Ski Unit to Aid Civil Air Patrol Here Being Planned

A ski unit to work in connection with the Nevada civil air patrol will be formed this summer, E. J. Questa, wing commander of the CAP said yesterday.

Services of local skiers to form the ski unit are now being sought.

Questa said a ski unit will be invaluable as part of the CAP in the rescue of crashed airplanes, intelligence work and other functions in mountainous areas where there is deep snow.

The ski unit, when organized, would be attached to whichever command is deemed necessary at the time to make a complete rescue group to meet all the conditions of terrain and weather.

The CAP, said Questa, is interested in practical ski operations particularly cross country travel. Persons who are qualified physically for the hard work which might be involved in its operations are being sought as members. The minimum age for service in the unit is 21 years, and a statement from a competent physician that the applicant, is in good physical condition must be furnished.

When a sufficient number of applications to fill out the required troop and the national head-quarters in Washington accepts the applications meetings of the unit to select troop commanders and staff-officers will be conducted

Service in the proposed unit would be purely voluntary, but the unit will operate under military discipline as required by the United States Army of all members of the civil air patrol

Interested persons can apply at the CAP headquarters in Room 16, 150 North Virginia Street, for further information