

ON-THE-HILL 2009
(11/15/09)

1. **Schedule:**

0730 – 0800: Sign-in, Food, and Socialize.

0800 – 0830: Opening remarks.

0830 – 1230: Lift Evacuation, Self Evacuation, Remediation.

1230 – 1300: Lunch (**NOT PROVIDED**), Risk Management, etc. (PROVIDED).

1300 – 1700: Briefings.

2. **Catering:** A light breakfast (something like coffee/juice/bagels - plus any leftovers from Swap) will be served starting at 0730. Thanks to Adrienne Bonaguidi for organizing this.

Bring your own lunch (and dinner if you're pessimistic about the schedule).

3. **New Good Deal:** In the past, we have offered a fast track program in hopes that we could get some of you off the hill a little earlier. Unfortunately, this hasn't worked out too well since, due to the high remediation rate required by the "fast trackers", moderate tracking was the best we could achieve and sometimes we were reduced to dirt tracking. The Area has graciously agreed to spin two lifts for us to try to get finished before the sun goes down. At sign-in you will be assigned a group. **I AM BEGGING YOU, PLEASE STAY IN THE GROUP YOU ARE ASSIGNED. EVERY TIME YOU DECIDE TO GO WITH YOUR BUDDY OR TO FIGURE A WAY TO GET OUT EARLY YOU SCREW UP THE PLAN AND MAKE EVERYONE STAY LONGER.** Out on the hill, an instructor will demonstrate acceptable performance and answer any questions you have. You will then demonstrate your ability to perform lift evacuation without coaching. If coaching or training is required you will be provided remediation until you can do it without coaching. Like last year, there are no Seconds, you are either qualified or not. To the degree possible, if remediation is required, it will be provided concurrent with the morning training. If you still need additional training after we are finished with lift evacuation, several make up periods will be offered.

4. **Special Cases:** Yes you are special. No you are not necessarily a special case. The Area understands that some people are not physically able to perform lift evacuation. If you think you are in this group contact me and we will work it out. You still have to take whatever portion of the training you can but you won't be qualified to perform lift evacuation. Our goal is that every normally abled person will be qualified to perform lift evacuation.

5. **Candidate OTH Prep:** You may have noticed that we are giving the candidates incident form and operations manual training on 11/10/09 at 1800. You are welcome to attend this session however you won't receive any credit toward On-The-Hill completion. The idea is to give expanded operations manual training as well as lift evacuation and self evacuation ground school. If you think this might be valuable to you please join us.

6. **OEC Scenario:** Once again we are emphasizing proper completion of Incident Reports. This year's scenario is on our website along with the appropriate forms. Go to www.sandiapeakskipatrol.org; click "Training", click "On-The-Hill", download "Incident forms" and "Scenario to use to fill out the forms for OTH training". Complete the Incident Report Form (including the Supplemental Form) and turn it in at the sign-in table. Not all the information needed to fill out the paperwork is contained in the scenario. Please feel free to exercise poetic license in completing those portions. Prizes will be awarded. Mo didn't think the scenario up; anyone giving her a bad time about it will be left in the chair until Monday morning. This portion is mandatory so please don't make JT dream up some heinous penalty for failing to complete and turn in the forms.

7. **Release of Liability:** All participants will have to sign a release of liability prior to taking part in any training. A copy is attached to this email so you may complete it ahead of time and save time at sign-in. If you are a **Student Patroller or Student Patroller Candidate** (you have not yet reached the age of 18) you must have the release of liability form signed by your parents in order to participate. If you forgot it or the dog ate it or whatever, you will not be allowed to complete any training that day. The release of liability form is attached to this email so you can have your parents sign it now and you can bring it with you. If your parents have any concerns or just want to find out what is going on, they should feel free to contact me at 235-7511. Also, if they would like to come and observe, that would be fine.

8. **CPR Cards:** For those of you who got your CPR training from work or someplace other than with the Patrol, this would be a really swell time to bring us a copy of the card. They will be collected at the sign-in desk and we will get you into the system.

9. **Gunners:** Once again, we are going to expand our gun shooters to as many patrollers as possible. If you think, you can actually ski the entire lift line in un-groomed crud with a line launcher in one hand and a bucket in the other, you are a candidate. We will be doing that training concurrent with lift evacuation. We really would like to have as many people as possible qualified.

10. **Self-evacuation:** Anyone who wants to can become self-evacuation qualified by taking training during On-The-Hill. Additionally, Benny has stated that all Team Leaders and Leaders of the Day must be self-evacuation qualified and carry the self-evacuation equipment when they are engaged in leading the day. We will have training rigs there for your use, but it would be best if you contacted Mark Leonard (891-2660) now to purchase your own equipment. If you order it now, it may be there for you at On-The-Hill.

11. **Business Casual Attire:** Since we are spinning lifts 1 and 4, there is a better than ever chance to get stuck by the brambles. Appropriate clothes would include good boots, long pants and a long sleeved shirt all of which should be impervious to thorns. Good leather gloves are a must, don't trust me, just look at the hands of the last people that didn't believe me. Additionally, you may end up hanging in a chair for much longer than you had hoped. I will be heart sick if you get cold.