



Sno Job



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General Meeting Monday, February 10, 2003 7:00 PM Athey Creek School

Be Prepared. That's the motto of the Boy Scouts of America. And, *Do a Good Turn Daily.* That's their slogan. Sounds a lot like Mount Hood Ski Patrollers doesn't it? The Scout Law instructs young men to be:

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| 1. Trustworthy | 2. Loyal | 3. Helpful | 4. Friendly | 5. Courteous | 6. Kind |
| 7. Obedient | 8. Cheerful | 9. Thrifty | 10. Brave | 11. Clean | 12. Reverent |

Each Patroller also needs to be trustworthy as we handle the tens of thousands of dollars worth of materials and equipment for use in the aid and comfort our patients, and that we use to assist our Areas. We also have benefits graciously extended by Area management and ski equipment vendors to reward our efforts, and they trust us to use and enjoy those benefits but never to abuse them.

Presidents Message

By Mac Sheldon, MHSP President
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Every Patroller I've had the pleasure to work with over the years has been intensely loyal to our Patrol and to each other, and none of us would have it any other way. We have also demonstrated loyalty to our Areas for the past six-and-a-half decades as they've grown and evolved into world-class resorts.

No organization I know of has such unselfishly helpful members, always friendly and courteous and kind in our dealings with those who need our assistance. We treat our patients with compassion and those who might endanger themselves or others, with respect while firmly redirecting their actions to comply with the Area's policy regarding boundaries and speed control.

We obediently comply with the directions from our Associate Supervisors, our Hill Captains, our Team Leaders and always from Area Management, and we do so Cheerfully.

Thrifty use of first aid materials is essential to controlling operating expense and capital costs, which benefits us all.

Occasionally, we are thrust into a situation where our bravery can make the difference between comfort and pain, or even life and death. Each of us has it within us to rise to the occasion and bravely but wisely act to assist another human being.

We're a proud organization with deep roots in the Mt. Hood mountain community and our jackets and logo are readily recognizable to hundreds of thousands of people. Keeping our appearance sharp and our uniforms, first aid rooms, and equipment neat and clean speaks volumes about our group and about our members.

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Last month I thought this was strange snow year. I guess it is getting stranger. Atlanta, Georgia had a low of 12 degrees last night, and it is in the 50s here. Tahoe has all kinds of snow, and Whistler has only a little more than we do. Inner Tubing is becoming the major revenue source. I guess we just have to roll with the punches and PRAY FOR SNOW.

PC Notes

By Joel Stevens, MHSP Patrol Chief
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Dispatch: Your pre-dispatch was due at the Wheelers on Jan 30th so if it is not in now it is late. It may not be to late, if you get it in immediately.

Website: The new Website is up and Running. It still has a few idiosyncrasies, and the Roster info is not the most up to date, but it looks good. We will run both sites for a while, until we get the bugs worked out. I there are things that you think would be useful on the Website, contact Bill Boyd, Ryan Palmer or the PC.

Try Outs: Are coming up the first weekend in March. Tell your skiing friends about them. We are expecting a large group this year. Mike Petersen will be looking for people to assist as testers, interviewers, greeters, etc. Contact Mike if you can help out. We hope that the On the Hill Test will be at the Bowl. PRAY FOR SNOW.

Sled Updates: We had a tune up clinic for the sled coaches and trainers at Timber Line a few weeks ago. You must do a sled clinic this year. There is a lot of new information. Mike Petersen is coordinating the sled clinics.

Our own Reverend John Wilberding admonishes us that it's better to be on the mountain thinking about God than in church thinking about the mountain. Our choice to train as we do and give of our time is food for the spirit and the soul. Every major religion has a version of the Golden Rule that directs us to treat others as we want to be treated. I believe that Mount Hood Ski Patrollers exemplify that ideal.

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The British Lord and General, Robert Baden-Powell started the Boy Scout movement some hundred plus years ago, and his doctrine embodied all that is good in the human experience. As young men strive to perfect these attributes so do we exemplify them in our weekly work on the mountain. We all wish that we could do something to change the weather conditions of late, but of course that's beyond our control. What is within each of our grasp is to give a little more without expectation of reward. History shows us that when we do, that rewards usually come to us out all proportion to the effort we invested.

Work hard! Ski hard! Enjoy every minute of every day! I'll see you in the snow.

Cheers,
Mac

It has been a pleasure to have the opportunity to talk with many of you this season. Your efforts are sincerely appreciated. The light snowfall has curtailed many of your days and we understand your desire to 'get in your days'. At the same time, we have a limit on the number of people at each area. If you are assigned at an area that is closed, please check with the Associate Supervisor before showing up at another area.

Associate Director

By Terry Niederme
yer, Associate Director

First Responder Training:

Supervisors, if a FIRST RESPONDER TRAINER is not assigned on your day. Please assign an appropriate individual to provide this training.

Associates: FRT is an integral part of our Associate program and all associates are required to have an update each year. We are now well into the season and hopefully most of you have taken First Responder Training and/or your update. If you have not had this opportunity, please do so on your next trip to the mountains. We also encourage our apprentices to take part in as many scenarios as possible to hone their skills.

Associate Apprentice's: It has been a pleasure to work with many of you. Your apprentice year can be a trying time. A.K., Rick, and myself are here to assist and support your activities, please do not hesitate to contact us regarding any questions, concerns or just to chat. Many of you have voiced a need to work on your radio and first responder skills. Please check with the Supervisor for the day and carry a radio if one is available. In addition, please work on different scenarios as well as area trail names as you will be on your own in just a few short months! Hang in there. The apprentice year will be over before you know it.

See you on the mountain,

I know it's been said before, but, I'll say it again. PRAY FOR SNOW.

First Aid Musings

I continue to hear great things about the job all of you are doing on the hill this year. Last Saturday I was talking to a school group chaperone about one of her students in the

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Timberline First Aid Room. As we were talking she looked at me and said "I just want you to know, you folks are great." She went on to relate how we had taken care of her daughter last year when she broke her back. She went on to say she was even more impressed with your service because her daughter was "a real pill". Encounters like these truly make my job a pleasure. Thank you.

Associate Supervisors please note, the staff at Timberline came into the First Aid Room last Saturday and asked that we discontinue washing the FAR floor with bleach and water. It seems the person in charge of the lodges septic system has been trying to figure out for some time why the microbes they use in treating waste water were dying every Saturday and Sunday. Never guess what they don't like bleach. Anyway they did say they appreciate us washing the floor for them, but they will provide a soap that won't play havoc with the septic system.

Keep up the good work.

I would once again like to thank the many patrol-
ers who have helped with this year's First Re-
sponder Training program. Associate patrollers,
please be sure to complete your first responder
update during this (Winter) module, as updates will
not be offered during Spring. Apprentice patrollers,
I look forward to working with you during the train-
ing weekend of February 8-9. As always if you
have any comments, questions, or suggestions
about the first responder program, please feel free to call or e-mail me.

First Responder Training

By Eric Einspruch
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I am presently working with Timberline to complete
our plans for this year's Mass Casualty Incident
(MCI) scenario. This is an exciting opportunity to
learn and practice those skills necessary for han-
dling a situation in which the number of patients
exceeds the number of available responders.

MCI Training

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Please note that Timberline has asked us to CHANGE THE DATE for the scenario to Sunday, May 4,
2003. Please note these two dates as well: the deadline for signing up to participate is March 31 and
the MCI training will be held April 13. Thank you in advance for your interest and I look forward to train-
ing with you – if you would like to participate, please e-mail me to let me know.

Greetings from your training director!
Bad news; Ski Bowl is closed. Good
news; we completed basic avalanche
training for all apprentices as well as
sled update training for trainers and
evaluators. Bad news; Molly's chair will

Good News-Bad News

By Mike Petersen
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be closed until further notice. Good news; Don Gardner, Matt Rea, Rick Sadle, your illustrious patrol
chief Joel Stevens and I have been updating training and testing procedures so as apprentices under-
going your final sled evaluation, you will be tested on exactly what you have been taught (and hope-
fully learned) during the season. Bad news; No Snow in the foreseeable future!!! Good news; Charlie
bought a snow making machine and will be making snow at Summit. Bad news; We have placed sled
updates on hold until more of the mountain is open. Good news; Sled updates will be more of an edu-
cational tool than in the past. We will be concentrating on familiarizing you with the ins and outs of the
Clipper, its setup, breakdown, chair loading and handling characteristics as well as reinforcing basic
technique and teaching new and exciting nuances of sled handling and control. Bad news; It's Janu-
ary for crying out loud!!! Where's the snow!?!? Good news; If anyone has any questions about training
please feel free to ask anyone involved in your training or call me, my number's in your directory. Bad
news; If you have a problem or a complaint or a gripe about any aspect of your training please try to
resolve it within the chain of command. If you don't succeed, please see the previous good news.
Bad news; Steelhead fishing is as bad as skiing right now. Good news; SPIF!!!!

The Nordic season is struggling along, with very little snow at most of the popular areas. Even so, several races at Teacup and Meadows have been held, with more scheduled for later in the season. During my absence on disaster response duty in Guam, Michael Curtis covered Nordic APC duties and did a great job. Additional outstanding service

was performed by patrollers responding to several backcountry cases. Our equipment cache continues to be upgraded, with the most recent additions being nylon backboards and a new sleeping bag for one of our two trauma sleds. In summary – we have the people, we have the gear. Bring on the snow!

Nordic News

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Good News and Bad News..... That's always ominous isn't it?!?

First the bad news. Our 2003 MTR class is on hold for two reasons; first, I seriously doubt that we could find enough snow to dig a snow cave. And second, there are some details that we need to clear up with National before we offer the MTR class again.

More

Good News-Bad News

By Mac Sheldon
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The volume of snow is up to each of you. You're just not thinking positively enough I guess....just kidding. The details with NSP should be resolved satisfactorily in the next couple of weeks. I'll keep you posted. Any questions? Send me an email or ring my phone.

Howdy all! Spring is in full swing on the mountain so plan accordingly (and keep praying for SNOW!) Timberline has been very busy due to lack of snow further down the hill.

The 'Parking Lot Full' sign has been seen regularly, so PLEASE CARPOOL OR USE THE SHUTTLE! The current hours of operation are:

Mon.-Tues 9-4
Wed-Thur 9-9
Fri 9-10
Sat 8:30-10
Sun 8:30-5

If you have been dispatched for an area that is not open, check with the Hill Captain or Dispatcher to be sure moving up to T-Line is OK. (Most likely, they will appreciate the extra help! Several ski teams have moved races and practices up to T-Line so be aware. See you on the Hill!

They Love Us at T-Line

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If you are dispatched to Summit and cannot make it, please call me at 503-557-2912.

Summit News

By Diane Kindall, APC Summit

P.S. Charlie's making Snow.

WHS Calendar

February		
5		S&T Senior Training—Mt. Hood Meadows Contact Dave Nelson
8-9		Apprentice First Responder Training
10	7:00pm	General Meeting, Athey Creek School
13		Emergency Mgmt. Module Clinic, Govy, Contact Kathy Lee
22		Basic Avalanche Refresher
22		S&T Senior Training—Mt. Hood Meadows Contact Dave Nelson
March		
1-2	8:00am	Tryouts, Govy Building
10	7:00pm	General Meeting, Athey Creek School
16		S&T Senior Training—Mt. Hood Meadows with Oregon Region
22		Basic Avalanche Refresher
31		Sign up to participate for MCI
April		
5		S&T Senior Training—Mt. Hood Meadows Contact Dave Nelson
6		Emergency Mgmt. Module Clinic, Govy, Contact Kathy Lee
12		Emergency Mgmt. Module Final Evaluations, Mt. Hood
12-13		S&T Exam—Mt. Hood Meadows Contact Dave Nelson
13		MCI Training at Timberline
14	7:00pm	General Meeting, Athey Creek School Election of Officers
26		Funday-Ski Bowl ???
27		Mass Casualty Incident Scenario
May		
10		Awards Banquet

Suitable for Refrigerator Placement