



## ALUMNI NEWS



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### Thank you to our Alumni Members

NSP's 5,200 Alumni members enrich the organization and support their local patrols and host units in myriad ways. You all add your experience and talent, and support NSP's long and valuable history. During the COVID-19 pandemic, many of you found new ways to remain active and contribute to your patrols, regions and divisions.

In exchange for your continued participation, along with continuing connection to your colleagues and friends, remember that you receive alumni perks such as access to the NSP Online Store and NSP Pro Deals. As an Alumni member, you retain your ongoing years of membership.

### Check out your fellow Alumni members!

As we do in each Alumni Newsletter, we are highlighting some of our active Alumni members and their contributions. We hope they provide you with inspiration and pride in your NSP membership. Each of these members has served in leadership roles at the local, regional and national levels, and brings that energy and dedication to their work as Alumni. If they inspire you to become more involved, talk to leaders in your patrol, region or division; speak up and help to build your own patrol or region's Alumni program!



#### Joseph Calbreath, Pacific Northwest Division Outstanding Alumni, training director

Joseph Calbreath is an active Alumni member and the Pacific Northwest Division's 2020 Outstanding Alumni. He joined his patrol in January 1991. In his 30-year tenure he earned numerous national, division and region awards, including National Outstanding Nordic Patroller and a Meritorious Service Award. In 2017, after 25 years of Nordic patrolling, Joseph joined the ranks of the NSP Alumni. He continues to serve his local patrol as the Training Director, and serves the Oregon Region as the Nordic Advisor. Even in this uniquely challenging year with the COVID-19 pandemic he has managed to log training hours with snow shelters and toboggan handling. He has been successful following CDC recommendations and his patrol's COVID-19 protocols to continue to train prospective candidates, refresh existing patrollers, and to keep the skiing public safe.

#### Scott Launt, Eastern Division, region alumni advisor and respected recruiting advisor



While he is still an active patroller, Scott Launt serves as region Alumni advisor in the Eastern Division. Scott joined the NSP 28 years ago as a patroller at Labrador Mountain in New York. He became the Central New York Alumni advisor at the invitation of a friend about six years ago. Scott shares that, "the most rewarding part of this position is when a PD asks me to talk to a patroller directly about going Alumni, and through the discussion I hear that patroller's sense of relief -- that becoming an Alumni member is good decision, either as a placeholder to come back in a year or two, or to stay connected with their patrol but step back from a schedule." In addition to recruiting Alumni members, Scott has traveled his region to support general recruiting events, including NSP's presence at the Warren Miller film showings. Scott brings many of his professional talents and experience to his work with NSP Alumni. He retired ten years ago from a career that included sales work at Xerox, Apple, Hitachi Data Systems, Cysco Systems and Verizon. He also worked as a feature writer for the now defunct *Syracuse New Times*; his beat there was skiing.



#### Welcome to Dan Dalquist, new Central Division / West Alumni advisor

Dan joined the Mont Ripley Ski Patrol as student at Michigan Tech University in January 1971, and in the years since then, has earned recognition including a National Appointment #5255 and a Silver Merit Star in 2001 for National Outstanding Instructor. Dan notes that after 40 years of active patrolling, registering as an Alumni member was an almost automatic decision. "I had too many years invested in the NSP and too many friendships to simply walk away. My role within the Mont Ripley Ski Patrol (MRSP) is to help maintain our facility, offer my ski teaching skills to incoming patrol candidates and to active patrollers. Plus I am the institutional memory for the MRSP." Dan still spends his winters on the snow as the Ski Instructor Supervisor at Mont Ripley Ski & Snowboard School. He has been a PSIA member since 2001. Dan looks forward to working with Central Division alumni members. We are delighted to welcome Dan to the national Alumni advisor team; he takes the place of Mark Holtan.

### Spread the world about the growing Alumni program

If you know former patrollers who would benefit from membership in the NSP Alumni Program, please encourage them to join us!



### SAVE THE DATE: Third annual Alumni Celebration Week Feb. 27 - March 6, 2022

The **Third annual Alumni Celebration Week** at Whitefish Mountain Resort, Montana, has been rescheduled for February 27-March 6, 2022. The lovely Grouse Mountain Lodge has booked a block of rooms for only \$79/night, and this year, Whitefish offers day tickets for seniors 70 and over for only \$26, with similar savings for those 64 to 70 – you can hardly afford not to come to Whitefish! For more information on the Whitefish event, see the [NSP Alumni website](#), and look for the registration form on the right side of the page.



Just some of the 40+ alumni and family at the 2022 Alumni Celebration event in Whitefish, MT.

Thanks to all of our Alumni members. We welcome your continuing involvement in your local patrol, region or division. Please share your thoughts with National Alumni Advisor, Tim Viall, [tviall@msn.com](mailto:tviall@msn.com) or 209.969.3875.

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