

SKI TRAIN SAFETY/ORIENTATION TALK

(Use the train intercom to give the safety/orientation talk to the entire train at once, with patrollers positioned in each car to monitor and answer questions. Otherwise, give two orientation talks per car (one at each end). Make sure everyone is attentive; speak clearly and with volume so that everyone can hear. Wear identifying jacket, patches, or crosses. Introduce yourselves as Anchorage Nordic Ski Patrol, AMRG, ASARD etc....)

Anchorage Nordic Ski Patrol:

Branch of the National Ski Patrol: Can be easily identified by the cross on their red jacket or packs. We can be found on the trails, or at the safety team base area located in the baggage car on the south end of the train. All patrollers have extensive training in emergency medical care, search and rescue, avalanche safety, wilderness travel and personal survival skills. The patrol provides first aid, equipment repairs, and recommendations on where to ski. And we'll dance with you in the Polka car on the way back.

Other Safety Team Members: AMRG and ASARD

To assist in the event technical rescue skills and equipment are needed.

Today's Weather and Snow Conditions: Warn against Hypothermia and Exposure.

Train Schedule:

- **Arrival:** Approximately 10:45 a.m.
- **Departure:** Train leaves promptly at 4:30 pm and waits for no one!
- **BE BACK BY 3:45pm.** Whistles blow at 4:00, 4:15 and a final whistle at 4:30 pm just before train departs.
- If someone misses the train or has not returned by 4:15 pm, **friends should inform the Safety Team or any Railroad personnel. If you notify us of a missing friend, you must also notify us if you find them.** Otherwise, we will keep on searching. This is very important. The safety of the rescuers is at stake. Plus, we don't want to miss the party if we don't have to.
- Train will arrive back in Anchorage at approximately 8:00pm.

Missing the Train:

- Cost for missing the train and then being retrieved later could exceed \$500.00. You will be billed!
- Emergency overnight supplies are in two red bags near the loop track at Curry.
- If you are in Curry and the train is gone you have missed it. Stay put in Curry at the pavilion, awaiting rescue. The pavilion is access via the plowed road west from where the train is parked.

You will be much easier to locate if we know where to look for you. **Do not** try to ski out. It would be extremely dangerous to travel south on the tracks, as there are some locations where you would not be able to get off the tracks to avoid a train.

Area Conditions:

- This is an uncontrolled wilderness area, with many natural hazards and all the inherent risks of skiing. There are also some bits and pieces of the old town of Curry scattered around, rusted and sometimes with sharp edges.

When you get to Curry please remember these important safety tips:

- Crossing the tracks is no longer allowed at Curry. Please stay on the Curry side of the tracks. The railroad bridge over Deadhorse creek is also off limits.
- Stay 100 feet from the tracks wherever possible, **stay no less than 20 feet** from the tracks in areas where the natural features push you toward the railroad.
- Obey the directions of all safety personnel.
- Stay off and a safe distance from the river and all side channels. What ice there may be is thin and dangerous. Overflow ice and water conditions are also hazards to be avoided.
- If you go south turn around at milepost 248. There should be a spray-painted line to help you identify this. Beyond this milepost is an avalanche zone. Avoid going past the milepost.
- If you go north turn around at the bridge just beyond milepost 252.
- The quarry road heads east out of Curry and up onto the hillsides above the site. Be aware of the time needed to return to train.
- Do not attempt to ski into Deadhorse Gully, either from the bottom in or from the top.
- Be alert always for moving trains and other equipment.

Ski Areas:

- Maps will be posted at all cars and all safety personnel will be carrying one. Please feel free to ask the safety team for assistance and information.

(Use a map to show the various areas and explain the skiing abilities required, terrain encountered, noting time constraints of each.)

- There are some privately owned cabins in the area. Please respect their property.
- Wherever you go, travel with a partner; carry food, water, and clothing for changing weather conditions.

Most of all have fun and enjoy the day!