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R. Morgan Armstrong,
Division Director

National Ski Patrol “Patroller Education Conference” (PEC)

This year several members of the Southern Division attended the Patroller Education Conference. The National Board of Directors scheduled the spring meeting during the PEC in order to increase attendance and it was successful without the Board Meeting. There were more patrollers attending this year than in the history of the prior event we called Powderfall. The format included the ski instruction from members of the Snow Bird Ski School and it appears the quality of instruction was very close to that experienced in former years at Powderfall with PSIA Demo Team Members. In addition there were more and varied events and courses offered, which made for a very broad avenue of interest for the participants. A Patroller Challenge included teams taking toboggans down difficult terrain and working OEC scenarios for graded scores. The top three teams won some very good prizes including skis and equipment. The event also saved the Division some money by combining a Board Meeting with the event, so no division funds were spent on the trip due to the fact it was a recreational event. Each division director spent personal and not division funds to attend.

Federation Internationale des Patrouilles de Ski (FIPS) Conference

Every two years the International Federation of Ski Patrollers conducts a world conference in a member country. This year it was the turn of Sweden to host the event. It took place in Åre (pronounced “OH-REY”), Sweden near the Arctic Circle. Despite being so far north, the weather was very much like Southern Division spring conditions with daytime temperatures in the 60 to

70 degree range most days. Again, this conference is for information presentation and there was very limited skiing done during the event. Most days were spent in classes with experts from a country going over operations for that country or special medical or safety issues. Since the Southern Division is a member, the Southern Division gets to fully participate. This year the National Ski Patrol sent Tim White, Executive Director and Terry LaLiberte, NSP Chairman of the Board of Directors to represent the United States. Ed Gassman, the Rocky Mountain Division Director attended along with Morgan Armstrong. Several new avalanche techniques were discussed and some medical equipment was demonstrated during the conference. The collection of information on injuries to ski patrollers continues and the Southern Division is submitting reports from those patrollers in our division who desire to send in the information on how they may have been injured in the line of duty. The request for volunteers to submit accident reports for injuries to patrollers, continues, so please help us gather as much information as possible to obtain a future report that may help us avoid injuries.

Issues regarding the NSP National Board

The 5th edition of the Outdoor Emergency Care is progressing toward publication. The Board signed a contract this spring with the Pearson Education Group (Prentice-Hall Publishing is a division and the Brady EMT Book is one of its well known products) to publish the next edition of the OEC Book. This publishing house is the largest publisher of medical and first aid books in the United States by a margin of about four times its nearest competitor. While we are a little behind schedule on the timeline that was established when the project was started, it is close to the mark. Please check the National Ski Patrol Website for more information about the release date of the new 5th edition.

The Southern Division Director is pleased to report that the new edition of the Bylaws for the National Ski Patrol has been submitted to the NSP Board of Directors. A re-write of the Bylaws was ordered about two year ago and for the past year I have been Chair of the Bylaws Oversight Committee. That is the committee that has been directed to re-write the new version and after 17 drafts, approval by the Bylaws Oversight Committee, approval by the NSP Governance Committee, a standing committee under the NSP Board of Directors; the final draft is placed with the NSP Board for action at the June 2009 Annual Meeting in Lakewood, Colorado.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Division met on Saturday, May 16, 2009 at the Wytheville Meeting & Convention Center in Wytheville, Virginia for a full day of discussion and planning for the 2009-2010 Ski Season. The recent election for division director has resulted in a second term of two years for Morgan Armstrong. Various issues are being raised about the NSP and the Southern Division and the Executive Committee was hard at work in trying to formulate what advice to give to the Southern Division Board of Directors at their August Meeting on a multitude of issues.

Final plans are being made for the **Southern Division Patroller Conference, which is being held at the MeadowView Marriott Resort and Convention Center in Kingsport, Tennessee on August 14, 15 & 16, 2009.** The division has contracted a per night rate of

\$94.00. If two patrollers share a room that is a rate of \$50 per night and is a very good price for a resort of this size and quality. We are very pleased with the results of 198 patrollers attending last year and this year we hope participation is around 300 patrollers. Families are welcome and this special discounted rate is available for nights previous to the event and after the event for those of you who would like to make this a family vacation event as well as a great conference experience. We plan to have two guests from the National Ski Patrol with us for the conference, our National Chairman, Terry LaLiberte, and our National Legal Advisor, Bob Scarlett. This is a great year to have the Chairman and Legal Counsel for the NSP present to answer questions about the current affairs of the National Ski Patrol and what the future might hold for the organization. These presentations and question and answer periods will be ones not to be missed. Also, a segment of the new Leadership Course that has been developed by members of the Southern Division for the National Ski Patrol will be presented during the conference. Plan now to attend and participate in the Southern Division event.

STAFF VACANCIES – this is the time of year when staff changes are made in the Southern Division. We currently have a vacancy in the position of **Alumni Program Supervisor**, which needs to be filled by the August Meeting of the Southern Division Board of Directors. Also, we need to have more patrollers involved in staff positions, so if you would like to become an **assistant Program Supervisor** in a program of the division with the goal of moving up into the lead position or if you would like to submit your name at this time for the position of Supervisor of one of the Southern Division Programs, please send your name, the position you desire and a short biography that details your credentials and experience to R. Morgan Armstrong, Southern Division Director.

DIVISION CALENDAR – the Executive Committee in their meeting on May 16, 2009 requested the Calendar be changed to allow the Region Directors to have one added piece of information. Beginning with the June edition of the Calendar, we will start publishing the Course Number of any course being taught in the division and published on the calendar. This will insure the course is registered with the National Ski Patrol Office and this will further allow the Region Director to track the course and be sure the final report is filed. Program Supervisors are now requested to register your course and then send the information for that course to the Region Director where the course is to be held. The instructions and a sample of how changes are to be submitted by the Region Directors to the Division Director follows:

CALENDAR

ADDITIONS & CHANGES

INSTRUCTIONS:

- (1) Fill in your new event for the division if the event is division wide or place it in your region if it is a region or patrol event. Send only new events or changes. Easier for you and easier for me to limit this to new changes only.
- (2) Fill in your region after “REGION = .”
- (3) Note – events are posted by calendar year. Pick the correct year.
- (4) We need each block filled in and the PLACE may be the host patrol or the event location or both.

- (5) PLACE & Course # - the Course # is needed for all Courses so the Region Director knows the Course has been scheduled with the National Ski Patrol and he or she may follow-up on the final report for the course.
- (6) MORE LINES NEEDED? = To add a new line for an event, put the cursor in the last block of the last line of the table and hit the "tab" key. A new line will appear in the table. Do not worry about the order. I can sort the order after you send it to me by email.
- (7) SEND the entire page as an attachment on your email to R. Morgan Armstrong at rmasp@comcast.net.
- (8) DUE DATE = I anticipate the Website calendar will be changed on the 1st and 15th of each month so send changes as soon as you know of a change to meet the next update on the Website.

DIVISION EVENTS for 2009					
DATE	EVENT	PLACE & Course #	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL

REGION EVENTS for 2009					
REGION =					
DATE	EVENT	PLACE & Course #	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL

REGION EVENTS for 2010					
REGION =					
DATE	EVENT	PLACE & Course #	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL

Respectfully submitted,

R. Morgan Armstrong
Southern Division Director

The Executive Committee has directed us to explore the possibility of selling the **Xerox 8500 series Solid-Ink Color Printer** the Southern Division currently has on lease when said lease ends this Fall.

	
	Xerox Phaser 8500
Features:	
	24 pages per minute
	Letter and/or Legal
	Two-sided print
	100-sheet by-pass
	2 525-sheet paper trays
	1200 dpi

This printer was used by the Division to print the Southern Cross before the Board decided to send electronically.

This printer is physically located in Charlotte, NC in a secured business location and can be available to view with an appointment by contacting Teresa Stewart at stewart.teresa@gmail.com.

IF you have an interest – send a bid to Jim Underwood-Division Treasurer at jnu@bellsouth.net. Please provide him with your full contact information.

Additional information can be found at the Xerox.com website.

Thank you and good luck!

Morgan Armstrong is looking for information and the history of the past Division Directors and their dates of services to properly record in the history of the Division.

Please review the information below and send him any corrections to spelling, name or date of service.

**DIVISION DIRECTORS of the
SOUTHERN DIVISION
(Created from Eastern Division in 1971)**

NATIONAL SKI PATROL SYSTEM, INCORPORATED

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|------|------------------------------|----------------|
| (1) | Keith Argow | 1971 – 1977 |
| (2) | David Dillard | 1977 – 1979 |
| (3) | C. Harwell Dabbs, MD | 1979 – 1981 |
| (4) | Charles T. “Charlie” Benbow | 1981 – 1985 |
| (5) | Farris Jackson | 1985 – 1989 |
| (6) | Douglas Carlburg | 1989 – 1993 |
| (7) | Raymond B. “Bernie” Smith | 1993 – 1999 |
| (8) | Eunice “Nici” Singletary, MD | 1999 – 2003 |
| (9) | Neil Booth | 2003 – 2007 |
| (10) | R. Morgan Armstrong | 2007 – Present |

Brent Bowman,

2nd Assistant Division Director

As many of you are aware the business of the Southern Division does not stop with the end of the Ski and Board Season. Your Executive Committee recently held its spring meeting in Wytheville, VA.

Proposals and requests from various committees and disciplines are reviewed and discussed at this meeting. These are then voted on at the

Southern Division Patroller Conference by the Board of the Southern Division. The board is made up of the Patrol Representatives in the Southern Division (18), Region and Assistant Region Directors (8) and the Executive Committee (8).



This year the Patroller Conference will be held at Kingsport, TN. (Yes, this is the same place as the last couple of years.) For those of you who have never attended, this is a great place to interact with other patrollers and listen as the business of the Southern Division is conducted. It is also an opportunity for you to get your voice heard. The discussions are open to all patrollers and the time away from meetings is always filled with groups of patrollers talking and interacting in the hallways. One of the highlights of the weekend is the dinner on Saturday night. Annual awards are presented at the dinner. Everyone receiving an award this year has received an invitation to attend. This is really a great opportunity to obtain your award in person. If you have not been to this meeting or it has been a few years since you last attended, think about coming and joining us in Kingsport.

I am really excited about the upcoming ski season and the training seminars that we will be conducting. The Southern Division Snow Sports School will be working on ski and board skills for all patrollers (you know, training is NOT just for candidates!!) and the Ski and Toboggan trainers will be organizing and running clinics at many of the resorts in our region. These sessions will include Train-the-Trainer as well as training sessions for patrollers at the local hills.

As OEC courses begin in your region please take a few hours of your valuable time and come to the OEC class and assist, teach or just listen in on what is going on in the class. The “Instructor of Record” for the OEC classes are really amazing people with the number of hours they spend organizing the class, lining up trainers and the dreaded paperwork that has to be done to keep it all on track. Please remember to give them a big THANK YOU next time you see them.

See you in Kingsport!!!!

Brent

Mike Harris,

Assistant Division Director – South Area

As The Bull Wheel Turns

Another ski season is in the rear view mirror. In the Blue Ridge and Dixie Regions, we had a tremendously successful year. Great ski conditions trumped the down turn in the economy in the southeast. I was fortunate to end my season in Snowbird at the Patroller Education Conference (PEC) in April previously know as Powderfall. Please consider looking into the conference next year and don't forget the Southern Division Fall Conference at MeadowView Marriott in Kingsport, TN August 15th and 16th. You will be able to find these events and most anything that you might need to see at the division website www.southernnsp.org. The site is being updated very frequently. It was nice to see so many of the Hawksnest patrol being made at home at other mountains. I am very appreciative to see Brent Rocket afforded the same hospitality that all the patrols have given to me over the years.

Mike Harris

aka Tyrone



From the Regions...

Blue Ridge Region

Jonathan F. Hale,
Blue Ridge Region Director

Greetings to all Patrollers from sunny (and dusty) Dubai. I must say that walking in from a balmy 45 degrees Centigrade (113 Fahrenheit) into the perfect minus 1 degree Centigrade (31 degrees Fahrenheit) was exhilarating, but even cooler was the kind reception that I received from the OEC trained Patrollers on staff at *Ski Dubai*. If you happen to be in the area, they love to show off their 5-story slope and the two Pisten Bullys. Patrollers are Patrollers anywhere in the world.



This year was great for all of the Blue Ridge Region. All of the different mountains reported excellent financial years, including the tubing-only Hawksnest. The snow was consistent if not plentiful and the Patrollers that I spoke had great ski seasons.

This fall the Blue Ridge region will still have 4 Patrols and fall refreshers will be done as they have in the past with Sugar Mountain patrollers together with their Hawksnest friends in early October and Beech and Appalachian Mountains in early November.

Don't forget to attend the Summer Patroller Conference this summer as we will party hardy with Tyrone and friends.



Virginia Region

Ted Forbes, Region Director

Winding down and ramping up

This is a time of transition for all of us – from winter's activities to those that occupy the rest of our seasons. On reflection, it was a good winter. The economy slowed things down for the industry, and the bottom lines were not as strong as management would have liked, but the persistent cold allowed our snow making teams to lay down a thick base that lasted well beyond the closing dates for our resorts. In fact, some of us skied in six months this year – from opening over Thanksgiving weekend in November clear through hiking for turns in April after the lifts shut down. Reliable stories of “poachers” carving soft snow persisted right up to the April 15 tax deadline!



It was also a season of learning and achievement of personal goals. Congratulations to the candidates who made Basic this season! And congratulations to the Region's Senior Patroller candidates, Lisa Gravitte and Julie Stocker from Bryce, and Wintergreen's Paul Gagon, Debbie Gagon, Bob Fedak and Carroll Allred. These six stalwart patrollers are all well down the path of taking their game to the next level. And a big congratulations to Trace Higgins of Wintergreen, who this season finished all ten modules of the Certified exam and entered the ranks of the truly distinguished. In addition to noting the achievements and challenges these folks have faced and completed, I'd also like to thank those patrollers and resort managers from Wintergreen, Bryce,

Massanutten who staffed the clinics, conducted the evaluations and offered up their terrain and lifts in order to support the continuing education of our dedicated patrollers across the region

As you think about next season, ask yourself what your own personal goals will be – there's no better sense of reward than taking on a set of stretch goals and meeting the challenge face to face!

So now it's raining and the creeks and rivers are rising. That means whitewater and trout. The grass on the golf course is greening up nicely, and the tennis courts are ready for us all. Out come the boats, mountain bikes and lawn mowers and motorcycles – we're all ramping up for our summer passions that'll keep our weekends busy until the snow flies again. As you are out and about, be sure to talk up patrolling to anyone who will listen. It's recruiting season for our patrols! Help find enthusiastic new folks who want to join us on the hill next season – you, better than anyone know the kind of person who will make an excellent patroller!

Finally, don't forget to plan on attending the Patroller Conference this August – it keeps getting bigger and better – I'll see you there.

Ted

From the Supervisors and Advisors...

Transportation...Transportation...Transportation...Transportation

Tony Tingle,
Transportation Supervisor

As I'm writing this article, I'm looking at the black toenail on my left foot. Blood under the nail arrived back in April, when I attended the Patroller Education Conference (PEC) at Snowbird, UT to help teach a Toboggan Clinic and participate as a judge for the Patroller Challenge. In the process I was reminded of something that I hope will make me a better instructor in the future. I'd like to share my experience with you.

The day Carla and I arrived at Snowbird, snow was dumping from the sky, so we grabbed our skis and headed out to make a few runs. We had only made a couple of runs when I met Mark Barlage. Mark is a great guy, the Intermountain Transportation Supervisor, and he and Frey Aarino (Eastern Division) were the folks I was working for in Utah. Mark suggested we go make some turns to have some fun and to have a look at the terrain where our events would be held. Carla sent me on my way with Mark, and to the top of the mountain we went.

I was excited as we headed to the top of the Peruvian Lift. We headed across a high traverse to a double black called Silver Fox. The powder was deep, visibility was poor, and the slope was steep. A double binding ejection sent me flipping forward towards a soft landing. This was the first of several runs on this slope. We entered the slope from the high traverse and from the gates at the top, with and without sleds. At the end of the first day, my toes were killing me, my

quads were on fire, and I was exhausted. I could not figure out what was going on. I attributed my fatigue to my low elevation body operating 8,000 to 11,000 feet while making laps. Still the toes and the quads made no sense to me. I was tired, and I could feel it in my skiing.

On the second day, I asked Mark for some critique. He hit the nail on the head with the observation that I was getting my weight back. My first response (in my head) was “NO WAY”. During my next run, I thought about it and could feel my boots on the back of my calves. He was right! On the tram ride I kept asking myself - “Why am I getting my weight back?” That’s when the light bulb came on for me. I had been taken out of my comfort zone. The snow I could handle, the steps I could handle, the sleds I could handle, the elevation I could handle, but you pile all of them on top of me and my suppressed bad habits rose to the surface.

This is where I thought about my toboggan trainees. Had I ever taken them out of their comfort zones too quickly? Given my experience in Utah, I’d recommend to you as instructors to be mindful of the comfort zone for each of your students. Start your toboggan students well inside their comfort zone and ease them into more difficult skills or terrain – but not necessarily both at the same time. Come to the Patroller Conference in Kingsport, and I’ll show you my toe nail. (I opted to not share the picture in this article, at Carla’s urging.) It serves as a reminder for me to always consider the comfort zone for each of my students.

I can’t wait to go back to the PEC and work on the steps and powder! It was an absolute hoot! Until then, I hope to see you in Kingsport.

Think Snow,

Tony

Ski and Snowboard...Ski and Snowboard...Ski and Snowboard...Ski and Snowboard

Briggs Allen,

Ski and Snowboard Supervisor

“Awesome”... “Great instruction”... “The best NSP class I’ve ever attended.” These were a few of the comments made by participants of the Southern Division’s Ski School Clinic at Wintergreen February 27-March 1. Twenty-five NSP ski and snowboard instructors along with two PSIA instructors skied and boarded with PSIA National Demo Team Members Matt Boyd and Jeb Boyd along with AASI Demo Team Member Dave Lynch. Every one came away with better skiing and riding skills as well as teaching ideas that will be used with our local patrols. By the way, a big thank you goes to the Wintergreen Resort’s management who graciously allowed us the venue, provided lift tickets and sizable food discounts. Additionally, Tucker Crolius Wintergreen's Patrol Director could not have been a more gracious and helpful host. Finally thanks go to Ted Forbes, Randy Trow and Chris Haley for helping with transportation of the demo team members. If you missed this clinic, you'll have to wait until the 2010-2011 season before the Demo Team Clinic returns.

As program supervisor, I have proposed to our executive committee and board of directors is the changing of our name. We are presently the Southern Division NSP Ski School and I am proposing we change to the Southern Division NSP Snowsports School. This is more current industry vernacular that encompasses our snowboarders as well.

Plans for the 2009-2010 season include regional clinics to assist our members in not only becoming better instructors for our candidates and patrollers but also to allow them to continue their credentialing within the PSIA/AASI system.

Until next time, remember snowsports are simple... turn right, turn left, repeat as necessary.



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

Teresa T. Stewart,
Instructor Development Supervisor

The NSP Instructor Development course is an integral part of all the NSP Educational courses. This is a required step before the mentoring stage with an instructor within the specific discipline that you are becoming involved with (Outdoor Emergency Care, Toboggan and Ski, Mountain Travel and Rescue, Avalanche, Outdoor First Care, etc). This is also a SENIOR ELECTIVE.

Interested students should contact Teresa directly at (stewart.teresa@gmail.com). Students will also need to buy the Instructor Development Student Manual (#502) from the NSP catalog or through the NSP on-line store. I will be contacting the Region Directors for input from their areas on potential needs for courses as the season is approaching fast!

Archivist-Historian... Archivist-Historian... Archivist-Historian... Archivist-Historian...

Fred Wessels,

Archivist / Historian, Southern Division.

One thing about being the Historian/Archivist for the Southern Division is your change in normal reading material. Things you normally look at in your spare time are replaced by a 22-year old Ski Patrol Magazine which featured an article entitled "Use Rubber Gloves for Prevention Against Aids" and a Franz Klammer advertisement for Ray-Ban sunglasses. Did you know that "National Notes" in October 1971 announced the formation of the Southern Division with the title "WELCOME ABOARD-Y'ALL"?



Yep with the title goes the box of stuff. It also looks like every Historian for the last 30 years has put articles in the Southern Cross requesting information. I can't forget the box of un-labeled pictures. I need to know who these people are. Please stop by at the Patroller Education Conference to help identify these "Mystery Patrollers". A prize of some type will be given to the lucky winner. Also, please add SOUTHERNDIVISIONHISTORY@GMAIL.COM to your Patrol Newsletter address list.

See you in August!!

Fred Wessels

Southern Division Election Coordinator... Southern Division Election Coordinator

Lee T. Wittmann,

Election Coordinator, Southern Division

The deadline for voting for the Southern Division Director has come & gone. Votes have been counted and **Morgan Armstrong** has been reelected Division Director.

Morgan I know your efforts are very much appreciated. Keep up the good work.

Lee

From Around the Division...

Sugar Mountain, North Carolina is taking applications for Paid Patrollers for the 2009/2010 ski season. Current OEC Refresher and CPR are required. EMT's and paramedics can challenge the OEC requirements. Applicants must be strong skiers, be neat in appearance, work well with others, and have a strong work ethic. We will accept applications for day and/or night shifts, part-time or full-time shifts.

Contact Ron Scott
rscott013@nc.rr.com
919 362 5689

Ron Scott

Timberline Ski Patrol regrets to inform you of the passing of our dear friend Robert Andrew Poole on the morning of July 4th 2009.

Randy joined the NSP in 1992 and started his patrol career with the Canaan Valley Ski Patrol in the Eastern Division. He transferred to Timberline in 1997 and quickly became a valuable asset, serving dutifully as an OEC instructor and the patrol's treasurer for nearly his entire time with our organization. His love for patrolling, friendship and humor will be sorely missed.

Memorial services for Randy will be held on Wednesday July the 8th at 7:00 PM at the St. David's Episcopal Church located at 19917 Ashburn Road, Ashburn, VA 20147. (703) 729-0570

The family requests that donations in lieu of flowers be made to Timberline Ski Patrol and can be mailed to my address:

Darren Bennett
HC 70 Box 570
Davis, WV 26260

Please make checks payable to Timberline Ski Patrol and add a memo showing the check is for the Randy Poole Memorial.

Submitted by Darren Bennett - Patrol Representative-Timberline Ski Patrol

BOY SCOUT AND YOUNG ADULT PATROLLER REALIZES DREAM TO HELP YOUNG ATHLETES WITH DISABILITIES

Boy Scout Brant Taylor of Troop 101 in Greensboro, NC had an idea three years ago to help the athletes of Challenger Baseball navigate the field more easily in their wheelchairs and walkers. Taylor, 17, a recent graduate of Grimsley High School and a long-time baseball player, had helped the athletes around the bases as a “buddy” when he was a kid. He attended the games with his brother, Austin, who played in the league for six years. Brant had a vision to provide a better playing surface at The City of Greensboro’s Pomona Field, home to The Arc of Greensboro’s Challenger League, where the wheelchairs struggled through loose gravel, ruts, and mud.

In addition to his Boy Scout service, Taylor is a Volunteer Ski Patroller at Appalachian Ski Mountain, having successfully completed all training and testing requirements last season. For the 2007-2008 season, as a 16-year old candidate, Brant was recognized for exemplary ski patrol service with the Runner Up - Outstanding Young Adult Patroller award at the Annual Convention of the Southern Division, National Ski Patrol.

Brant’s vision became a reality on May 9, 2009, when the renovated field was dedicated, followed by the Challenger League’s Opening Day for their spring season. The renovation was Taylor’s Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project and was made possible by a \$100,000 donation from the Greensboro Grasshoppers, the city’s minor league affiliate of MLB’s Florida Marlins, plus an equivalent amount of donated services, materials and cash contributions from other supporters, for a total project value of \$200,000. The renovation included a paved infield covered with a rubber track surface specially adapted for baseball, new wheelchair-accessible dugouts, a new backstop, a 30-foot flag pole and additional asphalt paving to improve access to the facility.

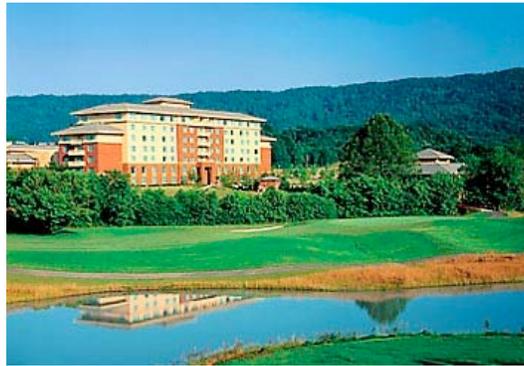
Taylor worked for more than 2 years to bring together and satisfy the needs of many stakeholders to make the project a reality. Brant’s father, Mark Taylor, is also a Patroller at Appalachian Ski Mountain and served as the Project Engineer and Construction Manager, donating those services through his consulting engineering firm. Mark is also Secretary-Treasurer of Triad Sports Foundation of Greensboro who sponsored and managed the project in a public-private partnership with the City.

In recognition of his achievement, Brant was awarded a \$5,000 college scholarship for outstanding community service from his high school, the Greensboro City Council’s Mayor’s Distinguished Service Award, and the “Brant Taylor Barrier Free Success Award” (named for him) from the Greensboro Mayor’s Committee for Persons with Disabilities.

“I hope I’ve demonstrated to other young people that you can make a difference if you have big dreams and are willing to see them through,” said Taylor. Brant’s long-term goals include becoming a Certified Patroller and a Boy Scout Leader. Taylor will attend Appalachian State University in Boone, NC this fall, where he plans to major in Exercise Science in hopes of becoming a Physical Therapist.

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Join us for Fun in the Mountains
Southern Division
Patroller Conference
August 14-16, 2009
MeadowView Conference Resort & Convention Center



<http://marriott.com/hotels/travel/tricc-meadowview-conference-resort-and-convention-center/>

Please reserve your room at the rate of **\$94.00 plus 16.5% tax (\$109.51 total)** and ask for the **National Ski Patrol 2009**
Call (888) 632-3697 (Central Reservations) or (423) 578-6600 / (800) 820-5055 MeadowView direct.
Hotel deadline for reserving rooms at the NSP rate is **July 17, 2009.**

Here are the events scheduled for patrollers this year:

- Board of Directors Meeting on Saturday and Sunday
- OEC Instructor Update – Saturday (all day event)
- Instructor Development Course –Saturday (all day event)
- CPR Refresher Course – Sunday morning
- Division Snowsports and Transportation Roundtable Meeting – Saturday
- Awards Banquet Saturday Evening

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.

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

See you there!

Sincerely,

R. Morgan Armstrong – Division Director

Rob Raff – Southern Division Meeting Coordinator



**Southern Division - NSP
Patroller Conference
Reservation Form
2009**



Saturday, August 15, 2009 @ 8:00 am

Sunday, August 16, 2009 @ 8:00 am

MeadowView Marriott Conference Resort and Convention Center - Kingsport, Tennessee

Please complete one form for each person attending:

Name: _____

Address: _____ Email address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number you can be reached at: _____

Patrol: _____ Title: _____

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

Please register me for the following events:	Saturday	Sunday
Board of Directors Meeting – Main Meeting Room	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	8:00 am–12:00 am
OEC Instructor Update (Saturday all day)	8:00 am – 5:00 pm	
Instructor Development Class (Saturday all day)	8:00 am – 5:00 pm	
Southern Division Snowsports And Transportation	4:00 pm	
CPR Refresher Class (Sunday morning) – extra fee		9:00 am–12 Noon

- _____ Conference Registration (Hospitality Suite Included) = \$15.00 per person
- _____ **FULL Meeting Reservation to include Lunch and Awards Banquet = \$63.50 per person**
- _____ LUNCH (12 Noon- 1:00pm) and Conference Registration on Saturday = \$33.50 per person
- _____ AWARDS Banquet (6:00 pm) and Conference Registration on Saturday = \$45.00 per person

Total enclosed = _____

**Mail completed form and check (made out to “Hawksnest Ski Patrol –So. Div. Fall Conference”) to:
Fred Wessels, 522 Jervey Road, Tryon, NC 28782**

For your convenience, you may pay your registration fee online using Paypal. Send your payment to hnsptres@gmail.com. Select "Service/Other". Your confirmation will serve as your receipt.

*Reservation Fees Must Be Received At Above Address By August 6, 2009 And Are Nonrefundable After That Date.
Hotel reservations **MUST** be made separately to the hotel by July 17, 2009.*



Places to Play in Northeast Tennessee

Bays Mountain Park

\$3/car
\$12/bus

Howl with the Wolves at one of the largest city parks!

The facilities include the 3500 acre outdoor classroom, a 44 acre lake, and a nature center/museum, inside of which is a Planetarium with a 40 foot diameter dome. A barge ride on the lake is the perfect prescription for a quiet escape to nature. Native animals, including gray wolves, bobcats, deer and otters, are housed near the nature center. A quarter-acre waterfowl and wading bird enclosure is located on the lake trail. The park's newest addition is a raptor habitat that features a screech owl, vulture, redtail hawks and kestrel.

4 Miles from Meadowview Convention Center

Bristol Motor Speedway

Adults: \$5
Seniors: \$4

Cruise the "World's Fastest Half Mile". There's no place like it on earth! When you tour Bristol Motor Speedway and Dragway, you experience "racin the way it ought'a be!" You get to drive down the drag strip, step into Bruton Smith's suite, and race down the track where legends like Richard Petty, Dale Earnhardt and Darrell Waltrip raced for years.

24 Miles from Meadowview Convention Center

Gray Fossil Site

Adults: \$5
Seniors: \$4

You'll be "digging up bones" at the Gray Fossil Site Museum. This state-of-the art museum is located just off of Interstate 26 in Gray, TN. The interactive museum offers tours where you can experience what the Southern Appalachias looked like 4 and half to 7 million years ago. Visitors can even try their hand at digging up bones. Just outside of the museum scientists continue to dig. They have excavated thousands of specimens including a saber-toothed cat, a dwarf taper and an extinct rhino. Scientists say they have just scratched the surface. Meeting space and catering available.

15 Minutes from Meadowview Convention Center

Countryside Vineyards and Winery

Free Wine Tasting

Family-owned winery that is the winner of more than 60 international, national and eastern awards.

13 Miles from Meadowview Convention Center

Corey Ippolito Vineyards

Free Wine Tasting

An Italian Bed Breakfast hidden in the Hills of Northeast Tennessee. You can enjoy their estate grown grapes that make their Tennessee Wines.

Downtown Kingsport

Downtown Kingsport boasts a wide variety of shops that give this very historic section of town a personality of its own. Antique dealers and collectors will delight in the largest concentration of antique stores in the Southeast Region.

Natural Tunnel State Park

Admission: \$3
Chairlift: \$3

Visit the "Eighth Wonder of the World" as you admire the natural rock formation that is Natural Tunnel. An active railroad track runs through the 850-foot long tunnel. This state park also offers picnicking, swimming, hiking, camping and a chairlift that takes passengers to the floor of the gorge.
20 Miles North of Kingsport

Appalachian Caverns

Adults: \$9

Stroll along lighted walkways and discover formations ranging from delicate helictites to towering columns that decorate Northeast Tennessee's largest commercial caverns.
22 Miles from Meadowview Convention Center

International Storytelling Center

Adults: \$12

The Center provides visitors with experiences in storytelling-including performances through the popular **Storytelling Live!**, a twenty-two week Teller-in-Residence program. The Center also produces and co-owns the [National Storytelling Festival](#), the premier storytelling event in the world.
20 Miles from Meadowview Convention Center

Downtown Concert Series

FREE

Downtown Kingsport and [participating sponsors](#) present a summer of entertaining and exciting performers for the Free Summer Concert Series! There are plenty of national acts and local artists along with food vendors and plenty of surprises each year!

*******This pricing does not include transportation*******



A taste of Kingsport's History

Exchange Place

Exchange Place, a living history farm, is Kingsport's tonic for today's fast paced life. The site was once a community that served as a self-supporting plantation and relay station along the Old Stage Road. Exchange Place—The Preston Farm recaptures life in the early 1800s.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, six of the eight buildings are original, restored structures built between 1820 and 1850. The farmstead received its name from the "exchanges" of horses and currencies.

Netherland Inn

Listed on the National Register of Historical Sites, the Netherland Inn rises above the Holston River. The restored Inn faces the Old Stage Road in the heart of Kingsport's Boat Yard Park, an area along the Holston River that served as migratory spot for settlers to build boats for their westward trip during the mid-1700s.

William King originally built Netherland Inn between 1802 and 1808 as a point from where he could ship salt westward. He later sold the inn in 1818 to Richard Netherland who procured a stage contract and established the inn and tavern for travelers along the Old Stage Road.

Allandale Mansion

More than a house, Allandale Mansion, the "White House" of Kingsport, Tennessee, was first a home. Built by Ruth and Harvey Brooks as a working farm, Allandale still houses their fine furnishings, antiques and art. The barn, recently restored, once housed prize-winning cattle; the fertile fields were pasture to blue-ribbon Tennessee Walkers. The gardens, designed by President Eisenhower's landscape architect, Timashenko, provided a peaceful backdrop to the vibrant life of this 500-acre family. The Allandale Mansion can be rented for private functions and tours are given by appointment only.

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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.