



# The Southern Cross



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Julie Rousos Timmons, Region Director

Summer 2025

## PAST REGION

### DIRECTORS

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2018-2024

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Ken Meldahl  
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1976-1980

Randy Schulze  
1974-1976

Joe Darby  
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1972-1973

Tod Elston  
1971-1972

Vic Roycraft  
1970-1971

Joe Darby  
1966-1970



Pictured Above: Certificate of Appreciation for Training Recipients  
2025 Southern Region Banquet

## FIRST TRACKS

### Julie Rousos Timmons, Southern Region Director

What a wonderful banquet Section 4 hosted in Michigan City, Indiana this year! A big thank you to Brian Philips and his team for organizing it! It was an honor to recognize so many of our Southern Region patrollers with well deserved awards. You'll enjoy reading through the list of patrollers in this issue that were honored this year.

The Region Banquet weekend is a flurry of meetings and activities. This year we offered an Instructor Development Course, and a Mountain Travel and Rescue Course in the Indiana Dunes National Park. I briefly attended both courses. I was happy for Cliff Mills who did a great job and who got fantastic instructor input from our Region ID team: Liz Kruk, Gretchen and Tom Haake, and Joe Zarek. John Yunger, organized a great MTR course. Jeff Olsen, our incoming Division Director and I, enjoyed sharing our dinner meal with them. You'd be surprised how far dehydrated meals have come along. Maybe it was because we were cold and very hungry but the chicken and pasta alfredo, and spicy pork and rice were delicious!

We had three Region Meetings: a Region Advisors meeting, a Patrol Representatives Meeting and our Region Board Meeting. All three meetings were very well attended.

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## FIRST TRACKS - CONTINUED



For those of you that have not attended a Region weekend in the past, they are a great opportunity to meet patrollers from other areas. 15 of our 16 patrols were represented at this event!

Next year our end of season banquet will be hosted by Section 5 and will take place somewhere in the state of Missouri. It's already on my calendar, April 24-26, 2026 in case you want to mark yours as well!

I sat in on the National Bike Patrol forum and learned that National is creating a new classification called Primary Additional Classification. This new classification will allow Alpine areas that offer mountain biking a path to have alpine patrollers rostered as bike patrollers without having to set up a completely separate patrol. If you have questions about the program, Jeremy Verbeke is our National Bike Program Advisor - [bike@NSPserver.org](mailto:bike@NSPserver.org) or look on the National website for more information - [NSPBikeProgram](https://www.nspbikeprogram.org).

I was very lucky to be able to present some very special people with their Years of Service pins and certificates in person. It was wonderful to spend time with my mentors. Pictured below receiving their over 200 years of service in total are (L to R) Ken Meldahl 55 years, Corky Kahn 60 years, Brian Cobble 45 years, and Loretta Cobble 45 years. Another photo that includes 5 past and present Region Directors! (L to R) Ken Meldahl (2003-2009), Brian Cobble (2000-2003), Julie RT (Current), Corky Kahn (1991-2000), Chuck Martschinke (1987-1991). The patrollers in these photos represent icons in our Southern Region that have served from the Patrol level to the National level in their many years of service. We are so lucky to have their continued support!

Wishing you all a tremendous off season. Enjoy whatever it is you like to do!

✚ Julie



**Recognition  
Over 200 combined years of service**



**Past and Present Region Directors**



## ASSISTANT REGION DIRECTORS



Brian Parrish

Hello Southern Region Patrollers!

I'd like to thank Jeff Hanley who will be stepping aside as MTR or Mountain Travel and Rescue advisor and played a role in getting new energy into the program. At the culmination of Jeff's run we are handing the reins to a new MTR advisor, John Yunger, who led the recent MTR at the banquet weekend where we completed our first MTR course in a few years to get the bugs out. With that success, we're looking to build interest in the program by showcasing it here on the Southern Cross and additional outreach. The general idea of MTR for those who haven't heard of it before, is a series of courses to gain additional useful skills in the outdoor environment. The MTR 1 course involves learning various knots, putting those knots to use with a low angle rescue session, orienteering and an overnight camping session. Look for another session in the 2025-2026 season if you missed out on the course held over the banquet weekend, reach out to your Patrol Rep if you have any questions. We plan to get the word out using the Southern Cross as well as by email as we solidify a date and place so stay tuned! Thank you Jeff and John!

For my usual IT update, last season was really productive for updating our systems! With that behind us, my next goals are to create an online store for merch at our website (mostly t-shirts and coffee mugs - I have one of each and LOVE the coffee mug!), update our awards database and expand access using a zero or low cost system and pivot our event registration platform that is currently used for banquets to something managed directly off our website. You'll also notice a changed awards intake form for the 2025-2026 awards season which is live now! All of these changes will help make our website [www.srnsp.org](http://www.srnsp.org) more complete with features! As usual, I'm an open book for "nice to have" features on the website, if you have any suggestions for me to work on please send them to me at [info@srnsp.org](mailto:info@srnsp.org)!



Thanks and have a great summer!

✚ Brian



Jeff McElheny

Hello Southern Region Patrollers,

For some of us we have wound down from the ski season, others have now started their summer bike patrol duties.

Congratulations to the recipients at this year's award banquet. It was great to see all of you that attended and celebrate with the recipients.

Shortly we will be planning and start having area refreshers, until then enjoy the summer.

✚ Jeff

## ASSISTANT REGION DIRECTORS



Hello Patrollers,

Now that winter is over and our Region banquet is in the books, I want to start by saying thank you to all those that put in so much work into making the Region, as a whole, have a terrific year. Congrats to all the awards recipients at the banquet, especially the large amount of National Appointments that we had this year. Now that this year's awards are done, we have already opened up the awards submission tab on the Southern Region website for next year's banquet so get those submissions started.

Lenny Kunkel, Jr.

[Link to Awards Website](#)

On another note, everyone should check out the Division meeting happening in September in Milwaukee. There is a huge list of elective classes and great instructional classes. You can even complete your refresher early if wanted. I hope I see some of you there. Registration is now open for those interested.

Enjoy your summer,

✚ Lenny Kunkel

### 2025 Central Division Patroller Conference Milwaukee, WI



**September 5-7th**

For First Tracks - Central Division Patroller Conference info

[Click Here](#)

## SECTION CHIEFS

### SECTION 1

Greetings from Section 1,



*Rich Davis*

I would like to start with a “Thanks to Section 4 for your hospitality and successful presentation of the Regional Awards Banquet.” The organization and preparation paid off, as I would believe everyone who attended enjoyed themselves. If you have never attended the banquet, I would encourage you to make the effort to be present and become involved.

Regarding awards, multiple years of service, certificates of appreciation and service awards were distributed. Seven Oaks had several awards presented to their members / staff that include Regional Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol, Outstanding Young Adult Patroller and a spouse was presented with an Angel Pin. There were five patrollers presented with National Appointments, two of which are members from Section 1. Congratulations to all. It takes nominations to allow these awards to be processed, without your nomination or write ups to recognize your fellow members, the awards will not occur.

As the warm weather months are upon us, it only means several of our areas are going to be setting up for their off-season activities. Chestnut Mtn will have their Farside Bike Park in action, as well as the other activities they provide during the warm season. Seven Oaks will have kicked off their activities with the Gladiator Assault Challenge Weekend. They also offer various activities in their local area that include lazy river tubing on the Des Moines River.

Making a return presence in our area is Sleepy Hollow in the Des Moines metro. This area in the past had a patrol and offered winter activities for skiing, boarding and tubing as well as multiple warm weather activities. Under new management, they are providing off-season skiing, boarding and tubing on a special surface called Snowflex that will allow recreation on the hill during the spring, summer and fall seasons. See page 28 for more info.

Before we know it, the OEC Refresher Season will be in progress. I encourage all to review listings of dates for refreshers throughout the Region. If you are unable to attend your local event, you will need to contact the instructor of record for your intention to attend as a visitor so that they can provide proper accommodation in preparation of your attendance.

✚ Rich Davis



**New!**

**Follow Southern Region Ski Patrol**

**Facebook: Southern Region NSP**

**Instagram: @SouthernregionNSP**



## SECTION CHIEFS

### SECTION 2



*Kirk Larson*

I hope everyone had a great ski season and is getting ready for summer activities! I had the pleasure of attending the Senior OEC evaluation at Sundown. We had 4 out of 4 pass Senior OEC in our Section 2! Congratulations to Mark Briel and John Yunger from Four Lakes in completing their Senior modules, Lynda Randa (Four Lakes), and Noah Wendt (Wilmot) for passing their Senior OEC module with Skiing and Toboggan to come next.

I am very impressed by the continuing efforts by all that participated as candidates, patients, helpers, evaluators and leadership; that ensure we are all doing our part to provide exceptional first responder care to the area guests and others that may need help. If you have the time and desire, the senior program will help you improve your skills and confidence as a patroller.

The Southern Region Banquet was held in April in Michigan City, IN. This was a great time, lots of awards were presented and it was great! Please plan on attending next year when Section 5 hosts the event and become involved where you can.

Please recognize someone that goes beyond the normal day to day duties as a patroller and nominate them for an award on the region website. This is a great way to honor someone that goes beyond the "normal" to help or promote what we all enjoy as patrollers.

We welcome 2 new PR's in our section, Grand Geneva – Rob Kinsch and Wilmot – Mark Brinkman.

This will be my last report as the Section 2 Chief. Tim Spencer from Grand Geneva will be assuming this role and he will be great! I hope to see many of you at the fall refreshers!

✚ Kirk Larson

## MTR Class Photos



## SECTION CHIEFS

### SECTION 3



Joe Nakanishi

Some Nordic patrollers participated in the Mountain Travel and Rescue (MTR) course held during the Region Banquet. The course was held at the Indiana Dunes National Park near Michigan City, Indiana. The course was instructed by John Yunger from Four Lakes Ski Patrol.

The MTR Program provides education to prepare patrollers for search and rescue and navigation in wilderness terrain. Knowledge of these skills is helpful to Nordic patrolling because of trails and events held in wilderness areas. Shown below are patrollers learning food preparation (and eating!) and low angle rescue techniques using a Z-line. Can you recognize Region and Division Directors, Julie Timmons and Jeff Olsen?

Have a great summer!

✚ Joe Nakanishi



**Preparing for dinner**



**Low Angle Rescue**

**Southern Cross is now delivered right to your inbox.**

**Please share the news with your fellow patrollers.**

**Update your email address on your NSP online profile & check your spam or junk folder.**



## SECTION CHIEFS

### SECTION 4



Brian Philips

Well, winter is behind us. Most, if not all, of our last ski trips for the season are over. Time to get those nagging injuries taken care of. For me, that is a damaged shoulder. Another great candidate season for our Section and just in time. With the average age of a Patroller creeping higher, it is inevitable that a few folks take a step back or two every year. We hope to capture their spirit in the MVP program and keep them close. So, new folks are always a welcoming site to any Patrol. We produced a few more Seniors this year as well.

This Spring, it was our Section's honor to host the Region Banquet, and a great time was had by all! My favorite was the ice cream bar! We had a new recipient of a National Appointment from our section this year, congrats Lauren Wroblewski! Biggest news was the purchase of Swiss Valley by the Perfect Group, the same folks who own Perfect North and another resort in WV. They are all about making snow often and having long seasons and automation. Probably means online accident reports are coming the Swiss Valley direction.

You know what else summer is great for? Bike Patrol! Get together with people you already know and like spending time with and keep those legs in shape! Lastly, summer is a great time to think about seminars and training that would be valuable to you, your Patrol, and your Section. We have so many to choose from, talk it over. Great Women's programs, a Mountaineering course, maybe, perhaps we could get an Avalanche course together in the east and west of the Region. Take a count of instructors in your patrols.

Anyway, have a great summer folks! Hope to start seeing many of you this fall as we ramp up! Getting a group together to go watch summer training on ski jumping at the Norge as well! My favorite way to do it is to watch from a boat on the river at the end of the jump!

✚ Brian Philips





## SECTION CHIEFS

### SECTION 5

Hello everyone,

Wishing everyone some summer relaxation after the great winter of snow for our resorts this past season.



Tom Haake

It was great to catch up with patrollers from throughout the region at the Region banquet in Michigan City, Indiana April 25-26. If you were an award recipient in Section 5 and were not present, and your patrol did not have representation, I will get all awards to Section 5 patrols by June. For the next Region banquet, Section 5 is looking forward to hosting it in April 2026, and we are currently in the planning stages. Please be on the lookout for information.

Even though the snowsports season has ended in the midwest, there are patrol activities still happening. Some are a change in patrolling activities e.g. Bike patrols - mountain bikes and motocross bikes, and others are initial preparations for Fall OEC Refreshers and OEC courses.

Speaking of OEC courses, if you are interested in becoming an instructor, such as OEC or OET, now is the time to take the Instructor Development course. By doing it now, you can be ready to help and get practice teaching OEC when the OEC course starts or when OET training starts at your hill.

Have a safe and fun summer, and then start to think about snow.

✚ Tom Haake

## New Merchandise Coming Soon!



The NSP requires Patrol Representatives of local patrols as well as Region, Division and National leadership to complete youth safety training through an NSP approved training course every three years. This policy also includes NSP Instructors that conduct training programs involving youth under the age of 18 years of age.

[Youth Safety Training Link](#)

# Calling all Southern Region Patrollers!

Please cast your vote on the new Southern Region logo design  
Votes are due : July 31st

Click [HERE](#) to vote

*\*One vote per registered Southern Region Patroller allowed.  
All votes must be submitted through the online voting link found on the Region website.*

Option 1: NSP Outer Ring



Option 2: NSP Cross



Option 3: NSP Shield





# **SKI PATROLLER WELLNESS**

## **Wellness Activities by Sue Smith**

**BREATHE.** Really. Conscientiously paying close attention to the process.

**STEP OUTSIDE YOURSELF** - See the bigger picture: Look beyond the man-made obstacles:

- 1) Be the first up at sunrise-wherever you are- and take it all in. Look. Listen. Feel. Smell.
- 2) Be the last one to retire, and do the same.

**CONSULT WITH TEAMMATES.** Compare notes. Brainstorm. Write it down. Review together.

**BREAK A HABIT.** Any habit, even if just for a while. It's about the self-discipline.

**GO PLAY IN THE DIRT!** Plant something and actually get your hands dirty.

**INVESTIGATE** who/what else lives in your yard - get down and watch ants work industriously. Follow a bumble - or honey bee around (are their pollen baskets - on their hind legs full yet?)

**GET NEAR WATER.** Or in it. Or on it, even if it's just to stand on a pier and contemplate....

\*Take The Doobie Bro's advice and **LISTEN TO THE MUSIC!**

Nature's music, your favorites, or old records (Yes, I said records! Old tape are good, too)

**DIG OUT OLD PHOTOS** - of family, friends, events, trips, etc. Get lost in your history.

**BUILD SOMETHING:** a quilt, an elaborate dessert, a bench, a barn, pottery, crafts, sewing, whatever. Just work with your hands.

**SET CHORES ASIDE...**for a moment, at least, and do what you'd rather.

**READ** - Transport yourself via a good book!

**PUT OUT BIRDFEEDERS.....**and squirrel feeders, and corn for everyone else.....

**SIT QUIETLY....**preferably outdoors, but anywhere you can grab a few peaceful moments to yourself is restorative.

**FIND A PERSONAL SPACE** to which you can retreat when need be.

**STRETCH!** Everything!

**GO TAKE A HIKE!...**or at least a vigorous walk; extended physical exercise is a well-known stress reliever.

# SKI PATROLLER WELLNESS

## Wellness Activities by Sue Smith

SING! Really. Channel your inner Aretha; no one's listening. Or play your instrument. Again, it's just you! :-)

TURN IT ALL OFF! If it plugs in somewhere, unplug it and walk away. Trust me, you'll survive.

Get away from the light pollution and STUDY THE NIGHT SKY. If you can do it on the water, even better!

MEDITATE. The strategy is your choice.

COLOR! Really! There are many challenging grown-up coloring books available, and besides, who doesn't LOVE a brand new box of Crayola Crayons?

And finally, from time to time, we just need to step out the back door and SCREAM AT THE TOP OF OUR LUNGS! It's a good move: it brings LOTS of fresh oxygen to the brain.

For more information on Patroller Wellness activities, or to get involved with the NSP Patroller Wellness Taskforce, please visit [Patroller Wellness at NSP.org](https://www.srnsp.org/patroller-wellness)





# 2025 Southern Region Awards Banquet

## Certificate of Appreciation - Training

Yvonne Mlynarczyk - Four Lakes

Brian Parrish - Seven Oaks

Dave Malhiot - Wilmot Mountain

Ernie Mueller - Hidden Valley

Glenn Kahn - Wilmot Mountain

James Lamb - Glacial Park

Janet Murphy Ryan - DPRN

Jodie Bramel - Sundown

Jonathan Heyl - Glacial Park

Julie Stone - Hidden Valley

Kim Zambole - Grand Geneva

Kirk Larsen - Wilmot Mountain

Mark Briel - Four Lakes

Mike Vaerewyck - Swiss Valley

Nancy Fudali - Grand Geneva

Rich Davis - Chestnut

Robert Good - Chestnut

Rodney Sandman - Chestnut

Tom Haake - Hidden Valley

Tom Smith - Swiss Valley

Wayne Stopplemoor - Sundown



**Meritorious Service Award  
Dave Malhiot**





## Certificate of Appreciation - OEC Testing

Jeff McElheny - Swiss Valley

Mindy Royster - Seven Oaks

Joseph Zuccaro - Sundown

Mike Burley - Sundown

Brian Parrish - Seven Oaks

Dave Gratton - Sundown

John Schroeder - Sundown

Ernie Mueller - Hidden Valley

John Hamilton - Snow Creek

Wincie Doffing - Sundown

Greg Lehman - Chestnut

Hason Erdmann - Tyrol Basin

Tom Smith - Swiss Valley

Sue Smith - Swiss Valley

Nancy Fudali - Grand Geneva

Jim Oberfoell - Sundown

Patrick Perlman - Wilmot Mountain

Kristin Druwe - Four Lakes

Kirk Larsen - Wilmot Mountain

Christopher Morris - Wilmot Mountain

Christine Morris - Wilmot Mountain

Geri Buelow - Sundown

Mike Vaerewyck - Swiss Valley

Peter Shearer - Sundown

Spencer Vaughn - Seven Oaks

Anna DeWitt - Sundown

Rich Davis - Chestnut Mountain

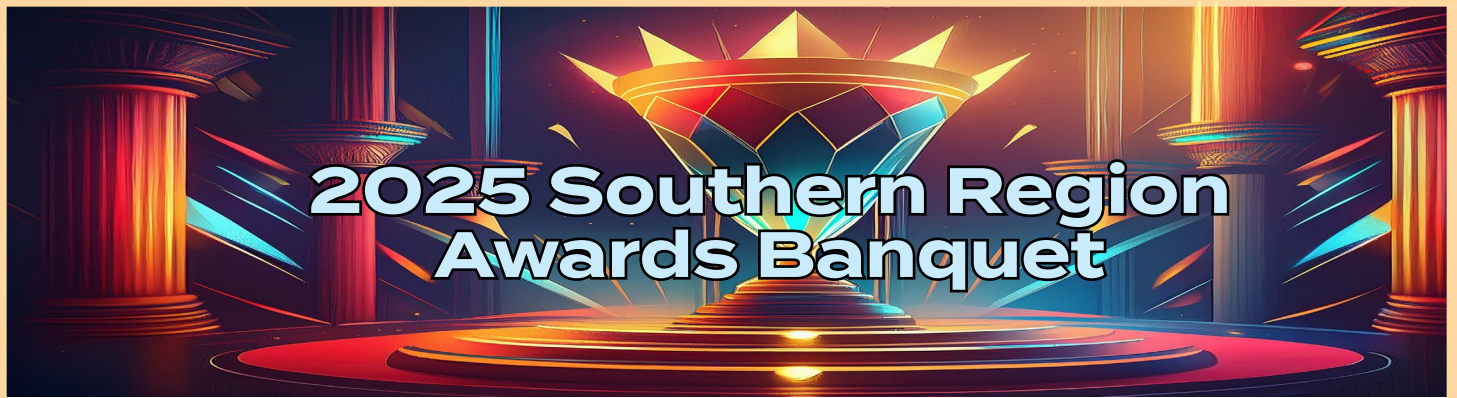
Peter Ries - Chestnut Mountain

Drew Gratton -

*Son of Sundown Patroller Dave Gratton*







*Special thanks to Randy Johnston (Villa Olivia) for the beautiful banquet pictures*

**This year, we're recognizing over **3,140** years of patrol experience.**

**20 years:**

Chad Anderson - Wilmot Mountain  
Stacie Carpenter - Swiss Valley  
Brad Huth - Hidden Valley  
Kirk Larson - Wilmot Mountain  
Micah Luffman - Snow Creek  
Eric Maher - Sundown  
Janet Murphy Ryan - DPRN/Grand Geneva  
Harley Tom - Wilmot Mountain  
Brian Parrish - Seven Oaks  
Robert Powell - Hidden Valley  
Jeff Weffelmeyer - Hidden Valley  
John Eisenman - Alumni  
Catherine Gleason - Alumni  
Newton Siegel - Alumni  
Jerome Ryczek - Alumni (2024 recognition)  
Stephen Gordon - Alumni (2024 recognition)  
Art Angelopoulos - Alumni (2024 recognition)

**25 years:**

Tina Allen - Sundown  
Bret Duesdieker - Four Lakes  
Natalie Faes - Swiss Valley  
James Heiland - Grand Geneva  
Gene Lefave - Wilmot Mountain  
Kevin McQuillan - Four Lakes  
Joseph Mihalec - Four Lakes  
Gary Pearsall - Snowstar  
Beth Schroeder - Grand Geneva  
Peter Shearer - Sundown  
Troy Wert - Snow Creek  
Daryl Packard - Alumni  
Gene Walker - Alumni (2024 recognition)  
Louis Landman - Alumni (2024 recognition)  
Kathy Abdul - Alumni (2024 recognition)



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**30 years:**

Debra Allison - Chestnut Mountain  
 Jackie Crowley - Snowstar  
 Guy Franz - Grand Geneva  
 John Hamilton - Snow Creek  
 Craig Nathanson - Hidden Valley  
 Gail Riedesel - Snowstar  
 Eric Roush - Hidden Valley  
 Julie Rousos Timmons - DPRN & Wilmot  
 Kathleen Schmidt - Glacial Park  
 Kevin Viksten - Seven Oaks  
 Patricia Michals - Alumni  
 M. Scott Barrett - Alumni (2024 recognition)  
 David Zedonis - Alumni (2024 recognition)  
 Greg Thompson - Alumni (2024 recognition)  
 Tony Rossignuolo - Alumni (2024 recognition)

**35 years:**

Jacob Rausch - Chestnut Mountain  
 Sarah Eisenberg - Grand Geneva  
 Victoria Friel - Snow Creek  
 Eric Lonvick - Wilmot Mountain  
 April Maifield - Grand Geneva  
 Michael Rees - Alumni  
 Robert Hooks - Alumni

**40 years:**

Stephen Carter - Alumni  
 Mark Odeen - Norsk Nordic  
 Randall Baustert - Alumni  
 Alex Kyle - Alumni (2024 recognition)





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### **45 years:**

Brian Cobble - Swiss Valley  
 Loretta Cobble - Swiss Valley  
 Randy Johnston - Villa Olivia  
 Terry Prislinger - Wilmot Mountain  
 Ralph Skorupa - Wilmot Mountain  
 Ruthann Thoresen - Grand Geneva  
 Richard Keane - Alumni  
 Robert Lange - Alumni  
 Peter Nowak - Alumni

### **50 years:**

Kevin Moss - Seven Oaks  
 Nanette Patnaude - Grand Geneva  
 (2024 recognition)  
 Marlene Senescu - Grand Geneva  
 (2024 recognition)  
 Stu Senescu - Grand Geneva  
 (2024 recognition)  
 Michael Maifield - Alumni (2024 recognition)  
 Joseph Sarghan - Alumni (2024 recognition)



### **55 years:**

John Cooke - Alumni  
 Randall Woodman - Alumni  
 Sharon Woodman - Alumni  
 Ken Meldahl - Alumni (2024 recognition)  
 Charles Ellison - Alumni (2024 recognition)  
 Helen Korth - Alumni (2024 recognition)





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**60 years:**

Robert Braun - Alumni

Art Buckley - Alumni

Butch Fuller - Alumni

Caroll McIntosh - Wilmot Mountain

Tom Schmit - Alumni

James Solazzo - Alumni

George Flentge - Alumni (2024 recognition)

Corky Khan - Alumni (2024 recognition)

**Angel Pins**

*Angel pins are awarded to non-members who provide valuable contributions to the NSP & Southern Region.*

Ashley Parrish

Kim Larsen

**Southern Cross**

***Mark Briel***

Outstanding service & administrative skills as  
Patrol Director and OET Instructor

***Joe Nakanishi***

Outstanding service and training for Nordic  
patrollers

***Jerry Massengale***

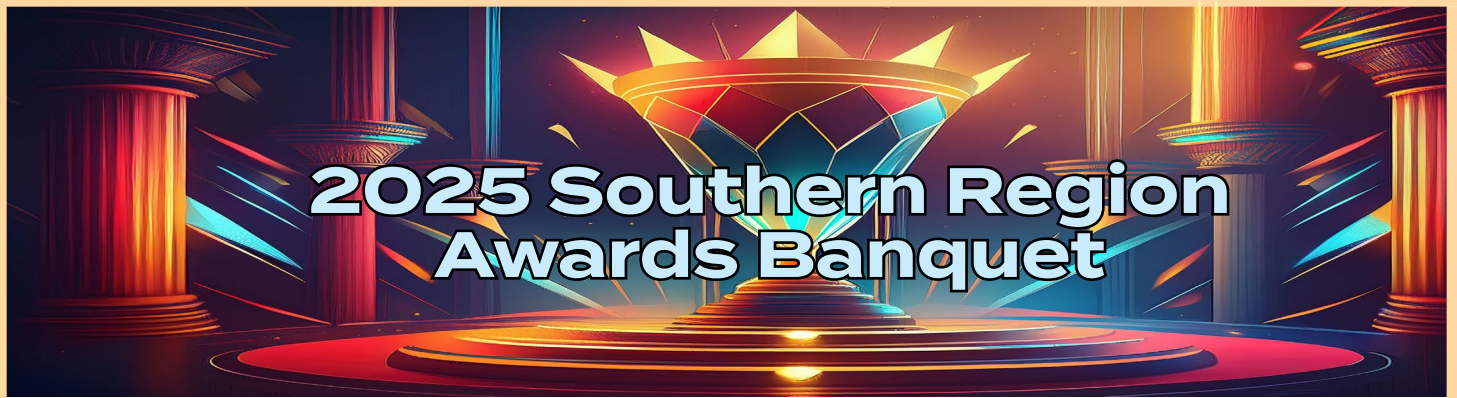
Outstanding service and leadership of  
patrollers at Oak Ridge and Fun Valley

***Liz Kruk***

Outstanding service, involvement and  
dedication to teaching ID and OEC classes  
and refreshers.

***John Yunger***

Outstanding service and leadership as Patrol  
Director and Instructor.



## **Southern Cross Repeats**

***Glenn Kahn***

RSC Admin - Legal Advisor

***Jeff Schmidt***

RSC Admin - Awards

***Joe Zarek***

RSC Admin - ID Advisor

***Lauren Wroblewski***

RSC Admin - Women's Program Advisor

***Jeff McElheny***

RSC Admin - Finance

***Patrick Perlman***

RSC Admin - Awards

***Randy Johnston***

RSC Admin -Photography

***Jon Malhiot***

RSC Training -OET Program

## **Southern Cross Repeats**

***Jodie Bramel***

RSC Training - Proficiency Advisor

***Nancy Fudali***

RSC Admin - Treasurer & Finance

***Lee Ann Stodart***

RSC Admin - Recruiting

***Mindy Royster***

RSC Admin - SR Secretary, OEC Advisor &  
Senior OEC Advisor

***Kirk Larsen***

RSC Training - Senior OEC-MSP Candidates

## **Continuous Service Award**

***Frank Randall CS1***

***Jeff Schmidt CS2***







## **Southern Region Outstanding Awards**

**Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol**

***Seven Oaks Ski Patrol***

**Outstanding Young Adult Patroller**

***Clair Banowetz***

**National Certificate of Appreciation**

**For many years of service on Birkebeiner Committee**

***Kathy Schmidt***

***Jeff Schmidt***

**Meritorious Service Award**

***Outstanding service and leadership as Region  
staff for at least 3 years***

***Dave Malhiot***

**Distinguished Service Award**

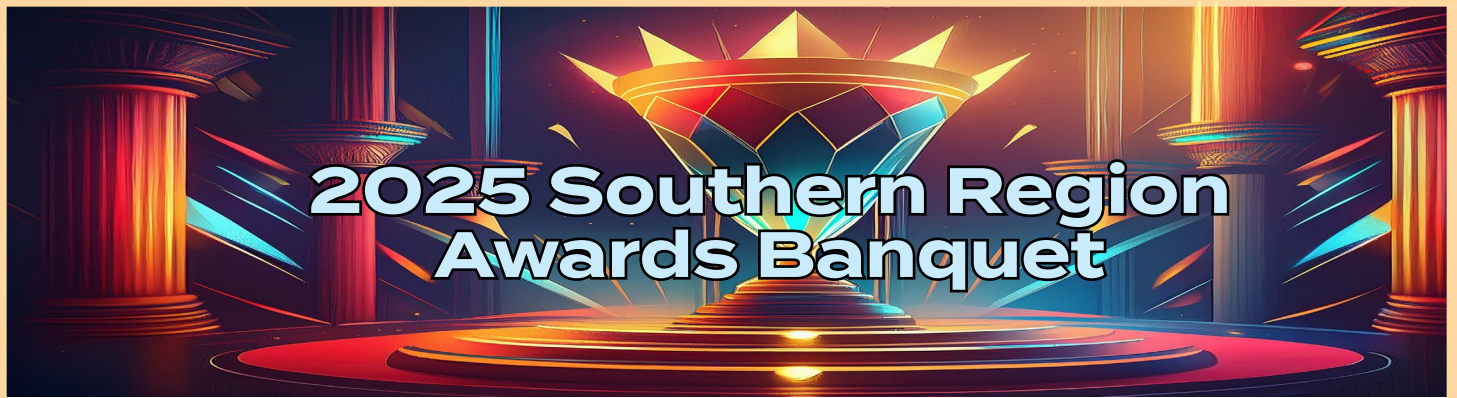
***Extraordinary service for over 20 years***

***Kathy Schmidt***

***Mike Vaerewyck***







## **National Appointments**

*A patroller who has demonstrated leadership, good character, diplomacy, positive attitude, good judgement, quality patrolling ability, desire to serve the public and has demonstrated extraordinary service to the National Ski Patrol.*

**Rich Davis**

*National Appointment #12396*

**Kirk Larsen**

*National Appointment #12397*

**Brian Parrish**

*National Appointment #12399*

**Lauren Wroblewski**

*National Appointment #12401*

**Joe Zarek**

*National Appointment #12409*



# Banquet Pictures

Submit your pictures for a chance to win a gift card!

Summer edition submission winner: Joe Nakanishi



**National Certificate of Appreciation  
Kathy Schmidt**



**Outstanding Large Alpine Patrol Award  
Seven Oaks Ski Patrol**



**Outstanding Young Adult Patrolter  
Claire Banowetz**

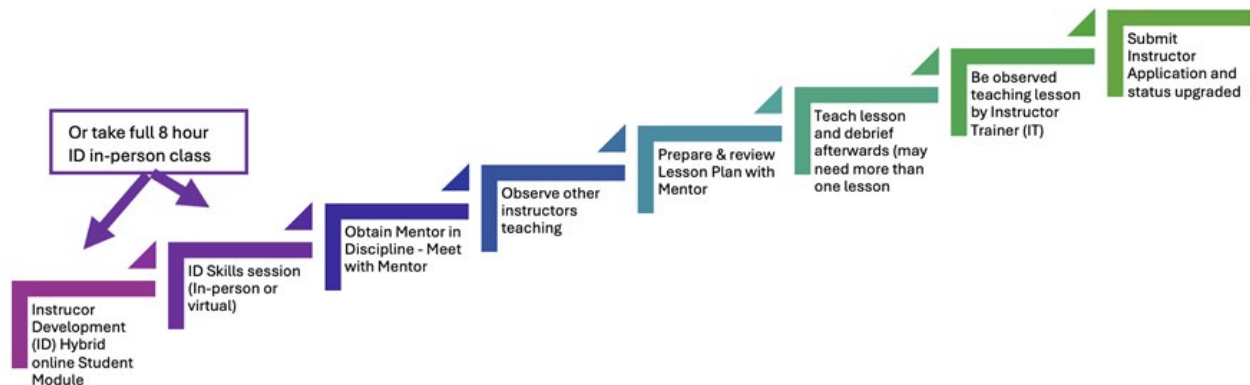


**Continuous Service Awards  
Frank Randall & Jeff Schmidt**



# Instructor Development

## Liz Kruk, ID Program Advisor



### What is it and how do I become an NSP Instructor?

The mission of the Instructor Development (ID) program is to provide future instructors with tools, skills, and resources to become a quality instructor thus ensuring quality instruction in all NSP disciplines. Training includes teaching skills and course management skills and is applicable for all potential instructors, regardless of the instructional content they wish to teach, e.g. OEC, OET, ID or MTR.

### How is the course designed?

In the past the course was delivered in a traditional face-to-face instructional format. Currently it is typically delivered as a Hybrid E-course consisting of a self-paced, web portion and a hands-on, face-to-face portion, either in person or virtual. Each instructor candidate then pairs with a current instructor in their discipline of choice. You practice teaching under supervision of your mentor, make adjustments and “GET GOOD” at being a teacher. A final teaching episode is performed with an Instructor Trainer present to objectively evaluate your mastery of teaching skills and curriculum content. You are then able to teach independently!

### What are the steps to becoming an instructor?

1. Register for and complete Online Student-Hybrid Modules in Center for Learning
2. Register for and complete a skills session (either in-person or virtual)
3. Find a mentor and practice teaching your discipline specific content
4. Perform a final teaching observation with an Instructor Trainer
5. Celebrate your success as a newly minted instructor and begin teaching independently!

Teaching deepens our understanding of program content, improves our skill set in assisting injured snow sport athletes of all levels, and enriches our appreciation of our NSP organization and peers.

We hope you will join us in pursuing your NSP instructor certification!



# Senior Program - Get Started on 2026

Jodie Bramel, Proficiency Advisor

Each season, I have the privilege of working with patrollers across our region pursuing their Senior status. Their motivations vary, but a common thread unites them—they are lifelong learners committed to growth, skill refinement, and often, leadership within their patrols.

Interested in Becoming a Senior Patroller in 2026? Start by consulting your Patrol Director and local trainers for an honest assessment of your skills. Speak with Senior Patrollers about their experiences and guidance.

## Next Steps:

- **Train & Prepare** – Attend Ski/Ride/Toboggan/OEC training and prep clinics. Volunteer at events to gain firsthand experience with the evaluation process. Attend [CD Spring and Fall Festivals](#) and SES, TES, OEC prep clinics, and other elective [educational courses](#).
- **Refine Your Skills** – Alpine candidates-have someone video you. Review video footage of your skiing/riding and toboggan handling across varied terrain, including moguls. Compare and contrast with [demonstration videos](#) on the CD website and seek feedback from your local instructors.
- **Study & Plan** – Visit the [Senior Candidate Information](#) page on the CD website (Programs>Senior). Determine which Senior Pathway you will pursue. Read the [Senior Manual](#), skill sign-off sheets, scorecards, and pre-evaluation requirements; Print copies for review and note-taking.
- **Apply** – Secure approval from your patrol director and trainers for the modules you intend to test. Complete the [Senior Candidate online application](#) online by January 1, 2026. Stay engaged—watch for emails on prep clinics and evaluation events from SR advisors.

Becoming a Senior Patroller offers leadership opportunities, advanced skills development, professional recognition, and personal growth. What's your reason?



Kenny Bozorgi, Senior Alpine Patroller



Mike Burley, Senior Alpine Patroller

## **Section 3 Section Chief Election**

### **Tom Smith, Region Elections Advisor**

This spring, the Region held elections for the Section Chief positions for both 2 and 5. I would like to congratulate Tim Spencer and Tom Haake as new Section Chiefs for Sections 2 and 5 respectively. I wish them good luck and success as new and returning Region Board Members and in working with their specific Sections and Patrols.

**Section 3, which consists of Des Plaines River Nordic, Glacial Park, and Norsk Nordic, is up for Section Chief Elections this coming season.**

The Section Chief serves a three-year term and sits as a voting member of the Region Board of Governors. Candidates for the position can be self-nominated, nominated by another active NSP member of the Section, nominated by a Region Nomination Board Member or by the Region Director. They also must be in “good standing,” that is current and up to date with National.

#### Qualifications:

1. Must be registered NSP member in the Section as their primary registration unit.
2. Must have been an NSP Patrol Representative for at least a year or registered as an NSP member for at least 5 years.
3. Must be familiar with current National, Division, Region, and, if relevant, Section policies and procedures.

#### Additional recommended (but not required) qualifications:

- Should have logged at least 45 days of active patrolling (excluding refreshers, tests, etc) with 1/3 of those days at a ski area in the section.
- Should have experience working with area management in an area within the section
- Should have actively participated in management of Region activities (attended Region meetings, helped/administered Region tests/training activities).
- Should be registered in the Division as a Senior Patroller in any discipline

#### Responsibilities:

- Facilitates communication to and from the Region Director, NSP Unit Representative, Ski Area Patrol Representative, and NSP members, and is responsible for any other duties, designated by the Region Board of Directors or the Region Director.
- Actively participates in Region functions off area.
- The Section Chief is expected to visit each Registration Unit within their section annually.
- The Section Chief is expected to perform as a mentor and coach to prospective NSP leaders within their section.

If anyone is interested, please contact me at 260-438-7593 or [tsmith@cmeconstruction.com](mailto:tsmith@cmeconstruction.com)

Have a great summer!

Tom Smith, Elections Advisor

# **Snowsport**

## **E-Bike 101**

### **Steve Ohms, Snowsport Advisor**

It seems that e-bikes are popping up in every corner of riding bikes. I discovered them in Germany where they are used as a replacement for vehicles on their extensive dedicated trail system. With my brother-in-law on a borrowed e-bike I discovered it was easy to ride 60 KM in a couple hours. Back in the US I started researching e-bikes and here's what I found. My interest is in off pavement riding so fatter tires and suspensions became a goal which is likely the goal of most bike patrollers. All e-bikes make normal humans as strong as Lance Armstrong without the alleged blood doping.

Virtually all e-bikes (especially at lower prices) are made in China. Even the high-end bikes get many of their components from China. As a result, we may see prices rise on future inventory. In today's market bikes range in price anywhere between \$1,000 and \$7,000 and you do get what you pay for. The upper end bikes are powerful, go anywhere, high-performance machines with exquisite fit and finish plus all premium components. The components are important because the power of the electric assist puts huge stress on components. Once you ride a high-end bike the others seem very sad. Just like the VW Bug is a German car it isn't a Porsche.

In the e-bike world the lowest cost / lowest performance bikes have their electric motors mounted in the rear hub. Higher performance bikes all have motors mounted in the middle near the crank. Some special purpose bikes have hub mounted motors mounted in both the front and back hubs for "Two Wheel Drive". Those with motors mounted in the center tend to be higher power and more efficient, plus they are better balanced for serious off-road trail riding.



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Not only are the motors important but the computer and sensor system is important for blending the energy you provide by pedaling with the motors. The two primary systems are torque sensor and cadence sensor. The torque sensor is found on the higher quality bikes and gives a much smoother experience. They use programming so when shifting gears, it smoothly pauses the power assist, just like expertly depressing and releasing the clutch on a manual transmission vehicle.

Recently at least one manufacture of premium mid motor bikes rolled out transmissions that replace the rear hub eliminating the need for external gears and a derailleur. These bikes are more expensive but are ideal for use in rough abusive environments where a normal derailleur and gears might get damaged. I can see them being resort owned bike patrol tools for hard use. Considering bike patrols use the better e-bikes have payloads of 300 lbs plus can tow a fully loaded trailer.

There are three classes of e-bikes: Class 1, 2, 3 & 4 which are the way that government agencies regulate which bikes can be used on managed trails. The bikes that my wife and I have are programmable and can be switched between classes so we can ride anywhere bikes are allowed. Traditional athletes in spandex and government regulators really hate getting passed by chubby folks with gray hair wearing plaid shirts.



If you are in the Kansas City area please contact me so I can give you the opportunity to ride a quality bike. As a result of our e-bike journey, we recently became dealers for Bakcou bikes from Utah. This isn't a sales pitch but we would love to help our Patrol Family discover the joy of e-bikes and help shorten learning curve.

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## **New Area Spotlight: Sleepy Hollow Des Moines, IA**

Sleepy Hollow – [www.sleepyhollowsportspark.com](http://www.sleepyhollowsportspark.com)

Sleepy Hollow is located at 4051 Dean Avenue, in Des Moines, Iowa. This area is south of the Iowa State Fairgrounds. It falls in the cities of Des Moines and Pleasant Hill.

In 1984, Rick and Mary Flatt opened Sleepy Hollow, running the area for 30 years. During that time, the 76-acre park offered snow tubing, skiing, snowboarding, golf, baseball batting cages, soccer fields, a climbing wall and go karts. With expansion over their ownership, the park expanded its activities to include a venue to host signature events like Renaissance Faires, concerts and Halloween activities.

In the fall of 2021, the Flatts reached an agreement to sell the property to Polk County with the understanding that Polk County Conservation would oversee the operation of the park. Two key staff, who have extensive knowledge and years of experience in the ski industry, were hired to begin working on the ownership transition.

The sale was finalized in 2022, and Polk County Conservation began an assessment of the land, facilities and operational needs. That same year, the organization announced that they would install the world's longest, all weather turf-surface tubing hill for year-round recreation. The park opened in spring of 2024.

What is this all-weather turf you ask? It is Snowflex, a world renowned 'wonder' product. Properly installed and maintained, it's the man-made surface that comes closest to closing the gap with real snow.

Key attributes of Snowflex are microfilament fibers that create the best slip and grip to provide the sport enthusiasts with an overall 'feel' like real snow. The integrated mist lubrication system, Biomist, creates a specific water droplet size small enough to rest on the top of the fiber bristles of the surface, lowering the friction to provide the 'snow' surface. Water will be drawn from Four Mile Creek and an onsite 3.5 million gallon pond. The built-in shock pad provides excellent impact protection, reducing the risk of injury and improving the fun factor. It is reported to be softer than hard-packed snow.

Snowflex conforms to any terrain design, no matter how extreme or nuanced it gets. It means slope design is limited only by other constraints like imagination, budget and available space.

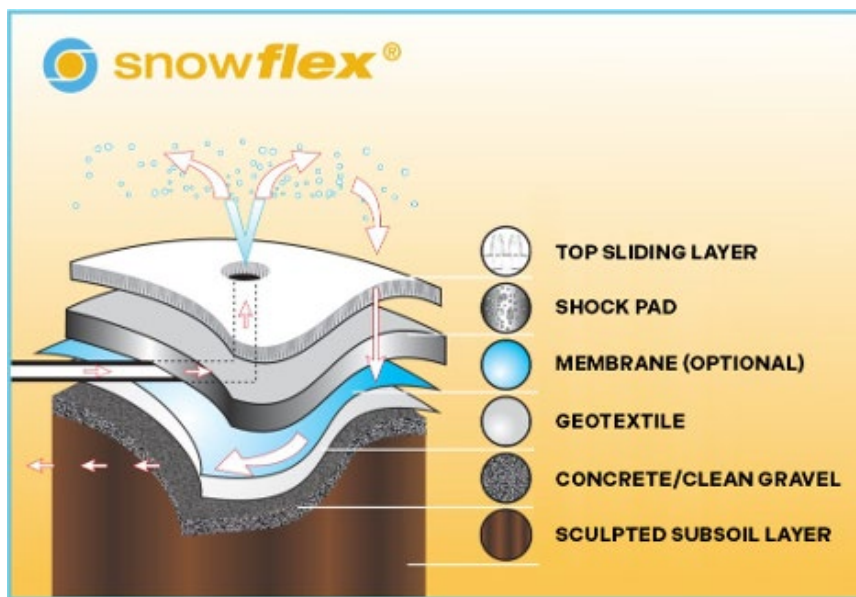
Currently, the park will be open in the spring and fall for skiing and tubing. As the warmer weather of summer occurs, the focus will be on providing snow tubing.

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## New Area Spotlight: Sleepy Hollow Des Moines, IA

Improvements are ongoing with the park area, working towards a new lift, ski runs and coverage of the hill to provide year-round enjoyment of the sport.

In closing, the management of the sports park is looking forward to becoming involved with the NSP community with representation at their area. They are wanting to follow the mission of our organization to ensure the safety and well-being of the community engaging in the activities of their recreation park.







## In Loving MEMORY

### Table of Honor

After our last awards banquet, several attendees inquired about the Table of Honor that was set up in the front of the room. I would like to explain the history and meaning of the set up.

The origin of the Missing Man Table, aka Fallen Comrade Table, comes from the military. It is a ceremony and memorial that is set up in military dining facilities of the United States Armed Forces and during official dining functions, in honor of the fallen, missing or imprisoned military services members. It serves as the focal point of ceremonial remembrance, originally growing out of US concern of the Vietnam War POW/MIA issue.

As noted in the speech provided in the beginning, it has been adopted and adapted to fit with many other public safety organizations. For our group, the symbolism remains almost identical, with only minimal variations.

The ceremony usually starts with a request for a moment of silence for a silent prayer. This moment of silence is to reflect the sacrifices of our members that have departed from this earth prematurely, either in the line of duty or while still active with their local organization.

Below is the explanation of the meaning of the items on this special table.

The **table** is small symbolizing the frailty of human life and is set for one, symbolizing the loneliness we feel without them. It shows our everlasting concern and our unending love for our fallen comrade.

The **tablecloth** is white symbolizing the purity of their motives and willingness to respond when answering the call to duty.

The **helmet and/or coat** of our heroes at the table symbolizes a brave life that made the ultimate sacrifice.

The **single red rose** displayed in a vase reminds us of the life of each of those missing and their loved ones left behind. They will always be a part of our family.

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## In Loving MEMORY

The **purple ribbon** is tied so prominently on the vase, representing our strength in healing as they are not coming home.

The **candle** is reminiscent of the light of hope which lives in our hearts to illuminate their memory.

A **slice of lemon** on the plate reminds us of their bitter fate.

A **pinch of salt** on the plate symbolizes the tears shed in remembrance of those that have gone.

The **glass** is empty and inverted, as they cannot toast with us.

The **folded American Flag** and **Bible** represent those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their community and country which was founded as One Nation under God.

And last, the **chair** tilted forward against the table as though being saved for someone. The chair is empty ... they are not here. Our lives are incomplete because they cannot sit with us.

The reading continues to request attendees to stand and face the front of the room, looking toward the table with a beverage of each person's choice for a toast. "In honoring them ... each of them ... all of them ... we stand silently and face their table ... the table where they should be sitting with us tonight. We stand silently in their absence. They depend on us to ensure that everyone comes home."

We raise our glasses, "To our Fallen Heroes; we will never forget your ultimate sacrifice."

Should anyone like to adopt this ceremony for their own banquets at their local organization, feel free to contact me. Thanks for the inquiries and encouragement to keep this as a tradition for our gathering.

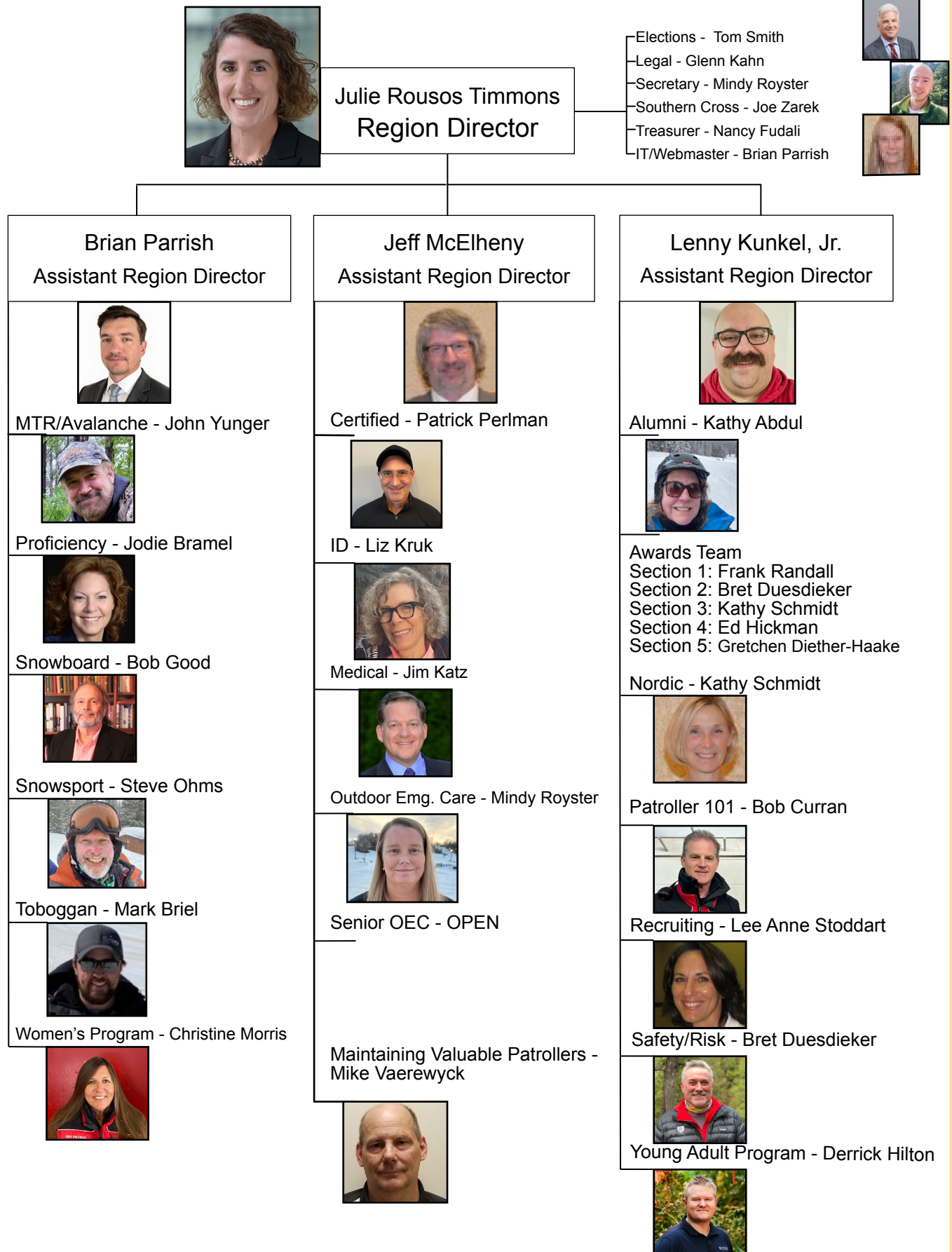
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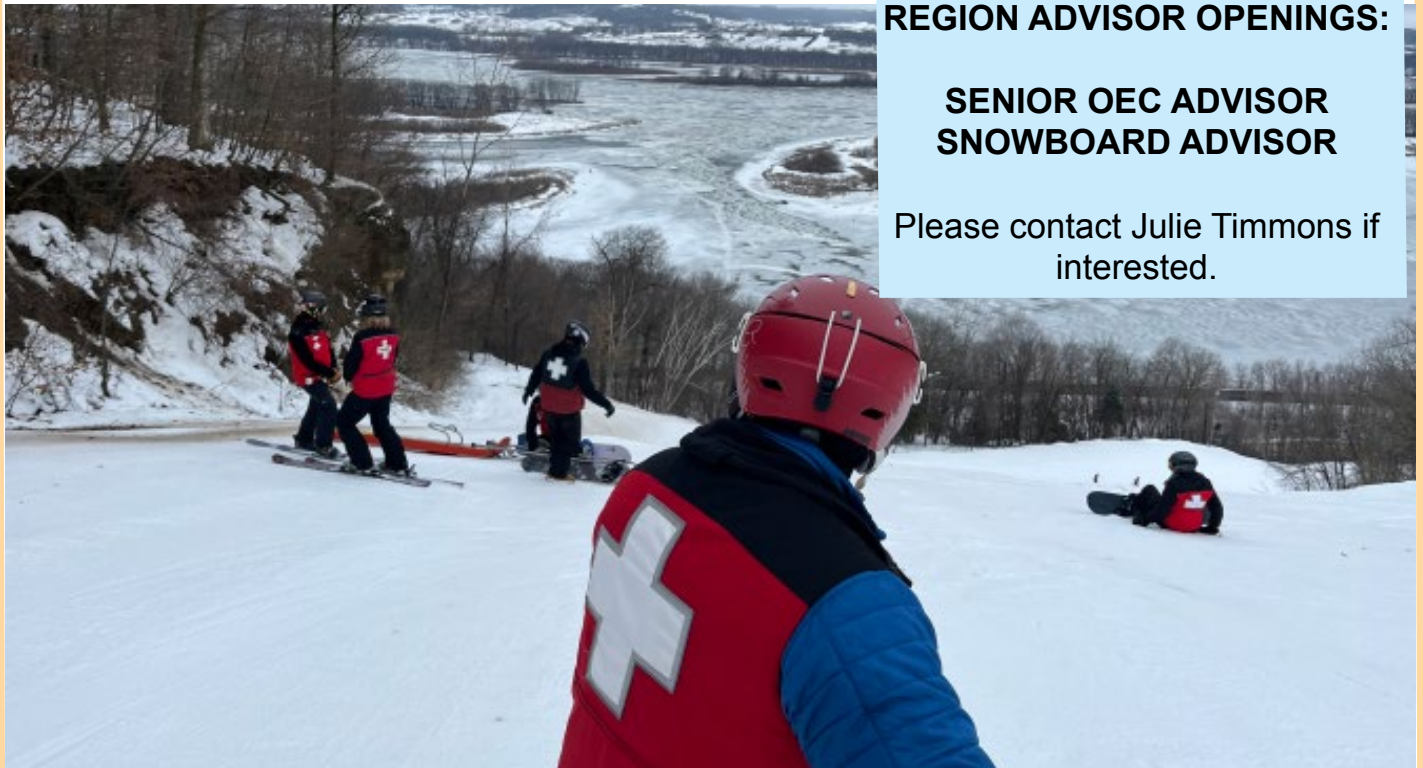
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**SNOWBOARD ADVISOR**

Please contact Julie Timmons if interested.

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| EVENT                        | LOCATION         | DATE                | EMAIL   |
|------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---|
| SR Board Meeting             | Virtual          | July 13 - 7pm       | MINDY ROYSTER<br><a href="mailto:Mindyroyster@gmail.com">Mindyroyster@gmail.com</a>       |
| CD Patroller Conference      | Milwaukee, WI    | SEPTEMBER 5-7       | <a href="https://www.nspcentral.org/">https://www.nspcentral.org/</a>                     |
| OEC Patrol Refresher         | Oak Ridge Patrol | SEPTEMBER 13        | JERRY MASSENGALE<br><a href="mailto:hvac82@hotmail.com">hvac82@hotmail.com</a>            |
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| SENIOR APPLICATIONS DUE      | NA               | JANUARY 1, 2026     | JODIE BRAMEL<br><a href="mailto:brameljodie@gmail.com">brameljodie@gmail.com</a>          |
| Toboggan Trainer Workshop    | Sundown          | JANUARY 10, 2026    | MARK BRIEL<br><a href="mailto:markbriel@gmail.com">markbriel@gmail.com</a>                |
| SES/TES                      | Chestnut Mtn.    | January 24-25, 2026 | STEVE OHMS<br><a href="mailto:Steveohms@gmail.com">Steveohms@gmail.com</a>                |
| Senior Hill Exam             | TBD              | February 7, 2026    | JODIE BRAMEL<br><a href="mailto:brameljodie@gmail.com">brameljodie@gmail.com</a>          |
| Southern Region Banquet 2026 | Missouri - TBD   | April 24-26, 2026   | TOM HAAKE<br><a href="mailto:tom_rhs@yahoo.com">tom_rhs@yahoo.com</a>                     |

## Key to Abbreviations

ARD = Assistant Region Director • ASE = Accredited Senior Evaluator • ASDW = Alpine Skills Development Workshop • CD = Central Division • ID = Instructor Development • IOR = Instructor Of Record MSAA = Midwest Ski Areas Association • MTR = Mountain Travel and Rescue • MVP = Maintaining Valuable Patrollers • OEC = Outdoor Emergency Care • OEC MSP = Outdoor Emergency Care Module for Senior Program • PR = Patrol Representative • S&T = Ski and Toboggan • SES = Ski Enhancement Seminar • SR = Southern Region • STW = Ski Trainers Workshop • Tele = Telemark • TES = Toboggan Enhancement Seminar