



[Western Region Festival – January 4-5, 2025](#)

Hosted by Wild Mountain Ski and Snowboard Area -- Thank You!

PLEASE READ: [You must register 1\) on the Western Region website AND 2\) the NSP Learning Management System \(LMS\) for credit on your NSP profile.](#)

The Region registration includes a \$25 event fee for participants. When checking in at Wild Mountain, you will sign the Wild Mountain waiver. Unless you have a Wild Mountain season pass or a MN Industry Pass, you'll receive a discounted lift ticket for \$10 per day.

There are sessions on [both Saturday and Sunday](#) – pay particular attention to the day of the session. This allows you to have one session on Saturday and another on Sunday!

Session 1: Ski/Ride (SES) Session – Alpine – Saturday

This Session is for [Alpine skiers](#). SES (Snowsports Enhancement Seminars) are taught by PSIA (Professional Ski Instructors of America) certified instructors and are open to all patrollers in the Region. An SES explores the fundamental skills at the core of skiing. As patrollers, we need to ski in a way that presents a professional image of NSP to the public. Activities explore movements and build skills to create successful learning experiences allowing patrollers to progress with their personal skiing. If you are a Senior candidate and want to work on skills specific to the Senior on-hill exam, sign-up for this session. At the event, inform the instructors of your desire to work on Senior skills. They will tailor instruction to you for the day.

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Session 2: Ski/Ride (SES) Session – Telemark – Saturday

This Session is for [Telemark skiers](#). SES (Snowsports Enhancement Seminars) are taught by PSIA (Professional Ski Instructors of America) certified instructors and are open to all patrollers in the Region. An SES explores the fundamental skills at the core of skiing. As patrollers, we need to ski in a way that presents a professional image of NSP to the public. Activities explore movements and build skills to create successful learning experiences allowing patrollers to progress with their personal skiing. If you are a Senior candidate and want to work on skills specific to the Senior on-hill exam, sign-up for this session. At the event, inform the instructors of your desire to work on Senior skills. They will tailor instruction to you for the day.

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Session 3: Ski/Ride (SES) Session – Snowboard – Saturday

This Session is for Snowboarders. SES (Snowsports Enhancement Seminars) are taught by AASI (American Association of Snowboard Instructors) certified instructors and are open to all patrollers in the Region. An SES explores the fundamental skills at the core of riding. As patrollers, we need to ride in a way that presents a professional image of NSP to the public. Activities explore movements and build skills to create successful learning experiences allowing patrollers to progress with their personal riding. If you are a Senior candidate and want to work on skills specific to the SePnior on-hill exam, sign-up for this session. At the event, inform the instructors of your desire to work on Senior skills. They will tailor instruction to you for the day.

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Session 4: Train the Trainer (STW) – Saturday

The STW (Snowsports Trainer Workshop) is a clinic for trainers at Western Region areas who work with patrol candidates. The training is focused on how to teach ski skills to candidates. Included are skills that form the foundation for free skiing and are important for effective toboggan handling – such as traverse, sideslip, falling leaf, pivot slip, and hockey stop. The clinic begins indoors with “boots on” practicing stance and balance and a discussion of the PSIA Fundamentals. On-snow the clinic addresses teaching progressions, effective demonstrations, movement analysis, and corrective exercises. Trainers who participate will have the tools to effectively conduct ski proficiency training at their area. As time permits, the clinic will focus on free skiing for the participants on varying terrain and the use of video analysis.

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Session 5: PSIA-AASI Certification Prep (STW) – Saturday

This STW is for PSIA members going for the next level of certification. Includes a review of The Learning Connection as it relates to people skills, teaching skills and technical skills. Review of ski fundamentals and benchmarks as defined by PSIA in the Alpine Technical Manual, and Teaching Snowsports Manual. Discussions and suggestions for assisting the participant in assessment preparation using the National Certification Standards and People skills, Teaching skills and Technical skills performance guides. Opportunities will be available to work on Movement Analysis and Feedback skills, teaching progressions and technical knowledge.

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Session 6: Toboggan Handling (TES) – Saturday

This TES (Toboggan Enhancement Seminar) will provide instruction and guided practice on proper usage and handling of rescue toboggans. Western Region OET IT (Instructor Trainer) staff present proper technique for handling unloaded and loaded toboggans on varying terrain. This session is open to patrollers who wish to review and improve toboggan handling skills.

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Session 7: Toboggan Handling (TES) – Sunday

This TES (Toboggan Enhancement Seminar) will provide instruction and guided practice on proper usage and handling of rescue toboggans. Western Region OET IT (Instructor Trainer) staff present proper technique for handling unloaded and loaded toboggans on varying terrain. This session is open to patrollers who wish to review and improve toboggan handling skills.

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Session 8: Advanced Toboggan Handling (TES) – Saturday

This session will provide instruction and guided practice for advanced handling of alpine rescue toboggans. This session is ideal for patrollers preparing for the Senior program – including toboggan skills specific to the Senior on-hill exam. Western Region OET IT staff present proper technique for handling unloaded and loaded toboggans on blue and black terrain.

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Session 9: OET Instructor Re-Certification (TTW) – Saturday

This TTW (Toboggan Trainer Workshop) is for OET Instructors that need re-certification to retain their certification. OET Toboggan Instructors are required to re-certify every three years. The calibration includes a Six Pack Lesson Plan, toboggan equipment review, and ski skills review with demos specific to toboggan handling. Open to current OET Toboggan instructors requiring re-certification.

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Session 10: OET Instructor Re-Certification (TTW) – Sunday

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Session 11: MVP - Maintaining Valuable Patrollers (TES) – Saturday

The MVP workshop is a special TES for education and skills development for maturing alpine patrollers age 50+. The session includes adaptations for skiing/riding skills, toboggan handling tactics, lifestyle adjustments, and equipment choices. Techniques will be taught to enable seasoned patrollers to provide continued service in a safe, dignified and satisfying manner. Open to any patroller age 50+.

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Session 12: Senior TE Calibration Session (STW) – Sunday

This STW is for current Senior TE's (Trainer/Evaluators) or those interested in becoming a Senior TE's. The focus is a review of the current Senior alpine standards, the Senior score card, movement analysis, feedback modeling, evaluations, and technical knowledge. The session focuses on both ski/ride and toboggan skills and preparation for the Senior training and testing activities during January and February. Open to Senior TE's who attended the Division certification event in December, Senior evaluators (not TE certified), and current Senior alpine patrollers interested in the pathway to Senior TE. The session is on Sunday to allow participants to attend a Saturday session of their choice.

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Session 13: PSIA Alpine Level 1 Exam – Saturday AND Sunday

This is for anyone interested in becoming a member of PSIA and attaining Level 1 certification. Ideal for OET Instructors or anyone working with candidates/patrollers to evaluate, refresh, and improve skiing performance. PSIA certification provides an increased understanding of terminology, teaching progressions, and analysis of movements for effective skiing performance. Previous experience teaching skiing skills to current or candidate patrollers is desirable. Level 1 certification is the entry point to PSIA for attaining higher levels (Level 2 or 3) certification. Registration for the Level 1 exam and fees are handled with PSIA Central Region. You will be sent step-by-step details on how to participate.

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Day's Basic Agenda

8:30 - 9:15 -- Registration

9:30 - 12:00 -- Morning Session

12:00 – 1:00 – Break for Lunch
1:00 – 3:30 – Afternoon Session