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Division Director's Report



John Thomas
Division Director

From the Desk of JT:

July 1st doesn't seem to be that long ago. But from when I took over the role of Central Division Director beginning in July; it sure seems that a lot of activity has taken place in a short period of time.

The MSAA (Midwest Ski Area Association) meeting was very informational. Talking to the Owners/Managers of the areas we patrol at and getting their perspective on the skiing industry and the concerns as Owners/Managers opens up new horizon for us as patrollers to deal with. One of the many new horizons should have been presented by your PR at your refresher. Your PR should have presented the MSAA Pre-season discussion presentation. The Owners/Managers are watching us and we need to make sure we are providing the service model they desire. Anything we can do to help their business be successful is in our best interest as patrollers if we want to keep patrolling. We need to be on time

for our shifts. We need to help create a great memorable experience for the skiing public. We need to continually improve our patrolling skills. We need to remember that if they don't have customers, we don't have a place to ski. Please do everything you can to help create a great customer experience for your ski area customers.

We had a great Central Division Meeting hosted by North Central Division in Wausau, Wisconsin - Thank you. Next year's Central Division Meeting will be held in Detroit, Michigan hosted by the Eastern Michigan Region. I hope you can attend.

Every year we have National Board elections and we have four (4) positions to fill. I urge you all to take the time to Vote. You can vote for one person or up to four (4) people. You should have received a letter from the Central Division Board giving you our ranking data. You are free to use the data we sent to you or review the data on the National web site to make your choice

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of who you feel would represent your view the best. The most important item is to VOTE! The more of us that vote, the better representation we will receive at the National Board level. PLEASE, PLEASE VOTE.

The other item is to vote for the By-Laws amendment Article XIV . Your Division Board of Directors have reviewed and agree with this amendment. Please vote on the amendment Article XIV.

The 2013 OEC refresher season is coming to an end and by the time this Newsletter is published, most of the Central Division Refreshers will be completed. Thank you for taking the time to keep current with your OEC skill set. I urge you again to not just refresh your skills at your refresher. When you are at your area, take the time to refresh some of your other OEC skills. The STWs are coming up very soon please take the time to attend one of the three STWs. I believe it's a great way to work on your skills set. We can all improve, we just need to commit to improving.

Please have a safe and healthy skiing/riding season! Hopefully you have been exercising your body so you are ready for the season. I hope to see you on the snow and thank you for all you do for the NSP Central Division. Please remember to Vote for the By-law amendment and for the National board members.

John JT Thomas

Why is it We Do What We Do? Volunteer, That Is.



Don Loerch
Assistant Division
Director

Are you like me and sometimes wonder why our patrol family finds so much pleasure in volunteering. Wonder no longer, I've done a little research to share. Most of what I found probably won't surprise you.

In general, the number of adult volunteers varies around the world. Estimates indicate about 36 percent of Australians, 23 percent of Europeans and 27 percent of Americans participate.

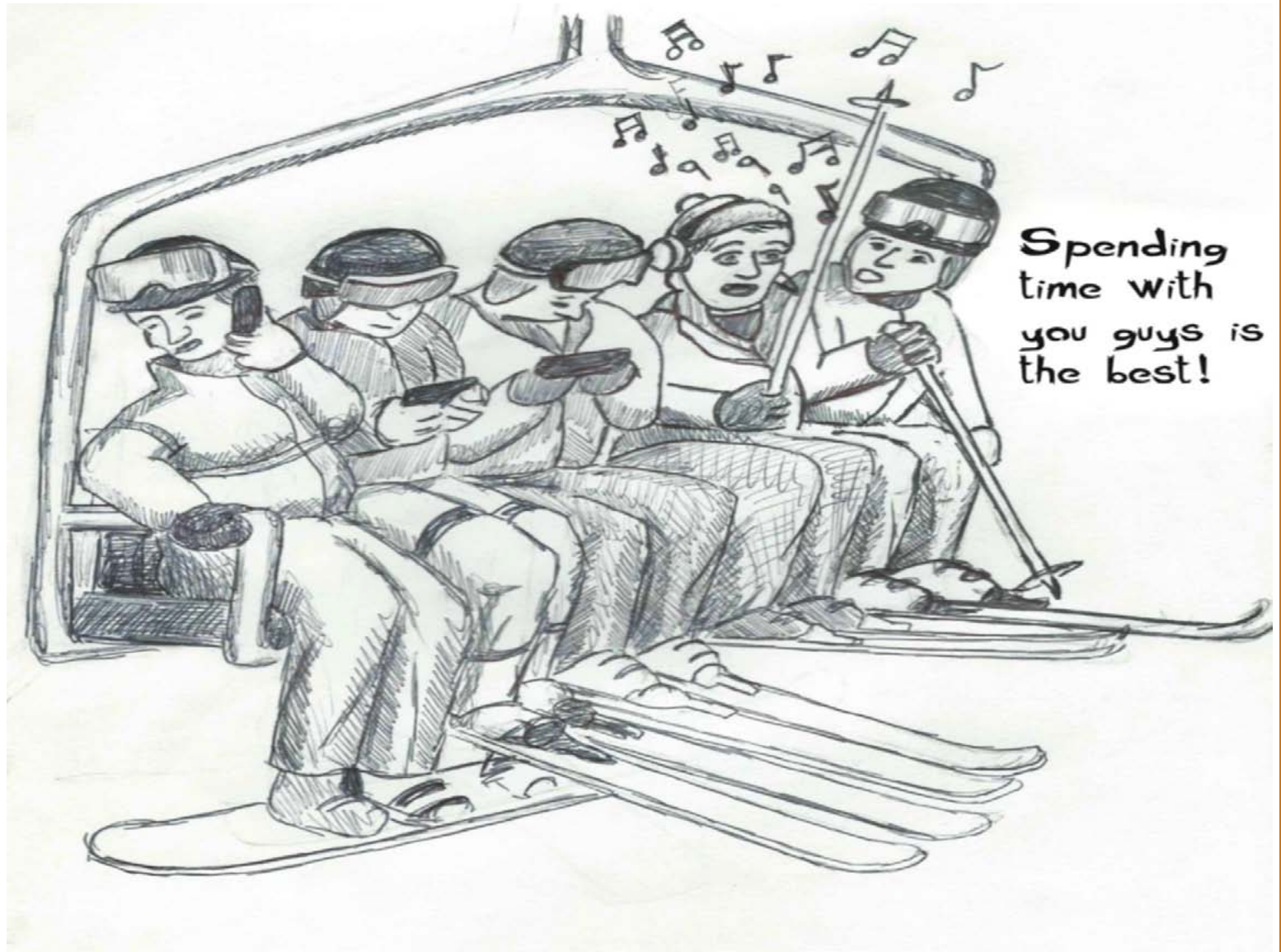
When experts examine data associated with those who volunteer even more is revealed. They find; a lower risk of death than in non-volunteers, lower levels of depression, improved mental health, increased life satisfaction and enhanced well-being. This is certainly not a bad return on investment for those giving of themselves.

What are the common reasons our fellow volunteers cite for giving back? They include; giving back to their community, supporting an organization that has supported them and even widening their social circles. Let's not forget one of the most important points for us, slipping and sliding!

As we head into the busiest part of our volunteer season, please don't forget to celebrate why it is we love what we do. And while you're celebrating, don't forget to share that joy with potential members having yet to discover the joy that's singular to the National Ski Patrol.

Thank you for all that you do, we'll look forward to seeing you when the snow flies!





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Reader Cautions Networking Site Users

To the Editor:

The reasons I decided to commit so much of my precious spare time to the National Ski Patrol originally were because I love to ski and wanted to be more involved in my community. I decide to stay on each year because of the camaraderie and sense of family I get from patrollers and others I meet as a result of my membership.

Even in the "off season," when I go back to my original ski area Marquette, my days are filled with hikes, paddles, and rides with my ski patrol mates. Maintaining my patrol membership here, in Minnesota, has given me a new place to belong.

You can imagine my disappointment when I was browsing a popular networking site and came upon a group (open to the general public) of ski patrol members griping and publishing a plethora of complaints about NSP.

I thought, when I clicked the link I might find something along the lines of, "I'm thinking about a trip up to Lutsen this weekend, good skis or rock skis?" Instead I was confronted with complaints ranging from allegations of corruption and questionable ethics to something that was rumored to have happened over a decade ago. There it was, all out on the Internet for public consumption; on a professional networking site no less.

This finding upset me because I am proud to be a member; I have met some of the most interesting people in NSP. Open commentary such as I found sheds a negative light on all of us. I found the arguments to be both inappropriate and self-serving. As professionals and representatives of the NSP, we need to be careful about what, where, and how we say things.

Fortunately within this organization there are appropriate channels to address all issues we might be having. Making this point, however strikes me as counterproductive. Those who choose to post such comments have already made a decision regarding how they view our organization.

I am so glad that I checked the content of the group before I ever linked in to it. I would be embarrassed to have my name associated with such public slander of an organization that I love so much. I think that it is most important to remember why we each joined and why we continuously choose to patrol. We have appropriate methods available to all of us to handle the bumps in the road and they do not include public airing of complaints and debates.

Anne L'Esperance
Buck Hill Ski Patrol

Region Reports

Eastern Michigan Region



Mike Schons
Eastern Michigan
Region Director

I would like to thank each and every one of you for the excellent job you have done again past season. It is your commitment and professionalism that makes our division regions stand out within the NSP.

I would like to thank Derek Werner, and his staff for constantly moving the Eastern Michigan Region forward and keeping us the premier region among the Michigan regions. Derek has reached his maximum service time allowed as Region Director under Region and Division rules.

I sent out an email to the region members so that you may add me to your contacts if you so choose and feel free to email me with any of your concerns or suggestions. Speaking of suggestions, if you email a question, concern or suggestion that is anything NSP related, I promise you will get a personal reply from me or one of the region staff.

Assisting me in the administration of the region as Assistant Region Directors will be Russ Livermore (Pine Knob) for all on-hill training and evaluating activities and Allison LaVene (Mt. Holly) for all off-hill training and evaluation activities.

Both of the ARD's jointly will assist with the other administrative activities.

The Patrol Director's, ARD's and I are trying to finalize the complete region staff. This should be complete within the next few weeks.

The Eastern Michigan Region has scheduled three TES, SES and SBES seminars for the upcoming season. Within the next few weeks these will be up on the EMR website, (<http://www.nspemr.org>). Other educational events will also be available soon on the website for sign-up.

With these events in mind, a large part of my philosophy and direction for the region will be education and providing patrollers at all levels opportunities to improve their knowledge and skill sets.

In closing, I would like to thank all of you for allowing me the opportunity to represent the Eastern Michigan Region.

Looking forward to seeing you on the slopes.

North Central Region



Les Robinson
North Central
Region Director

I just want to thank all the patrollers and guests who visited Wausau a couple weeks ago we really enjoyed playing host for the fall division meeting. Our committee members all hope you enjoyed your stay with us, could see some of the great art exhibits, and activities in addition to the meeting. How about that very inspiring message delivered at the meeting by our fellow patroller from the western region, great job "Ted Schick" if we listen to that and can't strengthen our leadership skills we have a problem.

Once again we are having a national election shortly that involve current Central Division patrollers and quite a few others please get informed and lets make our vote count. I also want to make mention that as our OEC refreshers are taking place it is the perfect time as patrollers to look to see where we could improve ourselves. If you are thinking of continuing ed classes, senior, instructor of courses, certified, check out the calendar at <http://www.nspcentral.org/calendar.php> or if you are interested in helping by assisting at a higher level seek out one the current leaders to see what you need to do next.

Northern Michigan Region



Richard Jacques
Northern
Michigan Region
Director

NMR's "Off-Season" has seen little down time this year.

Before all the lifts were closed for the year two OEC classes were started at opposite ends of the region. In total 25 new patrollers were trained for seven patrols in two regions. Although many instructors helped, credit for the two classes goes to Tena and Bob Lechtanski for the Harbor Springs Class and to Meghan Walls and Rod Kivell for the Traverse City Class.

As these classes were winding down, Division OEC Supervisor Karen Hadden conducted a Senior OEC Trainer/Evaluator clinic at Schuss Mountain. Two additional classes have been taught, giving the Region 15 instructors certified in the new program. Additional clinics will be held over the next two seasons to finish transitioning all Senior OEC T/E's to the new program.

While at Schuss, Karen updated attendees on the pilot on-line/hands on OEC Refresher format. Northern Michigan's OEC staff decided to adopt the new format for the annual "Region Refresher". After two months of planning by a small committee, a plan evolved for the hands on

portion. The change was announced to all region patrollers in early August and several subsequent email's reminded everyone to enroll and complete the on-line part of the course. With the average patroller age significantly higher than most the team was prepared for resistance and to help members with the on-line portion. We were pleasantly pleased when only a few members didn't have Internet access and needed help with this requirement. The region instructional staff adapted quickly to coaching rather than lecturing. On Saturday, September 28th, 164 patrollers from 16 patrols, in two Divisions and 6 different Regions, refreshed all the hand's on skills through a combination of scenario and skill activity centers. All in all it was a very successful refresher with comments like "Best Ever" and "My instructors provided pointers but let me work through the problem so I really know what I'm doing". Thanks to everyone involved in the planning process. It takes a lot to change from the comfortable format that has worked so long.

Several new faces joined the NMR Staff and some familiar ones moved to new positions this season. Treasurer John Wiley stepped up to take the ARD On-Hill position when long time ARD Jim Markey stepped down. Kirk Swarbrick of the Otsego Ski Patrol is taking over as treasurer. Rod Kivell has taken on the Region OEC Administrator role from Don Smith. Mike Moreen of Schuss Mountain has agreed to take the Region Ski School Director post and Mike Longfellow-Jones has stepped into the Certified Advisor Position. Karl Woodcock completed his second term as Section Chief in NMR Section 1 and has accepted the assistant Proficiency Advisor position and Lisa Ballien of the Nubs Nob patrol was elected to replace Karl as Section 1 Chief.

On a sad note, Northern Michigan Region lost two very active patrollers this past season. Bill Campbell of the Nubs

Nob Ski Patrol was a lifetime member of NSPS. He joined the patrol in 1962 and was awarded National Appointment number 3975 in 72. During his career Bill served as patrol director, section chief and region director. He taught American Red Cross first aid and CPR, OEC, skiing and tobogganing over his 51 years of service to the patrol.

Ken Navarre of Schuss Mountain passed away Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at age 73. Ken began patrolling in the 1994 ski season at Mt. Brighton in Eastern Michigan Region and completed his senior in 1997. Ken transferred to Schuss Mountain in northern Michigan Region when he retired and moved to Clam Lake. Ken loved all facets of patrolling but none more than teaching OEC. With his natural acting ability, Ken portrayed many accident victims in Patroller, Senior and Certified training and evaluation scenarios. His ability to help every candidate understand and apply even the most difficult concepts was envied by his colleagues. Ken touched the OEC training of almost everyone in Eastern and Northern Michigan Regions either directly or through someone he taught. He received National Appointment 9800 in 2003.

Finally congratulations to the Northern Michigan Region Division and National Award Winners, Fred Bailey, Pat Throop, Linda Murphy Jacobs and the Nubs Nob Ski Patrol.

With refreshers winding up, it's time to get the summer wax off the skis and give them a final pre-season tune. One area manager reminded us at the OEC refresher that we are within 65 days from snow making.

Ohio Region



Bill Currier
Ohio Region
Director

Hello from the OHIO Region. It has been about a month since we all got together in Wausau for our Fall meeting. I hope you all had a great time. I sure did. While I did not get a chance to participate the events because I was in meetings all day Saturday and Sunday morning, I did notice the art fest that was also going on that weekend. While I did not have time to see any of the art, I spoke with some who did and they gave it rave reviews. On behalf of the Ohio Region, our thanks go out to Les and his staff for putting on an exceptionally fine event.

Resorts have made a few changes in the off season the most notable of which is Alpine Valley which is undergoing major improvements since having been acquired by Peak Resorts last season. See their website for details <http://www.alpinevalleyohio.com/>

Congratulations to our outstanding award winners. Janet Glaeser, BMBW, received the Central Division and National Outstanding OEC Instructor award; and Freddie Shima, also from BMBW, received Central Division Outstanding Patroller award.

Changes are being made to the Senior OEC program. A new Senior OEC manual has been issued by National. All divisions and regions are expected to implement the new manual as soon as they can. The big change is that the test must be held on snow. No exceptions will be allowed. The Ohio Region OEC team is in the process of implementing the new requirements, including how we can comply with the 'on snow' requirement. Senior OEC candidates will see only a little change since Ohio has been following much of what was expected to be in the new manual for the past two seasons. Senior OEC evaluators will be recertified before this year's test.

Elections will be held in 2014 for a new Region Director and Section Chief in O-3. I am not running for re-election because I have served two terms which is all that I am allowed according to Central Division policy.

There are a few changes in the patrols in the region. Buckeye Nordics has been disbanded. Clear Fork will continue to operate, but will not register a volunteer NSP patrol this season.

We have a new DOWNHILL Editor and a new Instructor Development Administrator as well as several new assistant advisors who will be moving into their new roles as the season begins.

We are looking forward to a successful 2013/2014 season with lots of cold and white, slippery stuff (not ice) and hope to see many Central Division patrollers at the various events that we have planned.

Have a safe and enjoyable season.

Western Region



Jeannine Mogan
Western Region
Director

The Western Region held its Fall conference the last weekend of September in beautiful Rice Lake Wisconsin. The Christie Mountain Patrol offered an impressive list of educational opportunities, vendor booths, and family fun activities. Guest Speakers included National Young Adult Patroller Director, Chris Rousseau, and National Managing Director, Darcy Hanley.

Darcy made a grand entrance to the meeting by setting off the fire alarm at the hotel and then posing with the firefighters that arrived (lights and sirens)! The meeting ended with an awards banquet. The Western Region had a lot for which to be proud!



New Materials on the Horizon



Virginia Rodeman
Division Instructor
Development
Supervisor

Instructor Development has been going over a little of an overhaul during the past year. The Supervisors under the direction of the National Director have spent many hours looking at the current course and working to improve it and the delivery. In October the "new" program will come before the Educational Committee and hopefully approve of these changes. I believe it will make the process of becoming an instructor easier to understand and that it standardizes the process so no one will be left out and each candidate will understand where in the process he/she is.

One huge positive piece is that a patroller will not be able to take the online component until he/she is registered in a class.

Another component happening in all disciplines is Formal Continuing Education for Instructors and more involvement in instructor recertification for all IT's.

OEC Perspectives



Karen Haden
Division OEC
Supervisor

Hold on, here we go again. The days are getting shorter, refreshers and OEC classes are going full tilt and the Central Division Fall Meeting is done! The weather man is predicting a cold and snowy winter for us. Yahoo, it is about time.

We are lucky to be part of an awesome Division. During the meeting it was amazing to add up all the National Program Directors and Board Members we have representing us in Denver. Congratulations to all the Division and National award recipients. The awards are well deserved and thanks for all you do.

The Senior OEC Trainer Evaluator clinics are going on in all your Regions. If you are a current Senior OEC evaluator sign up for a clinic as soon as you can. If you need a clinic and are not sure when one is being offered just contact your Region OEC Administrator (ROA). We have three years to get current evaluators certified, but we think we can get it done in two years. We just started this summer and the course completions are coming in fast and furious. The on-line Beta refresher is being well received. We will report on the results at the conclusion of the refresher season. More and more OEC classes are doing on-line work. The future is here and the Central Division is leading the way. The First Care and Quality Manuals are being worked on. We will update you as soon as we have more information.



Rose DeJarnette
Ass't Division
OEC Supervisor

As we move forward we do not want to lose sight of our program basic needs. In an effort to evaluate this very aspect of our division OEC programs as well as update job descriptions, a new questionnaire has been developed. This questionnaire is being sent to our Instructor Trainers. It is an opportunity for them to provide feedback to division leadership on things like resource availability, job satisfaction and goals for future directions. These items are all a reflection of program health and are best evaluated by our instructor trainers.

Debra Allison
Ass't Division
OEC Supervisor

Thanks to all the OEC Instructors and Instructor Trainers for your dedication to the Quality of the OEC program and to our Division for your continued support. As always never hesitate to contact one of us if you have questions, concerns or suggestions.

Mount Bohemia Ladies of Central Div.



Sandi Hammons
Division Women's
Seminar
Supervisor

Ladies of the Central Division, our clinic this season is set for January 25 & 26, 2014 and will be held at Mount Bohemia in Michigan. We are all very excited about this venue. We are running this clinic with a "Boot Camp" focus. Mt Bohemia is all un-groomed terrain; you will need to be open for a challenge. We are being very open that this clinic is going to be held at a higher level of skiing than clinics have been in the past. We want to have this open discussion with you before you sign up. Ladies have asked the staff to offer this more advance level. We are not trying to exclude anyone, just know that this venue is not for the lower level skier. We are excited to take you to the next level. It will be in a very supportive atmosphere you just have to be ready to take that step.

The fee of the Clinic is \$60 per participant. We will have registration posted on the Central Division Website very soon.

Trailside Cabins and Yurt Bunkhouse are blocked for that weekend for the NSP Women's Clinic. The cabins sleep four and the yurt will sleep 8 people. Cabins are \$156 a night if four people stay in the cabin and additional \$18 each will be charge for the 3rd & 4th person, (4 people in the cabin it would be \$196 a night). Bunk in the yurt is \$40 a night per individual sign up. All Breakfasts and Dinners are included plus snowshoeing and cross-country skiing for those that want to experience that activity. Lodging will be held up until December 24, 2013.

I challenge you to get a group of ladies from your area or region and join us for the weekend. Ladies that attend last year please share your experience and encourage a fellow patroller to join you. The number of participants is limited to 35. So please register early.

Please call Mt. Bohemia to make your reservation @ 231 420 5405

Register Now for Snow Skills Development

Winter is just around the corner! As you make plans for your Alpine training this year include attending a Ski/Ride Trainers Workshop (STW) in December to see old friends, meet new ones, and learn new skills. The Skills Development Team is planning for these three weekends in December. Read further for more information about these sessions and the registration process.

Join your Skills Development Team at one or more:

At the early season Alpine Clinics Ski/board Trainers Workshop (STW)

December 7th & 8th Wild Mountain, Taylor's Falls, MN

December 14th & 15th Boyne Highlands Resort, Harbor Springs, Michigan



Mike Vaerewyck
Skills
Development
Supervisor

December 21st & 22nd

Cascade Mountain, Portage, Wisconsin

Toboggan Sessions:

Toboggan Instructor Refresher (2 Full Days): We want to help you hit the snow running. We'll be offering a full toboggan instructor recertification clinic. This clinic will include teaching using 6 pack lesson plan, peer review and sharing of best practices, tips/tricks. We'll also touch on registering courses, course completion records, and on-line toboggan resources through the NSP.org website.

Instructor Trainer Refresher (2 Full Days): Open to all IT's, and IT mentee's. We'll have a similar focus to the toboggan instructor curriculum, but with a more advanced focus on training trainers, movement analysis and problem solving. The session will include a round table discussion about duties and responsibilities of Instructor Trainers. Slope side work will include a 6 pack lesson plan, sharing of best practices, and peer to peer teaching/training. Captured video will be used to enhance discussions on and off of the hill.

Senior Program:

Accredited Senior Evaluator (ASE) Exam (2 Full days): This session is designed for senior evaluator candidates not currently interested in pursuing PSIA/AASI credentials. The objective will be to award ASE certification after validation of senior evaluator skills. A successful candidate must have an appropriate understanding of: senior score card, skiing skills, movement analysis, feedback modeling, evaluation calibration and technical knowledge. Certification will be awarded based on successful performance and is valid for a 3 year period with recertification required during the specified term. Registration is limited to Region evaluators selected by their respective Region Director. This session will no longer be offered at all division STW's. Instead, they will be prescheduled based on demand.

Senior Alpine Evaluator Calibration Clinic (2 Full days): This session is designed for all current senior evaluators (PSIA/AASI Level 2 /3 certified or ASE certified). The objective will be to calibrate senior evaluators to the current senior alpine standard. Successful completion of this calibration clinic is required every three years and is a prerequisite to participating as staff at senior alpine ski/board evaluations.

Senior Minded Ski-Ride/Toboggan Clinic (2 Full Days): This session is intended for senior patrollers and senior alpine candidates alike. Join fellow patrollers for two days of ski-ride/Toboggan improvement. Whether you're already a senior patroller or on a mission to pass the senior exam, we promise this session will give you an early season boost. Enrollment is limited.

Ski/Ride Session:

Ski/Ride Credentialing Development (2 Full Days) : These sessions are designed and recommended for all alpine trainers/patrollers interested in exploring initial or advanced PSIA/AASI (Level 1, 2 or 3) certification. Patrollers are encouraged to sign up for the session to move them toward their next level of certification. Groups will be coached by NSP-C Ski School full cert instructors. The objective of all groups will be to aid interested members in their journey toward initial certification and beyond. If you're serious about pursuing teaching credentials, you'll find these sessions a wise investment of your valuable time. This is an NSP-C clinic, not a sanctioned PSIA/AASI certification event. Enrollment is limited.

For complete information and on-line registration, please visit the Central Division website at: www.nspcentral.org Early registration is suggested, some sessions will fill up early.

The Registration deadline is 12:00pm (noon - EST) November 9th, 2013.

Questions?

Contact: nsp461@msn.com

Central Division Avalanche 2013 - 2014



Derek Werner
Avalanche
Supervisor

This season the Division avalanche team plans to visit each region to offer Avalanche education. Our basic course is again Introduction to Avalanche Safety & Rescue, however if there is sufficient demand we can upgrade a course to the Level I Avalanche Course. Level I is a two part course with a classroom session that takes about a day and a half and a field session that is done in the snow pack – preferably in real avalanche terrain. Either course qualifies for a senior elective.

If you are interested in avalanche education, please contact your region advisor available courses.

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The Daniel Somalski Memorial Fund

Our *Central Division* is proud to announce the formation of a memorial fund honoring a very special friend and patroller. Dan, as many of us know, dedicated much of his 25 year patrol career to helping others attain their goals both on and off the slopes. As a long time “Certified” patroller #426 and a “PSIA level 3” he was a force to be reckoned with both inside and outside of the traces. It is in memory of Dan’s example that his fund will sponsor an annual award to a current or aspiring NSP alpine trainer. In accordance with his family’s wishes, the annual monetary award will be tailored to assist a worthy patroller in pursuit of their chosen alpine credential(s).

Please consider donating to this important fund just as many have already. By contributing you’ll advance the goals of our organization and promote Dan’s legacy. Visit www.nspcentral.org to donate on-line or contact dloerch@sbcglobal.net for more information.

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Time Once Again for MTR



John Wachter
Division MTR
Supervisor

Where does the time go? Like always it was great to see everyone at the Division meeting . Congratulations to all the award winners.

Already this year we have mountain travel rescue courses starting up. As many of you know the mountain travel and rescue courses can be held before or after ski season and now we can offer enhancement seminars.

Mountain Travel and Rescue Enhancement Seminar:

"The MTR Enhancement Seminar is designed to provide patrollers with the ability to acquire additional and more in-depth training in specific topics within the MTR program. The extended training of specific skills taught in Mountain Travel & Rescue courses allows the patrollers and instructors to focus on one to two topics based on their area needs.

This course provides patrollers and their areas of operation a source to customize their training based on their needs. If an area of operation is prone to having more guests lost on trails, such as backcountry skiers or snowshoers, the patrollers may require additional training in Search & Rescue techniques or the area may have more ravines or gullies and require patrollers to be more skilled at rope rescue and need deeper training in Low Angle Rescue.

The premise of the course is to allow one to two topics to be taught. If only a single topic is needed, then the course will last eight hours covering field and/possibly class work. If two topics are desired then the course will be divided over the two topics covering field and/possible class work. The extended training will allow a more in-depth study of the topic(s), allow more hands on practice, additional practice scenarios, and more real-life experiential knowledge transfer and discussion from instructor to student.

Potential Course Topics

Search & Rescue
Low Angle Rescue
Land Navigation
Survival Skills
Extended Backcountry Care

Prerequisite: None

Time Commitment: Eight hours of class and field exercises

Fees: National—none; Division—varies; Local—varies

Credential: NSP Certificate of Achievement

Instructor of Record: NSP Mountain Travel and Rescue instructor

Required Text: Mountain Travel & Rescue Manual"



More information can be found at http://www.nsp.org/about/nsp_programs/mtr.aspx

I am also looking for any one interested in getting involved with the mountain travel rescue courses in the north and south central regions. Please contact me if you would liked to see a course in your area or are interested in getting involved. rock_ski@hotmail.com

Notice of 2014 Central Division Elections



Ken Meldahl
Division
Elections
Supervisor

This season, there will be three Central Division Region Director Elections that will take place. There will be one nomination form that can be used for all of the elections. The nomination form located in this RPN can be cut and filled out and sent to me by January 26, 2014 or for an easier to use form, go to the Central Division website, find and fill out the form and submit, also by January 26, 2014.

There have been a couple of changes to the election process that have been approved by the Central Division Board of Directors at the Central Division 2013 Fall meeting.

- No write in candidates will be allowed.
- If there is only one qualified nominee, that nominee will be declared the winner by the DEC, (Division Elections Coordinator) with confirmation of the Election Review Committee and no ballots will be sent out. The electorate will be notified if this takes place.
- No one individual, regardless of positions held, can vote more than one ballot. If an individual is entitled to multiple votes due to positions held, a qualified designee must be assigned to cast the additional vote and this designee must be reported to the DEC.

You can review the entire election process in the Central Division Policies and Procedures manual as soon as the updates are published. I also anticipate using an electronic election process this season if all goes well with testing.

REGION DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

OHIO REGION

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION

WESTERN REGION

In accordance with the current Policies & Procedures of the Central Division, an election for the position of Region Director for Ohio, Western Michigan and Western Regions will be held in the year 2014. The Region Director serves a three year term, administers the Region according to the Region's Bylaws and Policies and Procedures and reports directly to the Central Division Director.

Qualifications:

1. Must be a registered NSP member for at least five years
2. Must have served as a Section Chief, Patrol Representative, or National, Division or Region Program Supervisor/Administrator for at least two years.
3. Must be familiar with National policies and procedures as defined in the current NSP Policies and Procedures manual.
4. Must be familiar with the Region's policies and procedures, as applicable.
5. Must be registered in the Division as a Senior Alpine / Nordic Patroller, A Senior Patroller or Certified Patroller.

Responsibilities:

1. Supports and fosters NSP mission Statement.
2. Promotes and supports all NSP education programs within the Region to maintain the integrity of NSP training standards.
3. As a member of the Division Board of Directors, the Region Director is responsible for duties developed and designated by the Division Board of Directors.
4. Responsible for all aspects of the NSP programs and activities supported by the Region.
5. Promotes the financial support of the NSP and its programs.
6. Visits all areas with the Region during their term of office.
7. Submits an annual report to the Division Board of Directors.
8. Is responsible for communicating National and Division policies to Sections and NSP Registration Units, and is responsible for communicating NSP Registration Unit concerns to the Division Director and/or Division Program Supervisors.
9. Writes articles and reports for Division Newsletter.
10. Ensures that all Section and NSP Registration Units submit annual reports and financial reports in a timely manner.

11. Recommends individuals to the Division Program Supervisors, and in consensus with them, appoints individuals to serve as Region Program Administrators.
12. Monitors the performance and effectiveness of Region Program Administrators and recommends changes in concert with the Division Program Supervisor when appropriate.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE:

Nomination may be made by any Region active patroller in good standing or by self nomination. The nomination form can be found in this issue of the RPN or can be downloaded from the Central Division website: www.nspcentral.org. Nomination forms must be received by the Division Election Coordinator before January 26, 2014. Nominees will be sent a "Candidate Information Sheet" that must be returned by February 9, 2014. All nominees must follow "Guidelines of Conduct for Candidates" found in the current Central Division Policies & Procedures.

ELECTION PROCEDURE:

The Division Election Coordinator will verify qualifications of nominees, notify nominees of any deficiencies and collect nominee's resumes and/or position statements which will be distributed to the electorate along with voting instructions by February 15, 2014. Ballots must be returned by March 8, 2014. Tabulation of ballots by the Division Election Coordinator and validated by the Election Review Committee by March 19, 2014. Election results will be announced to the electorate and posted on the Division website by March 27, 2014.

ELECTORATE:

The votes for the election of the Region Director shall consist of the following:

One vote for each Section Chief and Patrol Representative; one additional elector for patrols with 51 to 100 members, two additional electors for patrols with 101 to 150 members, and three additional electors for patrols with over 150 members. The number of members is based on the June 30th membership of the previous year.

Each elector must be an active member of that patrol with two or more years of service in the Division. The names, addresses and email of these electors shall be made available to the Division Election Coordinator no later than January 15, 2014. Compliance shall be the responsibility of the Region Election Coordinator, or the Region Director if no Region Election Coordinator is appointed.

Or

One vote for every registered member of the Region. If the one patroller one vote option is selected, the entire cost and operation of the election will be borne by the Region. The process and timing for the election must be pre-approved in writing by the Central Division Election Coordinator. The process will be monitored and certified by the Division Election Coordinator.

Whichever population is used, the election outcome will be determined by a simple majority of the votes cast. If a tie occurs, it will be broken by the Division Director.

2014 Central Division Elections



OHIO REGION

REGION DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION

WESTERN REGION



Central Division Election Nomination Form

2014 CENTRAL DIVISION ELECTION NOMINATION FORM

I _____, (_____) of _____ Region,
(Name) (NSP ID #) (Name of Region)

Nominate _____, (_____) of _____ Region for the
(Name) (NSP ID #) (Name of Region)

Position of:

- ☐ OHIO REGION DIRECTOR
- ☐ WESTERN REGION DIRECTOR
- ☐ WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION DIRECTOR

This form must be emailed or sent to the Division Election Coordinator (DEC) by January 26 (postmarked) of the election year.

MAIL TO: Ken Meldahl
Central Division Elections Coordinator
63 North Ave.
Fox Lake, IL 60020

Or nominate on-line at www.nspcentral.org

ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 26, 2014

National Elections

Take Time to Vote

Log On to the NSP National Web Site to Vote

www.nsp.org



National Ski Patrol Alumni

What is an Alumni Member?

An Alumni member is a special registration category for people who, for various reasons, no longer provide emergency care or rescue service but wish to continue their involvement with the National Ski Patrol.

The NSP Alumni members started in 1977 to maintain contact with former members and keep them informed of national events and activities. Today the Alumni Members total more than 1,900.

Why join the Alumni Members?

By joining as an Alumni Member, you can continue to be part of the largest winter rescue organization in the world. Better yet, your involvement provides you with the opportunity to support the national organization on a new level.

As an Alumni Member, you won't be required to fulfill any skill or educational requirements; however, depending on local needs and your experience, you might be asked to serve in an advisory capacity to local NSP units as an OEC instructor, for example, during annual refreshers.

Several areas in the nation have already taken advantage of their alumni's local knowledge and experience. A valued force within NSP, alumni members often attend ski patrol events, help recruit new members, provide administrative and IEC help, give safety talks, and participate in other community service activities.

Other Benefits:

Alumni Members receive:

- A subscription to *Ski Patrol Magazine*
- Access to select NSP Winter Catalog merchandise
- The opportunity to participate in NSP-sponsored events
- Dues may be tax deductible

How much does it cost?

Regular fee: Annual dues are just \$27 annually. The national organization receives \$17 and \$10 is returned to the division with which the Alumni Member is affiliated. Active patrollers who are members keep that status on becoming an Alumni Member.

Lifetime membership fee: Patrollers who wish to become an Alumni Member, as lifetime members, may do so for a one-time fee of \$700, which helps support the NSP endowment fund. They will receive a Lifetime Membership Pin and a framed Lifetime Certificate.

How does one join the Alumni Members?

Fill out the application form and mail it with the membership fee to the National Ski Patrol, 133 South Van Gordon Street, Suite 100, Lakewood, CO 80228.

National Ski Patrol Alumni Member Application Form



133 S. Van Gordon St., Suite 100, Lakewood, CO 80228

Phone 303-988-1111 Fax 303-988-3005 Email nsp@nsp.org Web site www.nsp.org

Name: _____

Address : _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

If registering as an Alumni Member please provide the registration number: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ Regular member Lifetime member

New Alumni Members Please Provide the Following Information:

Last NSP Affiliation: Ski Patrol: _____ Registration Number: _____

Region: _____ Division: _____ Last Year Registered: _____

Alpine Nordic NSP Appointment number : _____

If you wish to associate with a ski patrol please provide that information here: _____

Central Division NSP - C Ski School



Harold Park
Division
Ski School
Supervisor

The temperature is quickly changing and that only means one thing, the snow is soon to start falling and we can begin making turns in the Central Division. Speaking of turns, during the off season there was a "flurry" of new staff members stepping aside which opened up the door for new Division staff members to step in. As your new Ski School Director I am very excited and motivated to begin a new and exciting chapter that we "all" will help write. I am eager to begin working and collaborating with each Region as we look to improve our skills.

NSP-C Ski School registration is "NOW" open!! Do you love to teach? Do you like to develop others? Then you should become a part of the NSP -C Ski School and share your journey with others. We are always looking for PSIA/AASI certified instructors. If you are an instructor who teaches patrollers or candidates and do not hold a PSIA/ASSI credentials you still can become a part of the NSP-C Ski School. Bottom line is we are always looking for members who are motivated to assist and teach those in the Central Division.

Thank you Dan Moss, you have provided so much to the Central Division and to the NSP-C Ski School. Your leadership and efforts that you have put forth over the years has made significant impact to our Division and we are forever grateful.

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Start Your Certified Journey



Partick Perlman
Division
Certified
Supervisor

Is this the year to begin your Certified journey? The application deadline is January 1st. The annual evaluation will be held February 27th through March 2nd at Marquette Mountain.

Qualification and recertification clinics are currently scheduled for January 4th and 5th at Perfect North Slopes and January 25th at Marquette Mountain. Additional clinics will be held at Nubs Nob, Cascade, Chestnut and Lutsen. These dates will be posted on the division web site soon.

The National study guide has been approved as a beta version by the NSP education committee. A copy of this guide as well as the Central division study guide can be found here: <http://www.nspcentraldivisioncertified.com/certified/>

If you have any questions about the certified program please feel free to contact me or any of the region Certified advisors.



Central Division 2012 - 2013 Awards



Awards Compilation: Gregg Reese

Awards Supervisor

Photos Courtesy: Richard Hadfield



Division Certificates of Appreciation

Central Division Meeting Committee: Les Robinson, David Dahl, Sarah Hull, Mark Gilliland, Kathleen Grant, Joe Rohling, Mike Egan, Bruce Iattoni, Peter Davis, Carolyn DeJongh, Dennis Griffin, Mike Ek, Carrie Butt, Steve Konkol, Richard Hadfield, Tim Zimmerman

Division Director's Award

Frank Cleary: for Outstanding Dedication and Service to the Central Division as Administrative Assistant from 2004-2013



Division Certificates of Appreciation



Steve Beil for his service as Telecommunication Supervisor from 2011-2013

Beach Day for his service as Alumni Program Supervisor 2008-2013

Yellow Merit Stars

Chris Raudabaugh for his service as Webmaster 2007-2013



Jeannine Mogan for her service as Patroller 101 Supervisor 2006-2013



Tom Worley for his service as Toboggan Supervisor 2008-2013



Sherwin Van Klompenberg for his service as Registration Coordinator 2004-2013

Dale Mihuta for his service as Avalanche Supervisor 2005-2013



Mike Schons for his development of the PowerPoint presentations now used by many of the Central Division awards programs



Meritorious Service Award



Don Loerch for outstanding service to the Central Division Skills Development Program 2008-2013



Jay Zedak for outstanding service to the NSP Ski School and Senior Program 2004-2013



Frank Cleary for outstanding service as our Central Division Administrative Assistant 2004-2013

Central Division Lifetime Achievement Award

Linda Murphy-Jacobs joined the NSP in 1971-72 season and quickly advanced from Basic Patroller to Senior, to Certified. Since then she has held innumerable positions at all levels from Local to National. She has been a constant presence in developing, teaching and administrating NSP programs throughout her 42 year career.

She currently is a CPR Instructor, OEC Instructor, Alpine Toboggan Instructor, and Instructor Development Instructor as well as being a Level III PSIA and Alpine Toboggan IT



Tom Worley joined the NSP in the 1963-64 season and quickly became a leader in testing, training, and administration. Within 10 years, this patroller became a patrol rep and then went on for the next 40 years serving in many positions at Section, Region, Division, and National levels.

This patroller has also been recognized with many awards over his illustrious career from a Purple Merit Star for lifesaving to three times being chosen as Central Division Outstanding and once as National Outstanding.



National Certificate of Appreciation



Lori Cobble is presented a National Certificate of Appreciation in acknowledgement and recognition for Outstanding Service as a National Awards Judge 2009-2012.

Division Director's Award Program

At the end of every season, each program in our Division is invited to name a special MVP who the Program Supervisor feels exemplified their program for the past ski season. This means the people being honored here are the top people last season in their program chosen from over 6000 patrollers in the Central Division.

Vicki Zierden, Introduction to Patrolling Program



Patrick Perlman

Certified Program



Deb Allison

OEC Program



Brian Rull

MTR Program



Marcia Locher

Awards Program



Gretchen Diether-Haake
Chip Knappen
Jennifer Thompson
Dan Moss

Instructor Development
Senior Program
Women's Program
Skills Development Program

Jeff Cripps
Rob Carpenter
Julie Timmons

Toboggan Program
NSP-C Ski School
Nordic Program

Central Division Outstanding Instructor Trainer



Debra Allison, Chestnut Mt, Southern Region

Central Division Outstanding Supervisor

Michael Longfellow-Jones, Certified Program, Boyne Highlands, Northern Michigan Region

Traditional Outstanding Awards

Central Division has approximately 6400 active patrollers. These patrollers serve approximately 117 patrols.

Each year, all 8 Regions of the Central Division are invited to send in a submission for each of 12 Outstanding categories ranging from Outstanding Young Patroller to Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol. The Central Division judges then select one patroller and one patrol in each category to be our Central Division Outstanding. The Central winners are then sent on to National to compete with all the other Divisions for National Outstanding and National First Runner-Up.

Because of the increasingly high levels of competition in our division, six years ago the Central Division Awards Program started a tradition of recognizing our Central Division Outstanding First Runners-Up as well as our Central Division Outstanding winners.

First Runner-up Small Alpine Ski Patrol
Rita Bovee P.R.

Mont du Lac
Western Region

First Runner-up Patrol Representative:
Pine Knob

Pam King
Eastern Michigan Region

First Runner-up Young Adult Patroller:
Ski Brule

Parker Anderson
North Central Region



First Runner-up OEC Instructor:
Welch Village

Jane Schaller
Western Region



First Runner-up Instructor:
Indianhead

Steve Beil
North Central Region



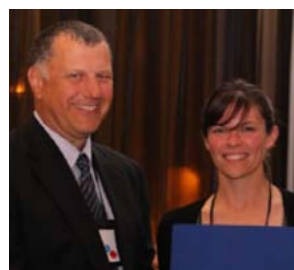
First Runner-up Administrative Patroller:
Pine Knob

Derek Werner
Eastern Michigan Region



First Runner-up Alpine Patroller:
Marquette Mountain

Kristy Gollakner
North Central Region



First Runner-up Large Alpine Ski Patrol:
Walt Hess P.R. Rusty Bluse P.D.

TIE
Indianhead
North Central Region



Pam King P.R.

Pine Knob
Eastern Michigan Region



Central Division Outstanding Alpine Patroller

Theresa Peters of Coffee Mill Ski Patrol joined the NSP in 1987. She was an Alpine Patroller for the next 25 years until she decided to become a Senior Alpine in 2013. This patroller is an OEC instructor as well as an OEC IT.

For many of the past years, this nominee organized the OEC classes at her patrol and served as the Instructor of Record for the OEC classes. Three seasons ago, this Patroller stepped up and accepted the OEC Advisor position on her patrol. This nominee has focused not only on OEC Instruction but is also a Toboggan Instructor. She has assisted with Candidate Hill Training the past three seasons and with the Local Hill Refresher for the past three seasons.

The Central Division and the National Ski Patrol are further pleased to present Theresa with a Yellow Merit Star awarded by the National judges in recognition of her service as Central Division Outstanding Alpine Patroller

Central Division Outstanding Young Adult Patroller

Zachery Thurston of Caberfae Peaks Ski Patrol, who was born in 1995, joined the NSP in the fall of 2011. This young patroller who comes from a family of patroller did not just jump into a family tradition- he thought carefully about his commitment because he did not want to make a commitment he could not keep.

In 2009 and 2010, he volunteered to work as a scenario patient at local refreshers. When he did decide to become an NSP member, he spent hours studying and honing his OEC skills.

His first year this young patroller put in 144 duty hours and this season he was at 116 duty hours and had become an Alpine Patroller when on January 27 he suffered a season ending fracture of the humerus while on duty patrolling.

The Central Division and the National Ski Patrol are further pleased to present Zachery with a Yellow Merit Star awarded by the National judges in recognition of his outstanding service as Central Division Outstanding Young Adult Patroller.

Central Division Outstanding Paid Patroller

Merry Morris of Welch Village Ski Patrol joined the NSP 11 years ago in 2002, and the following season attained her Alpine Patroller status. In 2008, she attained Alpine Senior status.

In the past four seasons, as a Paid Patroller she has averaged around 800 on-hill duty hours and 40 off-hill duty hours per season serving as her area's Hill Chief for the Day Shift. As a PSIA level II instructor and AASI level I instructor she teaches ski and toboggan to day shift members.

This Senior Alpine Patroller has also volunteered to work many events around the Region from Ski Enhancement Seminars to the Region Women's Clinics.

The Central Division and the National Ski Patrol are further pleased to present Merry with a Yellow Merit Star awarded by the National judges in recognition of her outstanding service as Central Division Outstanding Paid Patroller.

Central Division Outstanding Patrol Representative

Fred Bailey of Nubs Nob Ski Patrol joined the NSP in 1993 and became a Senior Alpine Patroller in 2003. When this patroller took the reins of his patrol in 2010, he had several goals in mind. He has infused new energy into two safety awareness programs that educate young skiers in the Skier's Responsibility Code (Meet the Bus program and Doggy Safety Cards). In addition, he has participated in the National Safety Programs established by NSP. (Lead by Example)

These programs have put a positive face on the relationship with area youth and the local patrollers, and have helped develop a culture of safety at this small town area. The number of reported accidents dropped well below the national average



per skier visits.

In addition, this Patrol Rep has been instrumental in bringing electronic report writing to the patrol which has dramatically increased the accuracy of written documentation of accident reports.

The Central Division and the National Ski Patrol are further pleased to present Fred with a Yellow Merit Star awarded by the National judges in recognition of his outstanding service as Central Division Outstanding Patrol Rep.

Central Division Outstanding Patroller

Freddie Shima of Boston Mills/Brandywine Ski Patrol joined the NSP in 1979. In 1991 she became a Senior Patroller and 2 years later she received her Leadership Commendation Appointment.

This patroller is an OEC Instructor, CPR Instructor, an Instructor Development Instructor as well as an OEC and Instructor Development IT.

For many years this patroller has been highly involved in all OEC teaching and testing at her area.

She has received many awards for her work. In 2004 she received a Yellow Merit Star for being the Patrol Rep of the National Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol. In 2005 she was selected Division 1st Runner-up Outstanding Auxiliary. In 2007 she was selected Division Outstanding Auxiliary.



The Central Division and the National Ski Patrol are further pleased to present Freddie with a Yellow Merit Star awarded by the National judges in recognition of her outstanding service as Central Division Outstanding Patroller

Central Division Outstanding Small Alpine Patrol



Navarino Ski Patrol, Mike Olson Patrol Representative, began in 1971. This Small Alpine Patrol of seven patrollers serves an area with one chair lift, two cable tows and one tubing tow.

This patrol services a very small area with a vertical of only 90 feet. Due to the hill's small size, recruiting and maintaining patrollers is challenging. This patrol has still managed to grow and produce a number of leaders in the last couple of years.

Of their 7 members, they have one OEC IT, two OEC instructors, one S&T instructor (NSP-C School), three Senior Patrollers and the Section Chief. Past members of this patrol have served as ARD, Avalanche Advisor, Safety Advisor and Junior Advisor.

Central Division Outstanding Administrative Patroller

Patrick Throop of Schuss Mountain Ski Patrol joined the NSP in 1991 and three years later became a Senior Alpine Patroller. In 2001, he received his National Appointment. This patroller is an OEC and Toboggan Instructor as well as an OEC IT.

In the past four years this patroller has averaged about 300 on hill hours and 130 off hill hours yearly.

For the past four years this patroller has taught at 8 OEC Refreshers, 12 basic OEC Classes, 4 Senior Prep Clinics, 4 Candidate training classes for skiing and toboggan, and has been instructor of record for 3 area toboggan refreshers



At the same time he has done all of this, he has also served as his region's Assistant Region Director of Off-Hill Programs.

This patroller's devotion to his patrol and his region has been recognized many times in the past for a variety of accomplishments.

The Central Division is also very pleased to announce that for the 2012-2013 season, the National Ski Patrol judging committee has selected Pat as the **National Ski Patrol's Outstanding Administrative Patroller First Runner-up** and for his outstanding efforts, he has been awarded a Silver Merit Star.

Central Division Outstanding Nordic Patrol



Minocqua Winter Park Ski Patrol is a patrol that began in 1990. This Nordic patrol of 12 patrollers serves an area of almost 97 kilometers of trails (6000 acres).

Each year the area hosts the Division Nordic Ski Enhancement Seminar. One secondary and two primary patrollers are OEC instructors. Two are Toboggan instructors. One is a Mountaineering instructor. Three are ITs.

During the past few years, this patrol has demonstrated its leadership by supplying a National Awards Judge, Division MTR Advisor, Region Nordic Advisor, Division Awards Judge, and Section MTR Advisor as well as several OEC Instructors and Senior Alpine and Nordic ski and toboggan trainers and testers.

The Central Division is also very pleased to announce that for the 2012-2013 ski season, the National Ski Patrol judging committee has selected Minocqua Winter Park Ski Patrol as the **National Ski Patrol Outstanding Nordic Patrol** and for their outstanding efforts, they have been awarded the **Outstanding Nordic Patrol Trophy, a Gold Unit Citation, and National pins for each member of this outstanding patrol.**

The National Ski Patrol has also awarded a Yellow Merit Star to Minocqua Winter Park Patrol Representative Betty Adams.

Central Division Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol

Nubs Nob Ski Patrol was activated in 1959. This patrol of 70 patrollers has eight Certified Patrollers and 21 patrollers with Appointments.

Over the years, this patrol continually supplies many outstanding testers and trainers to Region, Division and National. Members of this patrol have held practically every job on the organizational chart at one time or another. There have been four section chiefs, three assistant region directors, and three region directors over the years. At the Division level, there have been four Assistant Division Directors and seven Program Supervisors. At National there have been three National Board Representatives over the years and one National Program Supervisor



The Central Division is also very pleased to announce that for the 2012-2013 ski season, the National Ski Patrol judging committee has selected Nubs Nob Ski Patrol as the **National Ski Patrol Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol** and for their outstanding efforts, they have been awarded the **Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol Trophy, a Gold Unit Citation, and National pins for each member of this outstanding patrol.**

The National Ski Patrol has also awarded a Yellow Merit Star to Nubs Nob's Patrol Representative Fred Bailey.

Central Division Outstanding Instructor

Linda Murphy-Jacobs of Nub's Nob Ski Patrol joined the NSP 42 years ago in 1971. The following year she became an Alpine Patroller and 4 years later became a Senior Alpine Patroller. In 1975 she became a Certified Patroller and received her National Appointment in 1983.

This patroller is an Alpine Toboggan Instructor, OEC Instructor, and Instructor Development Instructor as well as being an IT in each of these areas. She is also a Level III PSIA and Level I Telemark instructor actively involved in the NSP-C Ski School for many years.

She has been a past Patrol Director, Region Director, and very long term Central Division Assistant Director.



The Central Division and the National Ski Patrol are also further pleased to announce that in addition, the National Ski Patrol judging committee has selected Linda as the **National Ski Patrol's 2012-2013 Outstanding Instructor**. For this outstanding accomplishment, Linda has been awarded with a **National Outstanding trophy and a Gold Merit Star**.

Central Division Outstanding OEC Instructor



Janet Glaeser of the Boston Mills/Brandywine Ski Patrol joined the NSP in 1984 and became a Basic Patroller the following season. She immediately became very active in testing and training- she became an OEC Instructor in 1986 and MTR and Alpine Toboggan Instructor in 1991. In 1989 she became a Senior Alpine and in 1991, she received her National Appointment.

Since those early years she has continued to train and test as an OEC IT, Instructor Development IT and MTR IT. She also continues to lead from local through National levels.

In 2005 she was awarded a Silver Merit Star as National Outstanding Instructor First Runner-up.

The Central Division and the National Ski Patrol are also further pleased to announce that in addition, the National Ski Patrol judging committee has selected Janet as the **National Ski Patrol's 2012-2013 Outstanding OEC Instructor**.

For this outstanding accomplishment, Janet has been awarded with a **National Outstanding trophy and a Gold Merit Star**.

Distinguished Service Award

Jim Woodrum, Perfect North Slopes, Ohio Region joined the NSP in 1978 and received his National Appointment in 1995. This patroller is a current Alpine Toboggan Instructor and IT as well as a current OEC Instructor and IT. During his career this patroller has received many NSP awards including two of our highest- a Purple Merit Star for Lifesaving and a National Outstanding Instructor. He has been a two term Patrol Rep, a five year Region Director, and a nine year Division Director.

The Central Division is proud to present this Distinguished Service Award to our newest National Board Member from Central Division.



Scenes from Central Division 2013 Fall Meeting

Photos Courtesy Robert Good

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2013-10-09	2013-10-09	MEETING	Western Michigan	Branns	Region Meeting	Dave Johnson - jtjw@att.net
2013-10-12	2013-10-12	OEC	Western Michigan	Cannonsburg	Section II CPR Refresher	Ron Vrhla - arapahoehasin@att.net
2013-10-12	2013-10-12	OEC	Western Michigan	Crystal Mountain	Crystal Mountain OEC Refresher	Chip Hurley- skipatrol@crystallmountain.com
2013-10-12	2013-10-12	REFRESHERS	North Central	Wausau, WI	OEC Refresher Section 4	Doug Borre wtd@solarus.net 715-570-2959
2013-10-12	2013-10-12	REFRESHERS	North Central	Gogebic Community College	Porkies , Blackjack, Powder Horn, Ashwabay OEC Refresher	Roger Bennetts
2013-10-12	2013-10-12	Refresher	Ohio	Paoli Peaks	OEC Refresher	Rick Jackson
2013-10-12	2013-10-12		Eastern Michigan	Alpine Valley	Alpine Valley OEC Refresher	Greg Dicenso - (248) 267-3282 or dicenso@millercafield.com
2013-10-13	2013-10-13	OEC	Western Michigan	Cannonsburg	Section II Fall Fefresher	Kevin Barrons- kabarrons@comcast.net
2013-10-13	2013-10-13	REFRESHER	Western Michigan	Crystal Mountain	Crystal Mountain chair evac/CPR Refresher	Gregg Hoppe - ghoppe@chartermi.net
2013-10-13	2013-10-13	REFRESHERS	North Central	Granite Peak	Patrol Meeting/Chair Evac	Joe Conrad joe45conrad@yahoo.com 715-370-7909
2013-10-13	2013-10-13	REFRESHERS	Southern	Sundown	OEC	Amy Kane
2013-10-13	2013-10-13	REFRESHERS	Southern	Willmot	OEC	Vince Clemens
2013-10-15	2013-10-15	DEADLINES	North Central		Powder Lines Deadline Fall Issue	Tim Zimmerman tzimmerman@mitchellmetalproducts.com
2013-10-18	2013-10-19		Eastern Michigan	Mt. Brighton	Mt. Brighton Ski Swap	Lisa Niemi - (517) 546-8509 or lisaniemi@sbcglobal.net
2013-10-18	2013-10-20	Other Events	Ohio	BMBW	Ski Swap	Keith Brown
2013-10-19	2013-10-19	REFRESHERS	North Central	Pine Mountain	Section 3 OEC Refresher	Garth Beauchamp
2013-10-19	2013-10-19	REFRESHERS	Southern	Chestnut	OEC	Christine Soat
2013-10-19	2013-10-19	REFRESHERS	Southern	Snow Creek	OEC	Jim Sincx
2013-10-20	2013-10-20	REFRESHERS	Southern	Snowstar	OEC	Doug Correll
2013-10-25	2013-10-27		Eastern Michigan	Pine Knob	Pine Knob Ski Swap	Pam King - (248) 693-8871 or pammyking8384@aol.com
2013-10-25	2013-10-26		Eastern Michigan	Mt. Brighton	Mt. Brighton OEC Refresher	Diane Henry - dianphenry@gmail.com
2013-10-26	2013-10-26	MEETING	North Central	Brule	Fall NC Region Board Meeting	Les Robinson lrobin@wctc.net
2013-10-26	2013-10-26	SENIOR	North Central	Brule	Mandatory Senior OEC Qualification Clinic	Mike Olson molson6094@aol.com
2013-10-26	2013-10-26		Eastern Michigan	Mt. Brighton	Mt. Brighton CFR & Chair Evac Refresher	Diane Henry - dianphenry@gmail.com
2013-10-27	2013-10-27	REFRESHERS	Southern	Grand Geneva	OEC	Tim Spencer
2013-11-02	2013-11-02	OTHER EVENTS	North Central	Minocqua Winter Park	Buck Rut Race 5K race	Betty Adams mbadams008@gmail.com 715-588-7731
2013-11-02	2013-11-02	REFRESHERS	Southern	Hidden Valley	OEC	David Luckes
2013-11-02	2013-11-03	Other Events	Ohio	PNS	Ski Swap	Sandi Hammons
2013-11-02	2013-11-03		Eastern Michigan	Alpine Valley	Alpine Valley Ski Swap	Greg Dicenso - (248) 267-3282 or dicenso@millercafield.com
2013-11-03	2013-11-03	OEC	Western Michigan	Caberfae	Caberfae OEC Class Final Exam	Tim Kirch - timkirch@dow.com
2013-11-03	2013-11-03	REFRESHERS	North Central	Minocqua Winter Park	Open to all; PLEASE call or email in advance	Betty Adams mbadams008@gmail.com 715-588-7731
2013-11-09	2013-11-09	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Granite Peak	Candidate OEC Evaluation	Doug Borre wtd@solarus.net 715-570-2959
2013-11-16	2013-11-17		Eastern Michigan	Mt. Holly	Mt. Holly Ski Swap	LJ LaVene - llavene@power-net.net
2013-11-17	2013-11-17	REFRESHERS	Southern	Seven Oaks	OEC	Dean Parriah
2013-11-18	2013-11-22	Refresher	Ohio	Boston Mills	Chair Evac Refresher - Opening Week	Jim Burns
2013-11-20	2013-11-20	Testing/Training	Ohio	Colorado	Ski Immersion Training	Jay Zedak
2013-11-23	2013-11-24	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Ski Brule - Iron River	Ski Enhancement Seminaar	Bob Salonen
2013-11-24			Eastern Michigan	Pine Knob	OEC/CPR Make-up Refresher (\$50/\$25) (Must Pre-Register)	Steve Werner - steve.werner@usa.net
2013-12-01	2013-12-01	DEADLINE	Western Michigan	n/a	Section III Section Chief Nominations Open	Laura Cameron - ccamelk@aol.com
2013-12-01	2013-12-01	Senior	Northern Michigan		2014 Senior Program Registration Deadline	Galen Fairchild - galen.fairchild@juno.com
2013-12-01	2013-12-01		Eastern Michigan	Mail/Email	Senior Application Deadline	Mike Rhadigan - (586) 335-6996 or rhadclan@gmail.com
2013-12-07	2013-12-07	OEC	Western Michigan	Timber Ridge	Timber Ridge CEC Class Final Exam	Doug Mesara - mesara@jasnetworks.net
2013-12-07	2013-12-08	REFRESHERS	North Central	Ski Brule - Iron River	Ski & Toboggan Refresher	Peter Holdridge peterholdridge@airmetisp.com
2013-12-07	2013-12-08	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Wild Mountain	Division STW	
2013-12-14	2013-12-15	REFRESHERS	North Central	Ski Brule - Iron River	Ski & Toboggan Refresher	Peter Holdridge peterholdridge@airmetisp.com
2013-12-14	2013-12-15	STW	Western Michigan	Boyne Highlands	Division Ski Trainers Workshop	Dave Johnson - jtjw@att.net
2013-12-14	2013-12-15	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Boyne Highlands	Division STW	
2013-12-14	2014-03-02	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Ski Brule - Iron River	Patroller 101 - S&T Training	Lee Ann Heim/Peter Holdridge
2013-12-15			Eastern Michigan	Mt. Holly	Region Ski Trainers Workshop	Russ Livermore - (248) 761-8371 or rlivermore3@comcast.net
2013-12-21	2013-12-22	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Cascade	Division STW	
2013-12-22	2013-12-22	TES	Western Michigan	TBD	Region Toboggan Instructor Clinic	Shawn Rhoda - strhoda@aol.com
2013-12-31	2013-12-31	ELECTIONS	Western Michigan	n/a	Section II Section Chief Nominations Close	Laura Cameron - ccamelk@aol.com
2014-01-01	2014-01-01	SENIOR	Western Michigan	n/a	Senior Hill Candidate Sign Up Sheets Due	Thomas Fisher - thfish@chartermi.net
2014-01-04	2014-01-05	CERTIFIED	Ohio	Perfect North Slopes	Certified Qualification and Re-certification Clinic	Patrick Perlman
2014-01-04		T&T	Northern Michigan	Schuss	NMR Instructor Calibration Clinic	Bob Anderson - bobanderson@permaloc.com
2014-01-05		T&T	Northern Michigan	Schuss	NMR Candidate Training Clinic	Bob Anderson - bobanderson@permaloc.com
2014-01-05			Eastern Michigan	Mt. Brighton	TES, SES, SNEES	Sign-up on Region Web Site Prior to Event Date or contact Russ Livermore - (248) 761-8371 or rlivermo
2014-01-11	2014-01-11	REFRESHERS	North Central	Granite Peak	S&T Refresher	Chuck Jonas ozzykai@chartermi.net

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2014-01-11	2014-01-11	SES	Western Michigan	Crystal	Crystal Mountain SES	Thomas Fisher - thfish@chartermi.net
2014-01-11	2014-01-12	AVAILANCHE	North Central	Minocqua Winter Park	Nordic SES, Ski Evaluations, Sun Trail Clinic	Peter Wollan peter.wollan@gmail.com
2014-01-12	2014-01-12	REFRESHERS	North Central	Granite Peak	S&T Refresher	Chuck Jonas ozzykat@charter.net
2014-01-12	2014-01-12	TES	Western Michigan	Bittersweet	Toboggan Enhancement Seminar	Shawn Rhoda - strhoda@aol.com
2014-01-12			Eastern Michigan	Mt. Holly	TES, SES, SNEES	Sign-up on Region Web Site Prior to Event Date or contact Russ Livermore - (248) 761-8371 or rlivermo
2014-01-13	2014-01-13	NORDIC	North Central	Indianhead	Telemark Clinic with Dan Clausen	Peter Wollan peter.wollan@gmail.com
2014-01-15	2014-01-15	DEADLINE	Western Michigan	n/a	Awards Due from Section Chiefs	Roger Brands - rbrands16@gmail.com
2014-01-15	2014-01-15	DEADLINES	North Central		Powder Lines Deadline Winter Issue	Tim Zimmerman tzimmerman@mitchellmetalproducts.com
2014-01-15		Senior	Northern Michigan		Senior OEC Skill Signoff & Scenario Submission Deadline	Rod Kivell - rj.kivell@att.net
2014-01-18	2014-01-18	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Big Powderhorn	Region STW	Jim Grundstrom jimgrundstrom@freichevy.com
2014-01-18	2014-01-20	OTHER EVENTS	North Central		MLK Weekend	
2014-01-19	2014-01-19	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Brule	Region Mandatory Senior OEC Clinic	Mike Olson molson6094@aol.com
2014-01-19			Eastern Michigan	Apple Mtn.	TES, SES, SNEES	Sign-up on Region Web Site Prior to Event Date or contact Russ Livermore - (248) 761-8371 or rlivermo
2014-01-25	2014-01-25	CERTIFIED	North Central	Marquette Mountain	Certified Refresher, Clinic and Qualification	Tom Anderson
2014-01-25	2014-01-25	DEADLINE	Western Michigan	n/a	Section III Section Chief Candidate Statements Due	Laura Cameron - ccamelk@aol.com
2014-01-25	2014-01-25	MEETING	Western Michigan	Caberfae	Region Meeting	Dave Johnson - jtjwms@att.net
2014-01-25	2014-01-26	SENIOR	Western Michigan	Caberfae	Senior Hill Examiner Calibration Clinic	Thomas Fisher - thfish@chartermi.net
2014-01-25		T&T	Northern Michigan	Boyne Highlands	NMR SES/SBES Clinic	Bob Anderson - bobanderson@permaloc.com
2014-01-26	2014-01-26	SENIOR	Western Michigan	Caberfae	Senior Hill Candidate Clinic	Thomas Fisher - thfish@chartermi.net
2014-01-26		T&T	Northern Michigan	Boyne Highlands	NMR TES Clinic	Bob Anderson - bobanderson@permaloc.com
2014-01-26			Eastern Michigan	Mt. Holly	EMR3 Basic Ski & Toboggan Evaluation	Roxanne Usewick - roxmu@sbcglobal.net
2014-01-27	2014-01-27	DEADLINE	Western Michigan	n/a	Section III Section Chief Ballots Mailed	Laura Cameron - ccamelk@aol.com
2014-02-01	2014-02-01	OTHER EVENTS	North Central	Minocqua Winter Park	Wolf Tracks Rendezvous Nordic Ski Marathon	Betty Adams mbadams008@gmail.com 715-588-7731
2014-02-01			Eastern Michigan	Mail/E-mail	Senior SEM Scenario Skill Sign-off Deadline	Rae Ann Ruddy - (248) 672-7511 or raeruddy@comcast.net
2014-02-02			Eastern Michigan	Alpine Valley	EM1 Basic Ski & Toboggan Evaluation	Jeff Jurcak - jeffandlauri@yahoo.com
2014-02-08	2014-02-09	AVALANCHE	North Central	Mount Bohemia	Avalanche I	Keith Robinson krobins@live.com
2014-02-08			Eastern Michigan	Independence Oaks	Nordic Ski Clinic	Jon O'Dell - (586) 718-4503 or bikenski1@yahoo.com
2014-02-09	2014-02-09	SENIOR	Western Michigan	Cannonsburg	Section II Hill Test	Kevin Barrons - kabarrons@comcast.net
2014-02-09	2014-02-09	TES	Western Michigan	Caberfae	Toboggan Enhancement Seminar	Shawn Rhoda - strhoda@aol.com
2014-02-09	2014-02-09	TES	Western Michigan	Caberfae	Section III Toboggan Enhancement Seminar	Shawn Rhoda - strhoda@aol.com
2014-02-09		OEC	Northern Michigan	Otsego	Senior OEC Clinic	Rod Kivell - rj.kivell@att.net
2014-02-09			Eastern Michigan	Pine Knob	Senior Ski & Toboggan Pre-Test Clinic	Mike Rhadigan - (586) 335-6996 or rhadclan@gmail.com
2014-02-12	2014-02-12	OEC	Western Michigan	Timber Ridge	Senior Emergency Management Clinic	Dan Goldberger dgoldber1@gmail.com
2014-02-15	2014-02-17	OTHER EVENTS	North Central		Presidents Weekend	
2014-02-15			Eastern Michigan	Mt. Holly	MTR Level II - Class Session	Chuck White - cwhite@kettering.edu
2014-02-16			Eastern Michigan	Apple Mtn.	EMR3 Basic Ski & Toboggan Evaluation	Roxanne Usewick - roxmu@sbcglobal.net
2014-02-16			Eastern Michigan	Mt. Brighton	EMR2 Basic Ski & Toboggan Evaluation	Brad Carlson - (734) 528-8925 or bradleycarlson1@gmail.com
2014-02-20	2014-02-23	NORDIC	North Central	Hayward, WI	American Birkebeiner	
2014-02-22	2014-02-22	SENIOR	North Central	Big Powder Horn	Senior S&T Eval	Keith Robinson krobins@live.com
2014-02-22	2014-02-22	SENIOR	Western Michigan	Crystal Mountain	Senior Hill Bump Clinic	Thomas Fisher - thfish@chartermi.net
2014-02-22			Eastern Michigan	Boyne Mtn.	Senior Ski & Toboggan Evaluation	Mike Rhadigan - (586) 335-6996 or rhadclan@gmail.com
2014-02-23	2014-02-23	DEADLINES	North Central		Awards Deadlines	Brenda Robinson brobins@live.com
2014-02-23	2014-02-23	SENIOR	Western Michigan	Crystal Mountain	Senior Hill Exam	Thomas Fisher - thfish@chartermi.net
2014-02-23		T&T	Northern Michigan	Boyne Mountain	NMR Senior S&T Exam	Bob Anderson - bobanderson@permaloc.com
2014-02-24	2014-02-24	DEADLINE	Western Michigan	n/a	Section III Section Chief Ballots Must be postmarked	Laura Cameron - ccamelk@aol.com
2014-02-27	2014-03-02	CERTIFIED	North Central	Marquette Mountain	Certified Evaluation	
2014-02-28	2014-03-02		Eastern Michigan	Fredrick, MI	MTR Fundamentals & Level II - Field Session - All Day	Chuck White - cwhite@kettering.edu
2014-03-01	2014-03-01	OTHER EVENTS	North Central	Minocqua Winter Park	Squirrel Hill Pursuit Nordic Ski Race	Betty Adams mbadams008@gmail.com 715-588-7731
2014-03-01			Eastern Michigan	E-mail	Awards Write-ups Deadline (All Patrols)	Joe Johnson - (810) 444-5090 or j@jw3.com
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2014-03-02	2014-03-02	TESTING/TRAINING	North Central	Ski Brule - Iron River	Candidate S&T Evaluation	Peter Holdridge peterholdridge@aimetisp.com
2014-03-02		T&T	Northern Michigan	Nubs Nob	NMR Sec 1 Basic Hill Exam	Rod Kivell - rj.kivell@att.net
2014-03-08			Eastern Michigan	Mt. Holly	Senior SEM Evaluation	Rae Ann Ruddy - (248) 672-7511 or raeruddy@comcast.net

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2014-03-08			Eastern Michigan	Mt. Holly	Senior Aid Room Module	Jodie Fuller - (989) 781-2962 or jf4seasons@aol.com
2014-03-09	2014-03-09	AWARDS	North Central	T/B/D	Awards Meeting	Brenda Robinson brobins@live.com
2014-03-09		AVALANCHE	Northern Michigan	Boyne Highlands	Senior OEC Evaluation	Rod Kivell - rk.kivell@att.net
2014-03-12	2014-03-12	DEADLINE	Western Michigan	n/a	Section III Section Chief Results Announced	Laura Cameron - ccamelk@aol.com
2014-03-12			Eastern Michigan	Mt. Holly	Awards Review Meeting	Joe Johnson - (810) 444-5090 or j@jw3.com
2014-03-15	2014-03-15	SENIOR	North Central	T/B/D	Senior OEC Eval	Mike Olson molson6094@aol.com
2014-03-24	2014-03-24	Instructor Development	Ohio	BMBW	ID 1st Class	Janet Glaeser
2014-03-26	2014-03-26	Instructor Development	Ohio	BMBW	ID 2nd Class	Janet Glaeser
2014-03-29			Eastern Michigan	Mt. Holly	MTR Level I - Class Session	Chuck White - cwhite@kettering.edu
2014-04-04	2014-04-06	MEETING	North Central	Chicago	Central Division Spring Board Meeting	
2014-04-05	2014-04-06	MEETING	Western Michigan	Chicago, IL	Division Spring Business Meeting	Dave Johnson - jtwin@att.net
2014-04-25	2014-04-27	MEETING	North Central	Minocqua	North Central Region Spring Board Meeting	Les Robinson lrobin@wctc.net
2014-04-30			Eastern Michigan	Genesys Conv. Center	Spring Meeting (Patrollers Welcome)	Mike Schons - (248) 683-0465 or schonsm@gmail.com
2014-05-03	2014-05-03	BANQUET	Western Michigan	Crystal Mountain	Region Meeting and Awards Banquet	Section III
2014-05-03		Awards	Northern Michigan		Spring Board meeting	Richard Jacques
2014-05-03		Awards	Northern Michigan		Awards Banquet	Virginia Rodeman
2014-05-10			Eastern Michigan	EMR2	Awards Banquet	Brad Carlson - (734) 528-8925 or bradleycarlson1@gmail.com

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