

Mountain Travel and Rescue 1

A Mountain Travel and Rescue 1 Course will be held at the Christie Mountain Ski Area near Bruce, WI, on Saturday and Sunday, April 21-22, 2018. (NSP Course #C045180005)

Mountain Travel and Rescue is an educational program within the National Ski Patrol focused on backcountry travel as well as search and rescue. The course is open to NSP patrollers and candidates, and other interested people.

Some of the topics covered on Saturday and Sunday could include:

- Equipment to stay comfortable in the great outdoors
- Food options
- Wilderness clothing choices
- Emergency shelters
- Knots and rope work
- Low-angle rescue
- Search and rescue
- Map and compass
- Winter camping

We will be at Christie Mountain Ski Area (<http://www.christiemountain.com>) near Bruce, WI. We will gather at the Christie Mountain lodge at 9:00am and start indoors for the early class sessions. Some of the afternoon activities will be outside. We will hold most of the Sunday morning activities outside. We should finish by early afternoon on Sunday.

If you can, bring along your patrol pack. Along with the basic gear in your pack, try to bring a plastic tarp, rope, and compass. There will easily be enough gear among the group to be able to share where needed. At this point, I am not sure what the weather will be like, so dress accordingly. Remember, no cotton! We will have outdoor activities both days, especially on Sunday.

Conditions and Amenities:

We will be camping at a nearby cabin site, with access to potable water. Bring your tent, sleeping bag, sleeping pad, cooking equipment, and other camping gear. We will use the time in camp to focus on winter travel and camping with some “show and tell” sessions sharing your own experiences and gear preferences. Be prepared for hiking in rugged terrain. Saturday dinner will be a group meal; participants will need to provide their own field

meals and snacks (sharing is encouraged, perhaps think of it as a show and nibble session on camping food you like). Most likely, a few stoves will be available.

Participants can choose not to camp. If you opt out of the camping you will receive credit for participating in a MTRF (fundamentals) course. Whether you take the course as MTR 1 or MTRF makes no difference in how the course counts toward senior electives in your NSP records or your ability to continue on and take an MTR 2 course.

More details will be provided to those interested in attending.

The NSP course fee is \$25.00, and six participants are needed for the course to be held.

As far as I know we are still doing a dual registration system wherein you can register on-line through the NSP National web site <https://www.nsp.org> and pay on our NSP Western Region Web site: www.nspwr.org.

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