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NSP supports Junior Warrior Program at Ski Cooper

Lakewood, Colo. - On Friday, March 8, 2013, at Ski Cooper in Leadville Colo., the National Ski Patrol (NSP) supported a program that brought 35 sons and daughters of currently-deployed soldiers up from Colorado Springs to Ski Cooper for a day on the snow; of those 35, 12 had never been skiing or snowboarding before. The program was the result of efforts by Steve Denning of the Ski Cooper Ski Patrol and Ski Cooper GM Dan Torsell. With the extensive support of the Ski Cooper, Denning worked with Ft. Carson to set up the program, acquire free busing, and provide free lunch, rentals, and lessons.

"We are proud to support Ski Cooper and its patrol's work to offer service and support to the children of our men and women in uniform," said NSP Executive Director Tim White. "NSP has a longstanding tie with the 10th Mountain Division, which trained near Ski Cooper during World War II, and events like this mesh perfectly with NSP's tradition of service and safety."

The kids were divided into two groups; the "never-evers" and very beginners stayed on the magic carpet ride for the day with two skiing and snowboarding instructors who helped teach them. This effort was assisted by Ski Cooper patrollers, while other patrollers took the more advanced kids out to other areas on the hill. The group reconvened for lunch in the cafeteria, then went back out on the hill for more instruction.

At the end of the day, everyone who could ski or ride a green run met at the top to bring the American flag down the mountain. Ski Cooper donated lift tickets, the patrol and resort paid for lunch, Colorado Springs businesses paid for the chartered buses, and NSP donated goodie bags that promoted skier safety.

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 75 years, the NSP has been at the forefront of safety and emergency care education programs. The association's 28,000 members represent 98 percent of the nation's patrollers. For more information, access www.nsp.org.

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