

Program: Enhanced Patroller School 2024 (Multi-Day)

Date: September 13th-15th, 2024

Location: Swain Ski Resort, 2275 County Road 24, Swain, NY, (Genesee Valley Region)

Course Code: EPS2024_GV

Course title: "Patroller Enrichment Seminar-Enhanced Patroller School hosted by Swain Ski Resort-Genesee Valley Region"

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Cost: \$100

Program Description:

This program is open to any patroller: candidate, Basic, Senior candidate, Senior, Certified candidate, Certified, Mountain Host . In this very concentrated weekend we will focus on the core areas of OEC skills, Low Angle Rope Rescue, and Chair Evac. We may add additional components as the course itinerary is developed. We will work on skills throughout the weekend and apply them to an MCI drill on Sunday morning where you will put those new skills to work. This program is a Patroller Enrichment Seminar and counts as a Senior elective.

The hallmark of this program is that every attendee brings something to the event, skills, life experiences, ideas, and questions. We learn from each other. We discuss, demonstrate, and practice skills, techniques, risk management issues, and look for ways to improve our patroller skills. This program is hands-on with a focus of sharing knowledge. OEC will work on refining our patient assessments, bandaging and transportation techniques. Low Angle will practice how to set up a variety of low angle rope rescue rigs. Chair Evac will focus on different equipment and techniques, and in general best practices.

There will be patrollers here from many different Regions, with different approaches to everything we do as patrollers. You may very well see an idea that answers a question that your mountain has struggled with for years. Our hope is that after attending this weekend you will have learned some new ideas or techniques that you can take back to your area, share with your fellow patrollers, and start the discussion. You may also meet members for the local EMS system that are experts in their fields. We can learn a lot about many things that also apply to ski patrolling, and interaction with the EMS system beyond our home areas.

On Sunday morning we will stage an MCI and put these skills to work, rescuing a number of injured persons. Our OEC program is always fully moulaged for the realism, and that aids us as patrollers down the road. There may be other realistic sound and visual effects used, which may include, but not limited to loud noises, minor explosions, smoke, blood, and screaming, etc., based on the MCI scenario requirements. Outside EMS agencies may also be incorporated into the drill.

Tent camping (or camper camping) will be available at the area, or at nearby campgrounds. There are also B&B's in the area for a more civilized experience.

What to bring:

- Yourself
- an open mind
- questions that you have always wanted to know relative to ski patrolling

- Any gear you would like to bring and use, whether it be harnesses, or low angle gear, traction splints, backboarding straps, low angle gear, etc., **CLEARLY LABELED WITH YOUR AREA'S NAME**
- your first aid pack with gloves, and disposable supplies, i.e. tape, 4x4's, Kling, etc.
- gear appropriate to the weather forecast

What is being provided:

- Food for the weekend is included in the course fee. Coffee and water will be available throughout the weekend.
- We will ask you to show your culinary skills and bring a dish to pass.
- We are known for feeding the participants at this school, and if you go home hungry at the end of the weekend, it's your own fault.
- a fun, positive, no pressure learning environment
- answers to your ski patrolling questions
- a chance to try gear and techniques you may never have tried, seen, didn't know existed, or hadn't thought to use.

Come prepared to get dirty, and maybe a little bloody (again fully moulaged). Have fun, and come to learn. This class will fill up quickly, so do not hesitate, register today!! We look forward to seeing you in September.

Registration:

You log into your account at National, and go into the "Center for Learning". Click in the Yellow Course Catalog box, find the magnifying glass search box and type "Patroller Enrichment Seminar-Enhanced Patroller School hosted by Swain Ski Resort-Genesee Valley Region". Our course is right there. Once you have registered for the course, additional registration materials will be emailed to you.