

# Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group Training Schedule

## February - June 2000

**Version 1.3-- All dates are subject to revision**

Tuesday, Feb 1:	AMRG Meeting Winter Operations
Sunday, Feb 6:	MRA Training -- Snow and Ice Laurel Mountain Ski Area
Monday, Feb 7:	Presentation for Plum Boro FD
Saturday, Feb 12:	AMRG Training Winter Search Tasks & Semitech Optional Bivouac
Saturday, Feb 19:	PSARC Meeting, State College ASRC BoD Meeting, Charlottesville
Sunday, Feb 20:	Dog Training -- Large Area Searches
Sunday, Feb 27:	Dog Training -- Short Motivational Exercises
Tuesday, Mar 7:	AMRG Meeting FTM Overview ELECTIONS
Sunday, Mar 12:	AMRG Training Individual Stations: Knots, Pack Check, Compass Skills, Semitech
Sunday, Mar 19:	Dog Training -- Unusual Placements / Subject Behavior
March 24-26:	Week 1, MSO class hosted by NOVASAR, Wheeling WV
Saturday, Mar 25:	Dog Training -- Night Ops / Evasives
Tuesday, Mar 27:	Presentation for National Safety Council
March 31-April 2:	Week 2, MSO class hosted by NOVASAR, Wheeling WV
Sunday, Apr 2:	Dog Training -- Child Subjects
Tuesday, Apr 4:	AMRG Meeting Individual Vertical Skills
Sunday, Apr 9:	AMRG Training Vertical Rescue
Sunday, Apr 16:	Dog Training -- Cadaver
Saturday, Apr 22:	ASRC General Membership Meeting (Easter Saturday!)
Sunday, Apr 30:	Dog Training -- Large Areas
Tuesday, May 2:	AMRG Meeting
Saturday, May 6:	FTM / FTL Review
Sunday, May 7:	Dog Training -- Multiple Subjects
Thursday, May 11	
- Sunday, May 14:	PSARC SAREX

Certification Opportunities in Grid I & II, Search Responder, PA FTM, and perhaps more; attendance strongly encouraged

Sunday, Jun 4: FTM / FTL Review  
Tuesday, Jun 6: AMRG Meeting  
Saturday, Jun 11-  
Sunday, Jun 12: FTM / FTL CERTIFICATION WEEKEND  
Sunday, Jun 18: Dog Training -- Shore Search  
Sunday, Jun 25: Dog Training -- Difficult Obstacles / Collapsed Structure

**Other Opportunities:**

- NCRC will be running an orientation to cave rescue class on March 18-19, in Randolph, WV, and a Level 1 Modular over five weekends, January - March
- NOVASAR will be hosting an MSO class in Wheeling in March and April. Cost is \$50.
- There will be a WEMSI WEMT class in Whitetail, WV in May
- WEMSI/Mercy Hospital/AMRG will be hosting a BWR and WEMT class in September and October
- NASAR Response '00 will be at September 28 - October 1, in Colorado Springs

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month in room 2126A of Mercy Hospital, at 6:30 pm. In-field unit training sessions are held the second Sunday of the month at variable outdoor locations. Additional training opportunities will be added to the schedule as they become available.

Interested parties are welcome at training sessions on a space available basis; all training participants are asked to complete an ASRC liability waiver. Members of other SAR organizations and public safety agencies are very warmly invited to take part.

Dog training sessions are also open to all unit members and guests. Prospective SAR dogs must be evaluated by the training officer for behavior before attending training. Contact Heather or Ken if you are interested in attending dog training. Each session will also include socialization and obedience practice. Canine cave training trips are open to experienced cavers.

Contact the training officer, Heather Houlahan, at houlahan+@pitt.edu or 724/772-7837 for information on any training session. Contact the chairman, Vern Miller, for information on Mountain Rescue Association training and recertification, at 724/935-3434, or vmiller@nb.net

For information on MARG training, please contact MARG training officer Mike Murphy at 304/329-0074. MARG training sessions are open to AMRG personnel as space is available. Training done with MARG can be used to satisfy AMRG training requirements.

**Dates and topics are subject to change. Please contact the training officer with news of additional training opportunities. Revised schedules will be available as changes and additions are made.**