

ASRC MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

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A system of evaluating ASRC members is necessary to assure their effectiveness in wilderness search and rescue operations. Certain personal skills and equipment are essential to an individual's survival and freedom of action in widely varying terrain and weather. Certain additional skills are required for team work and aid to victims during search and rescue problems. These skills must be well exercised in both theory and practice and should be constantly improved. Furthermore, an individual must possess a strong, psychologically positive attitude and be capable of working effectively with teammates under stress.

Membership bears the responsibilities of willing participation in difficult or hazardous search and rescue operations, frequent training to maintain competence, investment in equipment, and guidance of others in safety and techniques. The benefits include the self-confidence and appreciation derived from wilderness, technical and survival training and application. There is also the satisfaction of being able to help one's fellow man, particularly when he has only one hope left: you.

The classes of membership are determined primarily by training, experience and capability:

- 1) ^{I.D.} ~~1) The Trainee:~~ a participant in the training program and other functions who has not qualified for Basic membership. ~~He is not routinely allowed to perform on operations.~~
- 2) ^{ASRC} The Basic: a member who has sufficient personal and group training to participate in field operations, usually under the guidance of more experienced personnel.
- 3) <sup>ASRC
"RESCUE"
"TEAM MEMBER"
"LEADER"
"CAPTAIN"</sup> The Regular: a member familiar with most aspects of field and support operations and problems. He can function effectively as an individual, as a team member or as a leader in most field situations. For special problems, he may require the guidance of a Specialist.
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PATCH</sup> The Specialist: qualification is awarded to a Regular member with an expertise in a specific, needed skill. He may be an Instructor or act as a focal point for skill-related information. In operations, he may be assigned the responsibility and authority for the implementation of his skill by individuals or teams.
- 5) ^{I.D.} The Associate: a member who does not qualify for field operations and cannot normally participate. However, he possesses a recognized specialty or capability which can be of significant value to the ASRC.

I. Trainee

A. Personal

1. Sound mind and body
2. Capable of enduring stress and hardship
3. Positive psychological attitude

B. Participation - willingness, agreement and capability to actively participate in training and, if needed, to respond to operations.

C. Admission

1. Sponsorship by a Basic or higher member who will have responsibility for guidance and training.
2. Approval by D/TT or representative

D. Certification - may not wear or bear ASRC identification

II. Basic Membership

A. Personal skills (ASRC courses)

1. Basic Survival (B-SV)
2. Basic Wilderness Travel (B-WT)
3. Basic Orienteering (B-OR)

B. Group Skills (ASRC Courses)

1. Basic Handling & Transportation (B-HT)
2. Basic Search (B-SH)
3. Advanced First Aid (Approved Red Cross)
4. Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (American Heart Assn.)

C. Active Participation

1. ASRC Training
2. ASRC Simulation(s) and/or Operation(s)
3. Willingness, agreement and capability to participate in training and to respond for operations.

D. Equipment

1. Possession of and familiarity with Minimums on ASRC Equipment Reference (R-EQ)
2. Availability and organization of gear for quick response

E. Examination

1. Equipment inspection
2. Written test
3. Oral and practical applied problems

F. Confirmation

1. Sponsorship by a Regular or higher member
2. Approval by D/TT or representative
3. Vote by membership (Basic, Regular and Specialist)

G. Certification

1. Wear and Bear ASRC Basic Membership Identification
2. Data File Documentation

III. Regular Membership**A. Prerequisites**

1. Basic Membership for six months
2. Waiver by D/TT or representative in special circumstances

B. Personal Skills (ASRC courses)

1. Basic Climbing (B-CL)
2. Basic Vertical Ropework (B-VR)
3. Intermediate Wilderness Travel/Survival (I-WT/S_v)
4. At least one additional intermediate level course in a personal skill (OR, CL, VR...)

C. Group Skills (ASRC courses)

1. Basic Support (B-SP)
2. Basic Operations (B-OP)
3. Basic Communications (B-CM)
4. At least one intermediate level course in a group skill (HT, SH, SP, OP, CM, EMT or Doctor...)

D. Active Participation

1. ASRC Training
2. ASRC Simulation(s)
3. ASRC Operation(s)
4. Other Functions as directed by D/TT or representative
5. Willingness, agreement and capability to participate in training and to respond for operations

E. Equipment

1. Possession and familiarity with items on ASRC Equipment Reference (R-EQ)
2. Availability and organization of gear for quick response
- #. Additional equipment for
 - a. Overnight/weekend
 - b. Vertical ropework

F. Examination

1. Equipment Inspection
2. Written, oral and practical
3. Small team leadership
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G. Confirmation

1. Sponsorship by a Regular or higher member
2. Approval by D/TT or representative
3. Vote by membership (Regular and Specialist)

H. Certification

1. Presentation of Regular Member Certificate
2. Wear and Bear ASRC Regular Member Identification
3. Data File Documentation

IV. Specialist Qualification

Note: A Regular Member who has a significant capacity or interest in a specific skill, related to a recognized ASRC course or need, is encouraged to develop himself in that skill, with the coordination of the D/TT or his representative. Having the foundation of regular membership, he can interpret and apply specialized information and techniques to the benefit of ASRC, its members and the search and rescue problem. Therefore, a Regular who achieves a high competence in a special skill may be awarded the Specialist Qualification.

A. Prerequisites

1. Regular Membership
2. Coordination with D/TT or representative

B. The Specialty must be an ASRC need or course, as determined by D/TT.

C. Personal achievement must be a high competence in both theory and application

D. Group contribution

1. Must effectively utilize skill, both in theory and practice, in ASRC functions.
2. Must participate in skill instruction, of ASRC members, at several levels of proficiency
3. Willingness, agreement and capability to participate in training and respond for operations.

E. Equipment

1. Possession and/or intimate familiarity with necessary hardware, documents and/or other items, as determined by D/TT or representative.