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Division Director's Report



Mike Schons
Division Director

Summer is here, bike patrolling is in full swing and the division staff is already planning this coming winter events. After a season of pandemic quarantine everyone is excited to get out and get back with friends and colleagues face to face around our division.

Our first division event is the 2021 Division Fall Meeting in Galena, ILL. We will be celebrating 80 years of Central Division excellence to the National Ski Patrol. By 1941, the Central Division had been established. Our own Mont Ripley patrol formed in 1936 joining the newly formed NSP in 1938.

Speaking of establishing new patrols we have added 5 new bike patrols in 2021 within the Central Division! Think of how far we have gone in 80 years and where we could possibly go, and expand to, in the next 80 years. In 1941 there were around 1500 patrollers across all the divisions. Today the Central Division is over 7200 strong. I find it exciting that we are on the verge of another growth period as we welcome Bike Patrols and other outdoor activities.

Helping us grow is one strategic function of the National Board. This year we have four members of the Central Division running for a seat on the board. This is great for our division. We need members on the board who will represent us at the National level. Having applied to run for a Board position we have,

Dr. Julie Stone – incumbent from Southern Region and running for a second term on the board.

Linda Barthel – Former National Women's Program Director, Eastern Michigan Region

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Kristi Ball – member of the Western Region

Michelle Karpinski – member of Western Michigan Region

We need to ensure that Central Division gets out the vote as your votes do matter not only to the members that are running for a seat on the board, but the direction of the organization as a whole.

Where I can make it, I plan on returning to visiting regions and patrols, to talk to you as members, gather your thoughts and work for you.

I hope to see you on your bike and then on the slopes!!!



North Central Region



James Hughes
NC Region Director

It been a very busy spring and summer in the NCR. Our NSP National Mountain Bike Patrol program has been very busy. Our very first bike patrol which started in 2020 “Copper Harbor” added 10 new patrollers in May. Also, our very first Wisconsin based NSP National Mountain Bike Patrol “LAMBO” started out with 9 new members. During LAMBO’s Outdoor First Care Skills / Evaluations we had people from five (5) different alpine hills show up to help train and evaluate these candidates. Since, we have seen Marquette, Mi, RASTA in Rhinelander, WI and Belle Trails in Ironwood, MI complete applications for new bike patrols. There are also at least three other bike groups considering joining the NSP within the NCR. We have seen primary alpine folks joining bike patrollers and we are hoping to see primary bike patrollers join the alpine and Nordic groups this winter. There are too many folks to thank for the work and success NCR has accomplished these past few months increasing the interest in bike patrol that just I can’t mention everyone in fairness. NCR support has come from the national office, from our division and from our own region NSP membership. As our focus continues with bike patrols we are now also

looking forward to a full season in alpine and Nordic. The NCR will be working on our calendar events over the next couple months and we will be placing upcoming events on our NSPNCR.org website. This calendar will be populated with division and region events for Alpine, Nordic and Bike. Please take some time to log onto our website, view the calendar and join in on upcoming classes, events and programs.

Assistant Division Director News



Guy Day
ADD

Welcome to Summer! Hopefully everyone has made it through this past year safely and in one piece. It is hard to believe that we are already into July and the days are getting shorter. The warm weather will be here for sometime but after that comes the frozen sunshine we call snow. As we start the transition, we should be seeing dates for OEC refreshers & CPR classes from our local patrols or Regions. At the Division level we have been planning for when we can get back to “in person” events. As a Skills Development Team we have been planning for the ASDW’s in December. We are going to try a couple of new things and I encourage you to dig into this issue of the RPN or checkout the Division Website for dates & locations.

If you have not seen the email blast from Division or the announcement on the Division website, the Fall Central Division Meeting and Awards Banquet is being hosted by Southern Region at Chestnut Mountain Resort. This is in Galena, IL and

will be held September 10th-12th. Registration opened up on July 1st. There will be lots of fun and different activities. The Certified Program will be hosting a couple of demonstration events. The Senior Program will be launching the New Senior Standard Videos that show all three disciplines (Skiing, Snowboarding & Tele). Avalanche Program will have an education event as well. We get to cap off Saturday evening recognizing and celebrating our fellow patrollers at the Awards Dinner & Banquet.

For a little trivia and a blast from the past, here are a couple of fun questions that you may need to reach out to fellow patroller who has been around for a few years more than you.

1. What does the acronym "IF PINS RACE" get you?
2. Can you list the different makes/models of the NSP vehicles prior to Subaru being our official sponsor?
3. Can you list the different manufacturers that have been the official supplier of NSP Outerwear before Patagonia?
4. With this being the 80 year of the Central Division, can you list all the Division Directors going back to the first one?

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Galena, the refreshers or on the snow.

Guy Day
Assistant Division Director

Central Division Bike Patrol Logo Design Contest



The Central Division Bike Patrols are looking to boost awareness of the growing presence of bike patrol units and create a new brand! To do that, we need a logo. We had an amazing response last time and with all of you creative patrollers around the Central Division, we are confident that a new logo design will come from within our ranks. What image should identify the Central Division Bike Patrol? Help us create our new logo.

Central Division Bike Patrol Logo Design Challenge:

Create a new National Ski Patrol Central Division Bike Patrol Logo to be used on all official websites, communication and Logo Wearables in our new Central Division Online Store.

Anne Blaedow
ADD

Entry Requirements

1. The longest length of the logo should not exceed 3"
2. The minimum text size allowed in the design is $\frac{3}{8}$ "
3. Design can have up to 4 solid colors with no gradations or greyscale
4. Format for submission: pdf file
5. Each Patroller can submit up to 3 logo designs for consideration
6. The design must be suitable for screen printing, embroidery and offset printing in both color and black & white.
7. **DEADLINE:** Submit all designs to Anne Blaedow at ad2@nspcd.org by Sunday, July 25th.

Design Considerations:

- Less is often more!
- Simple, strong brand recognition is the goal.

Judging:

Logo designs will be reviewed and selected by the Division Director, Division Board, and the 4 Assistant Division Directors (13 voters).

Once all entries are collected by Sunday, July 25th., an email will go out to each voting member. They will vote for their top 5 choices.

Each member of the committee will rank their top 5 choices.

- 1st choice = 5 points
- 2nd choice = 4 points
- 3rd choice = 3 points
- 4th choice = 2 points
- 5th choice = 1 point.

The top 5 point earners will be advanced to the Final Selection Vote. The winning design will be announced this August along and logo wear will then be available in our Central Division Gear Store.

Top Designer Prize:

The winning designer will receive a \$100.00 shopping spree on the new Central Division Gear Store.

Assistant Division Director News



I have had the privilege of attending some of the zoom planning meetings for the Fall Division meeting in Galena, IL. We are all looking forward to our first face to face meeting. The committee has done a great job working around all the changing parameters. You should have received an email with all the links to register for the meeting. Chestnut Mountain Resort is a beautiful location as is the surrounding area. Galena has much to offer as well. We look forward to planning the upcoming season with all of you.

Allison Lavene
ADD

Summer Fun!



Well summer is here in full fashion heat, flooding, storms and hopefully some fun and rest for our winter patrols. Meanwhile our bike patrols are exploding we have added bike hosts and bike patrols and are growing. I had the pleasure of helping Jim Hughes in NC Region to put on an OFC course for a bike host unit LAMBO, we had a great day of sun and fun and these people are just as awesome as our winter patrol family. This is awesome news for NSP and will help our ski patrols as many of these new folks are also skiers. To all you new patrollers reading the Rusty Parka News for the first time welcome aboard. If you are interested in joining winter patrols look them up in this publication and join.

Les Robinson
ADD

I also want to bring up the topic of life, family, friends, and enjoyment. I encourage all to stop every once in a while, to (smell the roses) enjoy company, think about important things in your future but also memories. Don't take everything for granted, be a blessing to all those around you, smile have fun and enjoy life. You are the only one that controls how you want to be.

Educating patrollers is our passion.

I ask ALL patrollers to look at your local and Region programs and reach out to help with some aspect of a program that intrigues you. What do you want to learn more about? What program could you become an instructor for? How can you improve your own skill set and offer to help others grow their own skills?

Western Michigan Region



John Donnelly
Western MI
Region Director

As I write this, we seem to be well into true summer weather in Western Michigan. Although it seems as if the end of the ski/ride season was not that long ago, our members are starting their summer activities, for some this includes planning the calendar and refreshers for the fall.

The Western Michigan Awards Banquet was held on May 1, 2021 at Caberfae Peaks near Cadillac, Michigan. The awards presentations and banquet was the first face-to-face event for our Region since the beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic in March of 2020. I want to thank Joe Biermacher, Section 3 Section Chief for leading the team planning the event and as well as numerous patrollers and area staff that made the event safe and enjoyable. Fortunately, both the patroller volunteers and Caberfae's staff had plenty of experience throughout the pandemic at ensuring safe operations and observing state mandated requirements.

We were fortunate to have Jay Zedak, National Board Member, and his wife Dana attend our event despite a long drive from Ohio. Jay presented a National Appointment to Hal Froot and helped to recognize a new Certified Patroller (Otto Selles). Otto became our third active certified patroller in the Region. The Region recognized our Outstanding award winners – we offered congratulations to the following outstanding award winners: Alpine Patroller: Nick Oberst, Crystal Mountain; Pro/Paid patroller: John Proctor, Caberfae Peaks. We also had two Patroller Cross recipients (Erica Krol, Timber Ridge and Matt Marshal, Crystal Mountain). Three Last Run Awards were also presented: Julie Johnson (Cannonsburg), Deann Jenkins (Caberfae Peaks) and Kim Lint (Crystal Mountain). In addition to recognition from the NSP, Tommy Brann who is a member of the Michigan State House of Representatives (and the husband of our Awards Advisor, Sue Brann), arranged for proclamations from the State of Michigan thanking Julie, Deann and Kim for their many years of service as both patrollers and in roles outside of the NSP.

Beyond the annual awards banquet, Western Michigan organized a marketing committee to leverage some of the very successful safety program activities we experienced last season. All of our areas were extremely busy throughout the season and safety kit materials were very well received by customers. Our marketing team developed a plan and purchased tent to use at events throughout the Region to enhance the visibility of our organization and various programs. While the material rated for winter weather, plans are to use this throughout the year as we expand our reach into the four seasons.

Our awards program was a fitting end to a challenging but successful season and we are positioned to put on events in the coming year to make up for limitations during the pandemic.

A promotional banner for the Central Division Gear Store. It features a dark blue background with a red ribbon graphic on the left containing the text 'NOW OPEN' in white. The main text reads 'Central Division Gear Store is NOW OPEN!' in large, bold, white letters. At the bottom, the URL 'promotionpros.store/nsp_central_division_gear' is displayed in white.

NOW OPEN

Central Division Gear Store is NOW OPEN!

promotionpros.store/nsp_central_division_gear

Western Region



Jeff Olsen
Western Region
Director

Hope everyone is having a great Summer!

First and foremost, I want to give a big THANK YOU to everyone who worked hard to make patrolling safe this past season. As a region, our shared priority a year ago was to make members safe and then make services provided to injured guests at our resorts safe. Western Region Medical Advisor Dr. Mark Lindquist reports that no Western Region Ski Patroller was infected by COVID-19 during this past season. What a wonderful success!

One of the consequences of last season was the suspension of division and region training and certification events. The region's priority for this season is to provide multiple opportunities to Western Region Ski and Bike patrollers for training and certification. Your region staff has had multiple meetings in preparation for next year. Our budget is larger than normal to accommodate delayed training and certification needs this coming season. Our plan is to provide a complete calendar of events to

members by the Summer Region Meeting on July 16-17th at Giant's Ridge.

Region Staff is looking for opportunities to hold events across the region. If you are interested in having your area host an event, please contact the Region Advisor for the discipline you are interested in having your area host. Here is a link to the Western Region website where you can find contact information for Western Region Staff and reports that detail their plans for the coming season:

<https://nspwr.org/index.php>

Finally, Bike patrolling is in full swing at six Western Region Resorts. But while our COVID season is mostly behind us, it is important to follow suggested protocol from the National Ski Area Association regarding recently updated OSHA guidelines regarding the on-going requirement for screening:

By simply creating signage like the common questions asked during the pandemic—have you been around someone with COVID-19, do you have a fever, loss of smell, and so on—this could satisfy the guest screening requirement for the exemption. Staffing a table at the entrance of the patrol clinic or asking them to knock first for screening before entry, satisfies this rule. This screening could also include temperature and wellness checks before entry into the patrol clinic.

Looking forward to an exciting year of patrolling!

Eastern Michigan Region



LJ LaVene
Eastern MI
Region Director

As Summer has just officially begun, the EMR is beginning its new season.

Training and testing have been ongoing and new patrollers will be joining our ranks as OEC, OFC, and OEC Challenge courses are underway. We are happy that we are resuming our training events and programs.

I would like to congratulate all of our patrollers for stepping up to an extraordinary busy past season.

I am anticipating an even better new season.

Southern Region



Mike Vaerewyck
Southern
Region Director

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer; especially now that life is returning to “normal” post COVID. I am looking forward to getting some miles in with our Bike Patrol and participating in the annual events that were missed last year. We were able to have a Virtual Southern Region Awards presentation this year that was a lot of fun and a great new experience for us. It was a great opportunity to celebrate the recipients of awards and thank everyone for the contributions that put in for the Ski Patrol. I am excited for the upcoming Division Meeting/Banquet that is being held in the Southern Regions backyard this year. Please consider joining us at Chestnut Mountain the weekend of Sept 10-12. This is a great opportunity to meet friends in different Regions and discuss current ski patrol events. There will also be a silent auction with throwback ski signs and a chair lift swing up for grabs. Hopefully, I will see you there! Mike Vaerewyck

Ohio Region

Dave McKinley

Hello from the Ohio Region. Summer is off to a good start! The Ohio Region held their Spring meeting virtually this year and threw format out the window! Typically with our meetings, we let Robert and his Rules of Order guide our meetings, but we all know that’s no fun, so instead we focused on updates from around the region and discussed planning for this fall and into next season.

As we all know, this season was interesting to say the least. However, many patrols were still able to have great seasons. We welcomed new patrollers and even saw a few reach new achievements, including 4 patrollers that achieved their Senior status!

We held off on presenting awards from this past season, and will have a celebration this fall with our in-person Fall Meeting and Awards Celebration. That is scheduled for October 23, 2021 at Perfect North Slopes.

We have a few program leaders that are stepping down, and we’ve brought in a few new leaders that are kicking butt with their programs.

I’m looking forward to seeing patrollers in person this fall at the Division meeting. Have a great summer!



Jim's Sportswear is a Screenprinting and Embroidery company owned by Nub's Nob Ski Patroller Jim Arlen. Our email is; jimssportswear@gmail.com.

We offer our services to all patrols across the country.

Check out their website at:
<https://jimssportswear.com/>

South Central Region



Steve Paladini
South Central
Region Director

I hope everyone is well and enjoyed their Spring and now enjoying Summer. Another ski season has come and gone. Let us hope we never have another one like it. As best I can tell, it appears that all the Region's patrols made it through, with little to no COVID issues. There now appears to be "light at the end of the tunnel" as face masks are starting to come off and places of business are once again starting to look and act as they did in 2019. The Region did not hold any events this past season. Currently, there are plans being made for getting events back on the snow and scheduled for the 2021/2022 season.

After two scheduled dates and both being cancelled last year, the Region has set a date and place for this year's Awards Banquet. It will be held on Saturday, August 14, 2021, at the Little Switzerland Ski Area. We will honor the award recipients from last and this year. Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tom Wright, Region Awards Adviser, for all his time he puts in with Division and National, getting our awards in order.

The Region has three new Patrol Directors: Steve Sundquist at Fox Hill, Tiffany Schneller, the Regions Social Media Adviser, filled the position at the Devils Head, and finally Cascade Mountain filled the position of Patrol Director with Gretchen Girard and Patrol Representative with Dick Wolkowski.

Currently, there are six OEC classes running in the Region. The Madison Area combined class (made up from Devils Head, Blackhawk, Tyrol Basin) with fourteen candidates, Nordic Mountain with eight candidates, Cascade Mountain with twelve candidates, Ausblick and Heiliger Huegel combined class with ten candidates, Little Switzerland and The Rock combined class with sixteen candidates and finally, Alpine Valley with twelve candidates. Exams will start in July and finish in November.

The Regions Web Site advisors, Doug Peters and Mitchell Milligan are working on a new site. We hope to have it rolled out by September.

Finally, During the last year, our ways to communicate to each other in our personal and work lives change drastically. As we do remove or face masks and begin to be together again, remember that we may need to brush up on some of our "in person" communication skills. Be patient and of course smile!

I hope everyone has safe and enjoyable summer.

Intro to Websites – Themes

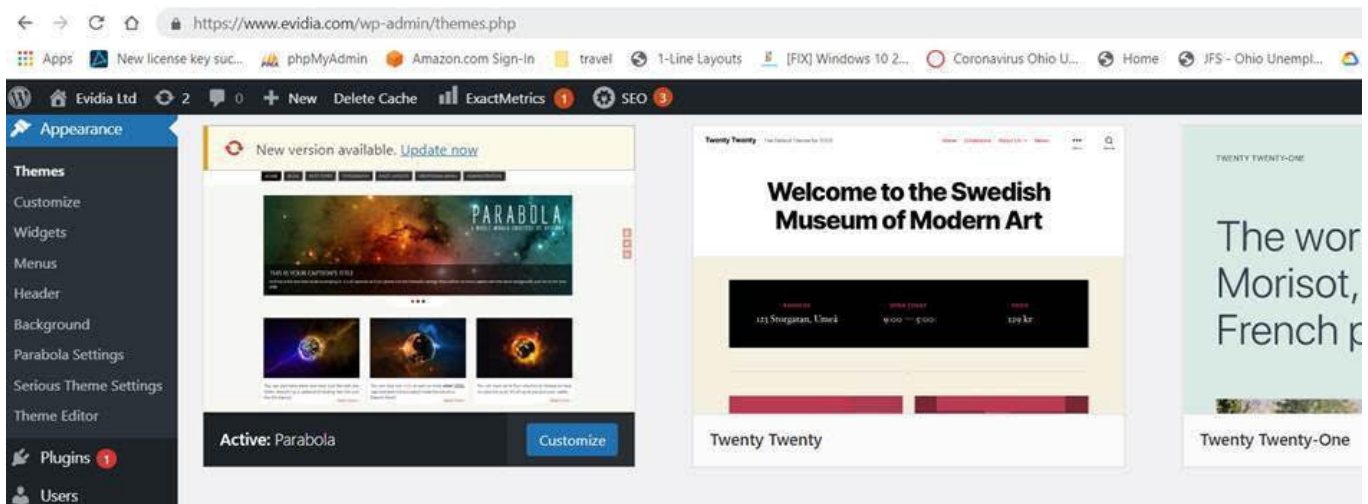


Chris Raudabaugh
Ohio Region Director

We will continue with the discussion of using Wordpress as a platform for a website. The first item that was mentioned in the prior article is the concept of themes. A theme is a design applies to the entire website. Default items just as font size, font type, background color, font color, etc are all defined by the theme. When it comes to making custom changes to a theme, some themes are more accepting to modifications than others. Some are easier to use than others. It depends on how the author built it. Most of the time, the 'free' themes will be more difficult for the average user to alter than the paid versions of the same theme.

Installed themes on your wordpress installation can be found on the dashboard menu at Appearance->Themes.

If this is a new installation of wordpress, you will see several numbered themes (22, 2021, etc) that are provided by wordpress as a starting point. There is also an 'add theme' button at the top of this page that will allow you to search for free themes as alternative to the defaults. Once you 'add' it, you will have to 'activate' it. You will see this theme



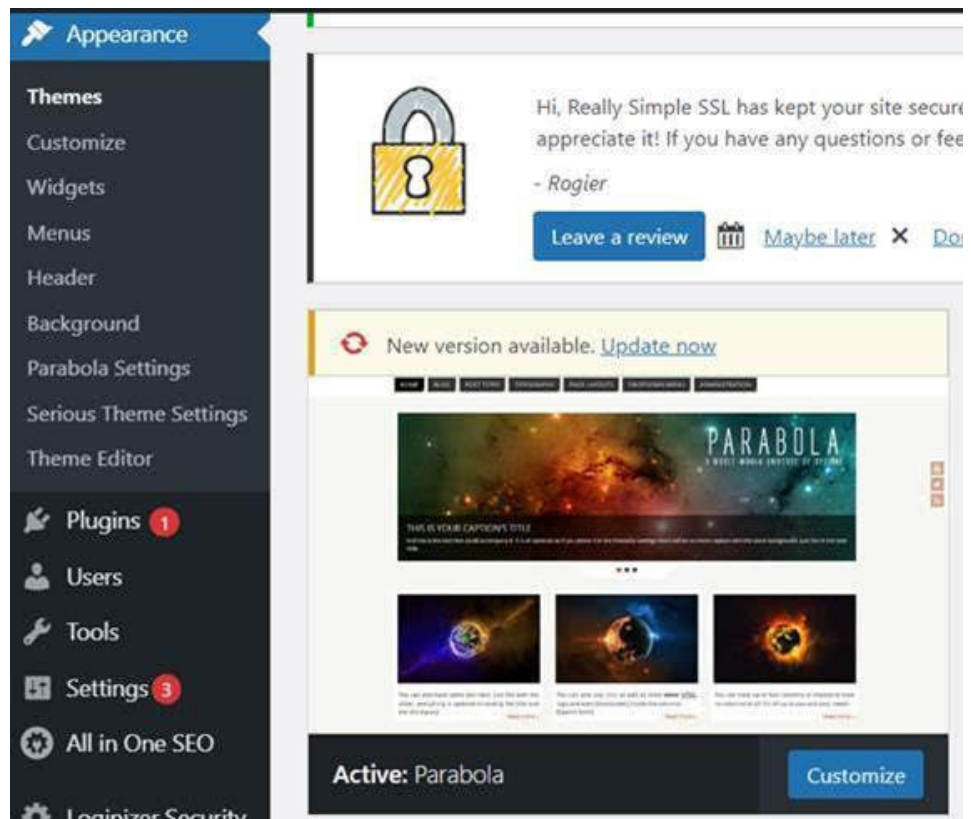
apply to your website instantly. You can freely activate from theme to the other without losing any modifications to your website. You can add and delete as many themes as you wish as well. I highly recommend keeping the number of installed themes low, however, make sure you keep at least one of the 'twenty' themes in case anything goes wrong, and you need to drop back to a known working theme. If none of the free themes are what you need, you can go to the following sites to find other themes. Once you find one at one of these sites (or other sites), you can download the file, and upload it on your theme page (after you click 'add theme', then there is a new button called 'upload theme').

Other sample theme sites:

- [Themeforest.net](https://www.themeforest.net)
- [Wpbeginner.com](https://www.wpbeginner.com)
- [Templatemonster.com](https://www.templatemonster.com)

When using the above sites, remember that some themes are not free. Make sure that the theme is a 'wordpress' theme.

Once you have settled on a theme, you can start customizing it to your needs. The Appearance menu area has most of the areas that will allow you to customize your site. The first one you should look at is the 'customize' button, found both on the theme shown in the window, and the link under appearances. Depending on theme this will give you a range of items you can customize.



Below is an example of a theme that allows the user to adjust the background color of the website with a simple color palette



The best thing to do is explore the Appearance menu for all the functionality available to the theme. You can change page layout, menus, headers, footers, colors, etc in this area. Once you have the design the way you want it, it is very easy to start creating pages for your new website.

As always, don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions about wordpress. I'd be happy to help.

Central Division Certified Program Update



**Ron Gerdes
Certified**

NSP Certified Program is a national skills development and verification program that provides a readily identifiable resource of highly motivated, skilled, and knowledgeable patrollers to better serve NSP, ski area management and the outdoor recreation community. This program is much more than a pin... This program is an opportunity to give back to the organization that has given to you.

After a long 18 months, it looks like we are getting back to business as usual! Although we did not hold an event in 2021, there was still significant action taking place behind the scenes. The national committee has been finalizing the national manual as well as defining recommended prerequisites. We have been working with several programs within the NSP (Avy, Rope Rescue) to ensure we maintain industry standards through the programs specific application of skills and knowledge.

The new manual will be delivered to the staff as a BETA test this season. We hope to use it as a supplemental document to ensure it meets the needs of the Certified program and the central Division membership. Once we have an opportunity to take it for a "test drive", The findings will be reported back to the national committee to make any necessary changes.

This seasons Certified Event will be hosted by western region at Lutsen Mountain, March 9-12. We will be releasing Qualification/recertification dates very soon. Locations will be Nubs Nob, Perfect North Slopes, Welch Village, Chestnut Mt, and Marquette Mt. Dates will be published as soon as we have them.

If you or any of your fellow patrollers are interested, please contact me, or reach out to your region advisor. I extend an open invitation to all patrollers and families/friends to participate in any certified event! We are always looking for good people to help make this program what it is. We work hard but we play hard as well!

The success of the Certified Program is directly dependent on the participation of NSP members and the programs subsequent growth. New candidates have always seemed to eb and flow from different regions on a natural cycle. Right now, the program is looking for new membership from Northern Michigan, Southern, and South-Central Regions. I will be working with the leadership in hopes of cultivating program interest and eventually dig up some new certified candidates!

Central Division Certified Leadership Team

Ohio Region	Jim Seeger
Eastern Michigan	Jamie Roell
Western Michigan	Hal Froot
Northern Michigan	Carl Woodcock
North Central	Tom Anderson
Western	Aaron Hislop
South Central	Paul Fuchs
Southern	Todd Schurtz
Asst Advisor	Daren Lukes
Asst Advisor	Carl Woodcock
Program Advisor	Ron Gerdes

PSIA Updates and Information



Amy Arnold
PSIA Liaison

PSIA is currently offering to its members a free digital download of the Fitness for Skiing and Snowboarding guide. This is a great resource to help instructors get stronger, more mobile and gain endurance for the upcoming ski season. Here is the link for more information along with access to nearly 50 YouTube videos that will help meet your desired fitness goals

<https://www.thesnowpros.org/2021/06/22/fitness-web-resources-keep-your-mind-and-body-sharp-in-the-summer/>

For instructors who are wanting to earn some CEU's and improve fitness this summer there is an E learning course, ACL Strong-knee injury prevention course. This is a 4 to 6 week exercise plan to help avoid knee injuries through strengthening legs muscles and learning better body movements. The cost is 85.00 for the 2 CEU course.

<https://lms.thesnowpros.org/lms-courses/>

Effective July 1, 2021 new National Certification Standards will be implemented for Alpine, Snowboard, Cross Country and Children's Specialist. The new standards provide a more consistent pathway with common language across disciplines and divisions. People skills, in addition to teaching and technical skills will be the focus of the certification exam.

<https://www.thesnowpros.org/certification/national-certification-standards/>

The PSIA Central Division website <https://psia-c.org> has been updated. Lots of resources available if you are considering taking a certification exam next season. Summer is a great time to expand your knowledge with some dryland training.

Please reach out with any questions regarding PSIA, the certification process, and available resources.

Safety Team



Kevin McQuillan
Safety Team Advisor

Members of the Rotary Club of Hinsdale, IL, along with the USO, donated 100 new bikes and helmets to children of active duty military families living in Illinois. The event was held on May 15, 2021.

Kevin McQuillan of the Central Division Safety Team, also a Rotarian, assisted the parents and cyclists with proper positioning and wearing of the helmets. (See <https://www.nspcentral.org/your-childs-helmet-should/> on your Central Division website for bike and snow helmet use by children.) It was tremendous to watch these children, many of whom never had a bicycle before, respond to their new bike and helmet. A shout out to the USO, which arranged with each recipient's parent's branch of the military to ship the bicycles whenever the parent is transferred/reassigned to a new posting.

The Team would like to thank Bob Meyers of the North Central Region for his service on the Safety Team, especially his postings to the Central Division un-official FaceBook page. His "Bobagonia" shirt was a welcome site at our Zoom meetings.

The Team welcomes Dave Callaghan of Mt. Ripley to the Team as the new Region Safety Advisor.

A new section is coming on the website under Snow & Bike Safety as to cycling specific safety tips. The Team is also working on recording certain snow and cycling PSAs. Please keep checking for updates and additions and remember, Lead By Example – Cycling, Same Rights, Same Rules.



Avalanche Update



Michael Walenta
Avalanche Supervisor

At the Fall Central Division Meeting in September, to be held in Galena, IL the Avalanche Program will be doing a presentation regarding things you should know and be aware of from an avalanche perspective. Q&A follows the presentation. Various snow study, avalanche equipment items and avalanche related online information will be available for you to examine and evaluate.

Time will also be available throughout the day for anyone wishing to brush up on their beacon skills or try out a beacon for the first time. Be sure to contact me if you wish to set up a time to meet. 616-240-6576

NSP does not offer helicopter safety training. However the following may be of interest to some of you.

Helicopter Safety

NSP does not offer helicopter safety training. However, the following tips may be helpful for those who have not had training.

- If you know a helicopter is coming you can prepare a landing zone (LZ).
 - Identify flat, clear area of 100'x100'.
 - If in powder snow attempt to compact loose surface snow within LZ.
 - Ensure no loose items or items that can blow away are in the area.
- When you hear the aircraft approaching.
 - Ensure the pilot sees you.
 - Move back 100' from LZ.
- When approaching LZ (if told to do so)
 - Move around perimeter of LZ to the front of the aircraft
 - Wear eye protection (goggles are best).
 - Ensure you have no loose articles of clothing or equipment.
 - Carry all equipment below head level.
- Allow aircraft crew member to come to you.
 - Do not approach the aircraft until instructed to do so by a member of the aircraft crew.
 - Follow all instructions of aircraft crew.

NSP does not offer helicopter safety training but make the following recommendation for professional rescue organizations (patrols, SAR groups, and other involved in rescue operations)

- Basic helicopter safety training provided by credible organizations for all members of the organization who may be involved with helicopter operations.

NSP does not offer helicopter safety training but make the following recommendations for professional SAR organization leaders

- Annual coordination and safety meeting with the pilot(s) and aircraft of companies or organizations that may be providing helicopter support for your organization.
- Advanced helicopter operations in the SAR environment.

NSP does not offer helicopter safety training. Here are



just a few of the resources you may wish to investigate for additional information.

- Basic helicopter safety training through Base Medical. Web-based video modules covering various aspects of helicopter operations in the rescue environment. This training is free or for a minimal fee will provide a certificate. <https://base-medical.thinkific.com/courses/helicopter-operations-for-sar-responders-1>
- Flight for Life Colorado – Mountain Rescue Operations: A downloadable manual sponsored by NSP covering basic helicopter operations in mountain rescue. Download from: <https://www.centura.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/Mountain-Rescue-Operations-Guide-Mar-2018.pdf>
- Mountain Rescue Association (MRA) – Helicopters in Search and Rescue – Basic and Intermediate Level. Manual very similar to Flight for Life Colorado manual. Covers basic and intermediate helicopter operations in mountain rescue environment. Download from: MRA Online Education Basecamp, [http://training.mra.org/courses/index.php\[BA1\]](http://training.mra.org/courses/index.php[BA1])

National Search and Rescue Academy – Helicopter Rescue Techniques. Advanced training manual developed by the National Park Service and National SAR Academy. Designed for rescue leaders. Download from: https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/CG-5R/nsarc/Helicopter_Rescue_Techniques_NSARA_Manual_10-23-2013.pdf

PSIA Update



It's been a strange start to summer but it's finally here. Time to take start golfing or take off to the lakes.

Don't forget about the winter here is a summer training program at this link, <https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.skimag.com/.amp/ski-performance/warm-weather-fitness>.

The Snow Sports School is working on this upcoming winter. We would like to extend the offer for the Division staff to come to your SES or even help with training at your resort.

Finally congratulations to all the people who added to their PSIA/AASI credentials. The awards will be given out at the fall Division meeting.

Marty Blaszowski
NSP-C Snowsports
School

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Nordic News



Jeff Schmidt
Nordic
Supervisor

Hello everyone, hopefully this finds you all well as try to move forward in this post pandemic world.

We are moving forward with the Nordic/Backcountry program going into the 2021-2022 season.

We have our Division Nordic Ski and Toboggan seminar scheduled for Jan. 8th and 9th, 2022 in Minocqua, Wisconsin. We also have our Division Nordic Telemark seminar scheduled for Jan. 10th, 2022 at Big Snow Resort/Indianhead in Wakefield, MI.

Hopefully many of you will be able to attend the Division awards meeting scheduled for Sept. 12th at Chestnut Mountain Resort in Galena, Illinois. We can have a Nordic break out to discuss new updates to the Nordic/Backcountry program. Let me know if you are attending the Division meeting, and I will get you details for a Nordic breakout session on Sept. 11th, 2021.

I hope you all have a great summer!!

Stay Safe,
Jeff Schmidtf

Skills Development Program



Jackie Bottomley
Skills Development

Since last season did not allow us to hold any group events, the ASDW Team is busily working on bringing our division two ASDW weekends: Dec. 3-5 and Dec. 10-12. We are targeting holding these events in the North Michigan Region, North Central Region, South Central Region and possibly Ohio. Format for the ASDW events will be similar to years past. We will offer sessions for Snow Sport Trainers/Evaluators/Calibrators and Toboggan Trainers/Evaluators/Calibrators, a session to work on PSIA L2 or L3, along with a couple sessions geared to becoming a Region snow sports or toboggan trainer. These two sessions are a great starting point to work with Division instructional staff.

Our theme for this year's ASDW is: **Training Tomorrow's Leaders.** We are early in the planning stage, but some of the things we are discussing include a welcome reception, indoor breakout sessions and video training prior to the event. More will be presented at the Fall Division meeting.

We are looking forward to another great ASDW event in December 2021. Hope to see everyone at the Fall Central Division Meeting at Chestnut Mountain Resort in September. We plan to have a room at the Fall Division meeting to discuss the ASDW events and view some videos that were taken last season. Feel free to reach out to me with questions or more information. Our goal is to hear from you and to help bring skill development programs to cover your Region and area needs.

Jackie Bottomley
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Recruit For the Future – Young Adult Patrol



Jay Van Zeeland
YAP Advisor

Allow me to briefly introduce myself. My name is Jay Van Zeeland, and I am taking over the Young Adult Program Supervisor role from Jane Bickerstaff. Jane has been very helpful to me all through the years to help build a great YAP program. Thank you Jane for all of your service to the Division and youth!

This last year has shown us that our patrol needs to recruit many new young healthy patrol-ers to help us with our mission. All our patrols had members that had opted not to perform this last year because of the combination of COVID and the advancing age of our patrols.

Whenever I'm at an NSP event, I ask the question: "How many people here have, or are qualified for an AARP card?" Nearly every hand raises in the room. If we continue to have slow recruitment years, or recruit only our peers, our patrols will age out and dissolve. I am sure that we can all agree that we want the National Ski Patrol to succeed and help skiers long into the future.

The Young Adult Patrol offers opportunities for youth aged 15 until high school graduation to learn the exact same Outdoor Emergency Care skills, Transportation, Scene Management and Maturity skills. It is a great opportunity for them. Any youth looking for a career in Medicine, the Military, Public Safety, Emergency Management, Ski Area Management, or a myriad of other careers would benefit from the learning opportunity and collaboration that the YAP program can provide.

The YAP program and the lessons learned can benefit any student. Allow me to tell you that my daughter, Sydnie, using her OEC skills was able to save my father's life. She provided medical care while I drove (albeit fast) to meet the ambulance in a very rural area. Imagine how much my family's and her life has benefited from these skills. Any youth can turn the knowledge that we provide into a lifechanging event for themselves or others.

Not to be negative, but the most common refrain that I hear from Patrol Reps is "I don't want to spend that much time on a candidate who will leave us soon. I would offer two points to consider. 1. What is the average length of term for adult patrollers? In my experience, generally less than ten years as other parts of life get in the way. 2. Are we involved with the NSP to help our own needs or the needs of others? While many of these youth may leave for college, they can still provide their skills to another NSP affiliated resort.

I look at all of the training that I do within the NSP to be a gift to the candidate. Everything that I teach I spent a lot of money to learn but am willing to give it for free to the candidates. Just like some of the gifts that we give at the holidays, not all of them are wanted. That still does not diminish the thought and care put into the gift. I give gifts of knowledge to all of the candidates; some just may not use them through us.

Another gift that we are offering the youth is the ability to patrol at a resort nearer their college. This allows the otherwise poor students the ability to enjoy our favorite sport as well as benefitting the resort. The YAP program is the best gift that the NSP has offered our patrols as well as the best gift that we can pass on.

While I am of AARP age, I generally focus on the ski portion of the patrol, but please don't forget the benefits that OEC can provide to Bike Patrols and any adventure sport.

My last thought is that I've found over the years that 50-year-old fun and 15-year-old fun are two entirely different things. Please consider adjusting our training programs to engage the young adults to ensure the future of the NSP!

I look forward to offering help to any of you interested in developing a group of excited, energetic and capable young patrollers into the future. If you have any questions, I can be reached at jay@vanzeeland.info or at 920.662.0625.

Social Media



Darcy Hanley
Social Media

Summer has arrived! Make the most of getting out, seeing friends, do some traveling and enjoy all that this season provides! I know many of your patrols may be starting an OEC class in person or testing your candidates or recognizing the success of your patrollers. Send me an email with what you would like posted and I am happy to oblige. Include pictures as it is great to see what patrollers are doing.

Our Facebook page does continue to grow and is a great outlet for division information. YEAH! Please save the date for the Division meeting on September 10-12 at Chestnut Mountain. The FB page will have updates and information as we get closer to the date. Make a plan to attend especially since it will be in person. A long overdue celebration for making it through a pandemic year.

As we head into summer, I will continue to provide Tip of The Week to recognize summer sports and conditioning tips. Have an amazing summer and I hope to see you all at the Division meeting in the fall.

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Tobogganing



Tracy Buchanan
Toboggan
Supervisor

It's hard to believe that we are busy planning for next season but our ASDW team is doing just that! We are hard at work making sure that our programming is fitting the needs of our membership and planning additional clinics to get that accomplished.

Part of the excitement on the OET side of things is the roll out of our new OET skills videos. We were able to work with a very small group through the rain and various challenges do to Covid to get this accomplished! The videos cover Senior standard for ski and toboggan and we also were able to film the various tools needed to be a successful toboggan handler. The videos will be housed on our Central Division Website eventually but can be accessed now through our Central Division NSP youtube channel. If you have any ideas for additional videos, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Be on the lookout late Summer/ early Fall for NSP's Powderfall registration!! The OET division supervisors have come up with some really awesome clinics and it's always a blast to connect with patrollers from all over the country! I would love to see our Division represented well! I will be posting more about Powderfall and the clinics offered in our RPN Fall Newsletter!

Instructor Development



Marie Traska
Instructor Development

The ski season is fast approaching. Hard to believe in four and a half months we will be skiing again.

There have been several Instructor Development courses completed in the last few months. Some of them have been in person but most of them have been done virtually. Remember that the ID for new instructors can be conducted in person or with the use of Zoom or google meets. The virtual format is easy to use and a real time saver if your patrollers are in different locations. Also remember the ID course can be used as a Senior Requirement for the senior level.

Instructors from all disciplines need to look to see if they need to recertify this year. Since some Recertification were not completed last year, there may be several that need to do that. The Recertification (CE) need to be registered with National with that course number. Also, the Instructor Skills Review (ISR) needs to be completed along with the recertification every three years, again the ISR needs to be registered with National with the course number.

See you on the slopes!

Outdoor Risk Management

Focus – The Unseated Passenger

We have all seen it in the news – “Child Falls From Ski Lift!” “Terrifying Video Shows Tourist Falling From Ski Lift!” Guests who do not properly load and hang from or fall from a lift are called “Unseated Passengers”. These incidents are fairly rare, but do happen. When they occur, they can result in serious injury or death, potential claims against the resort and bad publicity.

There are concrete steps that your resort can take to plan for and respond to these events.

Jeannie Mogan
Outdoor Risk Management

Make a Plan

Its vital to have thought out a course of action. One plan will not work for all resorts or all incidents, but it is important to think about some likely scenarios and make a plan for those. The plan should include:

1. What actions a lift operator will take in case of an Unseated Passenger, including:
 - o Deciding when to stop the lift or have the lift continue based on the height above ground and the distance from the loading / unloading areas
 - o When and who to call for assistance
2. What devices will be used to catch or cushion the landing of an Unseated Passenger. Examples include:
 - o Willy Bags
 - o Firefighter’s net
 - o Tower Pads
 - o Crash Pads
 - o Fencing

There are pros and cons associated with each of these. You will want to consider cost, accessibility, storage, effectiveness, and number of people needed to utilize the device.

3. Who will be called to the scene and what will their role be. Considerations include:
 - o How to get the catching or cushioning devices to the scene
 - o Who will direct / use the devices
 - o How will Patrollers be contacted and respond
 - o Who will complete an incident investigation
 - o Who will manage publicity

Train and Practice

The plan will be most effective if affected staff members receive regular training related to it. In addition, it is important to actually practice the steps outlined in the plan. Just as we annually refresher our OEC, CPR and toboggan skills, we should be refreshing how we will respond to incidents that are low in frequency, but high in risk, such as the Unseated Passenger.

If you are not sure if your area has an Unseated Passenger Plan or know what your role is during an incident, ask your Patrol Representative. He or she can reach out to Area Management. This topic will also be covered at Midwest Ski Areas Association meeting August.

As always – Stay safe out there!

Jeannine Mogan

Outdoor Risk Management Advisor

Central Division

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OEC Refresher Planning



Kim Zambale
OEC Supervisor

It's July...and you know what that means, right? OEC Refresher Planning! Well, for many that is not what it means, however the OEC Instructors are likely 'planning to plan' already. Here are some updates:

Refresher Workbook

- The workbook is online this year. Additionally, an answer sheet was created for patrolers to complete and bring with them instead of bringing the entire workbook for verification purposes. IOR's can have attendees send the answer sheets in advance.
- The workbook can also be accessed from the hybrid online module (the hyperlinks may not work as easily, especially the fillable answer form.)
- Also, the workbook can be found on the [OEC page](#) for everyone to complete.

Online portion

- The OEC Cycle B Refresher 2021 Hybrid online portion of the program is live in the online learning system of NSP.

Skills portion

- As you know, the OEC Cycle A Refresher 2020 required only the online portion (which was enhanced with the workbook portion). We were informed that the skills portion would be added to the OEC Cycle B Refresher in 2021.

OEC Instructors

- Instructor information for both Hybrid and Traditional Refreshers are posted on the OEC Instructor web page.

It should be no surprise that this year we will be spending more time together for the skills portion of the refresher. There are several objectives that we must meet each year so that we can stay certified as OEC Technicians and this year we are catching up by adding the skills from Cycle A (2020). Your OEC Instructor teams are working hard to make this as smooth as possible. My advice...prepare by completing your online portion (if hybrid) and/or workbook portions ahead of time, and pack snacks and smiles for your refresher date!

What is An Alumni Member?

An alumni member is a special registration category for people who, for various reasons, decide to no longer provide emergency care or rescue services, but wish to continue their relationship with the National Ski Patrol. Alumni membership is available to anyone who has been registered with the NSP as a patroller or physician partner (above candidate) for one year.

The NSP created the alumni member category in 1977 as a way to facilitate contact with former members and keep them informed of national events and activities. Today, there are over 5,000 alumni members affiliated with the NSP.

>taken from the NSP.ORG website

A great program for those NSP members who have decided they cannot be an active patroller. Keep your years of service, retain your NSP connections and friends, support your local patrol and the system by registering as an Alumni.

So, what can you do as an Alumni? Continue to support your local patrol and ski area by using your unique skills as needed. If you are an OEC IT, continue to teach OEC. I am a PSIA Ski instructor and help our local patrol candidates with skiing skills as needed.

Bottom line is becoming an Alumni patroller allows you to keep your contacts within the NSP, continue your friendships within your home patrol and serve your skiing public. And participate with other Alumni in your local area, region and at National Events.

How do you change your registration? Simply go to the NSP.ORG site, and go to your personal page. Click on Programs on the top banner and select Alumni. Fill out the form and submit.

Dan Dalquist
Central Division Alumni Supervisor

Applications for Dan Somalski Memorial Fund

The application window for the 2021 – 2022 season Daniel Somalski Memorial Fund is open until December 1st, 2021. The fund is an educational grant for any Central Division patroller with membership in good standing. Activities for potential fund reimbursement include:

- Any National Ski Patrol Education
- PSIA/AASI Certification

Applications can be located on the Central Division Website via the following link <http://www.nspcentral.org/docs/somalski/SomalskiApplication.pdf>. Once complete, please email to Tom Anderson at tpanderson@charter.net. For more information, please visit <http://www.nspcentral.org/somalski.php>.



This trust was set up to honor a very special friend, patroller and mentor, the late Dan Somalski. Dan, as many of us know, dedicated much of his 25 year patrol career to helping others attain their goals both on and off of the mountain. As a long time Certified (#426) and PSIA level 3 he was legendary both inside and outside of the traces. It is in memory of Dan's example that the trust was created to ease the burden of a patroller's credentialing costs while encouraging advancement.

Bike Patrol



Jeremy Verbeke
Bike Patrol

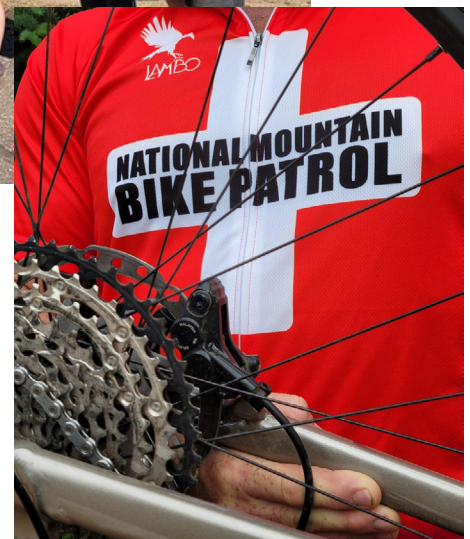
Bike Patrols within the National Ski Patrol are taking off in 2021! This year NSP Central Division has added at least five new patrol or host units to the family.

Please welcome the following:

LAMBO (Lakeland Area Mountain Biking Organization) WI
RASTA (Rhineland Area Silent Trails Association) WI
MCMBA (Motor City Mountain Bike Association) MI
POTOMBA (Potowatami Mountain Bike Association) MI
Iron Belle Trail Bike Patrol MI

These new patrol/host units are above and beyond the established Ski Patrols that are also now providing bike patrol services at their resorts. There are several more in the early organizational stages of startup.

If you are interested in starting a Bike Patrol (OEC) or Bike Host Unit (OFC), whether you are at a ski resort, part of a mountain bike club or organization, or just looking to start one from scratch, I am here to help you with that process. Please email me at bike@nspcd.org.



2021/22 Chair Evacuation Update for NSP Members



Jim Woodrum
MSAA Liaison

As many have heard or know the NSAA and NSP Aerial Evacuation Resource Guide (AERG) was published in September 2020. Some patrols have gotten copies from either organizations, but may not have had time to incorporate the updates into their Lift Evacuation Plans (LEP). To learn and understand many of the details and regulatory issues or questions you may have, several sessions have been arranged around the Central Division to provide an opportunity this summer/fall to learn first hand about the updates/changes and hopefully provide minimal travel. The guide is just that, a document that provides the users with options about how to comply or understand best practices. Incorporating that into your local LEP is what will be the most important aspect of this learning opportunity.

Below is a listing of those events that leadership can attend by signing up. The first session scheduled, in conjunction with the MSAA meetings, is primarily designed for owners/managers/area operational personnel and patrol administrators. The additional four events are scheduled primarily with patrol leaders and lift evac instructors in mind to get into more detail on the guide and equipment. Patrol leadership and lift evac instructors may attend any of the events by pre-registering. If any patrollers plan to attend the first session, in conjunction with MSAA, and you plan to stay for any of their meetings you will have to gain approval from your area and register with MSAA. If you can only attend this session and do not plan to stay for the rest of the MSAA meetings, you will still need to pre-register by sending a form to jrwoodrum@centurytel.net. The break out portion of the sessions will be led by a number of our certified patrollers that have been working in this important aspect of our activities. Anyone attending and participating will need to sign a "Release of Liability". If you do not, then there will be a fee collected at the event.

Arrangements have been made for 5 separate training sessions. The first event is scheduled for August 15, 2021 at Alpine Valley Ski Area in conjunction with the MSAA meetings. This session will begin at 2 PM and end between 5-6 PM. This event is designed for Area Owners/Operational Personnel and Patrol Administrators. This session is an overview of the guide and may not get into specific de-tail that Lift Evac. Instructors want to discuss. However, if this is the only event you can make work for you then please sign up and attend. There is a sign up/registration for this event by sending your request/reservation to jrwoodrum@centurytel.net

The next 4 sessions are designed for NSP Patrol Leadership/Chair Evac. Instructors. The first session will be on September 11 at Chestnut Mountain in conjunction with the NSP Central Division Meetings. The session will begin at 1PM for an in classroom portion followed with an outdoor hands-on session that ends around 5 PM. You must register with the CD meetings to attend. Please sign up on the Division Website or registration for your attendance.

The second session for NSP Patrol Leadership/Chair Evac. Instructors will take place at Pine Knob Resort in Clarkston, MI on Saturday, September 18 for a stand alone event. The session will begin at 1PM for an in classroom portion followed with an outdoor hands-on session that ends around 5 PM. Please register for this event with Jim Woodrum by sending an email to jrwoodrum@centurytel.net.

The third session for NSP Patrol Leadership/Chair Evac. Instructors will take place at Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville, MI on Sunday, September 19 for a stand alone event. The session will begin at 11 AM for an in classroom portion followed with an outdoor hands-on session that ends around 3 PM. Please register for this event with Jim Woodrum by sending an email to jrwoodrum@centurytel.net.

The fourth and final session for NSP Patrol Leadership/Chair Evac. Instructors will take place at Granite Peak Resort in Wausau, WI on Sunday, October 10 for a stand alone event. The session will begin at 1PM

for an in classroom portion followed with an outdoor hands-on session that ends around 5 PM. Please register for this event with Jim Woodrum by sending an email to jrwoodrum@centurytel.net

Again, patrollers can attend any of the events that will fit their schedule. The first event is designed for Owners/Managers and Patrol Administers in con-junction with the MSAA meetings. If that is your only availability, you are welcome to attend.

Registration Form:

Name:

Email Address:

Ski Area you patrol:

Role on your patrol;

Do you have an Aerial Evacuation Resource Guide:

Date of the session you plan to attend:

August 15, 1 PM Alpine Valley Resort, Elkhorn, WI **Yes/No**

Date	Resort	Town	Attending (Yes, No)
Sept. 11, 1 PM	Chestnut Mtn	Galena, IL	
Sept. 18, 1 PM	Pine Knob	Clarkston, MI	
Sept. 19, 11 AM	Crystal Mountain	Thompsonville, MI	
Oct. 10, 1 PM	Granite Peak	Wausau, WI	

Please bring your Area LEP and your own helmet and leather gloves to participate in the outside exercise. Releases will need to be signed to participate.

Senior Program



Jeff Jurcak
Senior Supervisor

Hello Central Division,

As Mike Schons has mentioned, the division staff is working hard to prepare us all for the upcoming season.

The Senior Program team is helping to bring some much needed updates to the Senior Program document content.

We have updates complete and in the works for:

The Senior Manual

The Alpine Module of the Senior Program

The electronic version of the Senior application

The Senior content from the Central Division website. Where we are eliminating obsolete and redundant information.

Updating the QA form

We are very excited to bring an ASE exam to both the East and West side of the lake this year. If you are

interested in joining the Senior Ski/Ride examination team in your region, this exam may be for you. If you are interested please reach out your region Senior advisor for direction.

Another avenue to take in becoming a Senior Ski/Ride examiner is studying and practicing for your PSIA level-2 exam. These two directions are both acceptable by the division and will need to be accompanied by your region's mentoring program.

Both of these programs are designed to not only help you help others but also to enhance your ski/ride abilities and enjoyment.

If you or someone you know would benefit in learning more about the updates mentioned above please join us at the Division Meeting in Galena IL (a very cool place to visit) for a discussion on Sunday morning. More information will be available at nspcentral.org

Keep safe and healthy for this coming season,
Sean Bennett, Jamie Roell and Jeff Jurcak

Greetings Ladies of the Central Division!



Welcome to the **Central Division Women's 20th Anniversary Clinics!** Last year was to be our official 20th Anniversary, but due to COVID-19 we were forced to do an online event billed as the Central Division Women's Clinic 19.5! Well, this year we anticipate being back on track!

As winter approaches and colder temps are forecast, we anticipate a return to Face-To-Face (F2F) events again! HURRAY!

The Division Women's Program has been hard at work confirming locations for the 2022 Division Women's Clinic. Here are the details as we know them right now:

January 21-23, 2022 – Location to be confirmed in the southern end of the Division.

Kerstin Hammarberg
Women's Program

January 28-30, 2022 – Mount Bohemia
(confirmed!)

Lodging details are being worked out and registration is expected to open in November 2021. There may be logistics that each ski area requires for us to participate, and we are getting that information now. Health and safety are in everyone's mind so that we can be together again!

Stay tuned for more details which will be sent out to your email we have on file from the NSP (update your NSP page) and also posted on our Facebook page.

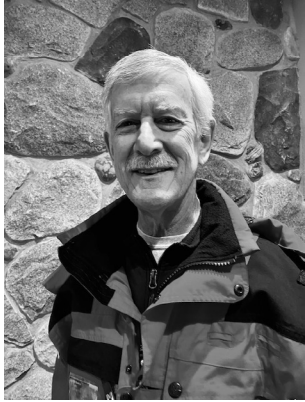
If you have not already considered it, plan to attend the Fall Division Meeting being hosted by Chestnut Mountain September 10-12, 2021. An invitation to all the Region Women's Advisors will be sent for a small informal gathering to meet, greet and discuss upcoming plans!

It is exciting that we can be together again so in the meantime stay healthy and get prepared for some awesome time on skis and boards at our annual clinics!

And remember **WASH YOUR HANDS!!**
Be safe and well everyone!



Division Medical Advisor



Dan Goldberger
Medical Advisor

For my contribution to this edition of RPN, I would like to pay respects to a man that I suspect few patrollers know of, or perhaps they have heard his name along the way. But Dr. Paul Auerbach, who passed on June 24, 2021, has impacted what we do as patrollers in many ways over the years.

I cannot say that I knew Dr Auerbach other than by reputation. An Emeritus Professor and past Chief of Emergency Medicine at Stanford University School of Medicine, he is an iconic figure in the world of Emergency Medicine. After a Bachelors and MD from Duke University, he held faculty positions at Temple and Vanderbilt before spending the rest of his career at Stanford. Early in his career he became interested in pre-hospital care in difficult environments, which led him to become a founder and past president of the Wilderness Medical Society, a field of study with great relevance and attraction to many members of NSP. He was the author of the definitive textbook of Wilderness Medicine, now in its seventh edition, as well as eight other books ranging from Field Guide of Wilderness

Medicine to books on scuba diving and 2 on underwater photography. He was the editor of the Journal of Wilderness Medicine and on the editorial boards of multiple emergency medicine publications. In his later years his interests lead to work in the fields of disaster medicine and the effects of climate change on human health. Not one to sit in an ivory tower office, he provided medical care on the scene of earthquakes in Haiti and Nepal, and he created a program at Stanford to help train and supply medical providers for emergency response to disaster areas. In 2017 he published the book Enviromedics: The Impact of Climate Change on Human Health.

Dr Auerbach also served on various boards and committees, and, in his spare time (!) he was a physician patroller at Sugar Bowl Resort in California, earning his National Appointment. He served on the NSP National Medical Committee, and he contributed his expertise to past editions of the OEC textbook. And so it was that I had the privilege to learn from his insights as the national committee met by Zoom and email during our work to develop protocols for how to provide care during the COVID19 era. His comments were always intelligent, insightful, practical, and of great value to the group. Sadly, during one of our Zoom meetings early in 2021, he announced to the group that he would soon be undergoing surgery for a recently discovered brain tumor. Last week I learned of his passing at the age of 70, far too young for a man of such energy and vision.

And so we say farewell to a man who accomplished so much and contributed so greatly to the field of emergency medicine and other pursuits, including NSP. His life work reminds us that we can all do a little more in the service of humanity.

Randall L. Beecham

Randy was a proud member of National Ski Patrol for 35 years. On June 6, 2021 Randall L. Beecham passed through this world. His obituary can be found at:

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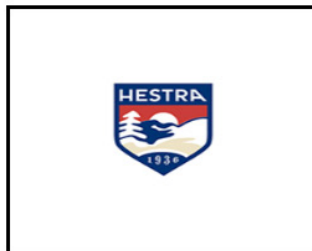
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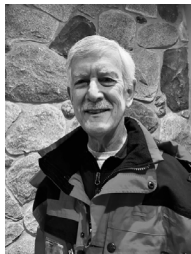


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