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Tom Byron,

Division Director

I'm pleased and honored to serve as the new Division Director for the Southern Division. **Byrd White** left some big shoes, which I'll try to fill as ably as I can. Thank you for putting your trust in me. I'll do my best to carry on the tradition of strong leadership that my predecessors have established.



Summertime is when we relax a bit (unless you're a bike patroller!). But it's also when we regroup and reorganize. We've been doing that within the leadership, as I've asked some folks to take on new roles in the Division. I'm particularly grateful to **Wayne Morgan**, who has agreed to take over as 1st Assistant DD for Administration, and to **Tony Tingle**, who continues as 2nd Assistant DD for Skills. Together with our program supervisors, we will make sure we offer the highest quality NSP programs that meet your needs.

One of my jobs is to serve as a conduit between the national organization and our members in the Southern Division. I'll do my best to tell you what I learn from the NSP Board, the national office, and the other DDs. But I also want to hear from you about what NSP can do better and how the organization can meet your needs. Let me know how I can help you.

Along those lines, we've seen some significant developments recently at the Board level. As you have probably seen, our national membership dues are increasing slightly next year, by \$5. This increase reflects the steady increase in the organization's costs due to inflation. The last time we had a dues increase was three years ago. Our Southern Division dues remain nearly the lowest in the country, at \$17, and will not change next year.

Another exciting new development is the approval of the **Outdoor Risk Management program**. This program remains in the development stage, as it was just approved by the Board last month. Look for more specifics, including details about course offerings, as it progresses.

Finally, Summer is the time when we gather for our annual patrollers conference in Kingsport, Tennessee. The conference this year will be held from Friday, August 23, through Sunday, August 25. Please come join us for an educational and social opportunity to meet your fellow patrollers from across the Division. We are excited this year to host the NSP Executive Director, **Meegan Moszynski**. Meegan will join us to discuss developments at the national office and around the country. We also have some exciting courses to offer everyone, as well as the Awards Banquet where we will recognize honorees from the Southern Division. And of course there's the Hospitality Suite... Registration details will arrive in your email very soon, with a deadline of July 31. So don't delay – make plans to join us in Tennessee!

I look forward to seeing you all soon. Let me know by email (htbnspp@gmail.com – yes, that's a **new** address, so please update your contacts) if you have ideas for how to make NSP or the Southern Division better, or if you would just like to find a time to chat.

Fall Patroller Conference Information and
Registration Form can be found at the end of this newsletter.

First Assistant Division Director,

Wayne Morgan - Administration

Well, I've gotten a "*little*" spring cleaning done, even though summer has already hit with a vengeance.

Terri and I enjoyed seeing old friends and discovering new ones at Snowbird (PowderFall) last month. Wow! PowderFall has grown into an exciting and enriching educational environment. A big shoutout to the National staff, paid and volunteer alike. Job well done! I can't wait to see what you come up with in two years.



Executive Committee meeting had a full agenda with many tasks assigned in preparation for summer, fall, and the coming season. New and familiar faces and familiar faces with new titles make up your latest representatives to the EC. As with any new administration, changes occur. For those who have moved on to greener fields, thank you for your service, time, and dedication to the Southern Division and to the National Ski Patrol's commitment to education and excellence.

As most have figured out by now I have stepped into a new position with the Division and am now serving as your assistant division director responsible for administrative functions. **Joe Donadio** (Appalachian) has stepped up to the Professional Director position and **Michael Barber** (Wintergreen) has agreed to be his assistant. I would like to say thank you to **Tom** (Tom Byron, DD) for giving me this opportunity to serve and having the courage to give me a try. Just a little background for those that don't know me, I have been a Patroller for 33 years (18 as a volunteer and 15 as a paid patroller), Certified #756, NA #8296, Southern Division Ski School LII PSIA instructor, OET IT, and OEC Instructor. I am presently a member of the Cataloochee paid patrol and secondary with Smoky Mountain Nordic. I am married to my beautiful wife, Terri, and together we have 4 kids with significants and 8 grandkids.

Tom has charged me with continuing in his footsteps by visiting patrols and working to continue to keep a pulse of our patrollers, patrols, and area owners and managers as well as oversight of the administrative programs of the division. I look to each of you to help me as I work to fill the large footprints left by Tom. I look forward to visiting your patrols, making some new friends, getting reacquainted with old friends, and doing what I can to serve the Southern Division as your Assistant Division Director.

Save the dates... August 23-25 Southern Division Patroller Conference Kingsport, TN

Patrol Reps.... Please send me (wmorgan@cataloochee.com) your End of Year Reports as soon as you are able. If you don't have the form, I will send it out as soon as I can get a PR mailing list put together. Please reach out if you have questions. Also, please advise if a new Patrol Representative has been elected for your patrol. If I haven't received your report by the end of June, I will be reaching out personally to see what your status is.

Wayne Morgan

First Assistant Division Director,

Tony Tingle – Skills Programs

- Subaru – Check
- Paddle boards – check,
- Beach bikes – check,
- Kayaks – check,
- Kids – check...



It’s summer and time to play in the warm sun. Seems a long way from ski season, doesn’t it? The cold temps, snowy slopes, and reunion with our ski patrol families are things to look forward to. I miss the good times, camaraderie, learning opportunities, teaching with patrollers, and working on my instructor skills. You don’t have to wait until the snow flies to fill those needs! The Fall Conference in Kingsport Tennessee happens August 23-25 and is a good place to get an early start on the season. There are classes and roundtable discussions to get you ready for the season for all patrollers and offerings to help you get your continuing education requirements for instructors. The table below shows the education opportunities for the Skills Programs.

		DISCIPLINE	SUPERVISOR	EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES	
				ALL PATROLLERS	INSTRUCTORS
SKILLS PROGRAMS	Avalanche	Rob Mayer		All Instructor Continuing Education - Avoiding the "Tree Wells" of Course Tools	
	Bicycle Patrol	Will Allen			
	Certified	Leslie Carter	Intro to Certified Program		
	Mountain Travel and Rescue	Terry Loges			
	Noridc / Backcountry	Penny Dimler			
	Outdoor Emergency Transportation	Randy Rumer			OET and Snowsports Update
	Ski School	Briggs Allen / Matt Weitz			
	Senior	Paul Gagon	Intro to Senior Program		Trainer / Evaluator - Roundtable

More offerings include CPR refresher (get that out of the way early), Hybrid OEC refresher, and an Instructor Development course, among others. What do I like the best about the conference? The people! Spending time in the hospitality suite, beverage in hand, trading stories and making plans for next season. Rob always has some good ski videos playing, the snacks are tasty, and the Marriott's air conditioning system puts a hint of winter in the air! I also like the awards dinner where we celebrate the accomplishments of our fellow Patrollers! I hope to see you at the Fall Conference. See the Division Website www.southernnsp.org for details. Cheers!

Tony



West Virginia Region News

Summer fun coming on strong!

Ski season wrapped up in West Virginia after 130+ days at the end of March. Our resorts had several new patrollers join our ranks. Courses were held, patrollers trained, everyone worked hard, saved lives and skied our asses off. While we may miss the cold and snow the outdoor work and camaraderie carries on.

Summer is officially here. The lifts are spinning again in a few places. The mountain bikes are rolling down hill and the rafts are running downstream. West Virginia never disappoints when it comes to things to do outside. Give us a season, we have an answer for it. We are already planning for next ski season, setting schedules and planning courses. But for the moment we will play (work) in the dirt or water and enjoy it.

If you are looking for something new to do, come give us a visit. From zip-lines, kayaking, ATV tours, skeet shooting, fly fishing .. in West Virginia there is always something to do. Escape the heat of the South and give us a visit this Summer!

Mary Lou Legg
WV Regional Director

Blue Ridge Region News

The ski season has ended but the resorts continue to be busy. First, they are already preparing for the next ski season. The last several years the resorts have been busy replacing lifts. This past season Beech Mt began operation of their two new fixed quad lifts to the top of the mountain. These replaced their quad and two-seat lifts. A couple of years ago Sugar Mt replaced their quad lift to the top with a new detachable six-pack lift and relocated a quad lift to also serve the top of the mountain. And now this summer they are replacing the two-seat lift that serves their beginner area with a quad lift. Also, all three mountains continue to add new snow making equipment to help Mother Nature along.

The mountains continue to become more year round resorts. Sugar Mt and Beech Mt offer various levels of downhill mountain biking from the top of the mountains. Also, Beech Mt has several downhill bike races this summer, which are fun if not a little scary to watch. I'll stick to coming down the mountain on skis with snow under foot. In addition after a very successful series of musical concerts last summer, Beech Mt has three more concerts scheduled this summer. Sugar Mt will hold their annual Summit Crawl, a foot race/walk to the top of the mountain the weekend after the 4th of July. And yes they do run up the mountain! And speaking of the 4th, there are always spectacular fireworks displays at the mountains.

Skiing may be over for now but there are plenty of activities to be had at the mountains this summer. So venture on up to the mountains this summer and enjoy some of these activities along with the cool temperatures. See you up there.

Brent Rockett
Blue Ridge Region Director

Instructor Development...Instructor Development...Instructor Development

Teresa T. Stewart,

Instructor Development Supervisor

It is now the end of ski season with summer sessions at hand and many patrollers may be wondering either **“How Do I Become and Instructor”** OR I **“Need a Senior Elective”**. Contact your Regional Instructor Development Program Administrator for any upcoming dates and contact information. A course requires a minimum of 6 students. The Region Director **MUST** also approve the course, and an Instructor Trainer (IT) assigned by the Region ID Administrator before the course is registered with NSP and placed on the Division calendar.

The NSP Education Department and the Instructor Development National Committee have updated the “Instructor Development – Training the Adult Learner” (student textbook) **AND** renamed the NSP CE Course Guidelines to the new title of “Instructor Skills CE Manual 2018”. These are available on the NSP website under Instructor Development Resources.

Are you an “Expired Instructor”? If you are an expired instructor and wish to return to instructor status – just follow these guidelines. Check your patroller course profile for the date of your Instructor Development Course. If it has been more than six years – you may consider taking the free on-line Instructor Development Hybrid Course (under the On-Line Training section of the NSP website) and then updating with a local course to include course summary and new administrative processes with online registration of courses and student registration and how to use the new “Course Tools”. Then you can be placed with a mentor for the teaching and observation phase. Once this is successfully completed, you can regain your instructor status. Contact your Regional Administration or Supervisor for additional information.

Blue Ridge Region – Theresa Varner

Dixie Region – Pete Jucker (offering a Hybrid Course at the Fall 2019 Patroller Conference)

Virginia Region – Bill Smith

West Virginia Region – Byrd White

Let me know if you have any questions and how this relates to Instructor 3-year Cycle of Instructor Renewals.

Teresa Stewart – stewart.teresa@gmail.com 980-522-8410

Alumni Update

Rick Roberts, division alumni advisor

Presently, there are over 4,500 NSP alumni members, which represents an increase of 125% over the past seven years, and that number is projected to continue increasing. Patrollers who have served a minimum of one year as an active patroller (not candidate) may choose to register as an alumni member.

Besides “retiring” from active patrolling, many patrollers decide to temporarily “Go Alumni” as a placeholder due to:

- Family responsibilities
- New additions to the family
- Job responsibilities
- School
- Geographic relocation
- Health issues and more

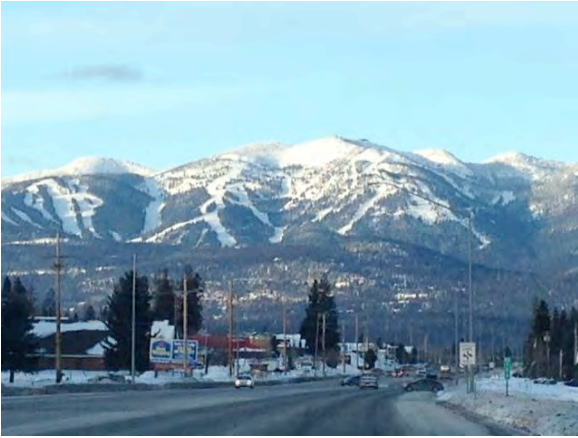
As long as their OEC certification is current, they may return to active patrolling at a later date.

Regardless of the reason a patroller registers as an alumni member, their primary objective is to maintain an affiliation with the NSP, especially with their former patrol. According to the recent alumni survey, a significant percentage of alumni indicated they would be willing to assist their former patrols if asked to do so. Alumni members may serve in many capacities and provide a significant benefit to the patrol, including but not limited to the following.

- Maintain their instructor classification(s) and participate in training activities
- Perform administrative duties
- Assist with opening or sweep
- Serve as a radio dispatcher
- Complete incident reports, daily trail reports, etc.
- Help with patrol social activities and other events such as fundraising
- Serve as the alumni adviser for a local patrol
- Greet or help customers as a host or ambassador
- Assist at the Winter Special Olympics
- Provide orientation/safety information for groups

The bottom line: **Alumni membership** does not limit what an alumni member can do with the local area’s permission. So, hug an alumni member today and include them in your patrol’s activities whenever appropriate!

The NSP's 2nd Annual Alumni Celebration Week
Whitefish, Montana, February 2-9, 2020



Whitefish Mountain (formerly Big Mountain) is consistently rated in the top 30 US ski resorts, offering 3,000 skiable acres, almost 2,400 vertical feet, 11 chairlifts and presents an incredible skiing/snowboarding experience (see: skiwhitefish.com). The mountain offers FREE skiing to “super seniors” (age 70 & up), discounts to seniors age 64 & up (hence, many alumni/spouses ski FREE or at a discounted rate), and there is attractive pricing available for younger skiers.

Accommodations: Most attendees stay at nearby, highly-rated **Grouse Mountain Lodge** (glacierparkcollection.com), just minutes from the mountain, with free shuttle service. The Lodge offers a “buy three nights get the fourth night free” package (hence, \$115 per night x 3 = \$345 for four nights, double occupancy; extend to a full week for \$99/night for additional nights). To book, call the Lodge, 406-892-2525, or e-mail, glacierpark@pursuitcollection.com, and book your four nights starting either Feb. 2 or 5, or stay the week, if you like. Identify yourself as a “NSP Alumni.”

Weekly activities and more details:

Cross country skiing: The Lodge is adjacent to a nice cross-country ski course, with night lighting! We’ll also arrange a XC outing somewhere within Glacier National Park during the week.

“Old Knees Clinic(s)”: The Northern Division Alumni Advisor will offer one or more, no-cost “Old Knees Clinics” during the week. So, come sharpen your ski skills on those well-worn knees and legs!

Special nights out at local restaurants: 6:30 PM, for Latitude 48 on Monday, Tuesday at Whitefish Lake Restaurant and Wednesday at Abruzzo Italian Kitchen. Thursday TBD.

Optional tours into Glacier National Park (no charge) or **Dog Sled Adventures** (additional fee involved) in nearby Montana State Forests are available. If interested, contact Tim for more details.

Shopping in downtown Whitefish: Plenty of time to shop each day.

Air service: Kalispell Regional Airport has major carriers, and a shuttle to the hotel is available.

For additional information and to confirm your participation, please notify National Alumni Advisor, Tim Viall, tviall@msn.com or 209-969-3875, of your planned arrival date, phone number and e-mail address.

Alumni Update

Rick Roberts, Alumni Supervisor

As of January 2019, 84% of Southern Division alumni members were improperly registered with the NSP. Thanks to the assistance of many PRs and RDs as well as Google, 99% of our alumni members are now properly registered.

Southern Division alumni provide more than \$1,500 in revenue from their annual dues to the division and offer a valuable, experienced resource to local patrols and beyond. Going forward, we will be asking for your constructive thoughts and assistance in engaging and appreciating our alumni members.

Presently, we lack contact information for the following four (1%), lifetime alumni members. Please let me know if you have any information as to their current status and how we might contact them.

- Paul E. Murtha – Age 71

Thanks for your kind assistance!



SheJumps Wild Skills Junior Ski Patrol Day Camp

(submitted by Landon Figg and Michael Barber of Wintergreen Resort)

Mom!! Why are those ladies wearing giraffe and unicorn costumes on the slopes?

Dad!! Why do those girls get hot chocolate at the top of the lift??

Mom!!! Why are they all singing and dancing wearing tutus???

On February 24, 2019, SheJumps Wild Skills hosted Junior Ski Patrol at Wintergreen Resort, a day camp where girls learned mountain safety and first aid while working with the strong women of the ski patrol community and SheJumps volunteers. Throughout the day, participants were taught a range of outdoor skills that are utilized by ski patrollers to keep the mountain safe. Topics included slope safety, first aid/Outdoor Emergency Care, snow science, weather, toboggan handling, avalanche beacon info and practice, Search and rescue dogs and much more. There were also plenty of snack breaks, high fives and unicorns delivering hot cocoa!

Our beautiful blue-bird day began with awesome swag bags for each of the participants AND the volunteers. Our generous partners donated lots of cool stuff! Then we had a brief introductory meeting so the girls would know what to expect. We helped the girls gear up and headed out to the hill to play a few games before dividing into groups. Both skiers and snowboarders of varying ages rode around the mountain learning from seasoned Wintergreen Ski Patrollers with SheJumps volunteers riding right alongside. These ladies ensured that each of the participants felt comfortable riding and valued throughout the day. A lunchbreak provided by SheJumps was greatly appreciated as these girls had been very busy all morning! The afternoon consisted of furthering their skills, finding buried treasure in the snow and culminated in a fun Search and Rescue Dog demo from a local SAR team!

Our goal with SheJumps Wild Skills is to see girls learning, having fun and connecting in an encouraging environment with amazing instruction and support from female mentors. We want Wild Skills to be an experience they will remember, one that will spark a lifetime of passion for the outdoors and will remind them that they are capable of anything. Giving participants, young and old, the opportunity to learn skills in a fun yet challenging setting develops perseverance and fosters confidence. SheJumps Youth Initiatives are geared towards building life skills; empowering ownership and confidence through exposure to positive female role models, supportive communities and the outdoors. These programs exist to give girls and young women the opportunity to know what it's like to have dirt under their feet, sun on their cheeks, and wind in their hair.

She Jumps is a national non-profit whose mission is to increase the participation of women and girls in outdoor activities. We accomplish this by creating high-visibility "Get the Girls Out!" events, Outdoor Education, Youth Initiatives (Wild Skills) and grassroots recreational gatherings. The SheJumps community consists of females of all backgrounds and ages who help one another reach their highest potential through outdoor adventures and education. Check out SheJumps at <http://www.shejumps.org/>.

For more information or to bring SheJumps Wild Skills to your mountain contact Landon Figg at lfigg@shejumps.org

New Leadership, New Facilities and New Ideas

By Matt Adams, P.E.

The ski industry is changing in many ways. Ownership of many of the resorts is consolidating and in some cases resorts are shuttering. The presenter at the recent powder fall conference at snowbird resort in Utah indicated that the number of resorts remains relatively stable at about 650 and shows no signs of increasing for the foreseeable future. The financial demands of the ski industry are also changing and the obvious manifestation of that is the consolidation of resorts to achieve economies of scale. Add to this dynamic the natural progression of leaders from one generation to the next that is taking place at many resorts across the country including those in our own southern division. At the Wintergreen resort Michael Barber is an example of the new generation a patrol directors and has been held the position since 2018 and been a patroller since 2008. Michael Barber is a seasonal patrol director that serves the ski patrol primarily during the ski season and then puts his focus into the local County Fire Department during the offseason. Indications are that this type of seasonal patrol director is here to stay and more commonplace at the various resorts across the country and in our division moving forward. The primary reason for this is financial. With new management comes new ideas and Mike Barber has many of them.



Recently Wintergreen resort remodeled the ski patrol facilities. The Patrol was allowed to have significant input into the redesign. Most are very happy with the results and shared space with other business functions provides meeting/teaching space and kitchen space that many peer ski patrols do not enjoy. While there is never enough space to accommodate all of the needs of a ski patrol the functionality of the new space at Wintergreen is very high. The location is still ideal to allow traffic into and out of the patrol room. In addition, parking is afforded patrollers immediately adjacent to the patrol facility. This too is a luxury that not all patrols enjoy. Interesting to note that one of the drivers for the patrol renovation was the creation of an affinity club or membership club for Wintergreen season ticket holders. This high-end space that appears not unlike a Delta crown room at the airport is a subscriber based locker room and affinity space for those in the skiing public willing to pay a premium fee every year. The curb appeal of this space is very high and it's likely this type of facility will be repeated at other resorts within the division in the future.

Financial resources for ski resorts will always be constrained. One of the primary reasons for this is the fact that so much capital investment is required that operating funds must be managed with extreme scrutiny. Recent cost cutting measures at Wintergreen required that Patrol Director Barber learn very quickly how to justify and present his operational costs to upper management. During a recent visit to Wintergreen I was able to spend time with Mike and he demonstrated to me how he creates and justifies his budget. His explanation was methodical and based on facts and not the past. This approach appeals to modern management teams and so far has proven to be effective at Wintergreen. For example, Mike creates a staffing budget that combines both paid and volunteer staff during all shifts and does not create a hard break between weekdays and weekends as many resorts do. The combination of volunteer and paid staff at Wintergreen is an operational necessity to maintain an acceptable operational budget. Mike goes on to make

it clear that paid patrollers and volunteer patrollers at Wintergreen are treated as equals. Both are equally important to the viability of the patrol at Wintergreen. This strong statement from a patrol director is quite different from those at other resorts where volunteers are not given an equal footing to paid patrollers. In addition, applying a hybrid staffing approach Mike “builds-up” his staff budget by creating coverage scenarios. This staffing and budgeting approach is what is called zero based budgeting in corporate America. The starting with zero (0) each time and adding staff one at a time to create a safe, efficient coverage strategy for the three peaks of his mountain is a zero-based budget approach. This highly defensible budgeting approach is very transparent and exactly what most senior management teams expect. To date Mike has been successful in averting significant operational cost cuts to his Department by justifying the largest part of his operating budget, staffing, by using this zero based build up approach. It is very difficult for senior management or ownership to insist on additional operating cuts when the budget strategy is based on the safe coverage of the mountain by patrollers primarily and has little or nothing to do with the old “shoot from the hip” budgets of the past. Gone are the days when patrol directors can ask for more than they needed as a strategy to settle for less and game the budgeting process.

Consistent with Mike’s recognition that volunteer and paid patrollers are equally important to Wintergreen he is developing new ideas to nurture the welcoming culture for current and new patrollers. Similar to any other patrols, Wintergreen needs a supply of new patrollers every year to replace those that retire or move away. One of the best sources for new patrols are from within the families or closely known contacts that are referred by other patrollers. This source of patrollers can only be counted on if the culture of the Wintergreen Patrol creates a loyalty and a bond that current patrollers want to share with family and friends. Wintergreen has this culture now and it is successful. Nevertheless Mike wants to build on this success and continue to find new ways to invest in the patrolling experience and its culture. One approach is to allow professional volunteer patrollers for example, a local dentist, to patrol on one specific day. At some resorts this would not work when volunteers only work on weekends. However, Wintergreen volunteers can work any day during the week and the patrol tries to accommodate their unique schedules. This culture of flexibility is a win-win. Wintergreen continues to find local skilled patrollers that serve the mountain well as volunteers and these same local professionals can stay involved with ski patrolling despite the challenges of their family and work schedules. Another example of the Wintergreen Patrol culture is the sharing of ski passes between patrollers and patrolling candidates. Patrollers earn free ski passes based on time spent as volunteers and many choose to gift these passes to others in need; for example candidates that have not earned any free passes. This system of sharing passes creates a bond early on for new patrollers.

A significant area of interest and new ideas for Wintergreen’s new Patrol Director are in the area of risk management. Mike has dedicated many hours working on tools and systems to better communicate with the skiing public. For example, Mike has developed ready to use spools with orange caution tape that are numbered and quickly applied on a daily basis to potential dangers areas depending on current conditions. The area is also in the process of acquiring a new vinyl sign making machine that will allow the patrol too quickly replace current slope signs an add new additional signage to improve the overall safety experience of the skiing public. This extra effort ultimately reduces the operating costs of the resort by managing costs of liability.

Keep an eye on more changes ahead at Wintergreen as the Patrol evolves to meet the new demands of the ski industry.

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6. Douglas Carlburg 1989 – 1993
7. Raymond B. “Bernie” Smith 1993 – 1999
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9. Neil Booth 2003 – 2007
10. R. Morgan Armstrong 2007 – 2011
11. Richard Boyer 2011 – 2015
12. Byrd White 2015 – 2019
13. Tom Byron 2019 - present

Southern Division Calendar & Staff Directory

Please refer to the Division Website for updated schedules!

www.southernnsp.org

The calendar is flexible dependant on the weather – please check the calendar and/or with your patrol representative / Region Director for the most up-to-date changes.

In order to accommodate everyone wishing to present to the Southern Division's Executive Committee or Board of Directors and to allow for adequate time for members of the Committee and Board to review materials, please send requests to be placed on the meeting agenda, along with a summary of your topic and supporting documentation, to the Division Director in advance of the meeting. Requests must be received at least 30 days prior to the meeting, except that the Division Director may grant an exception to that deadline to accept an agenda request received at least 7 days prior to the meeting. Requests can be sent to **Tom Byron** at htbns@gmail.com.



Southern Division - NSP Patroller Conference 2019

Friday, August 23; Saturday, August 24; Sunday, August 25, 2019



Registration Form - **Please complete one form for each person attending.**
MeadowView Conference Resort & Convention Center

Please reserve your room and ask for the National Ski Patrol 2019 rate of \$105.00 plus \$17.33 tax (\$122.33 total)
Call (800) 820-5055 MeadowView direct.

Hotel deadline for reserving rooms at the NSP rate is: **Thursday – August 1, 2019**

Here are the events scheduled for patrollers this year:

- Guest – **Meegan Moszynski** (National Ski Patrol)
- **Annual Board of Directors Meeting** – Sunday – (**Executive Committee Meeting** on Friday evening)
- **2019 Hybrid OEC Refresher** -- *A full refresher for the 2019 season, intended to provide a Refresher opportunity for those who cannot attend their patrol's refresher as a "student." This is a Hybrid course, requiring a completed online module (with certificate) and completed workbook.*
- **Breakout Sessions – Separate breakouts with options in each! Topics include:**
 - **Lifts and Patrollers: The Nuts and Bolts of Protecting our Patrons – Doppelmayr USA**
 - **The NEW Southern Division Website**
 - **ICS 100: How to Make Your Patrol Compliant**
 - **Moving Up the Ranks: How to Get the Right People in the Right Positions within your Patrol, Region, Division and Nationally**
 - **Awards for our Patrollers: How to Recognize The Deserving**
 - **Fundraising: Successful Methods to Raise Funds for Patrols**
 - Introduction to **Senior** and **Certified** Programs
 - All Disciplines **Instructor Continuing Education: Avoiding the "Tree Wells" of Course Tools**
 - **Moulage: Best Practices**
 - **Snowsports and OET Update**
 - **Women's Program** Roundtable During Lunch
 - **CPR Certification**
 - **Instructor Development Hybrid Course (Senior Elective)**
 - Regional **Roundtables** for OEC ROA-IT-Instructors, Senior T/E and OET, Patrol Directors, Regions -Program Supervisors and more
- **Lunch** has a light option this year (**Full plated lunch** or **Light Lunch** (1/2 Turkey Sandwich, Cup of Soup, Chips, Pickle, Cookie, Iced Tea and Coffee).
- **Annual Southern Division Awards Banquet Saturday Evening** (*fee required*)

This is a full service hotel and conference center that caters to the needs of its guests. There are two State Parks close by for outdoor recreation. The hotel has its own golf course, plus swimming pool and hot tub. The meeting facilities are first class, and the Hospitality Suite is now an experience. Golf times are limited – so call ahead for reservations if you are interested.

NOTE: Alternative Lodging is available in the area including: Super 8 - 2 miles / \$69; Sleep Inn - 7 miles / \$76; La Quinta - 7 miles / \$79; Motel 6 - 5 miles / \$52; Travel Inn - 2 miles / \$45; Westside Inn - 2 miles / \$46. These are not guaranteed rates so verify the amount when you make your reservation

This is the Official Notice for the Annual Board Meeting and I would like to add my official invitation to all members and alumni. This is your event! Please join us for a fun, informative, and educational experience deep in the mountains of Tennessee.

See you there!

Sincerely,

Tom Byron – Southern Division Director
Teresa T. Stewart – Southern Division Event Organizer



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Registration Form - Please complete one form for each person attending.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Email address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Patrol: _____ Patrol / Division Position: _____

Please register me for the following events: ****Schedule is subject to change – Final schedule available @ Conference

Please register me for the following events:		Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<input type="checkbox"/>	OEC ROA, IT, Instructor Roundtable (Aileen Cassidy)	5:00 - 6:00 pm		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior T/E (OEC & OET) Roundtable (Paul Gagon)	6:00 - 7:00 pm		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Executive Committee Meeting	7:00 - 8:00 pm		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Regional Roundtables (North/South) to set calendars and instructors	8:00 - 9:00 pm		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Supervisor Roundtables with Division Director	8:00 - 9:00 pm		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General Sessions: Meet National Ski Patrol Executive Director (Meegan Moszynski)	ALL Patrollers	08:00 – 8:20 am	
<input type="checkbox"/>	• The NEW Southern Division Website (Don Reid)	ALL Patrollers	08:20 – 08:30 am	
<input type="checkbox"/>	• ICS 100: How to Make your Patrol Compliant (Teresa Stewart)	ALL Patrollers	08:30 – 08:45 am	
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Moving Up the Ranks: How to Get the Right People in the Right Positions within your Patrol, Region, Division, Nationally (Brett Henyon)	ALL Patrollers	08:45 – 09:30 am	
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Awards for our Patrollers – How to Recognize the Deserving (Peg Harris)	ALL Patrollers	09:45 – 10:30am	
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Fundraising: Successful Methods to Raise Funds for Patrols (TBD)	ALL Patrollers	10:30 – 11:00am	
<input type="checkbox"/>	• All Instructor Continuing Education: Avoiding the “Tree Wells” (Aileen Cassidy)	ALL Patrollers	11:15 - Noon	
	LUNCH Break (12:00pm – 1:00 pm)	<i>Reservations</i>	12:00 – 1:00 pm	
	Women’s Program Roundtable LUNCH During (12:00pm –1:00pm)	<i>Reservations</i>	12:00 – 1:00 pm	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2019 OEC Hybrid Refresher Instructor Preparation (IOR Aileen Cassidy)	Prearranged	1:00 – 5:30 pm	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snowsports and OET Update (Randy Rumer & Briggs Allen)	Patrollers & OET Inst	1:00 – 3:00 pm	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Moulage: Best Practices (Anne Donadio)	ALL Patrollers	1:00 – 2:00 pm	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2019 OEC Hybrid Refresher (cap of 36); A full OEC refresher for the 2019/2020 season, This is a Hybrid course, requiring a completed online module (with certificate) and completed workbook. (Aileen Cassidy)	OEC	2:30 – 5:30 pm	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Breakout: Session 2/Option 1 – CPR Course (Ken Collins) –limit of 10 (additional fee)	ALL Patrollers	3:00 – 5:30 pm	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Breakout: Session 2/Option 2 – Lifts and Patrollers: The Nuts and Bolts of Protecting our Patrons (John Dearborn) Doppelmayr USA	ALL Patrollers	3:00 – 5:00 pm	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Breakout: Session 3/Option 1 – PD Roundtable (Joe Donadio)	PD’s	4:00 – 5:00 pm	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Breakout: Session 3/Option 2 – Intro to the Senior Program (Paul Gagon)	Patrollers	5:00 – 6:00 pm	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Breakout: Session 3/Option 3 – Intro to the Certified Program (Leslie Carter)	Patrollers	5:00 – 6:00 pm	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Breakout: Session 3/Option 4 – Medical Advisors Roundtable	Medical Advisors	5:00 – 6:00 pm	
	AWARDS Banquet	Reservations	7:00 pm	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Instructor Development Hybrid - Senior Elective (Pete Jucker) - Sunday	ID Candidates		8am – 12pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	Board of Directors Meeting (Tom Byron) - Sunday	BOARD		8am – 12pm

	Before July 31 st	After July 31 st Postmarked
_____ Meeting Only Registration Only (Hospitality Suite Included)	\$20.00	\$30.00
_____ Meeting & Light Lunch Only (1/2 Sandwich-Cup Soup, Chips, Cookie, Tea or Coffee)	\$40.00	\$50.00
_____ Meeting & Plated Lunch	\$45.00	\$55.00
_____ Meeting & Awards Dinner	\$55.00	\$65.00
_____ Meeting & Light Lunch and Awards Dinner	\$75.00	\$85.00
_____ Meeting & Plated Lunch and Awards Dinner	\$80.00	\$90.00
Total enclosed = \$ _____		Hospitality Suite Admission REQUIRES registration!

You can submit your Registration and Payment two ways: 1. Attach your completed form and e-mail to finance@southernnsp.org 2. Go to southernnsp.org and use the PayPal feature to submit your payment. Be sure to indicate your name. (All major credit cards are accepted as well) -OR- Mail your Registration form and check made out to "Southern NSP" to: Frank Cooper, 121 Winding Ridge Drive, Sylva NC 28779 **Reservation Fees must be postmarked to the above Address By July 31, 2019, and are Nonrefundable After That Date. Hotel reservations MUST be made separately to the hotel by August 1, 2019.**