



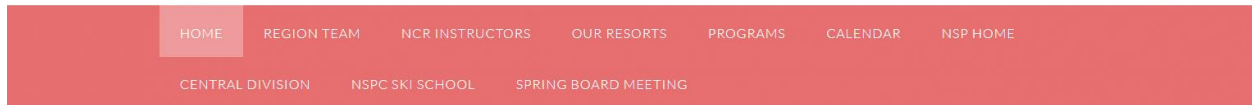
NATIONAL SKI PATROL, CENTRAL DIVISION, NORTH CENTRAL REGION WEBMASTER – SPRING REPORT

Dear NSP NCR Board of Directors and Region Leaders,

It is my sincere hope you are all happy and healthy. I am missing our gatherings and social interaction. Fortunately, we have our own social media in our North Central Region website. www.nspncr.org.



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Communicating information to the Region can be challenging and our site has proven to be a great tool for reaching out. The world is quickly converting from snail mail to electronic communication which makes sharing information more efficient.

There are a few things to keep in mind as we continue to grow our web presence;

- When you bring in new Patrollers, don't forget to send them to the website to sign up for the newsletter. I don't know who your new folks are and cannot add them if I don't know what I don't know. Simply have them open the website, www.nspncr.org and they can enter their name and e-mail address then click the subscribe button.

NEWSLETTER!

Please subscribe to the newsletter and receive important updates to our website and notes from our Leaders! Just enter your name and e-mail address below then click the subscribe button.

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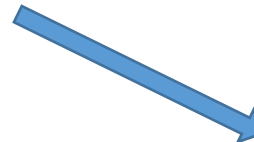
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- If you have events happening around the Region, that information can be easily added to the website. Simply send an e-mail with all of your events information to webmaster@nspncr.org and voilà your information will be live and on-line.
- If you want an e-mail or announcement sent to the entire Region or a specific group in the Region, Simply send an e-mail with all of your events information to webmaster@nspncr.org and voilà your information will be sent to the group of your choice.

THE HOST

The North Central Region Website is hosted by Evidia.com. Evidia is owned by Chris Raudabaugh. Chris is a Certified Patroller in the Ohio Region and patrols at Mad River Mountain. Chris also hosts the Central Division site, the NSP Certified site, the Granite Peak site as well as others around the Division. It is good to see our organization supporting the small businesses of our members.

Our website is built using Wordpress and lives on Evidia's servers. "WordPress is a factory that makes webpages". is a core analogy designed to clarify the functions of WordPress: it stores content and enables a user to create and publish webpages, requiring nothing beyond a domain and a hosting service.

WordPress has a web template system using a template processor. Its architecture is a front controller, routing all requests for non-static URIs to a single PHP file which parses the URI and identifies the target page. This allows support for more human-readable permalinks.

WordPress' plugin architecture allows us to extend the features and functionality of our website. As of January 2020, WordPress.org has 55,487 plugins available, each of which offer custom functions and features enabling us to tailor our sites to our specific needs. Most plugins can be downloaded for free. Currently, all of the plugins being used





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on our website are available free of charge and are available through the WordPress dashboard. Plugin customizations range from search engine optimization (SEO), client portals used to display private information to logged in users, content management systems and content displaying features such as the addition of widgets and navigation bars.



The old website was abandoned a couple of years ago when the Wordpress site was created. The initial build took some time to get it live. Now that the site has been up and running for a while, maintenance is relatively simple. Updates are made as people request content changes, personnel changes happen and as events take place throughout the year.



From Your Webmaster: I enjoy working on your website and have been working with computers since computers were available to the public. As a young child, I worked on the Commodore Vic-20 storing my data on cassette tapes. I have followed the technological progress of computing and still spend a great deal of my time on them.

Throughout my 30 years in industry, I have watched industrial facilities move from control switches and lights to being controlled solely by computers. In my day job, I am responsible for the computerized and networked control systems of 6 different multi-million dollar power generation facilities.



I spend the majority of my life in front of a computer screen with the goal of making life easier for those that use them for interface, communication and knowledge. If you have a computer related need, feel free to reach out to me for assistance.

I wish you all the best in this upcoming season.



Best Regards

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