is for past members of NSP that wish to remain affiliated with NSP. A patroller must meet all the requirements that an Alpine or Nordic patroller has met, with the exception of toboggan handling. The host program does not meet patrolling first aid requirements or any other skills.

Q: What clothing/coats does the Mountain Host wear?

A: A Mountain Host will wear the area resort or mountain uniform. And with the permission of the Area Management, they can wear the NSP Mountain Host Patch.