

PORA Hosts Annual Lift Maintenance Seminar at Bear Creek Mountain Resort

The Pennsylvania Outdoor Recreation Association (PORA) successfully hosted its annual Lift Maintenance Seminar on June 30 and July 1 at Bear Creek Mountain Resort in Macungie, PA, bringing together more than 75 participants for two days of intensive technical training.

The seminar drew 40 lift maintenance professionals representing 9 Pennsylvania ski areas, alongside 18 industry instructors and 20 inspectors from the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry Bureau of Occupational and Industrial Safety. The collaborative presence of BOIS inspectors alongside working industry professionals created an environment of open dialogue between the field and the regulatory community—a hallmark of the PORA program.

As a recognized continuing education provider with the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, PORA awarded 16 CEU (Continuing Education Unit) hours across 11 course topics to participants who completed the full curriculum. Training sessions covered electrical systems, workplace safety and rescue, corrosion and non-destructive testing, gearbox and drive systems, cables and wire ropes, and PA DLI (Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry) documentation and inspection requirements, delivered in a rotating small-group format across eight stations.

"I have been attending this seminar since 2022. This has been the best one by far. Instructors were amazing and

seemed genuinely interested in teaching what they signed up for," said one attendee.

"The Lift Maintenance Seminar exists because safe lift operations depend on a skilled, knowledgeable workforce," said Lutricia Eberly, Executive Director of PORA. "Bringing together technicians, industry experts, and state inspectors in the same room, learning alongside one another, is exactly the kind of investment Pennsylvania's outdoor recreation industry needs."

The event was made possible by premier sponsors Leitner-Poma of America, Fleetwood Industrial Products, and U.S. Tank Painting.

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