

# **Ski Sundown – Annual Report 23/24 Season      3/25/24**

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## SEASON OVERVIEW, MILESTONES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

This season saw planned growth in both the Patrol and Mountain Host units, for the second year in a row. We began with a record 16 candidates, 2 dropped out for job and geographic reasons. Fourteen tested, 14 were successful, and 14 were added to our roster. We also added 3 transferring patrollers, from Genesee Valley, Western Mass, and Eastern NY Regions respectively.

Our Mountain Host unit has greatly benefitted our patrol. Our hosts are energetic and yearn for more. We have had 7 hosts become patrollers, 5 of which were in the 2023 OEC class. About 7 more hosts this year will be in OEC in 2024.

We had 1 Alpine Patroller roll back to host rather than go Alumni. We plan to offer that option to any future patrollers, rather than lose them.

Ski Sundown will be replacing lift 1, our oldest lift of 47 years, with a new quad from Sky Trac. This lift will use a synchronized load conveyor system, and will be our fastest lift, with an uphill capacity of 2,400 passengers per hour.

## STATISTICS:

Ski Sundown opened on 12/ 26 /23, and closed on 3/24 /24.

The area was open 85 days.

The patrol recorded 327 incidents, 2 of which were Lifestar.

As of this date, we have 102 patrollers and 39 Hosts.

## FUTURE CHALLENGES & PLANS:

Challenges are few.

We plan to continue the growth phase for at least another year.

Our 2024 OEC class will begin at the end of July. We plan to cap the class this year at 12, a bit more manageable than the 2023 class.

The class is already full, with a waiting list of 4.

Goal is to build until we are between 110 – 120 patrollers, and keep replenishing the host unit to keep that number around 40 – 45.

We anticipate that we may lose 3 – 5 patrollers in 24/25 season to Alumni.