

APPALACHIAN SEARCH & RESCUE CONFERENCE

c/o PATC, 1718 N St. N.W.

Washington, D. C. 20036

NEWSLETTERScheduleApril 26-27 Basic handling and transportation and improvisation

Definitive date. Elizabeth Furnace Campground, Fort Valley. Introduction and preparation for transportation, improvisation, use of Stokes litter, communications, evacuation. Working with support vehicles and helicopters; simulation. Instructor: Gene Harrison

Make reservations with Rita Cloutier 202/966-7652 by Thursday, 4/24.

May 17-18 Basic orienteering with opportunity for advanced training

Sorry, plans not finalized yet.

For information call Rita Cloutier 202/966-7652 after May 5.

Special Notices

Amateur (ham) radio training - for anyone who wants to get, or will be getting a license, a short course on his/her own, one evening a week for 5 weeks. Instruction in operating radio, communications, electronics, to prepare for the FCC test. Call Harold Bailey, 301/762-0722 who can advise you and give training information.

Committees---The following committees have been established. If you're interested in serving on the committee or have information to contribute, please write ASRC or call the coordinator (not after 10 p.m., please - some are early risers!).

| <u>Committee</u> | <u>Coordinator (acting)</u> |
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| Communications | no one named; write ASRC |
| Medical | Harold Bailey H: 301/762-0722 W: 703/347-8491 |
| Resources (who, what, where of getting support material) | Ron Wilson H: 301/229-3397 W: 703/759-2915 or 2925 |
| Search: | Ray Cole H: 703/960-3559 W: 202/767-3449 |

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| Support | Bill Sexton | H: 703/968-6782 |
| Survival | Larry Cline | H: 301/997-9061 W: 202/447-2358 |
| Vertical Ropework | Jeannie Zemotel | H: 703/532-7041 W: 703/281-2720 (12 to 5 pm) |

OPERATIONS

ASRC Operational Policy

The Appalachian Search & Rescue Conference has one purpose: the saving of lives in the outdoors. There are three main ways for us to do this. First, education of those who go into the outdoors in proper techniques because prevention is the best cure. Secondly, we can train those who go on outings in first aid and basic rescue techniques and principles so they may carry out rescues themselves. Lastly, we can provide a search and rescue capability for our region for those few incidents that can't be handled through the first two methods.

The current ASRC training program is designed to make it possible for ASRC trainees to acquire all the skills and knowledge needed for ASRC Basic Membership Certification, hopefully by sometime this summer. We recognize that some trainees have many of these skills, but we don't have any way of recognizing and testing them, other than at the training sessions. We hope to eventually develop tests to administer to those who believe they have the necessary skills and knowledge. Unfortunately, formulating these tests will take much time and work. In the meantime, we would like to encourage those who have knowledge and skills to share them with others at the training sessions.

Since it will be this summer, at least, until we have what we could call a 'qualified' rescue team, we are constructing a 'body list' of persons willing and available for S&R operations. From this list, ASRC dispatchers can select personnel if we are called upon before we have organized rescue groups.

The ASRC dispatch service is handled by the University of Virginia Police. A call to the UVA police, at any time of day or night, will be referred to an ASRC dispatcher. In addition to ASRC, the Cave Rescue Communications Network (CRCN) of the Virginia Region of the National Speleological Society uses UVA Police facilities for its dispatch service. Therefore, all calls for outdoor or underground S&R assistance in our region should be referred to UVA Police. The number is:

804/924-7166

Remember to ask for ASRC (above-ground) or CRCN (underground) assistance.

- Keith Conover
Director of Operations

Books for S&R persons available from the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, 1718 N St NW, Washington, D.C. 20036:

Outdoor Living - Problems, Solutions, Guidelines - Mt. Rescue Assn. \$2.50

Mountain Search for the Lost Victim by Dennis Kelley - \$5.00

Mountain Search and Rescue Techniques - W. G. May \$4.00

Mountaineering First Aid - Dick Mitchell \$1.95

Map G - Signal Knob to New Market Gap, Massanutten Mts. (includes Elizabeth Furnace area) \$1.00

For first class mail, add \$1.00 per book; 10¢ per map.