



# BLUE AND GOLD BANNER

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## WESTERN MI REGION



### REGION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Welcome to a new Ski season. I've just returned from the Division meeting in Cincinnati. The main focus of the meeting was the roll out of the new 5<sup>th</sup> edition OEC manual. There is concern about how many patrollers have not purchased the new book. They are afraid many patrollers are going to have trouble getting through the refresher in a timely manner.

National has settled on a standard symbol, which will be the shield with a white cross and white lettering. There were no new proposals to go over this year, a real rarity.

The Central Division took six Outstanding and three 1<sup>st</sup> runner-ups awards out of the 12 Outstanding award categories. One of the runner-ups is from West Michigan. Congratulations to all!

All the refreshers are planned or are taking place at this time. If you can not make your Section or Patrol's refresher call ahead to the one you want to attend to

ensure there is room for you, what the cost will be, the location, and the starting time. You can also find the list of refresher dates and contacts for any Central Division Patrol, Section or Region refresher on the Division Web Site at [www.nspcentral.org](http://www.nspcentral.org). Remember call ahead if you can't make your normal refresher. Let your PD know where you took your refresher too, that way they can be looking for the paperwork from that refresher's Instructor of Record.

We have many new Region Board members and Section III has a new Section Chief. Welcome aboard everyone! You will find a list of Board members and upcoming events in this issue, or check out the Region website at [www.nspc203.com](http://www.nspc203.com).

Our next board meeting is Oct 12<sup>th</sup> at Brann's on S. Division. As always everyone is welcome. Hope to see many of you at the refreshers or on the snow.

~Dave Johnson: Western MI Region Director

## 2011-2012 WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Email</u>
10/8/11	Sat	Caberfae	Caberfae Refresher	Tim Kirch	<a href="mailto:timkirch@dow.com">timkirch@dow.com</a>
10/8/11	Sat	Cannonsburg	Section II CPR Refresher	Ron Vrba	<a href="mailto:arapahoebasin@att.net">arapahoebasin@att.net</a>
10/09/11	Sun	Cannonsburg	Section II Fall Refresher	Jack Katerburg	<a href="mailto:Jackkaterberg@gmail.com">Jackkaterberg@gmail.com</a>
10/12/11	Wed	Brann's	Region Meeting	Dave Johnson	<a href="mailto:jtwins@att.net">jtwins@att.net</a>
10/22/11	Sat	Crystal Mountain	Crystal Mountain Refresher	Gregg Hoppe	<a href="mailto:ghoppe@chartermi.net">ghoppe@chartermi.net</a>
10/23/11	Sun	Crystal Mountain	CPR/Chair Evac	Gregg Hoppe	<a href="mailto:ghoppe@chartermi.net">ghoppe@chartermi.net</a>
11/13/11	Sun	Caberfae	OEC Class Final	Tim Kirch	<a href="mailto:timkirch@dow.com">timkirch@dow.com</a>
11/22/11	Tues	Cannonsburg	OEC Class Final	Mike Fick	<a href="mailto:mficksr@steelcase.com">mficksr@steelcase.com</a>
12/10/11	Sat/ Sun	Boyne Highlands	Division Ski Trainers Workshop	Dave Johnson	<a href="mailto:jtwins@att.net">jtwins@att.net</a>
12/11/11	Thurs		Section I Section Chief Election Nomination Open	Laura Cameron	<a href="mailto:ccamelk@aol.com">ccamelk@aol.com</a>
12/13/11	Sat	Timber Ridge	OEC Class Final	Doug Mesara	<a href="mailto:mesara@jasnetworks.net">mesara@jasnetworks.net</a>
12/18/11	Sun	Timber Ridge	Region Toboggan Instructor Clinic	Shawn Rhoda	<a href="mailto:strhoda@aol.com">strhoda@aol.com</a>
12/31/11	Sat		Section I Section Chief Election Nomination Closed	Laura Cameron	<a href="mailto:ccamelk@aol.com">ccamelk@aol.com</a>
1/1/12	Sun		Senior Hill Candidate Sign Up Sheet Due	Thomas Fisher	<a href="mailto:thfish@chartermi.net">thfish@chartermi.net</a>
1/7/12	Sat	Bittersweet	Senior Emergency Management Clinic	Dan Goldberger	<a href="mailto:dgoldber1@gmail.com">dgoldber1@gmail.com</a>
1/8/12	Sun	Bittersweet	Toboggan Enhancement Seminar	Shawn Rhoda	<a href="mailto:strhoda@aol.com">strhoda@aol.com</a>
1/11/12	Wed	Brann's	Region Meeting	Dave Johnson	<a href="mailto:jtwins@att.net">jtwins@att.net</a>
1/15/12	Sun		Section I Section Chief Candidate Statements Due	Laura Cameron	<a href="mailto:ccamelk@aol.com">ccamelk@aol.com</a>
1/19/12	Thurs		Awards due to Section Chiefs	Roger Brands	<a href="mailto:rbrands16@gmail.com">rbrands16@gmail.com</a>
1/21/12	Sat/ Sun	Caberfae	Region Women's Clinic	Jackie Bottomley	<a href="mailto:jbottomley@charter.net">jbottomley@charter.net</a>
1/26/12	Thurs		Awards Due to Region	Roger Brands	<a href="mailto:rbrands16@gmail.com">rbrands16@gmail.com</a>

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1/28/12	Sat	Caberfae	Senior Hill Examiner Calibration Clinic	Thomas Fisher	<a href="mailto:thfish@chartermi.net">thfish@chartermi.net</a>
1/29/12	Sun	Caberfae	Senior Hill Candidate Clinic	Thomas Fisher	<a href="mailto:thfish@chartermi.net">thfish@chartermi.net</a>
2/12/12	Sun	Caberfae	Toboggan Enhancement Seminar Section III Patrollers	Shawn Rhoda	<a href="mailto:sthrhoda@aol.com">sthrhoda@aol.com</a>
2/15/12	Wed		Section Chief Election Ballots Mailed	Laura Cameron	<a href="mailto:ccamelk@aol.com">ccamelk@aol.com</a>
2/19/12	Sun	Cannonsburg	Section II Basic Hill Exam (Rain Date Feb 26)	Jack Katerburg	<a href="mailto:jackkaterberg@gmail.com">jackkaterberg@gmail.com</a>
2/25/12	Sat	Crystal Mountain	Senior Hill Bump Clinic	Thomas Fisher	<a href="mailto:thfish@chartermi.net">thfish@chartermi.net</a>
2/26/12	Sun	Crystal Mountain	Senior Hill Exam	Thomas Fisher	<a href="mailto:thfish@chartermi.net">thfish@chartermi.net</a>
3/4/12	Sun	Bittersweet	Senior Emergency Management Exam	Dan Goldberger	<a href="mailto:dgoldber1@gmail.com">dgoldber1@gmail.com</a>
3/14/12	Wed	Brann's	Region Meeting	Dave Johnson	<a href="mailto:jtwin@att.net">jtwin@att.net</a>
3/30/12	Fri-Sun		Division Spring Business Meeting (Through Apr 1)		<a href="http://www.nspcentral.org">www.nspcentral.org</a>
5/5/12	Sat	TBD	Region Meeting & Awards Banquet (Section 1)	Stu Furrow	<a href="mailto:sfurrow@bangorvikings.org">sfurrow@bangorvikings.org</a>
TBD			Mountain Travel & Rescue		
TBO			Avalanche	Michael Walenta	<a href="mailto:michaelwalenta@yahoo.com">michaelwalenta@yahoo.com</a>
TBD			Ski Enhancement Seminars	Kevin Fultz	<a href="mailto:kevinfultz@aol.com">kevinfultz@aol.com</a>

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Is your patrol having a special event or training that you want published to the region? Do you have photos from past events that you want to show off? Tell us what you want to see in the Blue & Gold by sending your story ideas to:

Matt Chapman Blue & Gold Editor:  
[mwc1229@gmail.com](mailto:mwc1229@gmail.com)

### Looking for CPR Recertification?

Hal Froot is now offering CPR recertification courses for groups of six or more. Hal is a certified instructor for the American Heart Association.

For more information contact Hal at:  
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### Interested in Serving on The Western Michigan Region Board?

Please contact Dave Johnson to learn about how you can make a difference. The following region positions are still available:

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- Telemark Advisor

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