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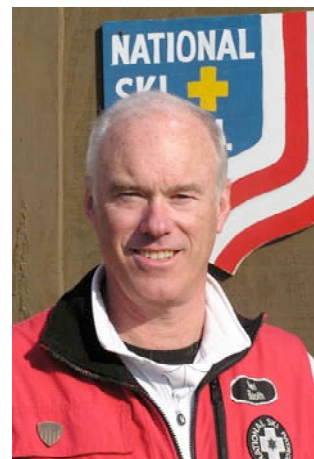
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The Challenges are before us:

Neil Booth, Division Director

Welcome to the opening of the 2006 – 2007 season! All planning elements are being activated, each and every day and will continue to do so until we begin Patrolling at our resorts. The sooner the better!

The challenge for everyone is to continue to be the best patrollers for your resorts and the skiing public. The ideal season is more skier visits and fewer accidents. Members of patrols, and our membership system, are the absolute best resources for achieving the goal of fewer accidents. ***You know we can!***



Each member is encouraged to review the National website for up to date information @ www.nsp.org. This is the information site that houses your personal NSP information. It is the central source that has, or should have, your current mailing address, phone numbers, email addresses and NSP information. Each individual member is responsibility for updating their personal information, should changes occur. Additionally, you should review the division website for division information @ www.nsp.org/divisions/southern/index.htm. In the near future, you will see a brand new look for our division website. Our former Division Internet Supervisor, **Steve Cortelyou**, was the pioneer of our original site. We all thank Steve for his excellent work and cost savings that he was able to achieve during his six-year tenure. The reigns have been turned over to **Kelly Duke Drownowski**, a web designer by profession and our current Division Secretary. Kelly presented an updated plan to the Southern Division Board and was given direction to proceed with development of the new look. We believe you will find the new page easier to navigate around and find information. We appreciate Kelly stepping up for this additional challenge.

Several other personnel changes have occurred as follows:

- **Judi Kay Monaghan** requested to turn over the reigns after 6 years as our Division OEC Supervisor. The

talent and direction that Judi provided towards making OEC a great program in Southern is commendable. There were tons of changes and the establishment of many new procedures that occurred under her leadership. We all thank you Judi! Our new OEC Supervisor will be **Leslie Carter** who was unanimously ratified by the Southern Board of Directors and appointed to the position by the National OEC Program Supervisor. Leslie brings many talents into this position and will continue to guide the program to yet another level.

Welcome Leslie!

- **Charlie Benbow** has also requested to turn over the reigns and I honestly cannot begin to tell you how long he has done this for! Charlie is known by all, and appreciated for all the years of service and leadership. Our new Division Alumni Supervisor is **Richard Chadick**, assisted by **Larry Fleming**. Richard will handle the North, Larry the south. We welcome both of you to the new positions.
- **John Dobson** stepped down as our Division Awards Advisor this past July and will be replaced by **Peg Harris**. We will all miss John's passion for awards and the excellent job he did in executing his leadership. Peg will do an excellent job in this position as evidenced during this past Fall Officers Meeting. Welcome Peg!

This is a big election year and all members are encouraged to vote. The first election before us is that for our **National Board of Directors**. There is a slate of eleven (11) talented candidates. This is your opportunity to vote for the persons you feel are best able to deal with and represent the national issues before our association. Please go to www.nsp.org, which will take you to the NSP front page. Once there, log in to "member services", utilizing your ID number and password. From there, go to "members news" and the slate will be listed. Two of our own are running for this nationally scoped position. You should all be notified about balloting and deadlines shortly. We encourage all members to vote. Remember, this was the big issue of members rights that lead to the legal actions of the past.

The next election will be for the new **Southern Division Director** who assumes the position at the close of this season. While I have one term of eligibility remaining, I elect to not seek re-election. There is an article in this edition of Southern Cross, which outlines the requirements and deadlines for anyone interested in running for the position.

We continue to offer many different educational programs to improve individual performance. To quote the Army's message of "**Be all that you can be**" is a slogan your Southern Leadership truly believes in. The more talents we possess, the better we perform. This is how, we as a system, create value to our resorts and customers. This is how NSP creates value to our members. Education and skills development is our growth model. So please, take us up on this challenge.

On the National front, you should be aware that National Board of Directors will not have a dues increase this year. The \$20 dues increase approved in the January meeting was reversed at the June meeting. To achieve this, the Board basically eliminated growth programs and decided to budget only for committed items in the current budget. All past legal suits have been resolved somewhat to the satisfaction of everyone. Our relationship with the National Ski Areas Association Joint Task Force Committee is still on hold, pending the seating of our full National Board. There are still some bumps and turns in the road ahead, but we are a resilient group and will hopefully work everything out that benefits the majority of all parties or stakeholders in our system.

I hope to see many of you at refreshers, educational events and on the slopes this season. Have an absolutely wonderful refresher cycle and season. Treat yourselves, your fellow members, your patrol, your resorts and your customers with the utmost of professionalism and respect.



From the National Ski Patrol Office

Get out and Vote!

From National Chair, Jim DeWeerd:

With the election for new board members just around the corner, you need to review the candidates and vote for those you think are the best to serve the NSP. I know that most of the Fall Division meetings have passed, but we have the capacity to go down the chain of communications to your Patrol Reps/Directors and their patrollers, to vote. Mark Dorsey has informed me, that as a volunteer organization, we did very well in the percentage of members who voted, as compared to other association in our last election. I think we can do better and get more people involved and knowledgeable about their leadership representatives.

+ IVS, the vote management company along with the staff will put out the announcements and provide answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's). If someone does not get a ballot, they will be in touch with IVS, not the office as once the voting process has started, NSP will not be able to provide ballots (electronic or postal) as that eliminates privacy for the voter.

Please Vote!

Jim

Jim Underwood,
Division Treasurer

SOUTHERN DIVISION, NSP TREASURER'S REPORT 7/01/05-6/30/06

Listed below is a summary of the Southern Division's Treasury report for last season. If any member wishes a detailed copy of this report please contact **Jim Underwood**, 865-483-3675, jun@bellsouth.net , or 109 Wildwood Drive, Oak Ridge, TN 37830 for a postal mail or emailed copy.

	Beginning Balance 7/01/05	Closing Balance 6/30/06
Checking *	\$ 13,418.22	\$ 11,694.33
Savings *	\$ 41,573.68	\$ 42,592.34
Contingency	\$ <u>25,888.22</u>	\$ <u>26,568.66</u>
TOTAL	\$ 80,880.12	\$ 80,855.33

* Operating Account

JUNIOR MEMORIAL FUND

	Beginning Balance <u>7/01/05</u>	Closing Balance <u>6/30/06</u>
Savings	\$ 3,805.13	\$ 3,855.65

MARY K. TWOMEY FUND

	Beginning Balance <u>7/01/05</u>	Closing Balance <u>6/30/06</u>
Savings	\$ 2,770.67	\$ 2,807.45

From the Assistants...

R. Morgan Armstrong,
1st ADD, Southern Division

END OF YEAR REPORTS: April 1, 2007 is the deadline for the Patrol Representatives to have filed their End of Year Reports for the division. I know it sounds like a long time off, but now is the time to prepare. We hope to be able to provide electronic filing of the reports this year and you will be given update information as it becomes available. It is important to pull out your last year's report and if you are a new Patrol Representative, obtain a report from the previous Patrol Representative to see what information needs to be collected as the year progresses. Last year was the first time we had 100% of the patrols file an End of Year Report so we look forward to you continuing your great effort.

NATIONAL IMMUNITY: I plan to continue my project of attempting to get the National Ski Patrol Board of Directors to seek immunity for the NSP, instructors and volunteer patrollers with the Congress of the United States. Paid patrollers will not be left out because you will be covered when you teach, serve as a volunteer off the clock or go to the aid of someone in the community off the resort property. It has been my experience in obtaining immunity for patrollers in Virginia through the Virginia General Assembly and watching the process in West Virginia that obtaining immunity for paid employees for "for profit" resorts during work hours would not be possible and might doom the entire project. Thus, we have avoided this issue at least for the present. Once we get the basic immunity passed, we could certainly go back and try to get immunity for all paid patrollers and fight the opposition knowing we have part of the package already passed. I will be calling on patrols and individuals for help and advice, if the Board of Directors passes this proposal.

UNITY: The past several years have been very trying for officers at the national and division level. We now have a new Chairman, **James Deweerd** and a new Board of Directors in the process of assuming leadership of our organization. I hope we can go back to patrolling and the major issues that have caused concern will be over. If you have a concern, discuss it with your patrol officers and have them pass it up to the region and division for discussion and solution. If you have a question, ask it and if you don't get an answer, then send it to the region or division and let us know about it. Your duty as a patroller is (once in a while) read our communications to you from the region and the

division so you are aware of our concerns and you stay up on the information we try to send to you. Communication is our biggest problem and one that is fairly easy to fix.

PROGRAMS: Do you need a program for your patrol? Instructor Development (ID), Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC), Mountain Travel and Rescue (MTR), Patroller Enrichment Seminar (PES), Avalanche, Senior, Certified or any other skill or patroller improvement program, then, let your Patrol Representative know. **Do you want to help?** We need your help. So let your Patrol Representative or Program Supervisor know you would like to become an instructor or trainer. If you do not know whom to contact, then, send your request to your Region Administrator or one of the Assistant Division Directors and one of us will forward your request to the correct person. We hope to have a new Website up and running soon and this will help you get to the correct person.

SOUTHERN CROSS: Take it by email and save your Southern Division postage. That way we can postpone any dues increase. Also, the email version is faster and has better pictures. Not receiving it by email – check your profile at member services on the www.nsp.org.

DOES NSP HAVE YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS AND EMAIL ADDRESS? Check your address with the National Ski Patrol Office on their website and change your address or email as soon as it changes. You may find the site at the following:

<http://www.nsp.org>

Follow the directions if you are logging on for the first time. If you have trouble you may email the NSP and they will help you get on line. This is an easy way to place orders and update your information.

Have a safe fall and looking forward to a cold winter.

Learning All Over Again -

Richard Boyer

Assistant Division Director - Southern Area

The North Carolina, Tennessee and Alabama portion of our Southern Division is ramping up and ready for the ski season. We're coming off a great season last year and look forward to another one in which we may have the opportunity to break attendance, snow or cold weather, days open records, etc.

I'd like to recommend each patroller member of our system pay particular attention to events on the national level, take as much time as necessary attending to our divisional activities and be particularly respectful of your fellow patrollers. Remember also, that we're patrolling directly at the request and direction of each management team of our respective mountains. This is their business and livelihood and we are an integral part of its success and profitability.

Keep eyes on the dual purposes of delivering our courses to patrollers and patrolling the mountains we ski.

Notes From The North...

Jan Starr

Assistant Division Director – North Area

The change in the air temperature and plans being made for refreshers tells me that ski season is not far off. Everyone should have their refresher guide and dates marked on their calendar for their area's refresher. If you can't make it to your area refresher please check the Southern Division calendar for another near you. Make up refreshers are hard to do for only a few people as a lot of work goes into these productions. If you attend another refresher other than your areas make sure you get the form signed that is in the back of your study guide to assure credit for being there. One of my goals this season is to have no one on a delinquent list.



One thing that will be happening this season in our division will be the election of a new Division Director. Please keep informed by going to our Southern Division web site. (There will be a new fresh look to this site this season as **Kelly Drewnowski** has volunteered to take on the task of bringing our site up to date. Thanks Kelly!)

The patrol rep of your area has the vote in this election. Each member needs to pass on to this person their wishes for whom he/she should vote for. The candidates running for this position may be visiting each area this season to talk to the members and the area rep on their views and visions for our division.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and fall. Be skiing with you soon!

Jan

From the Regions...

Virginia Region

Bill Smith

Virginia Region Director

Virginia News

The kids are back in school, the leaves have begun to turn, we have traveled to Kingsport, TN for the FOM and by the time you read this, some refreshers will have been completed. We also know the snowflakes and new ski season will soon arrive. With that in mind, we know it is time to dust off the fanny packs and other equipment that is so important to what we do as patrollers. But what about you, have you gotten the cobwebs out and gotten yourself prepared for another great ski season? Are you ready???



Many of us have made our lists and are checking them twice. How about you, do you have a list made yet? You know, the one with **Morgan's Instructor Development** class on it, or **Mary's PES** program over at The Homestead. Then there's **Dave's Senior** program to consider and **Mike's Avalanche** class later in the spring.

In a time when we are all time starved, I know you must be thinking, "you've got to be kidding me, one more thing to do"!!! Well actually, I'm not kidding. By becoming involved in one of these

programs or maybe even finding another that's not listed on the Virginia Calendar, you will become a better patroller, and be more valuable to both your patrol and your resort.

Speaking of the Senior Program, Virginia's own **Dave Quidort** is the Southern Division Senior Coordinator. During the past couple of years he has been working to get his arms around all four of the Division's Senior programs and get them to look pretty much the same. He started out with standardizing the Emergency Management (EM) side of things with creating and delivering several EM Evaluator Clinics to get everyone thinking alike. The clinics have proven to be a great success and were well received by those attending. This coming season, Dave will be focusing his efforts on the S&T side of the Senior program in an effort to accomplish the same basic goal as has been completed on the EM side. That is to get the S&T programs standardized. With everyone's support and help, Dave's job will certainly become much easier. So let's all pitch in and help out.

Again this season, "**Peg**" **Harris** has agreed to serve as our Assistant Region Director. In addition to visiting the areas and helping out here in Virginia, she has also taken on the role of Awards Supervisor for the Division. So she will definitely be busy this year. With awards results like we got from last season, we know that hard work definitely pays off. With this in mind, lets all start to think about who is deserving of an award and, who in your patrol could benefit from attending one of the education programs being offered this year. Who knows, sometimes all it takes is a little encouragement. The new awards deadline will be April 1, 2007 so start your search early and keep a few notes along the way to make it easier to put together the nominations when the time comes.

If you attended the FOM, you may have had a chance to meet some new folks and get reacquainted with old friends. Back home here in Virginia, we will once again have a strong leadership team. **Ron Dull**, will be the Patrol Rep at Massanutten and it certainly looks like he has things well under control there along with the ever-capable **Bartek Drewnowski**. Over at Bryce, **Carl Larsen** will be the Patrol Rep and along with **Bob Mecaughey**, will lead the charge. At The Homestead, a new Patrol Rep **David Woods**, will guide the troops with help from **Jeff Kelly**. Last, but certainly not least, Wintergreen will have a new Patrol Rep, **Ted Forbes**, who with **Tucker Crolius** will keep things under control there. Congratulations David and Ted and welcome back to everyone else

In closing, treat yourself to an extra dish of ice cream for the great job you did last season and start getting ready for the new season soon by thinking about how you can be a better and safer patroller.

Blue Ridge Region

Mike Harris

Blue Ridge Region Director



I am pleased to announce that the Blue Ridge Region has two extremely well qualified individuals who will be representing the Southern Division in the upcoming National Board of Directors elections! The National Nominating Committee determined that **Larry Bost** (Hawksnest) and **Mark Rees** (Beech Mountain) are among the best and brightest applicants, based on the published "List of Needs" and placed them on the upcoming Ballot!

The Southern Division now has the opportunity to elect two patrollers who have fought hard to return the organization to one that represents the needs of patrollers, patrols, and areas. I know both men personally, and know that they will act as our agents and represent us on the National Board of Directors. Because of the efforts of patrollers like these two, Division Directors have regained their affiliation with the Board and now attend each

meeting to provide input from each Division. This will give the Southern Division three strong voices at the National Level.

I would strongly encourage the Southern Division to rally behind our patrollers, Mark and Larry, and help get them elected. Electronic voting will be available on October 9th and ballots will be mailed to those who have requested it the same day. Information on all the candidates is available at www.nsp.org.

By the time you read this, the OEC Instructor Refresher will have occurred. Both Grandfather (OCT-7) and Carolina Highland (Nov-4) sections' OEC Refreshers will be held at Valle Crucis Elementary this year. Bring your own lunch as options will be limited in this area and time will be short.

Be sure and check the Blue Ridge Calendar on the Division website for dates on the Mountain Travel and Rescue, Senior Emergency Management Clinic, Toboggan Seminars and Evaluations in the region. Thank you, Mike Harris



Dixie Region

Brent Bowman
Dixie Region Director



Time to write an article AGAIN!!!

As usual I can't believe how the time flies. By the time you read this our OEC courses will be at about the midpoint. A great big THANKYOU to all of the hardworking instructors that make these courses a success. I (We) know how much time and effort you put into the class.

How many of you have thought about joining the Senior Program?? I have only received one reply on why someone became a Senior. This person wanted to improve his skiing skills. He is now a Basic Examiner, Toboggan Examiner and a PSIA Level One Ski Instructor who is actually teaching classes OUTSIDE of the Ski Patrol to regular folks. Anyone else??? I would love to hear from you.

As usual we have many things scheduled in the upcoming months with OEC, CPR and On-The-Hill refreshers. Unfortunately, we will not be holding an Atlanta refresher this year. With Sky Valley closed, the patrollers that ran many of the stations are now scattered and are integrating themselves into their new patrols. I know that this is a sad note to all those who participated in patrolling at Sky Valley and worked tirelessly on the Atlanta Refresher.

I hope to see you at and OEC or On-The-Hill refresher and look forward to an EARLY ski season.

BRENT

From the Supervisors and Advisors...

Instructor... Instructor Development... Instructor Development... Instructor
Ann Wood,
Instructor Development Supervisor

There will be an instructor development course at Wolf Laurel Ski Area on Saturday, 28 October at 9am. The **INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT COURSE** covers the various areas of instruction and how instructors can apply them to create a positive learning experience for their students. It helps build a strong foundation of educational knowledge for use when planning and delivering lessons. The general information covered in Instructor Development is applicable for all potential NSP instructors, regardless of instructional specialty. Students should order their own book, #502: [Instructor Development, Training the Adult Learner](#). For those wishing to attend, please contact **Bill Boughton** (h) 828-645-8670 or (w) 828-645-0341 or bill@boughton.com. For Instructor Development instructors who would like to help teach, please contact **Ann Wood** at awood@ptcog.org.

Certified... Certified... Certified... Certified... Certified... Certified... Certified

Stephen Kuller,
Certified Program Supervisor

The only thing different in the certified program is that we continue to gain new candidates. We have been experiencing good growth this past season. New interest is up this season as well. I look forward to proactively developing the interest of these new individuals as well as the ones that are currently engaged in the program the last several years. This is exciting stuff. We have identified with members that would not have otherwise entertained the thought of this program. It has been fostered by the members in our program and well as the call to develop strengths at your mountains. Thanks to all the Members of the Southern Division for continued support.

The Calendar of events has been put into the Southern Cross. Remember if you are interested in the program please contact a Certified member for more information. I am available to all of you to answer any questions you may have. We have a selection process. Please look into it, entertain questions and develop a dialog with us.

The program has developed a great number of patrollers all across the South. Many of them give a great deal of time to their mountains management. Certified patrollers are in strong leadership positions, trainers, OEC and Toboggan. They give back to those that have helped get into the program.

As you can see I am very grateful for the opportunity to share this program with as many strong skiers and leaders within our division. I request that if you feel the need to better your self. Step up to plate. Take the time to explore your options; this will test your strength and character.

I truly wish all the members of the southern division a safe and memorable ski season.



Senior Program – Encouraging Growth Through Training

*Dave Quidort
Division Senior Coordinator*

Last season I spent a lot of time traveling through out our Division attending Senior EMM Clinics and Evaluations. I am encouraged by what we are doing as a division on a whole. We are developing stronger patrollers through encouraging others to pursue further training than just at their local area.

I have been focusing in on several key areas over this past year and will continue to do so this season. The first is training, both the candidates and our Division Instructor Training (IT) Staff. I encourage all Candidates to work with their local training officer to grow their skills. The Senior Program is one that is educational and at the same time challenging.

I held a Division wide EEM Instructor Training clinic in June of this past summer. The purpose of the clinic was to bring the Division closer to being one unified team, instead of four regions working independent of each other. About 1/3 of the Division staff attended this clinic. Plans are being made for another clinic in the Spring of 2007.



Dave Quidort is being evaluated by the other IT staff. The injured is Peg Harris.



In this exercise, the other IT's evaluated Dave then compared their scores. Assisting Dave is Bob Brewster and Lisa Adams.



Another area that as a Division we are working on is driving consistency across the Division. Through training and clinics like the one we held this past season the Senior program will grow stronger. We have great resources within our division that we can call upon and will continue to do so.

As this season is quickly approaching, I look forward to visiting more areas this season and meeting more of the Division Staff and mostly the Candidates themselves. I encourage those who are interested in Senior to get involved, approach your local Patrol training officer about what you need to do if your Patrol does not have a training officer, take to your Patrol Rep or Director. Or feel free to contact myself or one of the Region Senior Administrators; we all are ready to help you with reaching Senior.

Thank you,

Dave Quidort

Ski and Snowboard School

*John Shaffer,
Ski and Snowboard Supervisor*

We have changed our name!! The “Proficiency Program” was confusing and really didn’t tell you what we were or what we did. To keep it simple, we have changed the name to the **Southern Division Ski and Snowboard School**. The school is recognized and authorized by the Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA) and American Association of Snowboard Instructors (AASI) Eastern Division. The Division instructors within the school are in most cases, the patrols “on-the-hill” ski and snowboard trainers working with the candidates and patrollers to improve skiing and riding skills. The instructors go through the same training and certification that is required of PSIA / AASI instructors working at your area ski / snowboard or snowsports school.

The division’s goal is to have all patrol lead instructors at Level II certification. Currently the division has 12 instructors at either Level II or III. The latest instructor to join the ranks is **Brent Bowman** of the Cataloochee Patrol and Dixie Region Director who completed the second portion (teaching) of the two day testing this past spring. CONGRATULATIONS to Brent!

The Ski and Snowboard School will be expanding the availability of **Ski Enhancement Seminars (SES)** this coming season. So what is SES? This is an NSP authorized course that provides the members with an opportunity to improve their skiing skills. These courses are taught by the division’s Level III instructors. The course also qualifies as a senior elective. Please check the division’s calendar for the SES nearest you and sign up early as the course should fill up quickly.



Patroller Enrichment Seminar (PES)

Mary Underwood

Patroller Enrichment Seminar Supervisor

Things I Learned at the Patroller Enrichment Seminar

Every time I teach a *Patroller Enrichment Seminar*, I learn many good ideas and find our patrollers do a great job of finding solutions to common patrolling problems. My knowledge of good patrolling techniques always grows as we share and work through our PES course.



The June '06 PES held in Asheville gave me many ideas that I think patroller's and patrols would find helpful. I present 2 of these ideas, because they are so easy to implement. One patrol has identified their patrollers who speak a foreign language, sign language, etc., They keep this list posted in their office area. This information would certainly be helpful in dealing with non-English speaking customers. This patrol also had posted a chart of basic Spanish-English words and phrases.

Another idea which would aid many patrols in dealing with bus groups, is to provide a letter which goes in the information-ticket packet sent out by the resort. This letter (composed by the area patrol) provides information on skier safety, responsibility code, appropriate clothing for skiing, suggestion of having a car along with bus to provide for sick or injured skier, and advise to have a check-in system, so that they keep up with members of the group and so that ski patrol is not doing time-consuming searches for "unlost" people.

Come to the next PES. Share, learn and meet patrollers from different areas. The next PES course is at The Homestead in Virginia on Dec. 9, 2006. **Cindy Diehl** is the Instructor. Contact her at chuff@starpower.net or 703-494-9490.



July 15, 2006 Mission Hospital, Asheville N.C.

Why "re-invent the wheel" if another patrol has already built a program you could use?



Mountain Travel and Rescue

Bob Chatman, Supervisor

What's Right and what's wrong?

This year the goal for the NSP was maintaining the status quo for the program. Overall national did its job. I'm happy to say that we exceeded our goals.

What's right? We are probably one of the few Divisions that had all of our paper work to National on time. We are getting the best responses from instructors that **Mark Rees** has mentored. Keep up the good work Mark.

The current MTR textbook is fifteen years old and I will be asking our instructors if they have found any mistakes. (There are very few.) I'd like to have anyone who has taken or taught a MTR course to come up with any suggestions or changes that could be incorporated into the next textbook. Email any suggestions to me at bob_chatman@hotmail.com.

What's wrong? As well as we are doing we could always be doing better. There are many patrollers who might be interested in a MTR Course that haven't taken one because of the timing or location. If you think that you would like to have a course in your area please email me at the above listed address and we'll start the ball rolling.

Some years ago there was a sign at the top of Killington Mountain with the inscription "Tonight this mountain will be as cold and dark as it was 1,000 years ago." After a MTR Course you would be better equipped mentally and equipment wise to handle most winter conditions.

What can we do? Learning what to bring and what to do under different situations could make the difference between surviving and not. It doesn't take much, a trash bag, matches; the correct attitude along with a few other items usually in your patrol pack is all you need for about three to four days. What other items? What do you do with the trash bag? What other items from your patrol belt? What's the correct attitude? The answers to the above questions and so much more are taught in just a day or a short weekend. Gather enough patrollers to support a course, usually six to ten depending on the instructor, and we will supply the instructors. (There are the usual schedule, facility and other minor items to work out. The most important thing is don't wait.) I like to get thing scheduled six months to a year in advanced. **Let's do it.**

Mountain Travel and Rescue I and II Course:

To all patrollers interested there will be a MTR1 and MTR2 class held on November 10-12, 2006. If interested please contact **Terry Loges** right away. He can be reached at terry.loges@alcan.com or on cell phone 865-548-1262; home 865-475-4243. Class work will begin in the next few weeks. Remember if you are considering Senior program this course will count towards Senior requirements.

If you should have any questions, comments or concerns do not hesitate to contact me.

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Southern Division Telecommunications

*Rick Woodlee,
Communications Supervisor*

I hope everyone has had a great summer and all is well. Well, it is fall 2006, and ski season and patrolling is just around the corner. Now its a great time to drag out those musty radios and bring them back up to pristine order. There are a few things you can do to breathe new life into those creatures of communications.

My suggestions are as follows:

1. Clean the exterior of radio.
2. Open the battery compartment, take the battery out, look for corrosion; then clean the battery compartment and the battery contacts.
3. Put battery back in the radio if it is not corroded; then, recharge the radio for 14 hours.
4. Cycle the radio by turning on for 8 hours; then, recharge back up for 10 hours.
5. If the radio does not work OK, take it to a repair shop now, before the season starts. This gives the technicians time to order and receive parts and to fix the radio to like new condition.
6. Take the radio to someone who is certified to check the key operating parameters to verify that the radio is operating in accordance with the FCC rules and regulations Part 90, para. 201-217. You are still required to have the primary operating parameters to be in tolerance. If there is an incident involving your radio and found to be negligent in maintaining those parameters; then, you are responsible. (The primary operating parameters are as follows: frequency tolerance, spurious radiation, modulation, and power output.)

The operating requirements and procedures can be found in the FCC rules and regulations Part 90 para.401-449. A brief summary proper radio communications and operations are as follows:

1. Never use profanity or improper communications on the air.
2. Never interfere with other users of the frequency. (example, Rescue and EMS units, ambulances, law enforcement, etc. This is the quickest way to get a pink slip from the FCC.)
3. Identify yourself by saying your call letters at the end of your conversation or every 30 min., which ever comes first.
4. Post a copy of your FCC license in the patrol room.
5. Be responsible to clean and recharge the radio after use.

One can use the NSPS frequencies during training, examinations, searches, intra-communications with other patrols, rescue and search teams, or anything in the special emergency realm. If you are using the Ski Areas' frequencies, I suggest you post a copy of the Ski Areas' license close to your base radio; so, there is no question about frequency authorization and use.

Please contact me if I can assist you in any of your telecommunications programs.

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Helmet Use and Its Effect on Head Injuries in Skiing and Snowboarding

A Report to the Southern Division NSP

Ian D Archibald MD, FACS, Medical Advisor

Head injury is the most frequent cause of death and disability in ski slope accidents. (abdominal injuries #2, spinal injuries #3). Helmet use has only slowly been embraced as the primary protector against head injuries. There is overwhelming evidence that helmet use prevents head injuries in bicycling, in line skating and motor cycle riding. Popular argument against helmet use in skiing and snowboarding stems from impact data that shows that these helmets can only withstand direct impacts in the 12-14 mph range. Both bicycle and motorcycle helmets register similar impact velocity data yet clinical evidence shows that bicycle helmets reduce risk of head injury by 69-85%, brain injury 65-88% and severe brain injury by 74% [1]. The motorcycle data is significant enough that mandatory helmet use laws exist in most states. Also there is a concern that helmet use might increase cervical spine injuries by adding weight to the head, especially in children who already have a disproportionately large head.

In February 2006 a Norwegian study by Sulheim et al [2] published a review of helmet use and risk of head injuries in skiers and snowboarders in JAMA (The Journal of the American Medical Association) which is the most compelling evidence to date of the protective benefits of helmets. In a carefully designed study comparing neurologically injured skiers and snowboarders against control groups of both non-injured skiers and injured skiers without neurological trauma, they found a 60% reduction in head injury risk. The data comes from 8 ski resorts (more than 50% of the uphill ski lift transports for Norway during the 2002 season) and corrects for factors such as age, sex, nationality, skiing ability and type of equipment. They also considered the likelihood of helmet use in each of the at risk groups. They identified beginners, males, youth and snowboarders as groups with increased risk of head injury and showed that the protective effect of helmet use is consistent across groups. Cervical spine injuries were slightly decreased in helmet users but this result was not statistically significant.

The conclusions of this Norwegian study support the hypothesis of Levy and Smith [3] in their comprehensive review of neurologic injuries in skiers and snowboarders in Colorado, published in 2000. They reviewed all skiers and snowboarders that sustained neurological injuries who required admission to a Level 1 trauma center from 1982-1998. They made the following statement: "Helmets may not prevent every injury but in all cases we have seen to date, they have mitigated potentially fatal or disabling head injuries into fully recoverable injuries." Further, they found no evidence to suggest that helmets increased the risk of spinal injuries in children or adults. Helmet use was not widespread during their study period.

At approximately this time period the US Consumer Product Safety Commission predicted that ski helmets would potentially address 44% of head injuries in skiers and snowboarders overall and 53% of head injuries for those under 15 years of age. A Canadian study, Hope et al [4], which reviewed 2001-2 data from Quebec ski areas also found a reduction of head injury in helmet users of 29-50%. They did see a slight increase in cervical spine injuries in their series but again it was not statistically significant.

Therefore the debate about helmets protectiveness on prevention of skiing and snowboarding injuries appears over. This new data from Norway confirms the findings in the previous Quebec and Colorado studies, and is consistent with the experience in cycling. Continued study of the effects of helmet use on cervical spine injuries appears warranted.

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National Ski Patrol / Southern Division
2007 Division Director Election Qualification, Procedure & Schedule

Nominations are being accepted to fill the position of Southern Division Director.

Qualifications include:

- Registered member of the NSP for a minimum of five years.
- Should be a currently registered as a senior, certified volunteer or professional.
- Must have served in a NSP leadership position.
- Must be familiar with current NSP and division policies and procedures.
- Must be registered in the Southern Division.

In addition, there are a number of minimums recommended, but not mandatory eligibility requirements.

Detailed qualifications and eligibility requirements can be found starting on page 69 in the current **"NSP Policies & Procedures 2005 - 2006 Manual"**. The manual can be obtained at the National Ski Patrol web site www.nsp.org <<http://www.nsp.org>>. Go to Member Services (Login), My Bookshelf, Policies & Procedures 2005 - 2006.

December 1, 2006 Deadline for submitting nominations

Requires:

- Signed acceptance of nominee
- One page resume
- Candidate's one page platform (optional)

Information will be forwarded to the Southern Cross Editor for inclusion in the January/Mid-winter issue and to Internet Communications Supervisor for posting on web site. It is recommended that the candidate verify that the editor of the Southern Cross and the Internet Communications Supervisor has received their articles.

December 15, 2006 Deadline for eligibility determination.

Ineligible candidates have seven days to appeal to the PAST Division Director.

December 22, 2006 Election Coordinator submits slate to National Chair for review. Any concerns of Chair are due by January 1.

February 1, 2007 Ballots, resumes & platforms will be sent to all Patrol Representatives of record on January 1, 2005.

February 21, 2007 Deadline for the receipt of ballots in hand of election coordinator.

March 1, 2007 Election Coordinator will announce results of the election.

Any concerns or procedural questions should be addressed to the Election Coordinator:

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Annual Southern Division Awards

*Peg Harris,
Awards Supervisor*

As I step into the role of the Southern Division Awards Supervisor, I realize what a legacy **John Dobson** has left. He really got the patrols motivated to nominate candidates in each of the outstanding categories generating a lot of excitement during the division meeting and at the annual awards banquet. This year was no different even though there was much scrambling at the last minute for a new venue for the meeting and banquet. The Meadowview Conference Center was a beautiful venue and the dinner was elegant and delicious. The group was small but nevertheless enthusiastic!

The evening began with the presentation of two Blue Merit Stars.

At 6:24 PM on March 10, 2006, the Massanutten Ski Patrol was summoned to assist a skier at one of their terrain parks. The initial call reported a skier down on "Easy Street" and Kelly Duke Drewnowski responded. Upon her arrival, she found a responsive 51-year-old male patient off the edge of the slope complaining of bilateral leg pain, and secondarily, bilateral upper extremity pain. Kelly began her primary survey and requested a heavy sled and oxygen. Assistant Patrol Director, Travis Dorman responded with that equipment and began assisting with patient care. Emergency medical services were activated at this time.

Upon exposing the lower limb injuries, Kelly Duke Drewnowski recognized an open fracture to the right tibia/fibula and a closed but severely deformed left femur fracture. Upon realizing the severity of the lower limb injuries, the patrollers activated helicopter transport service AirCare 5. Work began immediately to control bleeding and patrollers Chris French and Steven Kuller responded to the scene to assist with a difficult immobilization and extrication task.

The patient was placed on oxygen and due to the complexity of the lower extremity injuries and a suspected left hip injury, the patrollers utilized an inverted quick splint between the legs immobilizing them against one another. Due to the mechanism of injury and further complaints the patient was fully immobilized and the upper extremities were immobilized against the body. The patrollers carefully executed a difficult extrication and placed the patient in the toboggan for Steve Kuller's transport via snowmobile.

Once in the aid room, the patient was reassessed and care was transferred to members of the Elkton Emergency Squad. The patient was transported to the landing zone where the AirCare flight crew packaged the patient for transport to the University of Virginia Medical Center. The flight crew was very complimentary of the patient care provided by the Ski Patrollers.

The patient was a 51-year-old male from McGaheysville, Virginia. He is an experienced skier who lives just outside the resort and frequents Massanutten regularly. Contact with the patient's family confirmed the injuries suspected during Kelly Duke Drewnowski's assessment including bilateral shoulder fractures, a right humerus fracture, fractures to the left hip and femur, and the open fractures of the tibia and fibula. The patient's daughter reported that the surgeons at the University of Virginia considered her father to be the most severe case of orthopedic trauma that they have encountered. Several surgeries were required to repair the patient's injuries but he is expected to recover.

*There is no question that the care initiated by **Kelly Duke Drewnowski** was essential to provide this patient an opportunity to survive such severe trauma. I believe that her quick assessment and utilization of patrol resources to provide appropriate care certainly qualify Kelly for Blue Star recognition.*

The second Blue Merit Star of the night was then presented.

Early in the afternoon of December 5, 2005, Wintergreen patroller William "T" Harris was summoned by radio from the top of an intermediate slope at his mountain to evaluate a rider reported down on the slope face. The day was blustery and cold with reduced visibility. It was snowing hard and the snowguns were running at full bore. T found the patient, a 20-year old college student, lying prone, head downhill, with his face turned slightly to the left. The patient denied loss of consciousness, was oriented, described a burning sensation in both palms, and said that he was unable to move his upper and lower extremities, which really seemed to frustrate him. A report later from Wintergreen patrollers WA Hogsten and Jessica Butler, who were skiing and had witnessed the accident from 80 yards downhill, revealed that the boarder had jumped a berm around a snowgun (well marked with bamboo), catapulted about 20 feet up into the air, became inverted, fell to the slope landing on his posterior neck, and then slid down the hill into the position found.

T Harris performed his Initial Assessment and Rapid Body Survey and found that: 1) the patient's airway was competent; 2) there was point tenderness of his posterior cervical spine; 3) there was mild palpable cervical muscle spasm; and 4) there was no response to touch and no voluntary motion in his upper or lower extremities. No other obvious injuries were found. T therefore left the patient "as is" until further help arrived. After witnessing the accident from below, WA Hogsten immediately skied back to the patrol room, set up the outrigger trauma sled with spinal immobilization equipment, and returned by snowmobile to a site below the accident scene. Patroller Peggy Harris skied O2 down from the top of the slope, and Jessica Butler ran up the slope from below to the injury scene. Head control was instituted once Jessica arrived, and when all four rescuers were on scene, a Jams and Pretzels maneuver with head-torso stabilization was carried out to straighten the body. Again, with good head control, the patient was rolled uphill and then down onto a spineboard, using an in-line drag for centering. Spider straps and head blocks were applied and completed the immobilization. CMS in the upper and lower extremities was unchanged. The four rescuers then carefully slid the spineboard downhill about 10 yards, transferred it to the trauma sled, and the patient was transported downhill another 70 yards to the awaiting rescue squad ambulance.

T Harris climbed in the back of the ambulance with the patient, and on a final survey, noted some return of sensation to touch on the patient's chest and anterior left thigh, a flicker of hand grasp bilaterally, a continued burning sensation in both palms by description, but no other motion in either upper or lower extremity.

During the ambulance trip to the University of Virginia (UVA) Medical Center, the patient was given high doses of intravenous corticosteroids. At the UVA Emergency Department, x-rays of the cervical spine revealed a C5 burst fracture with retropulsion of the lower vertebral body endplate back into the spinal cord. The patient underwent acute surgical decompression of his cervical spine from both the anterior and posterior approaches. Subsequent to his discharge from the UVA Medical Center, he has been treated in the hospital rehabilitation unit, and is at present making slow but significant progressive neurologic recovery, well on the road to living a productive life again!

*The emergency care procedures performed by William "T" Harris, WA Hogsten, Jessica Butler and Peggy Harris last December were "textbook," and their professionalism offered the young student injured that day a real chance for functional recovery. I am therefore pleased to present **William "T" Harris** with a Blue Merit Star, and **WA Hogsten, Jessica Butler and Peg Harris** with Yellow Merit Stars, in recognition for the outstanding emergency care they provided on December 5, 2005 at Wintergreen Ski Resort, Virginia!*

Peg Harris was present to receive a Yellow Merit Star for her participation at the scene of this incident.

Both Blue Merit Star recipients received a standing ovation from the crowd! Let's face it folks, this is what it's all about and what great training can do!

Three recipients were present to receive Southern Division Outstanding awards.

From a Patrol Unit representative, "As small resort with limited resources, for many years we have been forced to rely on old equipment, less than adequate first aid supplies, and an inadequate aide room." A few years ago the patroller we honor next became their patrol's chief funding officer, and started an annual golf tournament to supplement the patrol budget. To date, this event has earned over \$15,000.00 for the patrol, and continues to be their chief source of income. The really special part of this fundraiser is that our honoree underwrites a large part of the event, by inviting his work customers to play in the event, and then pay their entry fees.

As an Instructor, this patroller has always shown an uncanny skill for getting the information from "books" into the heads of candidates. His love of OEC and his concern for the success of every student is apparent not only in the way he prepares for each instructional session but in his presentations as well. He is a consummate actor and uses these skills to make the lessons fun and interesting to students. For the past two years this patroller has donated his office as a place to hold OEC classes, and has become involved in almost every class, as an instructor or as a scenario participant.

As oft happens with not just new candidates, but with everyone, we reach a plateau where learning seems to pause. This patroller is our "Go to Guy" to push that stalled or discouraged patroller over the top. Remarkable as the purveyor of one-on-one instructional skills, his caring, concerned approach always seems to be just what is needed.

The individual we now honor understands the need for organization and responsibility, and demands this from instructors that work with him. He sets the standard, demonstrates it, and expects his co-instructors to meet its parameters. He is always ready to help, and looks for opportunities to teach. He takes his role as an Instructor Trainer very seriously. Everyone who works with him understands this commitment, and it makes them better.

*It is with great pleasure and respect that I now present the 2006 Southern Division Outstanding Instructor Award, along with a Yellow Merit Star, to **Jonathan Hale!***

When considering Outstanding Patrol Representatives, this individual stands out among the very best in the National Ski Patrol! Starting at his area as a Student Patroller 18 years ago, he has developed and matured through every patrolling level, and now serves as both their Patrol Director and Unit Representative, positions he assumed seven years ago. This combination of paid and volunteer leadership, has capped an outstanding patrol career for our honoree, and has made him the penultimate patroller!

Under this patroller's guidance, his patrol has flourished. Membership numbers have increased and thus coverage on the mountain has grown. He has helped plan and expand patrol facilities, recommended updating medical equipment in the aide room and on the hill (implementing both), and expanded community outreach programs (including working with the local fire and rescue squads). This individual carefully makes certain that all patrollers are registered and properly re-certified, monitors and documents the progress of candidates, and most importantly ensures the safety of the snowsports program on his mountain.

Even though the man se honor is in a paid leadership position, he finds time to be actively involved in both OEC and ski training three times a week during the season, serves as a Boy Scout Skiing Merit Badge counselor, and volunteers with the Winter Special Olympics locally and at the state level. He feels strongly that emergency care expertise is very important to his patrol, and because of his outgoing personality, recruiting comes easy for him. In the past two years, he has signed up a local ER doctor, a pediatrician, a county medical director, an ER and OB nurse, and a physician's assistant to become patrollers! And, in 2005, this young man also completed his EMT-B certification, and now runs regularly with a local rescue squad.

Finally, I think that it is important for me to mention that this patroller, through his growth, impressive and competent work ethic and likeable demeanor, has established an excellent relationship with all of the resort management staff with whom he works.

*It is with pride that I present the 2005 Southern Division Outstanding Patrol Director Award, along with a Yellow Merit Star, to **Joe Donadio!***

The patroller we honor now came to her home patrol by marriage a few years ago, and has been a tireless worker from the day she joined the patrol. She has led Patroller 101 classes, been an active OEC Instructor, and in three short years has become absolutely indispensable to their mountain.

This individual has been almost solely responsible for outfitting the interior of the new resort aide room. She begged for and purchased on her own, supplies and those "little things" that make the room complete. This year, she saw a need for patient privacy and made five sets of curtains to separate the beds.

Our honoree was instrumental in developing our new "patroller identification card system" that allows patrollers to swipe their identification cards upon arrival and departure. Attendance record keeping is now much easier.

For the past three years, our patrol has purchased and prepared lunch at our patrol Summit House. The resort grill is so crowded that we cannot get patrollers in and out fast enough to maintain a secure presence on the hill. This year when we needed someone to coordinate lunch preparation, the individual we honor volunteered to take over the project. Every week, she shopped for food, cooked, and made it happen. One weekend, she served over 55 patrollers who were visiting our mountain for the Region Senior Evaluation.

This individual always has a smile and an encouraging comment for everyone she meets. Her logical approach to almost every situation has kept many of her fellow patrollers out of trouble on many occasions. She is a pleasure to work with -- and just be around.

*It is with great pleasure that I present the 2006 Southern Division Outstanding Auxiliary Award, along with a Silver Merit Star for having been selected as the 2006 Runner-Up Outstanding Auxiliary In the Nation, to **Glenn Larsen!***

The final award presented went to the Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol for Southern Division.

Why is this patrol outstanding?

Giving.

The one word describes this patrol and differentiates it from all other patrols to make it outstanding. This group of people deserve the highest of rewards, for they give, and give, and give.

The giving of this patrol as a unit and of each individual member of the patrol starts with their commitment to the ski area. Every year, each member dedicates a great portion of his or her life to the customers of the ski industry. On any typical winter weekend, there can be upwards of 7500 skiers and 100 accidents in a shift. With these statistics, it is obvious that no patroller is there merely to have fun. The mountain dictates a level of anxiety with the knowledge that the patrol will be faced with multiple life threatening injuries during the season. The patrollers dedicate their time to excellence with emergency care. They give to others by sharing knowledge and training others for emergent care, utilizing trending to reduce accident numbers and severity, and basic caring about each customer to offer anything from directions to a courtesy ride.

It is amazing to watch the process of giving from these dedicated individuals. One example of the outstanding performance of this patrol was during this ski season. An accident was called over the radio for the patrol to respond to an area on an intermediate terrain. The responding patrollers found a 14 year old female beginner level skier that had fallen on the slope. It was reported from a bystander she had been traveling at a high rate of speed and out of control. She was found on the deck of a slope side house which sits about 100 feet away from the slope edge. The girl had gone down an embankment, over rocks, through several small trees and probably hit the house's deck post. Her skis and one boot were left 60 feet on the slope above her. The unresponsive patient with deteriorating vital signs and neurological status was extricated from an extremely difficult area off the back deck of a house over rocks and a small creek. Wings Air Rescue was activated along with the EMS. The landing zone was set up by the patrol. The patrol exhibited utmost professionalism in all aspects from the emergency care and treatment of the patient, to crowd control, logistics of bringing in the EMS transport, to the packaging of the "jams and pretzels" of which they were faced. Communication from the Emergency Room staff in regards to the incident was, "the patrol did an excellent job getting her here so quickly, they saved her life." Wing's staff reported to the patrol director they were impressed with the level of care given by the mountain patrollers. This is only one incident in which a life was saved this season by the outstanding performance of the ski patrol. Many letters have been received from injured customers and customer's families with praises and thanks for jobs well done in the patroller's line of duty.

Another impressive characteristic of this patrol is the ongoing volunteer coverage of the mountain. There is not a need at this mountain for the volunteer patrol members to be assigned a full weekend shifting. The volunteers are requested to sign up for Saturday night coverage only. The remainder of the weekends are always staffed and effectively covered.

The patrol demonstrates an impressive level of experience and dedication as evidenced by the 99% retention rate of its members. There are five patrollers with more than 15 years, eleven patrollers with more than 20 years, five patrollers with more than 25 years, four patrollers with more than 30 years, and two patrollers with more than 35 years of service with the NSPS.

Finally, the hallmark of a good mountain operation is a partnership between management and the patrol. The patrol is a key part of what keeps the mountain running smoothly from the opening to the closing each day. The management of the mountain is supportive, complimentary, and verbalizes pride in the patrol.

These dedicated individuals give so much of themselves to National Ski Patrol. They give so much to each other. They give so much to their communities. They give so much, because they love what they do and are committed to work together to promote safety, enjoyment, and profitability to the sport of skiing.

*It was a great pleasure for the Southern Division to present the **Sugar Mountain Ski Patrol** with the 2006 Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol Award, and a Unit Citation for being selected as a National Outstanding Nominee!*

The Cataloochee Ski Patrol received the Runner-Up Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol Award.

Even though our group was small this year, the enthusiasm was there as always to cheer for the all the award recipients. The Southern Division is filled with those who are worthy of receiving merit stars, certificates of appreciation, outstanding wards. Patrol reps/directors should already be thinking of who to nominate for the upcoming season. Remember, it is a great way to honor those who serve their local patrols, Southern Division and the National Ski Patrol so well. Let's keep the momentum going for next year's banquet!

From National...

Outdoor Emergency Care Course Evaluation and Challenge Criteria

OEC instructors need to be aware of some recent changes in the OEC evaluation and challenge criteria. We've listed some pertinent details below. However, we urge you to refer to *NSP Policies and Procedures*, accessible on your Bookshelf from your member page at www.nsp.org, and your *OEC Instructor's Manual*. If you have additional questions, you may contact your division OEC supervisor, region administrator, or the education department at the national office.

Course Evaluation Criteria

- Enrollment fees must be ordered by the instructor of record at the beginning of the course for every student and challenge applicant who enrolls in a course or challenge.
- When these are ordered, the national office will send to the IOR copies of the approved, required written and practical final exams, as well as Certificates of Achievement.
- An instructor trainer **must** be present at the final exams.
- The minimum passing grade for the written exam is **80 percent**.
- The minimum passing grade for each scenario or skill station of the practical exam is **80 percent**, including completion of each CPI.
- For OEC trainees only, one retest opportunity (determined at the discretion of the instructor of record) is permissible on the final written exam and for each skill station or scenario of the final practical exam for OEC trainees enrolled in the basic course.

Challenge criteria

- Challenge applicants must meet one or more of the following:
 - Emergency trained and currently certified as: EMT, MD/DO, PA/NP, RN, or LPN .
 - Previous OEC certification provided the expired OEC certification date has not exceeded three years.
 - Certain wilderness first responders whose courses have a minimum of 72 hours of course work (currently approved are WMI, WMA, and SOLO).
 - Other certifications may be approved by the national education director after consultation with the national OEC Program director. This is based upon the submission and review of appropriate curriculum materials.
- Challenge time requirements (total hours) will vary with background, specialty, and experience.
- Challenges must be registered separately from courses.
- Challenge applicants must practice skills with an OEC instructor prior to the challenge testing.
- If the OEC challenge applicant fails any portion of the challenge examination, there is no retest opportunity and the applicant must then participate in a full OEC course.

New CPR, AED, and First Aid Guidelines

The new Guidelines for First Aid co-developed by the American Red Cross and American Heart Association as well as the American Heart Association's CPR Guidelines were released on November 28, 2005. Other certifying agencies have adopted these as well.

The training methods in place now for first aid and CPR are not incorrect nor are they harmful, but [improved methods based on new scientific evidence](#) will make it easier for the public to learn CPR and other life-saving skills. OEC training will still be based on the content of *Outdoor Emergency Care fourth edition*, though we are looking at ways to introduce the new first aid guidelines that may pertain to OEC skills to the membership before the publication of the next edition of that text.

The National Ski Patrol requires that all active members be certified in professional rescuer-level CPR, and also demonstrate those skills annually. The NSP recognizes this certification from five agencies: American Red Cross, American Heart Association, National Safety Council, American Safety and Health Institute, and Medic First Aid. The agency that provides your CPR certification will determine the process for training in these new protocols, and it's anticipated that many members will be introduced to the new CPR guidelines this fall.

If you have questions regarding this, there are several resources available. You might want to reread the article in this summer's *On Scene* magazine (page 12), or contact your patrol representative about plans for CPR training this fall. Additional information can be found by contacting your CPR training center or by visiting the website of your certifying agency. Here are the links to those agencies:

www.americanheart.org
www.redcross.org
www.nsc.org

www.ashinstitute.org
www.medicfirstaid.com

NSAA National Demographic Study

Lakewood, Colo. (Ski Press)-Among the most prominent shifts noted in the 2006 NSAA National Demographic Study is the proportion of children under 18 rising to 15.5 percent in 2005/06, up from 12.9 percent in 2004/05. Meanwhile the average age dropped this season to 35.1. A drop in average age was observed in all regions except the Midwest and Pacific West, where the average age held steady.

Another significant finding was faster growth of snowboard participation, up 3 percent over last season, following several years of more sluggish growth. This pattern, also corroborated by the latest Kottke End of Season Survey that projects snowboarders accounted for 30.4 percent of visits last season, was driven by a combination of increased participation in key youth age groups, as well as increased snowboarding penetration across all age groups between 10 and 45.

An increase in helmet usage was also noted, an ongoing pattern illustrated in previous years data. Helmet usage continues to remain most prevalent among those under 15 and those 55 years old and older, as well as among advanced and expert participants. Overall, 38 percent of survey respondents were wearing a helmet when interviewed, up from 33 percent last season.

A total of 72 of the United States 478 operating ski resorts, or 15.1 percent, were represented in the study with a total of 131,392 surveys completed during the 2005/06 season. To purchase a copy of the 2006 NSAA National Demographic Study go into the Resource Guide under the Marketing section of nsaa.org.

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PREPARING FOR THE 2006-2007 WINTER SEASON

Sugar Mountain, NC – In 2004 Sugar Mountain Resort committed to spend \$2 million on capital improvements over 3-5 years. However, since 2004 Sugar Mountain Resort has exceeded its original investment projections to well over \$3 million, and we're not finished yet.

In year one, the yellow and green lifts were overhauled with new drive stations and new chairs by Doppelmayr/C-Tec, a Magic Carpet was added to the beginner's area, and three brand new Kassbohrer snow grooming machines were purchased.

In 2005 the brown and red lifts were rebuilt with new drive stations. The handle tow lifts in the tubing park were replaced with a new Magic Carpet. We successfully unveiled our newly designed information hub, www.skisugar.com, which includes the highly frequented and arguably the ski industry's only live, streaming web cam. During the 2005-2006 season we also brought North Carolina its first Norba National Mountain Bike Competition hosting 900 competitors from 8 countries and 43 states and territories.

As always, the experience of our customers captures our attention and leads us in the direction we need to go. Plans are under way to add a second, live, streaming web cam and an additional weather station at Sugar's 5,300-foot summit. The current web cam and weather station are located at Sugar Mountain Resort's 4,100-foot base. The passion and commitment to provide the best possible snow conditions began in 1976 and continues today. This summer six thousand feet of snowmaking pipes were upgraded on the Flying Mile and Easy Street slopes. New snowmaking machines were added to the snowmaking fleet and the brown lift chairs were replaced with new Doppelmayr/C-Tec chairs. This January Sugar Mountain Resort will become the southern most ski resort to host a National Winter Trails Day, a nationwide event that offers children and adults, new to snow sports, the chance to try snowshoeing for FREE.

"Our commitment is real and we continue diligently on that path," said Gunther Jochl, President and General Manager. "The financial improvements are operationally and cosmetically necessary. But the commitment to offer our customers the best experience possible goes far beyond financial means. Year after year and day after day Sugar Mountain Resort strives to reach a goal of excellence; and that's a commitment that only our customers can feel."

We are proud to announce that the Sugar Mountain Resort Ski/Snowboard Patrol was selected as the outstanding patrol in the Southern Division for the 2005-06 season. This award was previously received by the Sugar Mountain Resort Ski/Snowboard Patrol in 1996.

For additional information please call Sugar Mountain Resort: (828) 898-4521 x262 or visit us at www.skisugar.com/press.

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Southern Division Calendar

Month	Date	Event	Location	Contact	Comments
SEE REGIONAL ROSTERS FOR Educational Courses for 2006-2007					
Southern Division Deadlines					
2006					
DEC	1	Candidates Apply For Div. Director Election		Division Election Coordinator	Lee Wittmann - lwhittmann@skybest.com
DEC	15	Deadline For Eligibility Determination		Division Election Coordinator	Lee Wittmann - lwhittmann@skybest.com
DEC	22	Slate Submitted To National Chair		Division Election Coordinator	Lee Wittmann - lwhittmann@skybest.com
2007					
JAN	19	Midwinter Southern Cross Deadline		Southern Cross Editor	Teresa Stewart - sceditor@bellsouth.net
FEB	1	Ballots Sent To Pr's For Voting		Division Election Coordinator	Lee Wittmann - lwhittmann@skybest.com
FEB	21	Deadline To Receive Ballots By Coordinator		Division Election Coordinator	Lee Wittmann - lwhittmann@skybest.com
MAR	1	Election Coordinator Announces Results		Division Election Coordinator	Lee Wittmann - lwhittmann@skybest.com
APR	15	DD Begins 2 Year Term Of Office			
MAY	21	Spring Southern Cross Deadline		Southern Cross Editor	Teresa Stewart - sceditor@bellsouth.net
SEP	3	Fall Southern Cross Deadline		Southern Cross Editor	Teresa Stewart - sceditor@bellsouth.net
Division Meeting Events					
2007					
JAN	20	Mid Winter EC Meeting	**	**	**EC WILL ONLY MEET IF DD CALLS MEETING
MAY	5	Spring EC Planning Meeting	Wytheville	Ramada Inn 276-228-6000	MEETING BEGINS AT 8:00AM IN AZALA ROOM
JUL	21	Summer EC Planning Meeting	**	**	**EC WILL ONLY MEET IF DD CALLS MEETING
AUG	17	EC Meeting @ Fall Officer Meeting	Kingsport	Meadowview Marriott	MEETING BEGINS AT 8:00PM
AUG	18-19	Fall BOD Meeting	Kingsport	Meadowview Marriott	MEETING BEGINS AT 8:00AM
Division Reporting Deadlines					
2007					
BUDGET SUBMISSIONS					
APR	15	Next Seasons Budgets Requests	Annually	Jim Underwood 865-483-3675	inu@bellsouth.net
JUL	1	Final Year End Budget Submissions	Annually	Jim Underwood 865-483-3675	inu@bellsouth.net
JUL	1	Patrol Financial Reports (990's)	Annually	Jim Underwood 865-483-3675	inu@bellsouth.net
AWARDS SUBMISSIONS					
APR	1	Awards Nominations	Annually	Send To Chain Of Command On Application, Signed In Order. Email To Tandpeg@Netzero.Net	
ANYTIME		Nat'l Or Leadership Award Nominations		Send To Chain Of Command Listed On Application - Signed In Proper Order.	
END OF YEAR REPORT SUBMISSIONS					
APR	1	Patrol Reps End Of Year Report	Annually	Morgan Armstrong, DD,ADD,RD	RMASP@Adelphia.net
APR	1	Officers End Of Year Report	Annually	Respective Supervisor	
APR	1	Supervisors End Of Year Report	Annually	Respective Supervisor, Dd	

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Blue Ridge Region Calendar

Month	Date	Event	Location	Contact	E-Mail Address	Comments
OEC Courses and Challenges held in Region for 2006-2007						
OCT	22/23	OEC Challenge	Sugar Mtn	Larry Fleming 828-437-8448	lmfeveski@bellsouth.net	8:30am
OEC Events held in Region for 2006-2007						
SEP	9	OEC Instructor (Pre) Refresher	Appalachian	Hugh Jernigan 336-727-1995	hugh.jernigan@ncmail.net	8:30am
OCT	7	OEC Refresher-Grandfather	Valle Crusis	Teresa Stewart 704-718-5675	hns7devils@gmail.com	Valle Crusis Elem
NOV	4	OEC Refresher - Carolina Highlands	Valle Crusis	Teresa Stewart 704-718-5675	hns7devils@gmail.com	Valle Crusis Elem
Educational Courses for 2006-2007						
DEC	9	Toboggan Enhancement Seminar	Beech Mtn	David Hall 828-299-3324	dhall@buildingsmart.net	Alt Date=DEC 17
DEC	9	Toboggan Enhancement Seminar	Alternative Date/	16-Dec		
July	15	Patroller Enrichment Seminar	Asheville	Mary Underwood 865-483-3675	inu@bellsouth.net	8:30am
NOV	12-Oct	MTR Courses Mountain Travel and Rescue 1 & 2	Table Rock, NC	Terry Loges 865-475-4243	terry.loges@alcan.com	
DEC	2	Senior Emergency Mgmt Clinic	Beech Mtn	Lisa Adams 828-387-2892	pleasingmona@skybest.com	8:30am
DEC	3	Region S & T Examiners Clinic	Appalachian	David Hall 828-299-3324	dhall@buildingsmart.net	
JAN	6	Senior S & T Clinic	Beech Mtn	David Hall 828-299-3324	dhall@buildingsmart.net	8:30am
JAN	7	Basic S & T	Sugar Mtn	David Hall 828-299-3324	dhall@buildingsmart.net	8:30am
JAN	20	Senior Emergency Mgmt Evaluation	Beech Mtn	Lisa Adams 828-387-2892	pleasingmona@skybest.com	8:30am
JAN	21	Basic S & T Evaluation	Beech Mtn	David Hall 828-299-3324	dhall@buildingsmart.net	8:30am
JAN	27/28	Senior S & T Evaluation	Hawksnest	David Hall 828-299-3324	dhall@buildingsmart.net	8:30am
FEB	10	Basic S & T Evaluation	Hawksnest	David Hall 828-299-3324	dhall@buildingsmart.net	
MAR	4	Basic S & T Evaluation	Appalachian	David Hall 828-299-3324	dhall@buildingsmart.net	Basic S & T Evaluation
Region Events for 2006-2007						
SEPT	16-Sep	Hawksnest Golf Tourn.	Hawksnest	Jonathan Hale 336-403-9622	jhale@jhet.com	9:00am
OCT	14	Octoberfest	Sugar Mtn	Flynn Harris 704-336-5487	eflynnh@bellsouth.net	8:30a

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West Virginia Region Calendar

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OEC Events held in Region for 2006-2007						
Sept	23	Snowshoe Pre Refresher	Snowshoe	Jan Starr 304-572-6713	janstarr@snowshoemtn.com	
Oct	14/15	Snowshoe Refresher	Snowshoe	Jan Starr 304-572-6713	janstarr@snowshoemtn.com	
Oct	21	Timberline Refresher	Timberline	Bill Cox 703-351-9747	mountain.bc@verizon.net	
Oct	28/29	WinterPlace Refresher	Winterplace	George McMurray 304-252-3345	jorgemc@charter.net	
Nov	21	OEC Course Starts	Snowshoe	Jan Starr 304-572-6713	janstarr@snowshoemtn.com	
Jan	28	Basic OEC Evaluation	Snowshoe	Jan Starr 304-572-6713	janstarr@snowshoemtn.com	
CPR Events held in Region for 2006-2007						
Oct	29	CPR Refresher	Winterplace	Deanna Watson 304-253-6963		
Educational Courses held in Region for 2006-2007						
Dec	9	Instructor Development	Winterplace	Greg Rash 502-423-0261	greg.rash@insightbb.com	Min 6
Jan	6	Ski Enhancement Seminar	Snowshoe	Jan Starr 304-572-6713	janstarr@snowshoemtn.com	
Jan	7	Toboggan Enhancement Seminar	Snowshoe	Jan Starr 304-572-6713	janstarr@snowshoemtn.com	
Dec	16	Ski Trainers Workshop	Snowshoe	Jan Starr 304-572-6713	janstarr@snowshoemtn.com	
Feb	10	Women's Only Clinic	Snowshoe	Jan Starr 304-572-6713	janstarr@snowshoemtn.com	
Events held in the Region for 2006-2007						
Jan	20-21	Certified Clinic	Snowshoe	Steve Kuller 540-437-3349	skuller@massresort.com	
Jan	29	Basic S&T Evaluation	Snowshoe	Jan Starr 304-572-6713	janstarr@snowshoemtn.com	
Feb	4	Senior S&T Clinic	Snowshoe	Jan Starr 304-572-6713	janstarr@snowshoemtn.com	
Mar	4	Senior S&T Evaluation	Snowshoe	Jan Starr 304-572-6713	janstarr@snowshoemtn.com	
Mar	15	Certified Pre Evaluation	Snowshoe	Steve Kuller 540-437-3349	skuller@massresort.com	
Mar	16-17	Certified Evaluation	Snowshoe	Steve Kuller 540-437-3349	skuller@massresort.com	

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Dixie Region Calendar

Month	Date	Event	Location	Contact	E-Mail Address	Comments
OEC Courses and Challenges held in Region for 2006-2007						
Ann Christenson						
DEC	2-3	OEC Challenge	Cataloochee, NC	770-394-5869	annchristenson@bellsouth.net	
OEC Events held in Region for 2006-2007						
OCT	14	OEC Instructor Refresher - Catalochee	Western Carolina University	Steve McCarragher 864-226-0019	mac001@charter.net	Cataloochee Ski Area
OCT	14	OEC Instructor Refresher - Gatlinburg	Pelissippi State	Jimmy Kuneman 865-850-7547	drikuneman@aol.com	Pellissippi St. Tech Comm College
NOV	4	OEC Instructor Refresher – Wolf Laurel	Asheville	Bill Boughton 828-645-8670	bill@boughton.com	
NOV	4	OEC Refresher	Cataloochee	Steve McCarragher 864-226-0019	mac001@charter.net	Cataloochee Ski Area
NOV	5	Cataloochee On The Hill	Cataloochee	Dan Greene 770-640-6396	d.greene@mindspring.com	Cataloochee Ski Area
NOV	11	OEC Refresher	Gatlinburg, TN	Jimmy Kuneman 865-850-7547	drikuneman@aol.com	Pellissippi State Tech Comm College
NOV	12	Gatlinburg On The Hill	Gatlinburg, TN	Brandon Olsen 865-471-5197	bnolson@bellsouth.net	Gatlinburg Ski Area
NOV	18	OEC Refresher @ Wolf Laurel	Asheville	Bill Boughton 828-645-8670	bill@boughton.com	
NOV	19	Wolf Laurel On The Hill	Wolf Laurel	Bill Boughton 828-645-8670	bill@boughton.com	Wolf Laurel @ 9am
DEC	TBA	Sapphire On The Hill	Sapphire			
JAN	TBA	Smoky Mtn Nordic On The Hill	Smoky Mt Natl Pk	Andy Meachan 865-494-8838	ammeacha@icx.net	
CPR Events held in Region for 2006-2007						
OCT	7	Atlanta CPR Refresher	Atlanta, GA	Sylvia Tally 770-552-8968	snowmedic@mindspring.com	
NOV	11	Cataloochee CPR Refresher	Maggie Valley, NC	Wayne Morgan 828-926-0258 X 316	papawfwm@bellsouth.net	
NOV	12	Gatlinburg CPR Refresher	Gatlinburg, TN	Brandon Olsen 865-471-5197	bnolson@bellsouth.net	
Educational Courses for 2006-2007						
NOV	18	Instructor Development Course	Western Carolina University	Bob Landin 770-640-6771	landin@comcast.net	Alt Date=DEC 17
DEC	16-17	Rider Improvement Clinic	Cataloochee	Ric LaValle 404-368-3590	riclavallee@response-911.com	Instructor Prep for PSIA 1, 2, & 3
JAN	6	Toboggan Enhancement Clinic	Gatlinburg, TN	Brandon Olsen 865-471-5197	bnolson@bellsouth.net	
JAN	11	Toboggan Enhancement Clinic	Cataloochee	Tom Raudorf 865-483-5818	craudorf@aol.com	Thursday
JAN	19	Ski Enhancement Clinic	Wolf Laurel	Brandon Olsen 865-471-5197	bnolson@bellsouth.net	
JAN	27	Ski Enhancement Clinic	Cataloochee	Tom Raudorf 865-483-5818	craudorf@aol.com	
JAN	28	Toboggan Enhancement Clinic	Wolf Laurel	Brandon Olsen 865-471-5197	bnolson@bellsouth.net	
FEB	4	Snowboard Enhancement Clinic	Cataloochee	Tom Raudorf 865-483-5818	craudorf@aol.com	
JUN	TBA	Patroller Enrichment Seminar	Boone	Mary Underwood 865-483-3675	jnu@bellsouth.net	8:30am
Region Events for 2006-2007						
Nov30-Dec	3	Atlanta Ski Swap Sale	Atlanta, GA	Ann Christenson 770-394-5869	annchristenson@bellsouth.net	Cobb Galleria Mall
JAN	6	Examiner's Proficiency Clinic	Gatlinburg, TN	Brandon Olsen 865-471-5197	bnolson@bellsouth.net	8:30a
JAN	7	Senior S & T Clinic	Gatlinburg, TN	Bob Brewster 828-684-8100	bobbrewster@charter.net	
JAN	21	SR OEC Clinic	Cataloochee	Bob Brewster 828-684-8100	bobbrewster@charter.net	
JAN	21-22	Certified Pre-Evaluation Clinic	Snowshoe	Leslie Carter 434-325-1262		
FEB	3-4	Certified Pre-Evaluation Clinic	Beech Mtn	Leslie Carter 434-325-1262		

FEB	3-4	Certified Pre-Evaluation Clinic	Massanutten	Leslie Carter 434-325-1262	
FEB	4	SR S & T Evaluation	Gatlinburg, TN	Bob Brewster 828-684-8100	bobbrewster@charter.net
FEB	25	SR OEC Evaluation	Cataloochee	Bob Brewster 828-684-8100	bobbrewster@charter.net
MAR	15-17	Certified Evaluation	Snowshoe	Leslie Carter 434-325-1262	

Virginia Region Calendar 2006-2007

Month	Date	Event	Location	Contact	E-Mail Address	Comments
OEC Courses and Challenges held in Region for 2006-2007						
NOV	4	OEC Course Starts @ Massanutten	Massanutten	Bartek Drewnowski 540-289-4954	bdrewnowski@massresort.com	
OEC Events held in Region for 2006-2007						
OCT	14	Pre-Refresher @ Bryce - Instructors	Bryce	Lacy Williams 804-864-0316	lacy.williams@JovnerFineProperties.com	
OCT	15	OEC Refresher @ Bryce - Lift Evac	Bryce	Lacy Williams 804-864-0316	lacy.williams@JovnerFineProperties.com	
OCT	14	OEC Refresher @ Wintergreen	Rockfish Valley School	Ted Forbes 434-979-7586	Ted.Forbes@capitalone.com	
OCT	15	Wintergreen On-The Hill	Wintergreen	Tucker Crolius 434-325-8060	TCrolius@aol.com	
OCT	28	Massanutten On-The-Hill	Massanutten	Bartek Drewnowski 540-289-4954	bdrewnowski@massresort.com	
OCT	29	OEC Refresher @ Massanutten	Massanutten	Will Drury 540-421-4890	mgb72wi@planetcomm.net	
CPR Events held in Region for 2006-2007						
JUN	10	Bryce CPR Refresher/ Spring meeting	Bryce	Nancy Dibenedetto 202-877-1423	nancy.m.dibenedetto@medstar.net	
JUN	17	Wintergreen CPR Refresher	Wintergreen	Tucker Crolius 434-325-8060	TCrolius@aol.com	
SEP	23	CPR Refresher @ Wintergreen	Wintergreen	Tucker Crolius 434-325-8060	TCrolius@aol.com	
Educational Courses held in Region for 2006-2007						
OCT	14	MTR	Massanutten	Paul Hansen 540-289-9586		MIN = 5
DEC	9	Patroller Enrichment Seminar	Homestead	Cindy Diehl 703-494-9490	chuff@starpower.net	MIN = 6
JAN	27	Toboggan Enhancement Seminar	Wintergreen	Mike Fisher 434-296-8485	heardmtn05@earthlink.net	NO MIN
JAN	28	Skier Enhancement Seminar	Massanutten	John Shaffer 703-719-5945	john.shaffer@cfsc.army.mil	MIN = 5
FEB	3	Transportation Instructor Course	Wintergreen	Mike Fisher 434-296-8485	heardmtn05@earthlink.net	MIN = 6
FEB	11	Skier Enhancement Seminar	Wintergreen	John Shaffer 703-719-5945	john.shaffer@cfsc.army.mil	MIN = 5
MAR	10	Avalanche Fundamentals & Rescue	Wintergreen	Mike Fisher 434-296-8485	heardmtn05@earthlink.net	MIN = 6
Events held in the Region for 2006-2007						
JUN	4	Massanutten Hoo-Ha Bike Race	Massanutten	Kenny Hess 540-289-4654	khess@massresort.com	
JUN	17	Bryce CPR Refresher/Meeting/Cookout	Bryce	Nancy Dibenedetto 202-877-1423	nancy.m.dibenedetto@medstar.net	
JUN	17	Wintergreen Picnic/Annual Meeting	Wintergreen	Tucker Crolius 434-325-8060	TCrolius@aol.com	
OCT	21	Bryce Ski Swap - Richmond	Bryce	Nancy Dibenedetto 202-877-1423	nancy.m.dibenedetto@medstar.net	
NOV	11	Massanutten Ski Swap	Massanutten	Kenny Hess 540-289-4654	khess@massresort.com	
NOV	24	Wintergreen Ski Swap	Wintergreen	Jim Mccaslin 703-250-5193	mccaslin_iim@hotmail.com	
DEC	10	Wintergreen Transfer Orientation	Wintergreen	Ed Pouncey 703-266-2943	Ed.Pouncey@FairfaxCounty.gov	
JAN	20	Senior Emergency Management Clinic	Bryce	T Harris 804-320-1901	tandpeg@netzero.net	
JAN	21	Senior S&T Clinic	Wintergreen	Mike Fisher 434-296-8485	heardmtn05@earthlink.net	
FEB	3	Certified Operations & Oec Clinic	Massanutten	Steve Kuller 540-234-9108	sdk@iuno.com	
FEB	4	Certified S&T Clinic	Massanutten	Steve Kuller 540-234-9108	sdk@iuno.com	
FEB	24	Senior Emergency Management Eval	Massanutten	T Harris 804-320-1901	tandpeg@netzero.net	
FEB	25	Senior S & T Evaluation	Massanutten	Mike Fisher 434-296-8485	heardmtn05@earthlink.net	
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May	14	Massanutten Yee-Ha Bike Race	Massanutten	Kenny Hess 540-289-4954	kenhess@adelphia.net	
		Bryce CPR				
Jun	18	Refresher/Meeting/Cookout	Bryce	Nancy Dibenedetto 202-877-1423	nancy.m.dibenedetto@medstar.net	
Jun	18	Wintergreen Picnic	Wintergreen	Tucker Crolius 434-325-8060	tcrolius@aol.com	
Oct	2	Bryce OEC Refresher	Bryce	Nancy Dibenedetto 202-877-1423	nancy.m.dibenedetto@medstar.net	

Nov	12	Massanutten Ski Swap	Massanutten	Kenny Hess 540-289-4955	kenhess@adelphia.net
Nov	25	Wintergreen Ski Swap	Wintergreen	Jim Mccaslin 703-250-5193	mccaslin_jim@hotmail.com
Dec	10	Massanutten Transfer Orientation	Massanutten	Bartek Drewnowski 540-289-4954	bdrewnowski@massresort.com
Dec	11	Wintergreen Transfer Orientation	Wintergreen	Ed Pouncey 703-266-2943	ed.pouncey@fairfaxcounty.gov
Jan	7	Senior Ski Clinic - Full Day	Massanutten	Bartek Drewnowski 540-289-4955	bdrewnowski@massresort.com
Jan	8	Senior Toboggan Clinic - Full Day	Massanutten	Bartek Drewnowski 540-289-4955	bdrewnowski@massresort.com
Jan	21	Senior Emergency Management Clinic	Bryce	T Harris 804-320-1901	tandpeg@netzero.net
Jan	22	Senior S&T Clinic	Massanutten	Mike Fisher 434-296-8486	heardmtn99@aol.com
Feb	4	Certified Operations & OEC Clinic	Massanutten	Leslie Carter 434-295-4463	cartrplmbg@aol.com
Feb	5	Certified S&T Clinic	Massanutten	Leslie Carter 434-295-4463	cartrplmbg@aol.com
Feb	25	Senior Emergency Management Evaluation	Wintergreen	T Harris 804-320-1901	tandpeg@netzero.net
Feb	26	Senior S & T Evaluation	Wintergreen	Mike Fisher 434-296-8486	heardmtn99@aol.com
Mar	12	Massanutten Picnic	Massanutten	Bartek Drewnowski 540-289-4954	bdrewnowski@massresort.com

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