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Evan Piganelli wins Flow snowboard for taking NSP Safety Quiz

Lakewood, Colo. – Evan Piganelli, a 13-year-old skier from Bradford, Pa., won a new Flow snowboard and Flow bindings in the second drawing of entrants in the NSP Snowsmarts Safety Quiz. The online quiz, which is hosted on the NSP website (www.nsp.org), contains questions related to slope and terrain park safety, and takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. Every quarter during the ski season, a drawing is held for new gear from those who have taken the quiz.

"I thought it was pretty cool; I learned some stuff. Stay in control was probably what I learned most," said Piganelli of the quiz.

Piganelli, who skis at Holiday Valley in New York, decided to take the quiz after spending some time following around the patrollers at Holiday Valley to learn more about what they do. He went home and looked up the NSP on the web and found the safety quiz.

"I talked to one of the patrollers," he said. "We talked about the qualifications, what I would have to do to become one, stuff like that."

Piganelli has been skiing for two years, and says he would like to become a young adult patroller with the NSP when he turns 15. He has a long history with skiing, as his great-grandfather used to own a small local ski slope in Bradford, Pa., called the Zippo Ski Slope, which was named after Zippo lighters.

About the National Ski Patrol

The National Ski Patrol is a federally-chartered nonprofit membership association dedicated to serving the public and the mountain recreation industry. For 72 years, the NSP has been at the forefront of safety and emergency care education programs. The association's 30,000 members represent 98 percent of the nation's patrollers. For more information, access www.nsp.org.

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