



Ski Resort Operations & Management

Monthly Newsletter

January 2020



Class of 2019: Learning how to dig pits and read the difference in snow layers for AST1

December went fast for this year's SROAM students, one minute they are doing final exams and then the next minute they are back in class!. Thankfully though the first week back was very interactive and hands on. Having Martin Keyserlingk come in and teach the class in the AST 1 training & snow safety was very beneficial considering his extensive knowledge, experience and

passion for the science. Spending Wednesday afternoon in class learning about the theory of avalanches & then with the class split up into two groups, half going up to Whitewater on Thursday and half on Friday. The class did the practical aspect of the AST 1, from digging pits, performing search and rescue scenarios with their beacons & learning about forecasting from Whitewater's Ski Patrollers.

The SROAMies were also fortunate enough to see Whitewater from a new perspective. They all participated in a switcheroo day where the skiers boarded and boarders skied. It was a very humbling experience to see the hill through the eyes of a beginner. The instructors at Whitewater were all super friendly and patient when it came to teaching & the SROAMies learnt how lessons are run in a

professional and fun manor. By doing the switcheroo day the SROAMies got to experience Whitewater from more of the mellow runs. There were a few crashes and falls but everyone left the hill with a smile on their face.

The SROAMies also have a lot to look forward to this semester starting off with the second half of their AST Level 1 at Selkirk

Snowcat Skiing. For most of them it will be their first time CAT skiing and they're stoked to see how the CAT Skiing operation work in comparison to a lift access ski resort. Later this month they will be helping out with the "never ever day" where they will get to accompany some of the international students in the RHOT program here at Selkirk as they get to experience skiing and snowboarding for the very first time. They also

have another exciting field trip lined up in March visiting several different resorts and at the end of March they will be hosting the SROAMAZING Race at Whitewater Ski Resort.

Lots of great things happening in the next few months that will keep the SROAMies busy in the classroom and on the mountain so stay tuned to hear all about them!

SROAM Student Profiles

Every month we like to showcase a couple of students in our class, so you can get to know everyone who will be spoken of in the next few months.



Name: Eric Davidson

Age: 18

Country of birth: Canada

Local Hill: Calabogie Peaks

Future goals in the industry: To obtain a supervisory or managerial role that allows me to overlook on Mountain Operations.

Name: Bryant Lozinski

Age: 31

Country of birth: Canada

Local Hill: Mission Ridge

Future goals in the industry: I would love to work my way up into being an Avalanche Forecaster



Name: Emi Johnson

Age: 21

Country of birth: Colombia

Local Hill: Edmonton Snow Valley Ski Club

Future goals in the industry: Work in the operations department to generate a solid understanding of the various factors that tie into allowing the operations of a resort to function smoothly. Further down the road I will be working towards a management position to provide leadership to staff, contribute to decisions in improving the prosperity of a resort (environmentally and financially) and work towards sustaining positive experiences for the customers and staff.

