

Next Steps...

While the above referenced article on the Certified program was written over a decade ago, I feel it is relevant. What becomes of the article needs to be action.

1) I would suggest you reach out and establish contact to let me know of your intentions.

The CNY region is holding its' first Certified Pretest at McCauley Mountain on February 10, 2018. Please call me and let me know you of your intentions and I will arrange tickets and a tour guide to frame the event and verbalize what the graders are looking for. Please stay for the toboggan runs and witness what can be done at a high level and sample the terrain utilized for the Certified exam. While McCauley has a lot of double black diamond terrain with exposure, it is not long enough for a full examination. This terrain is perfect for a pretest so the judges can confirm that people are skilled at completing tasks and are not going to further injure themselves.

2) Travel to other mountains to gain exposure to different terrain, lifts, patrols, and management.

Montage Mountain in PA will be hosting the other Certified Pretest on February 16, 2018. This takes place on a Friday without the usual weekend crowds. Please let me know of your intentions and I will inform the contacts of your attendance.

3) Travel and take part in an Intro to Certified course.

Many of the Patroller Schools have separate Intro to Certified Courses that take place over a two-day period. These courses are extremely helpful in educating you the potential certified candidate as to what is necessary to be meet the standard. From lift evacuation, to low angle rescue, sessions with skiing and toboggan runs will provide as action packed intense day. First aid problems that are full of challenges and can create a change in priority transport based on your actions, or lack of actions. Management questions as well as sessions addressing avalanche terrain and beacon searches.

4) Travel to Killington for the 50th anniversary Certified examination March 23-25, 2018.

Killington Mountain will be hosting the 50th anniversary Certified evaluation this upcoming year. Please consider attending and let me know in advance of your arrival. This will include OET and OEC scenarios as well as the remaining four key components of the certified examination.

As with all ski patrol activities, please register early and let people know of your attendance. There is nothing acceptable about just showing up, you may be turned away and traveled very far to have a staff person tell you that there are no remaining spaces.

Review your region and division website for relevant Certified courses and support instructors willing to help out.

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