

# SWAIN SKI PATROL



July 31, 2006

Dear Swain Ski Patrol Venturing Students,

Welcome to Swain Ski Patrol's Venturing Crew 301. We hope you will accept the challenge to complete the training and become a full member of the Swain Ski Patrol through the venturing program over the next couple years. I can tell you it is worth the effort, as the patrol offers benefits far beyond the ski privileges you receive.

My name is Marie Osypian. I have been a member of Swain Ski Patrol since 1998. I currently have two daughters who joined the patrol through the venturing program just like you are about to do. I have been the venturing advisor for three seasons now and have been working with the venturing students for greater than five seasons. I recently became the region student advisor as well. Swain had a crew of eight students last year, six are now full patrollers, they all passed the required Outdoor Emergency Care training and Sled & Toboggan Training required. We currently have thirteen students registered to return/join Swain Venturing Crew 301 this year including you.

I know it is summer but we are heading into fall, a very busy time for patrol members. This is when we attend all the required yearly courses needed to keep our training up to date. You have courses REQUIRED to be a venturing student at Swain as well. Here are the dates to mark your calendar:

**Professional CPR/AED (required) – Instructor Mark Whitford**

**Monday Sept 19 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm Henrietta Ambulance Calkins Road Henrietta NY**

**Wednesday Sept 20 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm Henrietta Ambulance Calkins Road Henrietta NY**

Cost: to be determined (It was \$30 last year). You are required to buy a CPR mask as well.

*NOTE: if you are unable to attend these classes you will need to call your local Red Cross and attend their class (they could charge you up to \$85+, note that you must have PROFESSIONAL CPR)*

*All ready have a Professional CPR/AED Card (Please bring proof to first meeting)*

**Refresher for CPR DATES to be announced, watch your email**

**Swain On-the-hill – All Patrollers**

Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 7:30 am – Late afternoon Swain Main Lodge – lunch supplied by patrol

Cost - FREE

We will be doing Chair Evacuation and tower climbing in the afternoon. This is the highlight of my day!

Please note anyone under 18 years old CAN NOT bring someone down out of the chair or do tower climb but you can participate in the evac.

**Ventures Training (All students) – Instructor Marie Osypian & Jeanne Eldridge**

Sunday Oct 22 9:00 am – 3pm – Swain Patrol room

Cost – FREE

**Outdoor Emergency Care Course (90+ hrs) (Students not currently OEC certified) Instructor of Record Jeanne Eldridge**

Sunday September 10, 2006- SUNDAYS 9 am - 5 pm Swain Patrol Room – See Attached Schedule. Parent invited the first 45 min to ask question and complete paperwork. Please bring your *immunization* record and social security numbers.

**Ski & Toboggan Course –** We may try to fit some of this in this season so you are ready for the upcoming Student Seminar.

**Ski Season**

Possible start date Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 2005 – April 9<sup>th</sup> 2006

You will be paired with a patroller (mentor) if you are new this year. Last year student will continue with their current mentors. You will be required to arrange to shadow this person during the ski season. The more days you are able to skiing with your mentor the better prepared you will be to take the Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC) Course exam at the end of the season. *NOTE: Swain will*

*give you complimentary seasons pass this year. If for any reason you drop the class before the end of the season you will need to return it to your instructor or you will be billed the season pass rate.*

To give you an idea of cost to become a patroller: (NOTE: these are approximate):

**Approximate Cost you will occur this year**

**BRING CHECK for these items to the first class.**

**Made out to SWAIN SKI PATROL:**

Boy Scout registration – (\$15 pro-rated for 1 ½ year if not currently registered with Boy Scouts)  
Swain, National, Region Patrol dues - \$65  
Outdoor Emergency Care Course Fee \$30.00  
Outdoor Emergency Care Textbook \$49.50  
Outdoor Emergency Care workbook \$24.50



~~~~~ Other fees you may encounter: ~~~~~

CPR renewal \$15

CPR full course - \$30

CPR Mask

Standard black belt to hold medical supplies - \$16.50 - \$30 plus shipping – optional as you may use a back pack the first year.

\$250 approx.. to attend Student Seminar

**Approximate Cost the following year:**

Patrol dues - \$65

CPR renewal \$15

Boy Scout Registration - \$10

Red Jacket - \$180 - \$250 (needed only if you pass both OEC and S&T)

Please note that it is required that you are 15 years old by Sept 1 to take the OEC course. If you are 14 years old you will need to wait until the following year to take the OEC course but you will be given a mentor to shadow this year and a *complimentary* pass to ski each day you ski with them. If you are younger than 14 please let me know so I can move you to next year's list.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. **As we have to register the course and order books etc, it is important that we hear from you as to whether you are still interested in participating in the program so please let us know by Aug.11. If we don't hear from you we will assume that you no longer interested.**

Sincerely,



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Fun activities we plan to participate in:

**The Highlight of Our Program!**

**Eastern Division National Ski Patrol Student Seminar (March 16-19<sup>th</sup>, 2007)**

- <http://www.nspgvr.org/html/stusem2006.htm> - Last Years Pictures
- <http://www.nspeast.org/html/student.htm> - Site to watch for upcoming information

Last years cost was \$250 per person which included hotel room and meals for three nights and four days, money due by Jan 15th.

(You must be 15 years old and a registered NSP member to participate)

**Swain Ski Patrol Hosted Boy Scout Jamboree (March 2-4<sup>th</sup>, 2007)**

Students at Swain are responsible to host and plan this event. We do it for a fund raiser so we can participate in the student seminar.

Cost – free to Swain Students

**Clinic / Skiing at other area Mountains (2006-2007 Season)**

Each month we are in the process of arrange a clinic at other Mountains (i.e. Bristol, Hunt). Last years students enjoy skiing at Bristol for a day in preparation for the student seminar!

Cost – usually free

(You must be 15 years old and a registered NSP member to participate)

**SR S&T and EMM Classes**

Keep your eyes open for the dates for the Sr. Clinic. I understand that it is either a weekend long event or you can participate in different clinic through out the year.

(You must be 15 years old, a full patroller and a registered NSP member to participate)

**Avalanche & Mtn. Trvl. & Rescue Courses – (Sr. Electives)**

(You must be 15 years old and a registered NSP member to participate)

**Swain Patrol Family Funday for the Ambulance and Patrollers Family. (Feb 2007)**

We have Prizes & a Chicken BBQ for \$4 each. The day includes all kinds of fun activities for the patrollers, family and ambulance personal. We do a race call the "Great Toboggan Race", if you are a full patroller you can join in the fun. All other races open to everyone!

**Fund Raisers (2006 -2007 Season)**

Ski Swap

50/50 raffle at OTH and Summer Picnic

Chinese Raffle Summer Picnic

Parking at the Stuart Horse Trials (July 20-23, 2006)

Christmas Wreath Sale at OTH & Region refreshers (if given permission).

Do you have an idea?

**Important Resources:**

Your email, as this is how we communicate on the patrol, check it daily!

<http://www.swainskipatrol.org> – you need a password ask me for one!