



2015 ASRC Retreat

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Blackburn Trail Center

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January 10, 2015

9:00 AM

Note: There will be informal discussions on Friday evening, January 9, 2015.
(Additional facility and menu information is located on pages 4 - 5)

AGENDA

I. **Welcome/Kickoff – Don Scelza, Chairman**

- Overall direction of the ASRC
 - How do we change while keeping the culture?
- Supporting the Groups
- Changes in organizational structure

II. **Sessions**

Session 1: Operations

Facilitator: Michael Hansen, Conference Operations Officer

Scribe: Beth Huhn, ASRC Secretary

Goals:

- ASRC Operational Guidance Manual
- Review comments and updates to draft
- Integration of Medical Policy – Keith Conover
- Timeline for finalization and delivery

Session 2: Certification and Training

Facilitator: Don Scelza, Chair

Scribe: Beth Huhn, ASRC Secretary

Goals:

- Overview of conference certification process, PTB's, ID's and needs of RA's/AHJ's
- Plan moving forward
 - New CTO
 - Management of program – interim processes
 - Committees



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Session 3: 2015 AGM

Facilitators: Don Scelza, Chair; Ken Chiacchia, AMRG

Scribe: Beth Huhn, ASRC Secretary

Goals:

- Co-hosts – AMRG and MARG
- Review/discuss weekend outline and begin work on finalization of content and deliverables
 - Date, location and accommodations
 - Structure of weekend events
 - Events
 - Sweep width experiment and integration of UAV
 - Member Meeting
 - Recognition awards
 - Intro of NWPAK9SAR, probationary team vote by members
- Document assignments
- Identify timeline for deliverables

Session 4: ASRC Support of Remote Support

Facilitators: Don Scelza, Chair; Don Ferguson, MARG

Scribe: Beth Huhn, ASRC Secretary

Goals:

- Overview of project
- Financial support
- Administrative support
- Discuss next steps
 - How to present the concept in a compact framework to the RA and how to request Internet access
 - Requesting the RA share information with operators located off-site (outside of their immediate control)
 - Establishing a secure method of sharing sensitive information
 - Developing a direct method for sharing spatial data
- Document assignments
- Identify timeline for deliverables



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Session 5: Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV)

Facilitator: Ben McCandless, AMRG

Scribe: Beth Huhn, ASRC Secretary

Goals:

- Overview of project, use in Search and Rescue operations
- Discuss next steps
- Document assignments
- Identify timeline for deliverables

Session 6: Break-out Sessions (concurrent)

Topic	Medical	Tracking Standards	K9 Standards	Remote Support
Facilitator	Keith Conover	Padraic Hughes	Ken Chiacchia	Don Ferguson/ Steve Weiss

Goals:

- Develop plan for set of operational procedures
- Discuss next steps
- Document assignments
- Identify timeline for deliverables
- Reconvene to brief all Retreat participants

III. **Wrap-Up**

IV. **Thank you - Adjourn**

NOTE: The ASRC BOD Meeting will begin at 9:00AM on Sunday, January 11, 2015



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RETREAT FACILITY INFORMATION

ASRC's reservation is booked for exclusive use of Blackburn Trail Center the nights of Friday, January 9 and Saturday, January 10.

Check in as early as 5:00pm on Friday and check out by 12:00pm on Sunday, following the Board Meeting.

Accommodations:

Built in 1910, the Blackburn Trail Center was acquired by PATC in 1979. The largest facility in the Club's cabin system, Blackburn consists of the Main House, the Carriage House and the Hikers Hostel. Resident caretakers live on the premises during the hiking season. The Center is primarily designed to support long distance hikers, trail crews, Club planning meetings and training seminars. When not being used for official club activities, the Center is the perfect location for large group use. In the past Blackburn has hosted weddings, family reunions and milestone birthday parties.

Located on a 150 acre wooded tract and backing up to the A.T. corridor, Blackburn can accommodate up to 80 plus people for a day event and has indoor lodging space for 30 people with at least 30 more using tent spaces and the adjoining campground. The commercial style kitchen provides two propane gas stoves, refrigerator and freezer, double sinks and two dishwashers. The kitchen is also well stocked with pots, pans and dishes, etc. The Main House and Carriage House both have electricity; there is also hot and cold water and wood burning stoves for cooler months.

Cabin Type - Semi-Primitive

Pets Allowed – No*

Miles from Washington DC - 50

Location - On the AT close to Bluemont, Va.

Distance from the AT - 0.3 mile

Bunkhouse sleeping arrangements

Blackburn Trail Center

34899 Appalachian Trail Rd.

Loudoun, VA 20132

*The formal policy is no dogs anywhere in the main cabin including the porch or the private apartment which is used by the winter caretaker. There is a separate small cabin, referred to as "The Hikers Cabin" where dogs are allowed if it is not a problem for other hikers staying there. If some of the group want to use this cabin that's ok so long as there are no hikers. It has 4 double bunks, but no mattresses, and a wood burning stove. Dog owners are asked to please clean up the grounds before leaving.



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RETREAT WEEKEND MENU

(preliminary/draft)

1/9/15 – Friday Evening:

- Spaghetti and garlic bread (*Katy*)

1/10/15 - Saturday Breakfast - 0800:

- Pancakes with maple syrup & bacon (*Don F.*)

1/10/15 – Saturday Lunch:

- Soup and baked sandwiches (*Katy*)

1/10/15- Saturday Dinner:

- Beef tri-tip and Roasted Pork Loin (*Katy*)
- Bread rolls (*Steve*)
- Vegetables/Other

1/10/15 - Saturday Dessert:

- Surprise!

1/11/15 – Sunday Breakfast - 0800:

- Apple-pecan French toast or omelet roll-ups (*Katy*)
- Left-overs from the weekend

Beverages: Coffee w/cream & sugar, black tea (can use hot or for iced if anyone wants), orange juice, tap water.

Price for meals per Retreat participant: \$20.00