

Sea Otter Bicycling Classic, October 7-10, 2021

National Ski Patrol First-aiders, Course Marshals and other volunteers

What do we do at Sea Otter Bike races? The NSP provides on-course First Aid and Course Marshals (Marshals don't require first-aid skills) for the following events: Downhill, Dual Slalom, Back Country, Cross Country races in Monterey and in the Ride Zone/Pump Park areas at Laguna Seca, as well as staffing two First-aid tents over the four day event.



Expanded: NSP will staff the two first-aid tents. This gives you option to pair with fellow patrollers, family, friends under cover and right in the heart of Laguna Seca action!

How long are the typical shifts you will be working?

Depending upon assignments, reporting times can range from 6:30 AM to 7:45 AM starts, with shifts running 6-9 hours.

Basic coverage schedule for the 4 day event:

Thursday, October 7: assignments on Downhill, Dual Slalom, Back Country and Ride Zone/Pump Park areas and (2) First-aid tents.

Friday, October 8: Downhill, Dual Slalom and Ride Zone areas and (2) First-aid tents

Saturday, October 9: Downhill, Dual Slalom, Cross-country, Ride Zone/Pump Park areas, Mountain Bike Tour and Open Road Tour, Gran Fondo Road Course and (2) First-aid tents

Sunday, October 10: Downhill, Dual Slalom, Cross-country, Ride Zone/Pump Park and (2) First-aid tents

How will I know what my assignments are each day I work?

We will send out an assignment schedule 1 week before the event. In this email will be the Assignment sheet and Maps to help you get to your assignment rally point.

Can I request a preference to what event I would like to work?

Yes (with preference to early sign-ups), request the area you would like to work and we will attempt to put you there.

Where to report and when: it depends upon your assignment; the assignment sheet will tell you where to report. But (as a default if you are not sure) **check in at "NSP Central", at far/southwest side of the Paddock "D" Parking Area** at the Sea Otter Classic (see map) 20 min before the beginning of your shift.; Once again, as this is key, **we will send you a MAP and Assignments Roster, with reporting times, a week or two prior to the event** – watch for it!

Sea Otter donation for volunteer services: Sea Otter volunteers, either first-aiders or course marshals, receive \$30 per shift as a donation to their patrol/organization for their service. Overall payment is made to the Dodge Ridge National Ski Patrol, which forwards funds for other individual patrols, based on their number of participants and shifts served.

Benefits to our volunteers: Each volunteer gets a four-day Sea Otter admission (wrist pass, \$80 value), volunteer t-shirt, lunch provided on your day(s) as a volunteer, free camping (trailer, tents, RVs); join us for the big NSP-hosted BBQ on Saturday night. Other evenings, team members barbecue at "NSP Central" (bring own food).

Can Non-NSP members volunteer?? Yes, our assignments also include "Course Marshals" and admin folks, so non-NSP folks (read that as non-OEC first-aiders) can join us (like spouses, adult kids, friends)! "Non-first-aiders" are usually paired with an NSP first-aid, covering both bases!

Can other, non-NSP, first-aiders assist? Yes, volunteers from local Fire, ambulance, medical can team with ski patrol volunteers – just provide Sea Otter staff with a 'first-responder certificate' along with their volunteer waiver!

Camping, Parking: Note: RV parking and tent space is reserved in "Ski Patrol Central" only for those NSP members doing first-aid or course marshal work as official Sea Otter volunteers. **"Ski Patrol Central"**, has room for up to **16 NSP motorhomes and fifth-wheels**. **Tenters:** Those wishing to pitch a tent among our trailers/.fifth-wheels are welcome to do that! Public bathrooms just 50' away; and

coin-op showers about a ½ mile away. **Are there hookups?** NO - If you need fresh water delivered and gray water pumping at your RV, it will cost you about \$50.00 for the four days (sign up with Tim Viall and let him know when you check in). **Tell volunteer entry staff you are headed to the Paddock “D” Parking lot as part of the NSP first-aid crew, camping slots 907-917. FREE RV, trailer or motorhome and tent camping!**

Big hosted -barbecue Saturday night! Saturday night is our big, hosted NSP BBQ at “Ski Patrol Central” at Laguna Seca; although “bring your own food/drinks barbecues” also held Thursday and Friday’s nights; the NSP provides food and side dishes for Sat. night; have a great time with fellow NSP volunteers. BBQs start about 6 PM. And, **bring FIREWOOD!**

Off-Time for Fun? Yes, you will have “off-time” to tour the huge Sea Otter Trade Fair (450 vendors) and see some of the events, or go biking on road or trail bikes – so bring your walking shoes, and, bicycles!

What equipment should I bring? Your fully loaded NSP patrol vest or first-aid pack (if you are a first-aid volunteer). The two Sea Otter first-aid tents offer plenty of first-aid materials to replenish your patrol vest – but come fully stocked to start. If you have road or mountain bikes, bring those, as well. They’ll come in handy during your “off-hours” for touring this spectacular event!

What type clothing? We suggest you come with all types of clothing – including foul-weather, windy-weather and cold-weather gear, and, warm-weather items, too –Check the weather forecast but like skiing, come “over-prepared” – we could have all the elements during the four days of the Sea Otter.

What other gear to bring? A light-weight portable chair to sit on, and if rain, Umbrellas can also be useful. If you are tenting, bring your camping gear; and, if cooking, bring a portable BBQ. Your road bike and/or mountain bike will allow you to do touring around the large Laguna Seca complex during your “off hours”!

What type food should I bring? The Sea Otter provides a delicious sack lunch for the days you are volunteering. **Bring snacks, drinks and something for early morning breakfast, and evening BBQ food.** Nearby food vendors also offer about anything you might want to purchase. There are also food vendors at the Sea Otter – so you need not go far to purchase savory meals or snacks. And, several restaurants are not more than a few miles from Laguna Seca, should you want a sit-down restaurant.

Drivers for “Non-medical Emergency (SAG) Vehicles” (3 Saturday and 2 Sunday): The NSP has several assignments for “non-medical emergency Transport vehicles” (two each, Friday and Sunday, three on Saturday). To be selected, you’ll need a four wheel drive, large SUV. Check in at 6:30 AM at Ski Patrol Central with Steve or Tim, each day. Sea Otter provides the fuel, and your patrol will earn \$100 for each day of such service. **Please NOTE:** Assignments will go to the top two NSP Patrols with multi-volunteers, based on “number of patroller/volunteer shifts.

What if I can’t make my shift? Please, please plan to make your shift(s) – we have contracted to be there, with proper numbers of first-aiders. If some emergency arises, please contact your Patrol Leader or your patrol’s Sea Otter Team Leader to arrange to find a replacement!

What if I am a late arrival, for reasons beyond my control?: Call **Dave Rollings, 408.218.3013** or **Tim Viall , 209.969.3875**, and report to Ski Patrol Central, in the Paddock/D Parking lot, for reassignment or MED Tent 1 on your map at the bottom of the Dual Slalom course.

Directions to Laguna Seca: How to get to Laguna Seca Raceway (between Salinas and Monterey)? Here are directions to the Sea Otter Classic: **From CA Hwy 101**, at Salinas, take the Hwy 68 exit, and proceed south to the main entrance to Laguna Seca, and then tell parking attendants you are headed to the **Paddock “D” Parking Lot to camp..** See www.seaotterclassic.com for more insight!

MAPS: As we get closer to the event, we will send maps.

How do I sign up? Contact Tim Viall, Sea Otter Coordinator for NSP Volunteers (tviall@msn.com; 11135 Moose River Ct., Rancho Cordova, CA 95670; Cell Ph: 209.969.3875 – **Send: name(s), your patrol, US mail address, Email, Cell Phone, t-shirt size, which day(s) you are volunteering for, assignment preference and if you have an RV, trailer or Tent for “Ski Patrol Central” area.**

Questions: Contact Sea Otter Coordinators **Dave Rollings, 408.218.3013** or **Tim Viall, 209.969.3875, tviall@msn.com.**