

ALASKA POWDERBLAST REGISTRATION 2017 24-26, 2017 - Mt. Alyeska, Alaska



February

Sponsored and underwritten by the Alaska Division of the National Ski Patrol, Powderblast is open to all Alaska Division (and visiting) NSP and PSIA members, instructor trainers, candidates, volunteers, professional patrollers

Daily Schedule:

~ Division Meeting (Thursday PM.) **(The Hotel Alyeska)**. All Officers, Patrol Reps and Program Mgrs. Highly encouraged to attend. Meeting is open to all AK Patrollers/Members.

- Breakfast (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) and Registration at **Powderblast Central Headquarters (The Hotel Alyeska)**.
- Morning presentations and round-table discussions Friday, Saturday and Sunday, **Powderblast Central Headquarters (The Hotel Alyeska)**
- Morning and afternoon Ski Clinics Friday and Saturday with PSIA (Nordic and Alpine) instructors and special PSIA clinicians, **Mt. Alyeska**
- Morning and afternoon electives on Friday, Saturday, **Mt. Alyeska**
- Friday evening- Dinner and social get-together, **Challenge Alaska Building**
- Saturday evening- Dinner and social get-together, **Challenge Alaska Building**

Special Events:

- **Instructor Development (ID) offered beginning Friday AM (2/24), continuing Saturday (2/2) AM.**
Please note taking this abbreviated course will require on-line pre-course certificate. Further information will be provided for ID class registrants. *If you are only taking the ID class, there are no registration fees, but if you wish to participate in any of the other activities, you must register for Powderblast. Location TBA.*
- **Cost:**

Registration for 3 days- \$ 200.00 Includes lift tickets (Fri., Sat., Sun.), attendance to all courses, clinics and events, commemorative t-shirt, breakfast (Fri., Sat., Sun.), dinner (Fri., Sat.) If you can only come for 1 or 2 days the cost will be \$100/day (+ \$15 if you want a t-shirt), which includes Instructor Development, lift tickets, daily meals (breakfast and dinner), and activity fees. The fee for additional meals is \$175.00 (\$35/meal). If you can only come for Instructor Development, or the OEC Calibration Clinic, there is no charge for these classes (but please let us know). This price does not include lodging or individual transportation. **All Powderblast fees increase by 100% if postmarked after January 27, 2017.**

Lodging and local transportation:

The Hotel Alyeska (754-1111) has extended a special rate of \$129/night + resort fee+ tax (based on double occupancy). Please mention you are with the NSP Powderblast Group when making reservations. Reservations need to be made prior to January 27th to insure a room.

Participants may make alternate lodging arrangements, but be aware that this can jeopardize the future of Mt. Alyeska hosting the event. We receive lift tickets, meeting rooms, discounted meals and many other valuable considerations from the resort in exchange for filling rooms. So if you are spending money away from the resort, this harms our ability to negotiate favorable rates and conditions with the resort. So if you are paying to stay in the Girdwood Valley, please stay at the resort. You can share rooms, so this is very, very cost effective.

For childcare arrangement contact Alyeska Resort (754-1111)

The Alyeska shuttle runs till midnight (and later) every day with stops at the Day Lodge, The Sitzmark and The Hotel Alyeska. Consult online for the shuttle schedule. Cost is \$1.00 per trip.

For more information visit www.alyeskaresort.com or <http://www.glaciervalleytransit.com>

For more information and to register:

For specific questions regarding Alaska Powderblast, email Peter Matheis at ridenorth@alaska.net or call 378-0556. FAQ sheets will be sent prior to Powderblast with more specific details.

We hope to see you there. This will be a great time!!

To register for the event, please complete and return the entire registration package (page 3-7) with your check to:

Alaska NSP

PO Box 56826 North Pole, Alaska 99705

NOTE: Registration and payment are due (to be received) by January 23, 2017 or fees DOUBLE!!!

ALASKA DIVISION POWDERBLAST, FEBRUARY 24-26, 2017 REGISTRATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: DAY _____ EVENING _____

E-Mail _____

PATROL: _____

Transportation to and from the Airport- If you are coming from outside the Anchorage/Mat-Su area and need transportation to and from the airport, please provide us with the following information:

Arriving- Day _____ Time _____ Flight Number _____

Departing- Day _____ Time _____ Flight Number _____

BASIC REGISTRATION FEE (\$200.) * _____ number of participants _____

SPOUSE AND/OR ADDITIONAL MEALS (\$175/weekend or \$35/meal) _____

TOTAL (REGISTRATION+ADDITIONAL MEALS) _____

Electives- Please check if you are interested in taking these courses, so we can arrange for sufficient instructors. Electives will be offered 10:30-1PM and 2-4:30PM on 2/24 and 2/26 unless otherwise noted.

Electives for credit:

___ Instructor Development- 2/24, 7:30AM to 10AM, completing 2/25, 7:30AM to 10AM

___ Are you interested in becoming an NSP Instructor and beginning (or continuing) the process at Powderblast 2017? If so, what discipline - Circle one only, please.

Avalanche, Sled and Toboggan, Mountain travel and Rescue, OEC

___ Are you available to assist an NSP Instructor candidate by mentoring during Powderblast 2017?

If so, what discipline - **Circle** one only, please.

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Electives for information and practice are you interested in:

___ Alpine Ski Enhancement Seminars- PSIA

___ Senior Toboggan Seminar/Calibration Clinic

___ Nordic Ski Enhancement Seminars- PSIA

___ OEC Advanced Instructional Skills

___ Snowboard Enhancement Seminars- PSIA

___ Avalanche- Snowpit/Snowpack Analysis

___ Short Ski Clinics- PSIA

___ Boot fitting

(Skies available or Bring your short skis if you own them)

___ Gear Demos

___ Toboggan Enhancement Seminar

___ Mentoring 101

___ Nordic ___ Alpine

___ SAR management and methods

___ Women's ski and toboggan clinic

___ Other topics _____

___ Nordic ___ Alpine

Morning Discussions

We are planning for morning information sharing during breakfast on Friday, Saturday and Sunday according to interest. So that we may plan, what topics most interest you. You may select up to 3 choices and please feel free to add topics that you want to learn more about:

___ More about the opportunities in NSP (primarily for new patrollers)

___ Becoming a leader in NSP

___ OEC

___ Avalanche

___ Mountain Travel and Rescue

___ Transportation (ski and toboggan)

___ Instructor Development

___ Becoming an instructor

___ Mentoring new instructors

___ NSP Quality control

- Becoming a senior or certified patroller
- Networking with fellow Patrol
Representatives
- Weather
- Powder Hound New Equipment
- Other topics?** _____

Please tell us any other expectations or special accommodations (dietary or access) you have for your time at Powderblast:

Please rate your skiing ability:

___ PSIA Skiing Level 1-9 (use attached PSIA guidelines)

Rate your ability level on the equipment you intend to use at Powderblast

___ Alpine skis ___ Nordic skis or a ___ Snowboard

ALPINE SKIING LEVELS OF SKILL/COMPETENCE (Select only ONE level)

| Level | Description |
|---------|--|
| LEVEL 1 | First time on skis or board |
| LEVEL 2 | Has a few hours on skis/board can make cautious non-linked turns |
| LEVEL 3 | Skis with a solid wedge on easier green runs; turns board either on heel or toe side but cannot link turns |
| LEVEL 4 | Skis using wedge turns/boards using some linked heel-toe turns on all green runs and easier blue runs |
| LEVEL 5 | Skis using wedge-Christie turns/ boards using mostly linked heel and toe side turns on easier blue runs; beginning parallel turns |
| LEVEL 6 | skis using beginning parallel turns on green runs and wedge-Christie turns on blue terrain; boards using dynamic edge changes and balance |
| LEVEL 7 | Skis in comfortable open parallel stance or boards with a comfortable stance on all blue runs, easy blue bump runs and groomed black runs; maintains rhythm, balance and speed control in most snow conditions most of the time |
| LEVEL 8 | Skis in dynamic-parallel stance in short to long turns on all blue and black runs in almost all snow conditions and terrain; uses an open-parallel stance in harder double-black runs; maintains rhythm, balance and speed control at all times; boards with a dynamic stance on all blue and black runs in powder snow conditions but has difficulties in heavy or wet or crusted snow and steep terrain; maintains rhythm, balance and speed control at all times. |
| LEVEL 9 | Is proficient in all kinds of skiing/boarding on all terrain in all kinds of snow conditions and terrain; varies rhythm and speed and uses a variety of techniques to maintain control. |

[Alaska Division Powderblast]
RELEASE FORM

I understand that I am about to participate in Alaska Division Powderblast, an NSP Educational Event on the premises of Mount Alyeska (the "Ski Area").

I have volunteered under my own free will to participate in POWDERBLAST which is entirely elective. I have thoroughly investigated and understand what is involved in POWDERBLAST.

I understand and acknowledge that the POWDERBLAST may include, but is not limited to, extensive classroom and/or field work on first aid scenarios, skiing/snowboarding, toboggan handling along with other events which ski patrollers encounter in their duties of patrolling a ski area and for training and education purposes may involve me simulating the role of an injured person (the "Event Activities"). I understand that I will encounter the inherent risks and dangers of patrolling, as well as the additional risk of working by myself and in groups on a variety of terrain and snowpack of varying conditions and difficulties and may involve movement through avalanche terrain, route selection/hazard identification, stability assessments, search and rescue and survival in the field environment. Field sessions may involve locations from which evacuation of participants would be long and difficult, if the participant was injured. I understand and acknowledge that such activity can be dangerous and I knowingly assume the risk of participating in POWDERBLAST. As part of POWDERBLAST, I understand and acknowledge that I may also encounter additional risks not inherent to a normal participant to the sport of skiing or snowboarding. **These additional risks include, but are not limited to, risks of injury to any and all parts of my body and even the risk of death.** These dangers can be caused or created by many factors, which include, but are not limited to, terrain (both on prepared or groomed ski runs and on areas not prepared, maintained or groomed), weather, natural obstacles, man-made obstacles, human error, variable snow conditions, avalanches, and other conditions inherent to my participation in POWDERBLAST. By signing this Release, I represent that I understand that injuries or even death from skiing/snowboarding and **POWDERBLAST** are known and recognized occurrences from participation in the sport and the Event Activities, and that **I freely accept and assume all risks of injury or death that might result from my participation in skiing/snowboarding and/or POWDERBLAST.**

In consideration of the opportunity to participate in POWDERBLAST, I acknowledge the following: that I, for myself, my heirs, representatives, agents, servants, employees, successors, assigns, and anyone claiming by or through me, do hereby remise, release, and forever discharge and agree to hold harmless and defend the Ski Area, the Alyeska Ski Patrol, the National Ski Patrol System, Inc. ("NSP") and any of its subunits, officers, advisors, instructors and members, as well as all fellow participants, both individually and jointly, their respective representatives, agents, servants, attorneys, employees, successors, and assigns, from any and all liability, regardless of any negligence on the part of the same, claims, suits, proceedings, debts, sums of money, accounts, covenants, agreements, promises, judgments, contracts, damages, costs, expenses and demands of whatsoever kind and nature, whether in law or in equity, which I may have, have had, or may at any time hereafter have, arising out of or otherwise connected with, in any way, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, participating in POWDERBLAST.

While persons instructing and/or organizing POWDERBLAST, or persons assisting them, may offer advice regarding Event Activities based upon their training, background and experience, I represent and agree that **I will use my own judgment** when performing and/or demonstrating the skills involved in POWDERBLAST. I will also **rely solely on my judgment** regarding my personal safety and ability with regard to the terrain, circumstances and conditions in which I may demonstrate or perform to accomplish the tasks involved in POWDERBLAST, including, but not limited to skiing/snowboarding and other related Event Activities. I also clearly understand and agree that, at any time during POWDERBLAST, **I shall and am expected to refrain from performing and/or demonstrating any activities, if and when I believe that I may be in an unsafe situation or subject to possible injury or death if I proceed.**

I affirm, by signing this release that I am physically fit and capable of performing the activities involved in the POWDERBLAST. I also affirm that I have no known physical or psychological limitations that would prevent my full participation in the POWDERBLAST, including, but not limited to any limitations in my ability to ski or snowboard.

I agree that this Release shall be governed by the applicable law of the State of Alaska and that if any part of this Release shall be determined to be unenforceable; all other parts shall be given full force and effect.

By signing this Release I acknowledge that I have carefully read and considered this Release, understand all terms and conditions and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions. I also acknowledge that no promise, inducement, representation or agreement not stated in this Release has been made to me and that the terms of this Release are contractual and not a mere recital.

Name of Participant

Signature of Participant

Printed

Address: _____
Date

IF THE PARTICIPANT IS LESS THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE, the undersigned parent or guardian hereby acknowledges that he or she has carefully read and considered this Release, understands all terms and conditions and agrees to be bound by its terms and conditions and understands and acknowledges that this Release applies to the Participant and also to each and every parent or guardian of the Participant. The undersigned also consents to the above Participant participating in POWDERBLAST and signs this Release on behalf of the Participant and the Participant's parents and/or guardians:

of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Printed Name

Address: _____ Phone No. _____

Relationship to Participant: _____ Date _____