

NSP NORTHERN DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE

FAIRMONT HOT SPRINGS – ANACONDA, MT

11 - 13
SEPT

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REGISTRATION & HORS D'OEUVRES

5:00 - 6:15pm

FRIDAY

- 📍 Cutthroat & Grizzly Rooms
- ✓ Name Badge & Shirt Pick Up, Hors d'oeuvres, Networking

GENERAL SESSION

Coffee Begins Around 7:45am

8:00 - 8:40am

SATURDAY

- 📍 Cutthroat & Grizzly Rooms
- ✓ Welcome, Division Updates, OEC Refresher & OEC 7 Information, Senior Committee Update, Questions & Discussion on Mini Education Sessions

ROUND 1 SESSIONS

8:45 - 9:25am

SATURDAY

- ✓ **Working Together as a Patrol Team** 📍 **Bitterroot Room**
A practical discussion focused on communication, teamwork, & shared responsibility.
Presenters: Bridgette Paddock, Dan Schaefer, & Allan Rabbitt
- ✓ **Growing Your Skills: The Value of the Senior Program** 📍 **Sapphire Room**
Why the Senior Program matters for every patroller and how local patrols can encourage, mentor, and support candidates.
Presenters: Nicholas Mills, Karl Uhlig, Colleen Finch, Jeff Motley, & Team
- ✓ **Effective Patrol Communication: Websites, Socials, & Outreach** 📍 **Room 103**
Best practices for improving patrol communication, recruiting new members, and strengthening public awareness.
Presenters: Abbie Motley, Becky Schatz, and Emily Sakariassen
- ✓ **OEC Program Updates: What Patrollers Need to Know** 📍 **Room 107**
Clear and accessible updates for OEC technicians, instructors, and patrol leaders.
Presenters: Kurt Weinberg, John Fradette, and team
- ✓ **Avalanche Training or Mountain Travel and Rescue Skills** 📍 **Pavilion (Outside)**
A hands-on outdoor session focused on avalanche awareness or practical MTR skills.
Presenters: Troy Walker and team

ROUND 2 SESSIONS

9:30 - 10:10am

SATURDAY

- ✔ **Building Strong Patrol Teams** 📍 **Bitterroot Room**
Practical ideas for creating stronger, more engaged, and dependable patrol teams.
Presenters: Deb Huestis, Bridgette Paddock, Brian Beattie and Dan Schaefer
- ✔ **Healthy Patrollers: Physical and Mental Wellness** 📍 **Sapphire Room**
Supporting physical fitness, mental wellness, peer support, and personal resilience.
Presenters: Jeff Azure, Toni Ilgen, and Chuck Allen
- ✔ **Supporting Women and Protecting Youth in Our Patrols** 📍 **Room 103**
An inclusive discussion about women’s programs, youth protection responsibilities, and creating a safe patrol environment.
Presenters: Deb Huestis and Vicki Motley
- ✔ **Registration and Roster Management Made Easier** 📍 **Room 107**
Helpful practices and tools for members involved in patrol registration, administration, and roster management.
Presenter: Bill Lay
- ✔ **Avalanche Training or Mountain Travel and Rescue Skills** 📍 **Pavilion (Outside)**
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ROUND 3 SESSIONS

10:15 - 10:55am

SATURDAY

- ✔ **Strengthening Patrol Culture and Team Dynamics** 📍 **Bitterroot Room**
Building trust, improving teamwork, & creating a healthy & supportive patrol culture.
Presenters: Deb Huestis, Bridgette Paddock, and Dan Schaefer
- ✔ **Senior Program Development and Mentorship** 📍 **Sapphire Room**
How patrols can develop Senior candidates through effective mentorship, preparation, and ongoing support.
Presenters: Nicolas Mills, Brian Beattie, John Fradette, and Allan Rabbitt
- ✔ **Digital Communication and Texting Best Practices** 📍 **Room 103**
Helpful guidance for using email, texting, websites, and other digital tools effectively and professionally.
Presenters: Mike Marlow, Abbie Motley, and additional team member
- ✔ **OEC Program Updates: Second Session** 📍 **Room 107**
A repeat opportunity for patrollers and instructors who were unable to attend the first OEC update session.
Presenters: Kurt Weinberg, John Fradette, and team
- ✔ **Avalanche Training or Mountain Travel and Rescue Skills** 📍 **Pavilion (Outside)**
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ROUND 4 SESSIONS

11:00 - 11:40am

- ✓ **Patrol Finances and Long-Term Planning** 📍 **Bitterroot Room**
Budgeting, financial awareness, succession planning, and practical strategies to support long-term patrol sustainability.
Presenters: Jeanette and additional presenters to be determined
- ✓ **Partnering w/ Area Management: Volunteer & Pro Patrol Collaboration** 📍 **Sapphire Room**
A discussion about what is working, common challenges, and ways to strengthen relationships between volunteer patrols, professional patrols, and ski area management.
Presenters: Allan Rabbitt, Karl Uhlig, and Toni Ilgen
- ✓ **Using NSP Technology and Website Tools Effectively** 📍 **Room 103**
Helpful digital resources and NSP website tools that can improve patrol administration, communication, training, and member engagement.
Presenters: To be determined
- ✓ **What's New in OET: Skills, Training, and Program Direction** 📍 **Room 107**
Updates for patrollers interested in Outdoor Emergency Transportation skills, training opportunities, and future program development.
Presenters: Brian Beattie, Mike Marlow, Nicolas Mills, and Trevor Motley
- ✓ **Avalanche Training or Mountain Travel and Rescue Skills** 📍 **Pavilion (Outside)**
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LUNCH & LEARN

11:30am - 12:15pm

- 📍 **Cutthroat & Grizzly Rooms**
- ✓ Network with Patrollers from across the Northern Division

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OEC REFRESHER

12:30 - 5:30pm

- 📍 **Check in & Present Online Completion Certificate in Cutthroat & Grizzly Rooms**
- 📍 Refresher stations will be located outside around the hotel unless inclement weather exists. In case of inclement weather Refresher will happen in the following locations: Bitterroot, Sapphire, Pavilion, Room 103, & Room 107.

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PLEASE DROP OFF SILENT/LIVE AUCTION ITEMS IN THE CUTTHROAT/GRIZZLY ROOM PRIOR TO THE OEC REFRESHER.

Patrol representatives please bring an item/items on behalf of your patrol.

COCKTAIL HOUR & SILENT AUCTION

6:30pm

SATURDAY

- 📍 Cutthroat & Grizzly Rooms
- ✔️ Network with fellow patrollers and alumni.

NORTHERN DIVISION AWARDS BANQUET

7:30pm - End

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- 📍 Cutthroat & Grizzly Rooms
- ✔️ Celebrate the achievements of patrollers from across the Northern Division

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

8:00am - Finished

SUNDAY

- 📍 Bitterroot Room
- ✔️ Annual meeting of the Local Patrol Reps, Division Officers, and the Division Program Supervisors.

DON'T MISS A WEEKEND OF LEARNING, CAMARADERIE,
AND CELEBRATION!

