

Wintergreen Resort

SKI PATROL 'ALL IN THE FAMILY' AT WINTERGREEN RESORT

Award-Winning Ski Patrol Boasts Multiple Members of Families on Patrol



Left photo: Jack and Bill Mead; Right photo: Judi Kay Monaghan (middle) with daughter Meggan Robbins and son Corey Monaghan

WINTERGREEN, Va. (Dec. 13, 2016) — The Wintergreen Resort Ski Patrol – 175 members strong - is unique among the 40,000-member National Ski Patrol (NSP). Not only is Wintergreen the two-time recipient of the prestigious National Ski Patrol Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol of the Year award (2010-2011 and 1989), it holds the NSP Southern Division's top title ten times.

Additionally, during ski and snowboard season multiple family combinations of ski patrollers — mothers, fathers, daughters and sons — may be found on the slopes and trails of this popular Mid-Atlantic, family-friendly ski destination in Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains.

Judi Kay-Monaghan, recipient of the Wintergreen Outstanding Patroller of the Year (2015-2016) and her daughter Meggan Robbins comprise just one of ten families of patrollers on duty this season to safeguard Wintergreen's 24 slopes and chairlifts.

In her 30th year as a ski patroller, Kay-Monaghan began skiing during junior high school in Cleveland, Ohio. She spent time honing her skills at resorts around the Midwest.

Kay-Monaghan's favorite thing about patrolling is the people. "When we put on the red Ski Patrol jacket, everyone is equal. Egg farmer or orthopedic surgeon, high school student or judge, we all are credentialed Ski Patrollers."

Wintergreen Ski Patrol draws most of its members from the Washington, DC metro area, Richmond, Virginia Tidewater Area, Virginia Beach, and Raleigh-Durham, NC. Dedicated to their task, patrollers commute to Wintergreen on the weekends, from late fall through March, to patrol the mountain.

The Parisi, McFarland, Ballard and Carroll families each are represented by three family members, while two patrollers are commercial airline pilots!

Students age 10-14 may join the active Wintergreens Youth Patrol that meets each Sunday to learn anatomy, safety and medical tips. Students must be 15 to take the National Ski Patrol examination.

A non-profit, volunteer-driven organization, Wintergreen Ski Patrol is responsible for first aid and assistance to visitors and employees of Wintergreen Resort. The organization promotes safe recreation practices in a mountain environment and has multiple awards to its credit.

All Wintergreen Ski Patrollers are members of the National Ski Patrol and certified as Outdoor Emergency Care Technicians. Members are well versed in special rescue techniques including toboggan handling, chairlift evacuation and technical rope rescues. Skilled alpine, snowboard, and telemark patrollers are all able to perform the duties of a ski patroller utilizing all types of equipment.

Wintergreen Resort accommodations are ideal for families, ski groups, and couples. Options include 230 villa-style condominiums and rental homes, from studio suites to nine-bedroom homes, each offering a fully equipped kitchen, and comfortable living area, and most come with fireplaces and a balcony or deck.

For more information call 888-329-5828 or visit www.wintergreenresort.com.

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About Wintergreen Resort: Wintergreen Resort is an 11,000-acre, four-season resort located in the Blue Ridge Mountains southwest of Charlottesville, Va. This beautiful hideaway is the ultimate vacation and conference spot, nearly 230 condominium-style accommodations; 45 holes of championship golf; snow skiing, snowboarding and snow tubing; an award-winning tennis program; a full-service, destination spa; 40,000 square feet of meeting and event space; and savory dining options. The resort is located adjacent to the Blue Ridge Parkway in beautiful central Virginia near Charlottesville, just 90 minutes from Richmond, Va., three hours from Washington, D.C. and Raleigh, N.C., five and a half hours from Philadelphia, and eight hours from Atlanta. For more information, guests can call (434) 325-2200 or visit the resort's web site at www.wintergreenresort.com.

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