

# El Dorado Nordic Ski Patrol

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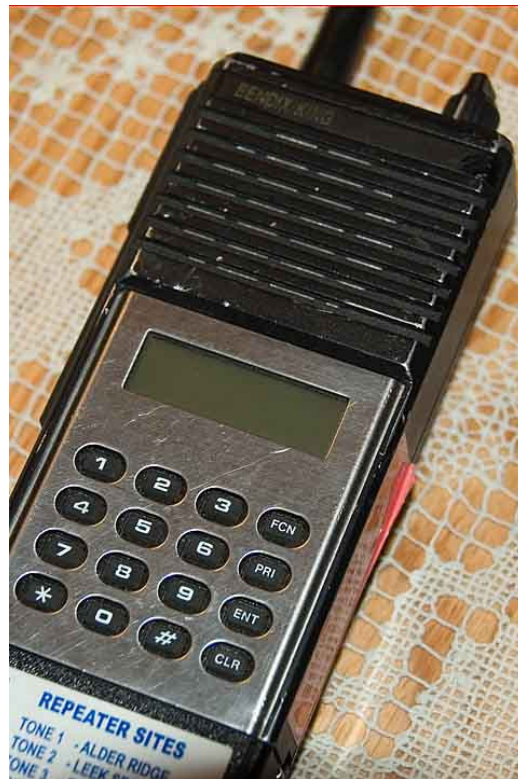
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## On the Hill Refresher



The On the Hill Refresher is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. We have plans for activities whether there is snow or not! Be prepared with your packs and proper clothing. The field location will be either the Van Vleck Bunkhouse or the Loon Chalet. Weather permitting, the CHP helicopter will be joining us. Rich reviewed radio protocol and helicopter safety at our Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in preparation for the refresher. We hope to practice all of this along with packaging and transporting a patient on Saturday. If you would still like to sign up, e-mail Julie or Show up at 8AM on Sat. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at the Safe-way parking lot in Pollock Pines!

## First Responder Class

Dave Farrell has gotten all he needs to be an instructor and plans to have a class after the first of the year. It is a 40 hour class and he would like to do it in four 10 hour sessions (on weekends). The cost will be determined. He will be contacting the people who signed up at the September meeting. If you missed out, e-mail Julie and she will get Dave to add you to the list! We really appreciate Dave going

through the process to become an instructor for First Responder and our recerts!



"Skiing with a mission to serve the public"

## Winter Trails Day

We have been asked to be a part of the Winter Trails Day at Kirkwood Touring Center on Saturday, January 10, 2009. Our plan is to be there to represent the Patrol and answer questions about Winter safety, etc. We passed around a first round sign up sheet for interested Patrol members. If you are interested, please e-mail Julie and she will add you to the list!

## Handbooks

The updated handbooks are available to all current members! Contact Julie if you need one.

## Trail Work

Kudos to Van Vleck "Trail Boss" John Stroud for his work on the Loon Lake end of the trail on one cold snowy Sunday in November. John, please share your stories about "cold & snowy"!

## Many Thanks

Many Thanks to John Stroud for REVIEWING packs. He was very thorough and his pack was full of all the important items! Thanks again to Rich Platt for reviewing all the information on radio and helicopter safety in preparation for the ON THE HILL REFRESHER!

## Proform Purchases

Thanks once again to Susan Minneman for organizing, ordering and delivering the orders. She is still waiting on Mountain Hardware and will contact those members who ordered from them when their items arrive! Susan, you did an awesome job (as always!) Thank you!

## Loon Chalet Open House

The open house is Jan 31<sup>st</sup>/Feb 1<sup>st</sup>.

This will also be the Winter Overnite for members that need it for becoming a Patroler. Sign ups for helping will be at the Jan. general meeting. Posters will be emailed out so be sure to post them!

**WINTER OPEN HOUSE**  
at the  
**Loon Lake Chalet**



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**Saturday January 31, 2009 9 am to 3 pm**  
**Sunday February 1, 2009 9 am to 1 pm**

Free Demos and Activities

Demonstrations \* Backcountry Ski Skills \* Displays \* Winter Safety  
\* Ski & Snowshoe orientation to local trails \* Clothing  
\* Avalanche Beacons \* Ski Repair

For Information and Possible Cancellation due to Weather, Call 530-647-1825

## Upcoming Events

Trail work days as needed and planned.  
Board meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> in Building A at 7 PM  
General meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> in Building C at 7 PM  
Dues, Emergency records and current medical cards are due to Julie.

"Skiing takes on a whole new dimension when you ski with the purpose to serve others." Rich Platt



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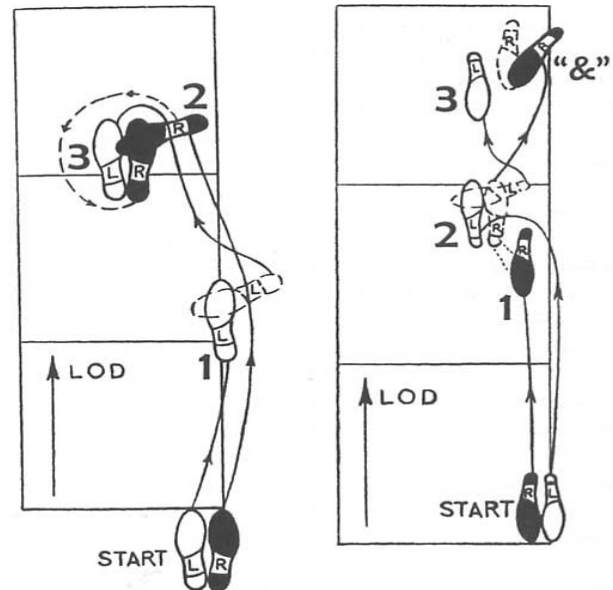
The El Dorado Nordic Ski Patrol was started during the winter of 1982 by a small group of cross country skiers working as volunteers for the US Forest Service. EDNSP has evolved into a non-profit corporation that works as a volunteer group with the Eldorado National Forest. The Patrol's primary objective is public service and education associated with winter mountain recreation.

EDNSP monthly meetings are the FIRST Tuesday of every month from September to April at 7 PM in the hearing room of Building C, in the EL Dorado Government Complex located on Fair Lane in Placerville.

Dues are \$25 annually with membership subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

## Snow Dance Steps

After two very dry years in a roll, without a really good snowpack this coming season California will be facing some real challenges for water supply. This is a issue that is much more important than recreation needs, such as a memorable powder run off Telemark Loop. We need to do our part and go above and beyond the call of duty and get to work to help save California. Need help with your snow dance? Try the steps diagramed over and over out on your deck. Trying emptying your ice maker around your dance area. At night is best, a ski cap is a must. Music choice is optional as is style and amount of clothing worn. Positive mental attitude is the key with a firm focus on winter storms. Get down low and attract those cold low pressure systems! Get as many friends involved and the world will be a better place and we all will be happier! Get to work now!



Do you have a dance with proven success?  
Please share and let us add it to our database!