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The Patroller

Word from the Top



Thanks everyone for all the hard work and dedication this past year. What an amazing snowy season we had! Many folks put in tons of hours dedicated to running the MRM patrol and do this above and beyond making their hours. I can't thank you all enough. Thanks for all the good work with customer service too.

Kim Hiser
Patrol Representative

OEC Refresher 10-3-10

If you are unable to make this year's OEC or OTH refreshers, you need to let us know. If you refresh at another area, you need to make sure you have some documentation for us so you can patrol this year.

New Ski Locker Volunteers Needed

If you can volunteer to help out in any way, we sure could use you! I am sure Bechtel and crew could use some volunteers to get our new space (the Schumacher locker) ready for the season. Our new space is a lot smaller and will mostly serve as a locker. There won't really be any lounge space at all. So we are going to have to limit who all has access to that space. Space for equipment will be limited to just patrollers. We hope to accommodate some of the JP's as well, but once the space is completed, we will have a better idea. It will be a work in progress – please bear with us and be courteous as we get the kinks worked out. There really won't be any patrol space for kids, family members and friends to just hang out so the Den or area Lounge will have to be utilized. Any scheduled patrol events at the area will have to reserve space (like the Timberline room) through the office. The mountain base will look very different this season with a new deck off the lounge, the Over Yonder transformed to accommodate the lift operations and the new ticket windows. Practically every department at MRM has moved.

NSP Dues and Registration

Dues will be paid at the OTH refresher or before. Please pay your dues by Nov 15th or you will pay a late fee and may not be registered. This is because our registration needs to be transmitted to Division no later than Nov. 30th or we face late fees for each patroller not paid. Last year the patrol had to fork over in excess of \$900 to cover the dues for folks who had not yet paid us. Then we had to track each of the patrollers down to pay up.

If you are unable to patrol or unable put in your minimum hours this year, please contact me. We don't want to lose you – please keep in touch. We would love to all have the time to track down every patroller, but with 119 of you, we don't always have the time to do so, especially when the activities of the season get cranked up. Remember, if you choose to be inactive, you will still have to pay dues, attend a refresher and you will not be able to patrol during the season (due to liability issues). In the National P&P, it is suggested the period of Inactive status be limited to 2 years.

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Patrollers Wanted

Pat McCabe

That simple sign displayed by another Ohio ski area this past season earned them some decent candidates. We might try that this season, too, but I'm presenting a challenge to each of you to refer at least one potential candidate over the course of the next six months. Class of 2011 won't begin until next March, but potential new candidates, if qualified and accepted into the program, could participate in our Observer program.

We will have recruiting brochures and business cards available again this year.

I encourage you to carry a few in your pockets...both on and off the slopes. I also will be setting up a recruiting station at the Ski Swap, so be sure to send people my way. Thanks to all of you who referred candidates last year. From what I've heard we've got an outstanding group of K1s this year! Woohoo!



Contact Info

Kim Hiser

Make sure your contact information, especially with National is correct and current. Also, be sure your date of birth is registered with National. They use DOB now instead of SSN for a key identifier. The division and region newsletters are going to all e-editions. Also, e-letters and patrol news comes electronically now. If you get far too much junk mail or your regular mailbox fills up - perhaps set up a free Gmail or hotmail account just for your ski patrol stuff so you don't miss anything important. If you do change email accounts, be sure to update your information in the skipatrol yahoo group.

Family & Comp Passes

Kim Hiser

As far as I know, we will still get to select either family privileges or 15 passes (for full time MRM patrollers). Don't hold me to it because there are still 3 months before the season begins - much could change. Please only list your children that you can claim on your income tax or I will get "the call" from management. There may be some additional paperwork involved this year with comp passes, yet to be worked out by management but something like the recipient having to go to the office to sign a liability release - this may be a Peaks policy this year. If minimum hours and scheduling (as required by our P&P) are not met, you may not get privileges next year.

Pre-Season Update

Troy Green

Well its that time of year again when all the wheels start turning to start prepping for the upcoming season. As most if not all of you know we are having our refresher on Oct. 3rd starting at 9 am, the OTH refresher will be OCT 16th. For all of you instructors out there the Instructor Refresher will be September 26th starting at 9. You all will be receiving your assignments from Chet Stanley with in a few days if you haven't already. As you all know we continue to see some pretty serious incidents out there so please take this time to sharpen your skills and use this as a learning opportunity.

The OEC class is coming along very well this year with Mac Logan at the helm and the assistance of Steve Billiar, and Dan Fancey. We have 9 new candidates in the class and they are doing very, very well please feel free to stop out and pitch in.

We are in the process of making some changes to our S&T teams as well stay tuned for further details from myself or Jim Vickroy.



MRM Ambassador Program

Pat McCabe

Many of us may see a time when it becomes increasingly difficult to keep up with the full responsibilities of being a ski patroller, yet have a desire to stay connected to Mad River Mountain. Leaving can be a very difficult decision. That is why we've developed the Ambassador program.

Last year was our first season for the Ambassador Program, and we're looking forward to a growing number of participants again this year. The program is open to all alumni Ski Patrollers or Ski Instructors. There is no minimum or maximum age requirement...

just a willingness to be helpful to our MRM skiing public. There is no specific shift requirement; however, we do ask that you make yourself available during some of the busier times when skiers are more apt to need your help, such as weekend mornings when "newbies" are trying to find their way around the area.

If you have an interest and would like more information, please contact me at patriciamccabe@gmail.com.



Junior Patrol *Pat McCabe*

Do you have a child that is between the ages of 9 and 16 as of December 1, 2010? Are they game for good times, lots of skiing, and a bit of education while serving others? Well then, our Junior Patrol is the place to be this season.

This would be a good time to see if your children have an interest in joining for this coming season. We will have sign-ups at the OEC Refresher and strongly encourage their participation.



Looking for Senior Candidates *Pat McCabe*

"But I just finished getting my Alpine rating."

"I heard they've made it more difficult to attain Senior."

"I just don't have the time to be running back and forth to Senior-rated hills."

"I heard there are no additional benefits, so why should I try?"

Many questions, many grey areas...and lots of misconceptions.

Tom Tavenner has moved into the Region position as Senior Advisor and has asked me to replace him as local MRM Senior Advisor. I invite any of you presently in the Senior program, interested in starting the process, or just curious to contact me

for further information and plans for upcoming Senior training opportunities/events.

Steve Billiar, our ever-dedicated Senior Emergency Management (SEM) lead instructor and his crew of Steve Lord, Dan Fancey and Mac Logan are on hand this fall for our annual SEM training. Stay tuned for when classes begin in that regard.



Newsletter Challenge

Congratulations to Mimi Whitt for being the ONLY patroller to send in a response for the April newsletter challenge. Mimi will be receiving a \$10 gift certificate to Adam's Ski Shop.

For this edition of the Newsletter Challenge, a \$10 gift certificate to Adam's Ski Shop will be rewarded to the first patroller who sends in the correct response. Alan Galvez was the Patrol Director when MRM last conducted a night chair evac. Name the patroller directors who served before and after Alan Galvez. Send response to tom@tavgroup.net Good Luck!



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