

## Frequently Asked Questions about the 2008 MRA Spring Meeting

### **What's the best way to get to Stowe?**

See our travel information page

[www.stowemountainrescue.org/documents/MRASpringMeetingTravelInformation.pdf](http://www.stowemountainrescue.org/documents/MRASpringMeetingTravelInformation.pdf)

### **What will the weather be like?**

New England weather is notoriously variable, but best guess is temperatures in the 70's during the day and 50's or 60's at night. It could be as much as 20 degrees cooler or warmer than that. Most of our activities are outside and will continue rain or shine, so be prepared for both cool rainy weather or hot and dry conditions.

### **What gear should I bring with me?**

We've tried to minimize what you need to travel with. You'll certainly need sturdy hiking shoes, a small daypack, water bottle and foul weather gear. If you plan on participating in the low angle evac or highline session you will need a helmet, a harness and a rappel device. A couple of carabiners and a prussik would also be helpful. All gear for the swift water rescue class will be provided for those who pre-register for that session. If you want to take part in the recreational climbing session on Thursday, we will provide the ropes and pro, but you should bring whatever else you need. We may have a few helmets to loan out if you have trouble fitting one in your luggage. Call if you have questions (802-253-8003).

### **What meals are/aren't included?**

Starting Thursday morning a continental breakfast is included with your registration fee. Lunches you are on your own. There are several delis and grocery stores nearby where you can pick something up to take with you. Dinner is included on Thursday and Saturday nights, and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be provided on Friday evening. Complimentary beverages will be provided every night except Saturday when there will be a cash bar. We're still soliciting food donations from local stores and restaurants, and whatever we get we'll throw your way!

### **Do I have to stay at the host hotel?**

Absolutely not! There are many lodging facilities in Stowe, and several within walking distance of the host hotel. We expect the Golden Eagle and most other lodges to sell out as it is a very busy weekend in a resort town, so we encourage everybody to book early so they won't be disappointed. Other lodging options can be found at [www.gostowe.com](http://www.gostowe.com)

### **Do I need to pre-register for classes?**

The Swiftwater Rescue Class will have a limited enrollment and will probably close out, so pre-registration is required. You will also need to choose 2 sessions to attend on Friday (check off on the registration form). On check-in at the conference you will be asked to make selections for some of the other sessions based on whether transportation is required, and you will be asked if you wish to participate in the Adventure Tour & Team Skills Competition on Saturday so we can assign teams.