

NORTHFIELD MOUNTAIN NORDIC SKI PATROL



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SUMMER FUN

No snow? You've put away your skis and patrol pack? That doesn't mean you have to wait until our fall refresher to get together with fellow patrollers. We've planned some exciting events over the summer – perfect excuses to get out with family and friends, enjoy bright, sunny days, ice cream, hiking, ice cream, swimming or paddling, and of course, ice cream.

Saturday, June 11th: Orienteering Day

- **9:30am: Northfield Mountain.** Brush up on your map & compass skills as you head off-trail for a meandering tour of the mountain in search of those elusive orienteering posts. A perfect family hike and Tom Deam insists we head out for ice cream afterwards. Contact Tom at tdeam@verizon.net if you plan to be there; we'll meet in the visitors center at 9:30am.

Saturday, July 9th: Patrol Paddle

- **Barton Cove or Highland Lake.** Location and time to be determined based on interest. We can plan a local, day paddle & picnic on the Connecticut River at Barton Cove (ice cream after), or a paddle, lawn games, and cookout with option to stay overnight up at Bob & Joannie's place on Highland Lake in Washington, NH (ice cream & fireworks). Contact Bob Duris at bduris@charter.net if you've interested in paddling on the river or the lake. We'll email details once plans come together.

Saturday, August 20th: Disc Golf & Patrol Picnic

- **9:30am: Tully Lake.** Bring the entire family for a day of fun at Tully Lake in Royalston (take Route 2 to Athol, then head north on Route 32). We'll meet at the main parking lot on Route 32 at 9:30am to *(continued next column)*

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The winter photography contest held by Northfield Mountain Recreation & Environmental Center was a huge success. You can follow this link to view the winning photos and other notable submissions:

www.firstlightpower.com/northfield/photocontest.asp

WWW.NMNSP.ORG

Don't forget to check our website for the latest patrol news and dates of upcoming courses and events.

If you don't remember the user name and password for entering the 'patrol room', contact Bill Schweikert at:

webmaster@nmnsp.org

SUMMER FUN *(continued from first column)* head down the road for a competitive round of disc golf. After golf, we'll have a bring-your-own lunch at the main picnic area, then folks can just hang out or hit the beach or trails. Go to www.corpslakes.us/tully, click on Lake Map, then Disc Golf, to find a PDF version of the course map, and/or check out the clickable map with photos of all 18 tee areas and baskets. Bob & Joannie have a pack full of Frisbees, laminated maps of the course, and score cards. We'll bring hiking poles to fish all those Frisbees out of the water on the third basket! RSVP to Joannie Duris at jvduris@charter.net so we know how many people are up for the golf and who will arrive later for the picnic. Tom can give us the scoop on where to find ice cream locally. ✨

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, November 5th: OEC Refresher

- **Northfield Mountain.** Details next issue.

Saturday, December 3rd: Hill Refresher

- **Northfield Mountain.** Details next issue.

The next issue of the Rattlebone will be published this fall. Please get all articles, information, dates, etc. to Joannie Duris by September 15th. (978) 928-5587 or jvduris@charter.net.

The Patrol's supply of the new, 5th edition of the OEC manual is in! Pick up your copy on June 11th at our Orienteering Day, or contact Tom Deam to coordinate other arrangements. The Patrol has paid for the manuals (you'll need a copy to study for the Refresher). Patrollers will pay their annual dues in November. ✨