

“From Jim Grundstrom

Regarding the Brule Event for S and T created by the Region Staff.

The event was held and as usual right up to the last minute we were still receiving enrollments, including the morning of. Please understand that this is challenging for the planning, but, in the big picture, we are there to educate and that is the most important factor. If it were possible for our members to enroll sooner, it sure would be better.

The Train the Trainer group was well supported and I believe that they did have great instruction and solid practice. As it turned out they become the instructors for the group that was called, “ I am looking for more help and growth as an Alpine Patroller with Toboggans”. I believe that we will call the groups the same for the coming season.

Numbers were not as robust as past years, however that is not an issue in my eyes. More personal instruction is really what we are trying to accomplish. I believe that the North Central Toboggan Instructors and Toboggan I/t's are a huge resource to pray upon. They are well educated and able to be very flexible with the group size on the morning of the event.

The Candidate Level training was a very intriguing group, and we did have fun all day with skills and drills which they could take home with them to practice and share with their fellow candidates not in attendance.

I would advocate for the same location as in past years and keep the event at Brule, for all the same reason, and they are, Central Location, Welcoming Hill and Patrol Management, accommodating the lunch plan, and providing us space to call home for the day.

Best wishes to all, as we move forward in very precarious times,

Jim