



Ski Patroller

About Bluebird Backcountry

Bluebird Backcountry is the first and only fully human-powered, in-bounds 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.

Job Summary

We're looking for experienced ski patrollers to join our ski patrol team. This position is part of a small group of veteran patrollers who work together to manage our terrain responsibly.

To apply, please email a resume and brief cover letter to jobs@bluebirdbackcountry.com.

Duties

- Work with the team to open new and existing terrain within acceptable safety guidelines
- Set up the mountain, including boundaries, signage and rope lines; assist with mountain takedown if desired
- Implement skier safety efforts, emergency response, first aid, and preventative measures, building on Bluebird's strong guest safety record
- Patrol the mountain daily for avalanche control, guest safety and emergency response

- Ensure that Bluebird's operations comply with the Colorado Ski Safety Act responsibilities
- Help us improve every day that we operate

What Makes This Job Great

- Work with a small, driven and delightful team headed by Pat Ahern
- Patrol in a wilder, less crowded environment with no chairlifts or base village
- Grow the sport of backcountry skiing and help bring something new to the ski industry

Qualifications and Experience

- At least two years of experience on a professional ski patrol
- Wilderness First Responder or equivalent; Outdoor Emergency Care or equivalent preferred
- Passionate and experienced backcountry skier or splitboarder
- Proficient in ski patrol activities such as sled handling and skier evacuation
- Pro 1 avalanche training or equivalent; Pro 2 preferred
- A competent skier or splitboarder, capable of uphill and downhill travel through rugged mountainous terrain under all weather and snow conditions in a safe and expedient manner

Compensation, Location, and Housing

- This is a full-time, seasonal position from late November 2021 through early April 2022
- Pay is \$20-23 per hour, depending on experience
- Bluebird Backcountry is located between Kremmling and Steamboat Springs Colorado, approximately a 35 minute drive from each: [Google Maps pin here](#)
- We can provide employee housing if needed at a significantly discounted rate

For interested applicants we can also combine this role with a backcountry instructing position.

As well as full-time patrollers, we are hiring for an Intern program and have volunteer opportunities available. Please see our website and reach out to jobs@bluebirdbackcountry.com.

