



NSP Southern Division Annual Patroller Conference 2026 Schedule At-A-Glance

Friday August 14, 2026

Time	Session	Room
9:00	Devils Knob Golf Course	Devil's Knob Golf Course
10:00	Mountain Bike #1 – Tim & Karen Braden	Miller School
1:00	Mountain Bike #2 – Tim & Karen Braden	Miller School
8:30-4:30	Rope Rescue 1 course – Tom Hughes (pre-registration required)	Skyline Pavilion
10:30 – 4:30	Winery & Brewery Tour – Tanya Thomas	Meet at Front Desk
9:00 – 8:00	Conference Registration	Mountain Inn Lower Lobby
3:00	Refresher For IOR & IT's Only – Dave Cornelious	Skyline Pavilion
5:00 – 7:00	Happy Hour & Music On The Blue Ridge Terrace (SledDogs) – Timberline Patrol Band	Blue Ridge Terrace
6:00	Executive Board Meeting - Mary Lou Legg	Shenandoah Room
7:00	Regional Directors Roundtable – Landon Figg	Rockfish Room
7:00	Patrol Director's Round Table – Jeff Ayers	Blue Ridge Room

Saturday August 15, 2026

Morning/Day Activities Wintergarden Fitness Center, Lake Monican (Swim, Kayak, Paddle Board)			
Session 1		Presenter	
8:00	Presenters' Breakfast Meeting	Matt Dodge	Patrol Room
8:30	Welcome & Opening Remarks	Mary Lou Legg	Skyline Pavilion
9:15 – 10:15	Hazard Mitigation/Signage – Identify hazards on the mountain, what to mark, and best marking practices	Michael Barber/Logan Henyon	Blue Ridge Terrace
9:15 – 10:15	Southern Division Safety	Brett Henyon	Blue Ridge Terrace
9:15 – 10:15	OET Update Instructors/Patrollers	Tom Gantt/Tanya Thomas	Skyline Pavilion
9:15 – 10:15	Intro to Disability in Adaptive Snowsports	Kathleen Snyder	Adaptive Building
10:15	Break		



Session 2			Presenter	
10:30 - 11:30	Winning the Second Half		Dr. Carol Wilder	Shenandoah Room
10:30 - 11:30	Professional Development and Successful Planning		Tom Wagner	Blue Ridge Room
10:30 - 11:30	The Young Adult Program and You – Updated Mission, next generation, discussion, and Q&A		Veronika Gunter/Jaxson Matula	Rockfish Room
10:30 - 12:00	Adaptive Lift Evacuation		Keith Cassidy	Potato Patch Lift
12:00 – 1:15	Lunch – OEC 7 th Edition Book Information Session (12:15pm-1:00pm)		Lead: Aileen Cassidy Skyline Pavilion	
Session 3			Presenter	
1:30 – 2:30	NSP SD Snowsports School Presents Best Tools for Job		Matt Weitz	Shenandoah Room
1:30 – 2:30	Wheeled Litter Enhancement Seminar (WLES)		Jeff Brown/Steve Ebb	Rockfish Room
1:30 – 2:30	Back to the Basics: Avalanche Beacon Fundamentals		Michael Olive	Upper Dobie Ski Area
1:30 – 2:30	Snowmaking 101		Scott MacKay	Dunlop Tent Site
2:30	Break			
Session 4			Presenter	
3:00 – 4:00	The Physics of Toboggan Handling		Toby Willey	Blue Ridge Room
3:00 – 4:00	A Scientific Approach to Motivating Patrollers		Jonathan Hale	Shenandoah Room
3:00 – 4:30	Adaptive Lift Evacuation – Bi-ski Demo		Keith Cassidy	Potato Patch Lift
3:00 – 4:30	Ski Sharpening – Best practice in equipment sharpening		Chris Faunce	Skyline Pavilion
4:30 – 6:30	Pre-dinner Reception Happy Hour & Music On The Blue Ridge Terrace (HoBojac Band) - John Howard		Blue Ridge Terrace	
7:00	Dinner & Awards		Blue Ridge Terrace	
After dinner				
Party and Dancing At “The Edge”			The Edge	
Sunday August 16, 2026				
Session 5				
8:00	Southern Division BOD Meeting	Mary Lou Legg	Shamokin Room	
8:00	Refresher	Bill Smith	Skyline Pavilion	
8:30-3:30	Rope Rescue II course (Pre-registration required)	Tom Hughes	Skyline Pavilion	