

Outdoor Emergency Transportation (OET) program

The Western Michigan Region Outdoor Emergency Transportation (OET) program provides NSP members with printed resources and on-snow training for skiing, riding, telemark, and toboggan handling skills. Our mission is to provide the membership with credentialed education and leadership training in outdoor emergency transportation. Training is provided at local mountains and regional clinics. Advanced training is also provided at Central Division Ski Festivals. Our programs are driven by membership feedback.

The WMR OET Staff is led by regional OET Instructor Trainers (OET ITs) and skiing, riding and telemark advisors. The Staff conducts numerous clinics each season to support alpine patroller skills development, OET Instructor development and the Senior Alpine program. The path to getting involved with the WMR OET program begins with becoming an OET Instructor and a Senior Alpine patroller.

Regional on-hill events held each season are described below. Click [\(HERE\)](#) to access the WMR Calendar for this season's events.

- **Snow-sports Enhancement Seminar (SES)**

The SES is designed to provide the NSP membership with instruction and guided practice designed to improve their skiing/riding skills.

- **Snowsports Trainers Workshop (STW)**

The STW is designed for current and aspiring NSP SnowSport instructors, trainers, and evaluators. STWs utilize the current Professional Ski Instructor Association (PSIA) and American Association of Snowboard Instructors (AASI) instruction terminology and methodology. This region or division clinic is designed to enhance the teaching, assessment, coaching, and feedback skills for current or aspiring instructors, trainers, and evaluators within the alpine ski, telemark and snowboard disciplines.

- **Toboggan Enhancement Seminar (TES)**

The TES is a thorough review and guided practice of toboggan handling procedures. It is designed to provide instruction and guided practice on proper usage and handling of alpine rescue toboggans. It is the intent to have experienced toboggan instructor trainers (ITs) and toboggan instructors present the proper and current techniques to properly handle an unloaded and loaded toboggan on suitable terrain. This program can and should be conducted at all alpine ski areas on a regular basis and should encourage hill-qualified patrollers to actively participate on a regular basis. WMR TES events are open to Alpine Candidate patrollers who are ready to begin their toboggan training.

- **Toboggan Trainers Workshop (TTW)**

The TTW is designed for NSP transportation trainers/evaluators. This region or division clinic is designed to enhance the skills of current or aspiring alpine toboggan trainers.

Patrollers interested in the **OET Instructor program** begin by completing an OET Instructor Application. Click [\(HERE\)](#) to access OET Instructor resources, including the OET Instructor Pathway, the OET Instructor Application and the OET Manual.

Patrollers interested in the **Senior OET program** begin by completing a Senior Candidate Application. Click **(HERE)** to access Senior Alpine resources. The candidate's Patrol Director verifies that the applicant has sufficient knowledge, skills and experience to participate in senior level training.

Senior Patrollers interested in becoming an **OET IT** or a **Senior OET Trainer/Evaluator** should contact the WMR OET Advisor. Click **(HERE)** to access additional resources including the OET IT Pathway and Senior Evaluator resources.

OET Instructors, ITs and TEs can download the OET Resources and Course Documents. Click **(HERE)** to access all OET program documents. Questions and comments can be made directly to the WMR OET Advisor.

Additional resources can be found at PSIA/AASI website. Click (HERE) for additional information.