



Ski Patroller

About Bluebird Backcountry

Bluebird Backcountry is the first and only fully human-powered, inbounds backcountry ski area in the country. With a mission to make backcountry skiing safer and easier to learn, our operation features a 1,200-acre avalanche-evaluated and ski-patrolled area with zero chairlifts. Guests come to try backcountry skiing, develop their backcountry skills, and explore new terrain in a relatively safe, welcoming, social, and COVID-friendly backcountry environment. In short, we bring together the comforts of a ski resort, the expertise of a guide service, and the adventure of the true backcountry. We are located on the Continental Divide in Colorado, halfway between Kremmling and Steamboat Springs (just over a 30-minute drive from both).

Our team has a welcoming, energetic, get-it-done culture. We are excited to introduce a new way to think about skiing... and to see just how far we can take the Bluebird Backcountry concept.

Job Summary

We're looking for a few snow safety professionals to help us assess hazards, mitigate risk and respond to incidents throughout the 2020-2021 season. This includes opening and closing terrain, working on a patrol team, and carrying out day-to-day patrol operations. This is a full-time, seasonal role from November 14th, 2020 through roughly March 28, 2020. This position does not cover formal snow safety efforts for guided, out of bounds skiing. The ideal candidate is:

- An experienced avalanche professional with skill sets and experience including:
 - An understanding of the cause and effect relationship between weather, snow, and avalanche conditions
 - An understanding of snowpack analysis
 - The ability to make tactical decisions in a fast-paced environment balancing safety, efficiency and big-picture concerns
- Comfortable writing forecasts for public consumption AND communicating with ski patrol and other snow professionals
- Familiar with CAIC warnings and protocol
- A competent skier, capable of uphill and downhill travel through rugged mountainous terrain under all weather and snow conditions, in a safe and expedient manner
- A proven leader, creative problem solver, self-starter, and communicator

Qualifications

- Passionate and experienced backcountry skier or splitboarder
- Experienced ski patrol or avalanche professional
- Proficient in ski patrol activities such as sled handling and skier evacuation
- American Avalanche Association (A3) PRO 2 or equivalent
- A3 professional member or equivalent qualifications
- Familiar with CAIC warnings and protocol
- Emergency medical certification (e.g. EMT, OEC)
- Strong communication skills and the ability to work well with others in stressful situations
- Creative problem solver and self-starter
- Excellent verbal communication and awareness of group dynamics
- Commitment to Bluebird Backcountry's mission and goals

Duties

This is a full-time, seasonal role from approximately November 14th through March 28th. Bluebird will be open 5 days per week from Thursday-Monday, plus possible holidays.

- Open and close terrain within acceptable safety guidelines
- Implement skier safety efforts, emergency response, first aid and preventative measures
- Check that Bluebird's operations comply with the Colorado Ski Safety Act responsibilities
- Assist with providing a daily avalanche forecast and conditions report for Bluebird guests
- Work with a medical director, local EMS agency and Flight for Life
- Competently operate all equipment and supplies

Location

Bluebird Backcountry is located halfway between Kremmling and Steamboat Springs, Colorado. All trips will take place within Bluebird Backcountry's leased area. The property is entirely unimproved, and the skiing is more variable and adventurous than manicured or groomed.

Compensation

- Pay is extremely competitive.
- 10 Bluebird Backcountry day passes to give to family and friends.
- Rustic lodging in Kremmling for the duration of the season if desired.
- Prodeals with leading industry brands.

To Apply

Please email jobs@bluebirdbackcountry.com with "Ski Patroller" in the subject line. Include the following:

- A cover letter
- Your resume
- Your location and contact information