



## **Ski Patroller – Mt Olympus Ski Club**

Work in the Playground of the Gods!

Mt Olympus ski area is set in a high, south-facing basin at the southern end of the Craigieburn Range in the Canterbury High Country. Famous for a superb balance of terrain, a sheltered aspect and the ability to capture dry powder delivered by southerly storms out of Antarctica, Mt Olympus is a mecca for New Zealand's big mountain, back country and free ski enthusiasts. Club field skiing is one of the most unique ski cultures in the world, operating as more of a community or an extended family rather than just a bunch of skiers. Members work for the betterment of the club, ski and socialise together, united in their enjoyment of this unique slice of New Zealand alpine culture.

This role will provide the opportunity for an experienced, professional ski patroller to expand their skill sets and further develop advanced snow safety knowledge and patrol skills. If you are keen to expand your alpine horizons and consolidate valuable snow safety and emergency response skills, then this is the experience for you.

Qualified in Avalanche Risk Management Level 5 (ideally working towards Level 6) and Pre-Hospital Emergency Care (or equivalent) with experience in emergency medical situations is required. Snow blasting and explosives handling experience is essential (ideally holds current certification). The role includes (but is not limited to) general ski patrol work, assisting the Snow Safety Officer with the snow safety programme, mentoring and assisting in the development of the Junior Ski Patroller's skill set, running the ski area lifts and assisting with setting up the field for events. As part of the Snow Safety team, training for avalanche response or medical trauma response may be required.

To be suitable for this role you will need excellent problem-solving skills, have the capacity to mentor junior employees and volunteers, possess good common sense and the ability to follow instruction while exercising initiative. If successful, you will be part of a small team in an isolated environment, so you must possess an excellent work ethic, understand personal dynamics and have a sense of humour.

The Top Hut at Mt Olympus is a ski-in, ski-out alpine lodge, set right in the middle of the basin at the top of the Access Tow. The Top Hut offers bunk room style accommodation for up to 65 guests, along with an in-house chef, bar, hot showers, drying facilities and the infamous outdoor hot tub. Staff accommodation is self-contained within the lodge which means living and working at altitude. The ideal candidate will be a very capable skier, have alpine driving and living skills, with a sound understanding of challenges in the alpine environment.

Applicants must have the legal right to live and work in New Zealand.