



Skinny Briefs

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First Candidate Training Session Held

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The first candidate training session of the year was held the weekend of December 2 & 3. After a Saturday morning session on orientation, clothing and equipment the group hiked up Rock & Roll installing a number of trail signs. We then skied down Gooseberry. Snow coverage was thin (The adjacent Dodge Ridge down hill ski area does not yet have enough snow to open) but we were actually able to ski.

On Sunday we had just enough snow to ski to Aspen Meadows. After an early lunch at the




pack station, the candidates able to select an excellent route to the top of chair 3 at Dodge Ridge. The route required good distance estimation and the use of both compass and altimeter. The candidates were then able to accurately lead us on the planned route. An absolutely wonderful demonstration of competence. Once at the top of chair 3 we were able to get some down hill practice in as well as time for a couple of avalanche beacon runs.

I'd like to thank all the candidates and patrollers that made this a great training weekend!

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Newsletter Submissions

Newsletter submissions are gratefully accepted. Due to problems reading the myriad file formats that exist I request that submissions be in one of the following:

- Plain text. The body of a standard email is fine.
- HTML. Most newer word processors allow you to save in this format.
- PDF. If you have some formatting that you wish to retain intact.

These formats are the most "standard". Other formats, even within the same program family, often have problems. For example, my version of WordPerfect for the Mac consistently crashes on highly formatted WordPerfect files made on Windows. Neither my Mac or Windows version of MS Word allow import of WordPerfect files. Thus your WordPerfect files may be useless to me. Within the MS Word family of versions I have encountered similar problems. Please stay away from propriety file formats. Thanks.

Please email your submissions to webmaster@pinecrestnordic.org.

- Jan. 6-7** Pinecrest "On the Trail" Refresher. Meet at 8:00 AM at Pinecrest Ranger Station.
- Jan. 13-14** Candidate training weekend. **Please note the new date!**
- Jan. 20** "Ski With a Ranger"
- Feb. 3-4** Advanced Avalanche
- Feb. 17** "Ski With a Ranger"
- Feb. 17-18** "Candidate Training weekend/Level 1 Mountaineering Class" **Please note the new date!**
- Feb. 17-18** Basic Mountaineering, Larry Crawford and John K.
- Feb. 24-25** Special Olympics at Dodge Ridge
- Mar. 3-4** Advanced Avalanche
- Mar. 10-11** Candidate Training Weekend
- Mar. 17** "Ski With a Ranger"
- Apr. 28** MLR Awards Banquet in Sacramento
- May 6** Pinecrest End of Season Party

Group Email Addresses

The patrol maintains several "closed" email lists. To keep from being bother by "unsolicited commercial email", you have to be a member of the list to send mail. So any mail you receive from the lists are from other patrol members. To aid you in selecting which list to send things to refer to the following:

- all@PinecrestNordic.org Reaches all members including candidates and people interested in joining. A copy is also sent to our Forest Service contact.
- patrollers@PinecrestNordic.org Reaches only qualified patrollers and patrollers who have secondary affiliation with us.
- candidates@PinecrestNordic.org Reaches only the candidates.
- prospects@PinecrestNordic.org Reaches only the people interested in joining (but who have not yet actually joined).

So please think about the target group for your posting and address it appropriately.

Thank you, webmaster@pinecrestnordic.org

Roster Update Form

To make updating you entry in the roster easy, [here](#) is a new on line form. You only need to give your name and then fill in any

fields that are new or changed. The email interface seems to be a bit slow (I will look into it), so it may take a little while to get back with the confirmation screen.