



APPALACHIAN SEARCH AND RESCUE CONFERENCE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING &

SEARCH AND RESCUE TRAINING EXTRAVAGANZA

When

- ◆ Weekend of **29 September – October 1, 2017** (Fri-Sun)
- ◆ SAR team members, ASRC Group or otherwise: exercise starts at **0830 Saturday for Base** personnel, **0900 Saturday for field** personnel at the **Recreation Hall**, and goes on until after dark for practice with night operations.
- ◆ ASRC Members: Membership Meeting 1000 hours Sunday, to be followed by Board of Directors meeting.

Who

- ◆ Saturday's Training Extravaganza: open to members of **any area search and rescue team**, the Pitt Wilderness Medical Society Student Interest section, and PittEM residents and faculty.
- ◆ Sunday's ASRC Membership and Board meetings: open to all, discussions will include Conference alerting, remote planning and GIS software for search management.
- ◆ **Registration required:** www.asrc.net/register at **no cost**, but if you plan to stay overnight Friday or Saturday, you must **pay for your own camping/lodging**.

Where

- ◆ **New Germany State Park**, MD, 5 miles south of I-68, at the exit for US 219 north 15 miles west of Cumberland, Maryland. Base is **Recreation Hall, park at lot #2**. [Map](#).
- ◆ If you want to stay Friday or Saturday night, you may **reserve a campsite** at the park through parkreservations.maryland.gov (warning: klunky). Or **reserve a room** at the Comfort Inn at the I-68 exit (5 miles N of park), or other motels in Frostburg, MD (15 miles E of the park).
- ◆ **Those with dogs** should reserve campsites on the **Hemlock loop** which is pet-friendly. (Dogs, even service dogs, probably won't be welcomed by those camped in the other campground areas.) Nearest pet-friendly motel is Super 8 La Vale/Cumberland (25 miles E of the park).

Dogs

The ASRC Operational Guidance Manual states: *It is the standard of the ASRC that any canine that is attending an ASRC event will be leashed or crated/ confined when not on an assigned field task or training activity. Canine handlers will have control over their dog(s) at all times. In the event that these standards are not upheld, the offending parties may be directed to leave. Failure to abide by ASRC policies, including without limitation a direction to leave an ASRC event, may result in disciplinary action. In the event that a dispute is made in regards to an incident, this dispute will follow the process set forth in the ASRC Administration Manual.*

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What

Training exercise will be run as a large-scale search operation, providing:

- ♦ **Shifts in Base** for continuing education or new credentialing.
- ♦ **Field search tasks** for continuing education or new credentialing. Integrated into the search tasks, **stations and scenarios** may include:
 - **Land Navigation/Orienteering**
 - **Track Identification**
 - **Communications** (including dealing with repeaters)
 - **Semi-tech evacs** (low angle rope rescue)
 - **Non-Technical Evacs** (litter obstacle course)
 - **Survival**
 - **Wilderness First Aid/Medicine** cases.

What to Bring

- ♦ **Outdoor clothing and boots** suitable for changeable fall weather in the field, including raingear. Check out: conovers.org/ftp/clothing.pdf. Bring **leather gloves** for rope-handling.
- ♦ A **pack with a field lunch** and the **Ten Essentials**. Check out: conovers.org/ftp/Ten-Essentials-July-September-2012-Potomac-Appalachian.pdf. If you have a standard field SAR pack, bring it.
- ♦ You must **bring your own food**, for however long you will be there. Except, that we will feed you a **free hot meal Saturday evening**. Feel free to bring a dessert to share, to enjoy after salad, chili (meat or veggie), baked potato, fresh bread and hot cider. A \$10 donation would be appreciated but is neither required nor expected. Make sure you have pack food for a long day in the field. There are restaurants and a grocery store 5 miles north at I-68 if you didn't bring enough.

Questions

- ♦ Contact training@asrc.net.

