



# Mt. Hood Ski Patrol **Snojob**



**November 2013**

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## Message from the President

*By Jim Trett, President, AS 90244*



It is with regret that I announce the resignation of Charley Wessinger as Junior Trustee. Charlie has had some family health issues come up that will demand his attention. I wish Charlie well and thank him for his service to our patrol.

To fill the position of Junior Trustee, I am happy to announce that Tom Payne has accepted an appointment to the position. Tom will serve until the scheduled elections next April.

By the time you are reading this most of you will be done with the annual fall training classes. The final OEC refresher is scheduled for Saturday, November 2nd. When you get a chance please say thank to your instructors. These folks put in a tremendous amount of work to give you high quality classes in an enjoyable format.

Thank you as well to all who helped make the 2013 Snow Sport Swap a big success. A preliminary report shows significant growth from the 2012 event. The Swap Committee puts a lot of work in organizing the patrol's major fundraiser and deserves our thanks. But each of you who helps tag merchandise at our vendors before the big weekend or pulls a shift at the Washington County Fairgrounds also deserve a "Well done". Without everyone's help this event could not succeed.

Just a quick reminder that the November General Membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12th at Athey Creek Middle School. The school is not available on Monday because of the Veterans Day holiday. Please mark your calendars and join us for the latest info on patrol goings on and to enjoy an evening with friends.

And finally to all of you who have served in our armed forces; thank you for your service!

Happy Thanksgiving to you all!

## Carpooling for Patrollers and Hosts

Carpooling to Timberline and Meadows is mandatory. Carpooling to Govy helps with the parking situation at the Govy Building.

Did you know we have a carpooling tool available on the wiki? It displays a map of everyone dispatched for your next scheduled day, just click the bubble to see the email and phone number.

<http://www.mthoodskipatrol.org/wiki/pmwiki.php/Events/Carpooling>

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## PATROLLER OPERATIONS

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### Patrol Chief

By Doug Stanton, Patrol Chief, HC 995



#### Is your equipment ready?

When was the last time you touched your pack? Have you tuned your skis recently? How about waterproofing your gloves and apparel?

If you're like me, once you put your gear down for the summer, you really don't think about it much until the snow starts to fly and opening weekend is just days away, then you run around trying to find where everything is located. Do I have enough supplies in my pack? Have I changed the batteries in my transceiver? Did I get the latest software updates for my

transceiver?

We all do it but we don't have to. It's time to start thinking about our gear, get the skis tuned up, make sure our boots fit properly, batteries are changed in our head lamps and transceivers, gloves are sealed, and wash our coat and pants then apply a good coat of water repellent. This is also a good time to make sure your coat and badging is consistent with patrol protocol.

Don't wait until the last minute to get a jump on the season, get your equipment in order NOW!

#### Communicating with the Resorts

All of us interface with the personnel at the resorts on a regular basis; it's part of building relationships with the pros and the area patrol directors (PD).

But when it comes to communicating with these same people once off the mountain, we need to work through our chain of command. Requests or correspondence that you might direct to the PD's and their staffs need to go through the MHSP Area Patrol Chief (APC) for that resort and/or the MHSP Patrol Chief. All of the resort PD's are extremely busy throughout the year. Responding to emails from our rank and file just adds another layer of work that is not necessary.

- If there is an issue that you'd like addressed while you are on the mountain, first discuss it with the HC or AS of the day.
- If a subject comes up during the week, work through the APC for that resort (you can find our staff listing on our web page).
- If you are an apprentice, work through your coach, training director or the First Aid Chief.

Many questions can be answered without involving the resort PD's. Building strong relationships with the pro staff includes respecting their time. Please work through our chain of command for all resort related questions.

#### New Patrol Room at Skibowl

The new patrol room on the West Side is almost ready for our move in. Erich Maurer has completed the reconstruction, painting, wiring and lighting. Next step is to install the commercial carpeting, hang a new MHSP shield, move in our equipment and enjoy our new home. The New Palace is east of the West Side FAR. If you are standing outside the West Side FAR, the large A-frame building roughly 50 yards to your left is where our new home is located. We are on the second floor. Access is via stairs on the east end of the building. If you see Erich this winter, please thank him for his efforts in making this happen. *(More information in the Skibowl APC's article - Editor)*

## Patroller Self-evac Equipment Must be Updated

*By Doug Stanton, Patrol Chief, HC 995*

Those of you who have trained for self evac or have done self evac numerous time during your patrolling careers, you need to make sure your self evac gear is in compliance with the new requirements established by OSHA last year. Anyone carrying self evac equipment **must** have a triple lock carabineer.

Many of us have the older double lock and some the even older nut lock. You need to replace your evac gear carabineer with a triple lock this season. They're not very expensive. Our clothing committee has complete kits including triple lock carabineers (less rope) for sale. You can pick up the same equipment including rope at Next Adventure. A self evac kit should include 150 to 200 feet of 5mm rope, mini figure eight, webbing or leg harness, stuff sack for your rope, two 3mm prussic cords, and of course, your triple lock carabineer.

Please, do not go on the mountain without your gear being up-to-date. One accident could have significant repercussions.

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## Dispatch Responsibilities for Patrollers

*By Doug Stanton, Patrol Chief, HC 995*

Dispatch has opened for the season. Module 1 is open for each patroller to dispatch for a minimum of three days for Level I and II commitments. Please dispatch for your minimum days before November 7, after that date you may dispatch for additional days.

Module 2 will be opened at the end of November with minimum days cutoff occurring mid-December 15. Module 2 this year runs through March, so three months instead of two. Get in early when dispatch opens, grab your days and make this a great season.

### Dispatch Responsibilities

With every new season comes a brief discussion on what it means to dispatch.

Our system is very flexible, allowing patrollers to fill slots throughout the season. Have a free day, check dispatch, grab a slot, and head to the mountain. But what happens when things change? Whether you simply withdraw, request a substitute, contact the HC/AS to be excused or just No Show – removing yourself from dispatch is a problem unless it is weeks in advance of the day you committed to.

Everyone has events in their lives that affect their ability to make each and every commitment day. It is understood and an accepted part of running a volunteer organization. What is unacceptable is not making an effort beyond removing yourself from dispatch without contacting other patrollers that might be able to fill your vacant slot. If you talk with some of the more senior patrollers, there was time that you dispatched for the entire season. If you couldn't make your dispatch day, you were required to fill it with another patroller, period. You owned the slot. We've neglected that responsibility over the years and it has affected how we deliver resources to the mountain.

Dispatching is an extremely important part of making our patrol function. Without commitment to maintaining the resource demands through dispatch, our patrol is inoperable. The mantra for this season is "*you own your dispatch slot*". If you have to remove yourself from a dispatch day, start calling to see if one of your fellow patrollers can fill in for you. If an event occurs during the week prior to your dispatch and the system has locked you out from changing your dispatch, contact the HC/AS for that day to arrange removal from dispatch. If you need to be excused from your dispatch, you need to contact the HC/AS for that day or you will be counted as a No Show. If you have multiple No Shows during the season you will receive a call from the PC. A No Show is the worst situation for the HC/AS where a planned resource doesn't show up leaving a hole in our resource support for the day.

Own your dispatch slot. Work to assure if you cannot make your commitment that you have attempted to fill it by reaching out to other patrollers. Never, ever No Show-- or expect a call from the PC. Dispatch is the responsibility of every patroller. Make it work.

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## Where are your OEC and CPR Cards?

*By Doug Stanton, Patrol Chief, HC 995*

Good question, where are my OEC and CPR cards? Each and every MHSP patroller should be able to answer this question with ease. "They're in my wallet", "in my patrol jacket", "in my rescue pack" – somewhere that, if asked by a PD, HC, AS, or Forest Service representative, you could easily present them.

Why is this important? Because it is required by the US Forest Service as part of the permit that the ski areas operate under that volunteer patrollers CARRY their first aid credentials when patrolling.

So, what might happen if you don't have your cards with you? If you cannot produce your cards when asked, you could be asked to leave the resort for that day and not allowed to return until you can present them. Hill Captains and Associate Supervisors will be checking cards during the morning meetings this year, noting on the green sheet who is in compliance.

This is not a big deal. Consider this requirement the same as carrying your driver license. If you are pulled over by a police officer and cannot present your driver license, you will receive a ticket or at least a warning. Same goes for your OEC and CPR cards.

Make sure as part of your pre-season preparation that you know where your cards are, that they are current, and have them on the mountain with you at all times. Trust me on this one, I will be auditing the green sheets and may ask you when I'm on the mountain to present your cards.

If you need a replacement OEC card you can order one from National Ski Patrol online at [www.nsp.org/public/core/orders/product.aspx?catid=53&prodid=3415](http://www.nsp.org/public/core/orders/product.aspx?catid=53&prodid=3415) or by calling the NSP office at 800-773-3272.

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## Associate Director

*By Jodie Jeffers, Associate Director, AS 90526*

I have discussed communication and uniform information over the last couple of months, but want to shift the focus to health, your health. What are you doing to get ready for the season health wise? The last thing we want to see is someone hurting themselves or struck down by an illness! What can you check off from this list as being started for the new season?

- Exercise
- Cardio
- Strength Training
- What about a flu shot
- Your diet

Do you have any special tricks or tidbits to share with reference to getting in condition? Please share with all.

NSP has some general information on preseason conditioning, click on Safety, then Preseason Conditioning for more. Check it out at <http://nsp.org/slopesafety/precon.aspx>.

Please, take care of yourself and practice your BSI as well.

### Ski and Snowboard Enhancement

To help fine-tune our skills with skiing/boarding, I am working on scheduling a couple of ski enhancement classes. However, I will need to get a feel for how many might be interested. Please let me know by November 15, if you are interested and at what level you ski or board. These classes are a lot of fun and will ultimately help us all season long.

### Communication

Please let me know of any concerns, suggestions, or needs you might have. Yes, it's back to communication. The areas expect it from us and so do we as your council and I of you all. Please work with your Associate Supervisors and I will always be available to help as well. I look forward to seeing you all on the mountain.



## Young Adult Patrol

*By Eric Granning, YAP Coordinator, SS 90405*

The Young Adult Patrol is continuing for the 2014 season with three returning young adults and one brand new to the program.

We are recruiting for at least six more to join the ranks. If you know an interested youth between the ages of 15 to 17, let me know and will get them started on the path of SPIF!

This season's program will consist of:

- First Care OEC Course designed specifically for YAP, skills check-off sheet, and participation as a patient for OEC classes or refreshers
- At least 8 days of on-mountain training days including time in the first aid rooms at each of the areas, scene safety and sled training.
- Each YAP participant will be required to pass a map test as well as response logistics to 10-50's on the mountain.

The patrol has considerable resources to support the program and plan to utilize our coaches, associate supervisors, hill captains, and OEC Instructors for assistance in the training of our young adult patrollers throughout the season.



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## AREA OPERATIONS

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### New for 2014 – Patroller Teams at Timberline begin in January

*By Jeffrey Weitz, HC 1236, Timberline Team Coordinator*

This season we will be trying out a team approach for our weekend dispatch days at Timberline. This is in an effort to provide a consistent base of people power to the resorts throughout the winter/spring season. The team format has been working very smoothly at Mt. Hood Meadows now for many years.

So together with the APC of Timberline, Rick Williams, and our Patrol Chief, Doug Stanton, we have come up with the following program for dispatch at Timberline this season:

- Team dispatch will begin on January 4, 2014 and continue through May 18.
- There will be a total of four teams A, B, C, and D.
- Each team will be comprised of 1 Hill Captain, 5 Hill Patrollers, 1 Associate Supervisor and 3 Associate Patrollers for a total of 10 patrollers per team.
- The teams will dispatch for every other Saturday or Every other Sunday throughout the season for a total of 10 days per patroller per team.
- In addition to the Teams there will also remain 2 "open" dispatch slots per weekend day for Hill Patrollers and 2 open dispatch slots for Associate Patrollers.
- We will also have alternates who can substitute for team members during the season. Keep in mind that if you join a team you are responsible for filling your team slot if you cannot make your dispatch day so as not to let your team down.
- All Team members will have the option to have a mountain pass for the season or to receive daily vouchers from the resort for each day patrolled.
- Team start dates will be:
  - Team A on Saturday, January 4, 2014
  - Team B on Sunday January 5, 2014
  - Team C on Saturday, January 11, 2014
  - Team D on Sunday, January 12, 2014



Teams are a great way to build strong bonds with your fellow patrollers, create lifetime friends, provide great customer care and first aid, as well as provide a more consistent level of service to the resorts themselves.

If you are interested in joining a team contact Jeffrey Weitz via phone or email. If leaving a message let him know whether you prefer Saturday or Sunday.

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## Operating Changes at Skibowl

*By Mike Kurfis, HC 1523, APC Skibowl*

The season is fast approaching, and with it will come a few changes at Skibowl.

### New Patrol Room

Perhaps the most notable change is the new MHSP space on the west side of the ski area, to replace the Palace. The Castle, as we're calling it, is situated east of the West Side First Aid Room, in the old water treatment facility. Usage will be the same as it was for the Palace – morning/afternoon meetings, radio and transceiver storage, and as a locker room to suit-up and store your extra gear for the day. For the first time we will have enough room for patrollers and hosts to stage out of the same facility.

There will be two reserved parking spots at the West Side for MHSP (with signs!). They are designated for the Hill Captain's and Associate Supervisor's vehicles or as they designate (equipment delivery, etc.) Everyone else is REQUIRED by the area to take the shuttle, which will make first pickup at the Govy Building at 7:30. The HC or AS will coordinate the shuttle pickup at the end of the day.

### Change in Operating Times

Skibowl has changed their opening time to 9:00 AM. Erich would like us to be out the door before 8:30, so the morning meetings will take place at 8:00 AM in the Castle. Closing/sweep times are not expected to change, so the work day at the Skibowl just got a little shorter.

With the change in start location and time, there will be minor modifications to the assignment sheet, but our opening responsibilities have not changed. All opening assignments will take the Lower Bowl chair up and disperse from there to Multorpor, Cascade, RC, etc. The parking lot rope tow is being replaced by a magic carpet, but other than that, there are no changes to the overall area - runs, boundaries, and so on will remain as they were last season.

### First Aid Rooms

Other changes include improvements to the first aid rooms. The West Side First Aid is in the process of being remodeled which will be completed within the next few weeks. The area has requested that no food be allowed in the first aid rooms (*OSHA Requirement*). Lunches are to be taken in the cafeteria or the Castle.

### Backboards

One note about backboard cases at Skibowl this coming season – new area policy is that when a backboard is taken by AMR we are to replace it from the ambulance at that time. That also means there will be backboards on the hill with "spider straps". These may be unfamiliar to many of you, so there will be quick orientations on these boards at the morning meetings, and James Schuler has indicated that there will be some kind of training or training material available soon. In the meantime, check out this video on YouTube:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=-zQfW3jo3I4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-zQfW3jo3I4)

### Area Patrol Chiefs

One additional change for Skibowl, Mike Kurfis is taking over Matt Rea's spot as co-APC, with Shelly Johnson continuing her role as APC.

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## MOUNTAIN HOST OPERATIONS

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### Mountain Host Director

*By Jan Silagi, Mountain Host Director, HS 60054*



#### Renewing Host Membership

The closing date to renew your membership with the Mountain Hosts is November 15. If you have not renewed your membership, please send your payment of \$56, as well as your signed Release Form and Information Update form to Mike Cullen. The forms are found on the back two pages of the Mountain Host Manual that was sent to you on October 10. Please be aware that memberships will be reviewed and if you have not met the minimum requirements of the Mountain Hosts in previous seasons, your membership renewal may not be accepted.

#### Skibowl Shifts

Look for the possible addition of two new shifts at Skibowl this season. The first will be a 4:00-8:00 PM shift (D shift) on Tuesday evenings to support Ladies Night at Skibowl. The second will be 4:00-8:00 PM (D shift) on Friday evenings to support the wild and wacky Cosmic Tubing! Both of these shifts will be unsupervised and will require approval for you to dispatch. Skibowl is very excited about having Hosts support these very busy nights at the resort.

#### Dispatch

Dispatch will open soon with the first available shifts on Thanksgiving Day at Timberline. Look for dispatch announcements via email.

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## FIRST AID

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### First Aid

*By James Schuler, First Aid Chief, AS 90481*

What an exciting season of preparation it's been. Great weather, Chair Evac training complete, Swap wrapped up and successful, OEC Refreshers complete and a new class of Apprentices working hard on their OEC skills. I'm excited and I hope you are too!!

You've fine-tuned your equipment, your skills and your schedule and now we're just waiting for that first snow storm coming the last week of November.

#### Refreshers

I want to thank all of the people who helped with OEC Refreshers this year. It started with Jodie Jeffers and the Refresher Committee at NSP for putting more "hands-on" back into the program. Thank her when you see her. I was very impressed the skill of our patrollers through all of the Refreshers. The many visiting patrollers from other states around the country who attended our Refreshers passed on many compliments to you and to the program itself. The feedback was extremely positive and appreciative of the effort put forth by Instructors, Patients and coordinators. Kudos to all for making it fun and informative.

You've done a great job! Keep up the good work, dispatch early and often.

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## ADMINISTRATION

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### Membership Status for Hosts and Patrollers

With the start of a new season there have been a lot of questions from members who are not able to meet the service commitment this season so want to take a year off and return to hosting or patrolling after the new job is started, the project is complete, the baby can walk, or the honeymoon is over.

#### Membership Class/Status

The status of your membership is defined in the bylaws as a “class”. You can read the bylaws on the wiki for the official details.

- ACTIVE members are those who are patrolling or hosting during the year and meeting all the training and commitment requirements.
- INACTIVE members do not actively patrol or host during the year. But they pay dues and are eligible to return to Active status subject to training requirements and approval of the Executive Council.
- ALUMNI are technically no longer members of MHSP although these former members may request a login account to the online roster.

	Active	Inactive	Alumni
Pays NSP and MHSP dues	Yes	Yes	No
Must meet annual training requirements	Yes	No	No
Must meet minimum service days	Yes	No	No
Eligible to vote	Yes	No	No
Eligible to take MHSP training classes	Yes	Yes*	No

#### Training

Training requirements for Active Hosts include the annual orientation.

For Active Patrollers training includes the OEC Refresher, chair evacuation, CPR (annual demonstration or bi-annual refresher), and Avalanche Level 1 Refresher every three years.

**\* Important note on training:** Participation by inactive members in the annual OEC refresher is limited to space available. Active MHSP patrollers and visiting NSP patrollers will have precedence and there may not be room for inactive members at an MHSP refresher. Inactive members would, as members of NSP, be eligible to attend another patrol’s refresher.

#### Returning to Active Status

**The Policy** – an inactive or alumni member may apply to rejoin the active membership by request to the Patrol Chief or Host Director. There will be an individual training program prescribed for each member based on their situation. When the training is completed the returning member’s application will be presented to the Executive Council. Reinstatement requires the approval of the First Aid Chief and Patrol Chief (or the Host Director) plus at least four additional council members.

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### General Meetings

**By Doug Stanton, Patrol Chief, HC 995**

The Mt. Hood Ski Patrol has nearly 400 active members. Our first general meeting was held October 14 where we had about 60 attendees – less than 15% of dues paying members.

The general meeting is important for several reasons. First, it's an opportunity to meet members that you might not normally see during the season.

Second, your council is there to share important activities and initiatives that affect how our patrol operates.

Third, our clothing committee is there with all sorts of gear. If you're not coming to the meeting, how are you going to order or purchase special items?

Fourth, there's a great after-meeting at Wankers Corner Saloon where informal business is taken care of.

The general meeting moves along quickly, typically it is over within an hour and a half. Learning about your patrol, how it operates, who's doing what and when, details on programs offered during the season, make this once-a-month meeting a must for all active members.

Please make an effort each month to attend this meeting. You'll learn a bunch and get to know others on the patrol you may not have met before.

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## Elections

***By Kathy Lee, Senior Trustee, SS 90232***

Hard to believe but it is already time to start thinking about elections. A nominating committee will be elected at the November general meeting and we are looking for members to serve on the committee. The committee is responsible for recruiting eligible members to run for open Council offices next April.

Most of the current office holders are eligible to stand for re-election to a second term. Typically, we elect only one three-year Trustee each term. However, since the Junior Trustee, Tom Payne, holds the position by appointment we will be electing two trustees in April, one for a two-year term and one for a three-year term.

Please contact Kathy Lee if you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee.

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## Government Camp Building Guidelines

***By Mike Anderson, Govy Building Caretaker, AS 1510***

We have a great resource in having a building in Government Camp, so it's important that we take care of it. You did a great job last year and the building stayed very clean and there were no real issues. There's just a few key points I would like to emphasize. (For a detailed list of the rules please check out the wiki.)

- Please remember to sign in using the Building Register and pay upon arrival and getting a bunk. Envelopes are located at the top of the stairs for your check or cash. It's \$10 a night, which is way cheaper than anywhere else on the mountain as you have a full kitchen and a shower. Put your name, the date and patrol number on the envelope as I need to reconcile the payments against the log. (Apprentices, please sign in for the building only if you will be staying overnight, you have a separate sign in sheet for your training days. Last year there was some confusion)
- Clean up after yourself. Do your dishes and take your garbage home. Especially recycling. I can take some of the garbage but I have no room in my container at home for the recycling. Additional cleaning supplies are located in the janitor closet in the hallway. Paper towels and TP are in here for replenishment. Contact me if you see anything running out as I can bring it up the next weekend I am scheduled. I will be there at least 2 weekends a month.
- Before you bring your dog in the building, check to be sure there isn't anyone allergic or other dogs present which could cause problems. No dogs are allowed upstairs. If dogs are going to stay the night, they must be in a kennel.
- The access is through an electronic lock. Codes are sent out through the list serve and changed monthly.
- If anything comes up that I need to know, such as a building maintenance issue, call me on my cell phone. 360-921-8607. You may also contact Doug Stanton, the Patrol Chief, as he has a residence nearby and may be more available.

I'm looking forward to a great season and the chance to meet more of you. Staying at the Govy Building is a great way to meet other patrollers and have some social time after a hard day of patrolling.

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## At the Swap

Thank you to everyone who helped make the swap a success. It will be a little bit before you see your shifts recorded on your ski history; our human resources heroine, Pat Stevens, is making her list and checking it twice.

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## SAFETY DAY

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### Safety Day, January 2014

*By Jodie Jeffers, Wy'east Region Safety Coordinator*

We have the support from the areas to make this a special day- a one day of safety on Mt. Hood! However, it cannot happen without your help before, during, and after! One specific function that we need help with is a contact person for each area. This is a good opportunity to get to know people at your favorite resort. Contact Jodie Jeffers at [tailwaggin1@mac.com](mailto:tailwaggin1@mac.com).

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### Be Sun Safe

*By Jodie Jeffers, Wy'east Region Safety Coordinator*

In addition to *The Code* another safety area that needs emphasis is SUN SAFETY. The website [www.NSAA.org](http://www.NSAA.org) has some excellent resources and information on sun safety.

**Win a gift card** from Shell Gas, REI or Starbucks by being the first person to correctly answer the following questions at [tailwaggin1@mac.com](mailto:tailwaggin1@mac.com):

- 1) What SPF level should you select for a skiing sunscreen?
- 2) How often should the sunscreen be applied to exposed skin?
- 3) When looking for sunblock, what kind of spectrum and what kind should be used?



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## OTHER NEWS

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### Mt. Hood Cultural Center to Dedicate MHSP Showcase on November 9

Please join us for the Mt. Hood Cultural Center & Museum

**Annual Heritage Day, Party and Auction**

**Saturday, November 9, 2013**

Museum open house all day.

Evening festivities begins at 6:00 PM

Silent auction closes at 8:00 PM

Announcements, Volunteer of the Year Award and  
**Dedication of the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol display case at 8:00 PM**

Enjoy scrumptious hors d'oeuvres by Skibowl,  
complimentary wine, and craft beer by Boring Brewing

**Your museum membership is your ticket.**  
(Memberships and renewal available at the door.)

## Oregon Mountain Community Offers Discount to MHSP Members

To show appreciation to search and rescue personnel, Oregon Mountain Community offers search and rescue members discounts on the gear & clothing. Members will receive 10% off in store purchases and 20% off web orders (or the sale price whichever is greater) and free shipping on orders over \$50.00. Clothing may be returned or exchanged, although climbing equipment is non-returnable. To take advantage of this program please visit our website at [www.omcgear.com/search-rescue](http://www.omcgear.com/search-rescue).

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## MHSP Steps Up for One of Their Own

Joel Stevens suffered a fractured femur when he was bumped by a truck while riding on Marine Drive with the Portland Wheelman on October 9. He sends this report:

*I'd like to give you a progress update, and more importantly thank the MHSP for all the help you have given Pat and me during my recovery.*

*My OEC training kicked in right after the accident, so I could assess the initial extent of my injuries, and direct some bystanders on how to get me moved off the road without further damage. The bystanders were very helpful and called 911 while I called Pat. Portland Fire and AMR arrived within about five minutes. Pat met me at Legacy Emanuel and not long afterwards the MHSP family went into action. Mark Ripkey arrived and offered to take my bike back to my house. Jaye and Eric Carlson got my car moved back home and helped Pat get the house ready for my homecoming. Jan Silagi stopped by to give best wishes. After Emanuel could not do the surgery MHSP member Dr. Jim Hamilton graciously agreed to accept me as his patient at Providence.*

*After a transfer to Providence, the MHSP well-wishers began to arrive in force. Some even brought special grain-based pain meds, though they weren't used until after my discharge. Roger Schloe, #322, brought in a glass bouquet for beer drinkers.*

*I'm sure I have forgotten others who helped out, blame it on old-timers disease exacerbated by really good pain meds. Thank you to everyone, you are a tremendous group of people.*



**Joel shows off the disposable traction splint that was applied in the ER**

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## Snojob Deadline is the Third Monday of the Month

**By Lisa Hargrave, Snojob Editor, SHC 1053**

Send your articles or photo submissions to [snojobeditor@gmail.com](mailto:snojobeditor@gmail.com). Please identify any people appearing in your photos.



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## HELP WANTED

1. **Writer** wanted for various small projects. Please contact Jaye Miller
  2. **Person with Insurance knowledge** to help review our current policies. Please contact Jaye Miller
  3. **Safety Day area liaisons** to coordinate activities. Please contact Jodie Jeffers.
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## CALENDAR

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For the most current information and details check the online calendar at [www.mhspdispatch.org](http://www.mhspdispatch.org).

### November

2 OEC Refresher  
4 Council Meeting  
12 General Meeting (TUESDAY)  
15-17 Portland Ski Fever Show  
18 Snojob Deadline

### December

2 Council Meeting  
9 General Meeting  
16 Snojob Deadline

### January

NSAA Safety Month  
6 Council Meeting  
13 General Meeting  
20 Snojob Deadline

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## ARE YOU ATTENDING OR VOLUNTEERING AT THE SCOCHI OLYMPICS?

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The Snojob wants to hear from you. Please email [snojobeditor@gmail.com](mailto:snojobeditor@gmail.com) now to talk about sharing your experiences and/or photos.



*Olympic Rings at Lookout Mountain. Photo by Charlie Cutter, Timberline Ski Patrol*