



APPALACHIAN SEARCH AND RESCUE CONFERENCE

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45TH ANNIVERSARY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING &

SEARCH AND RESCUE FULL-SCALE EXERCISE

When

- ◆ Weekend of **26-28 July, 2019** (Fri-Sun)
- ◆ For those coming **Friday** we have **the Rec Hall** reserved and you can hang out there.
- ◆ The exercise starts **0830 Saturday for Base** and **0900 Saturday for field** personnel at the **Recreation Hall**, and may go on until after dark for practice with night operations.
- ◆ ASRC Members: **Membership Meeting 1000 hours Sunday at the Rec Hall**, to be followed by a Board of Directors meeting.

Who

- ◆ Saturday's Full-Scale Exercise (simulated large search and rescue operation): open to members of **any area search and rescue team**, and those nearby who are interested in wilderness EMS and search and rescue.
- ◆ Sunday's ASRC Membership and Board meetings: open to all.
- ◆ **Registration required:** www.asrc.net/register at **no cost**, but if you stay overnight, you must **pay for your own camping/lodging**. Please register by July 14 so we have a good count for meals.

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. **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 **pick a primitive campsite** in the surrounding [Savage River State Forest](#). 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 camping with dogs** should reserve campsites on the **Hemlock loop** which is pet-friendly. The 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.* We consider socialization with other SAR dogs a legitimate training exercise.

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What

The training exercise will be a full-scale search exercise, which may provide:

- ◆ **Shifts in Base** for continuing education or new credentialing.
- ◆ **Field search tasks** for continuing education or new credentialing, including dog tasks. Depending on how things go, tasks may include elements of some or all of:
 - **Land Navigation/Orienteering**
 - **Track Identification**
 - **Communications** (including dealing with repeaters)
 - **Semi-tech Evacs** (low angle rope rescue)
 - **Non-Technical Evacs** (carrying the litter)
 - **Survival** (simulated bivouac with patient)
 - **Wilderness First Aid/Medicine** issues.
- ◆ We also will have an ASRC FTM practical test Saturday morning, after which those who've taken the test may join the full-scale search exercise. Contact credentialing@asrc.net for more information or to reserve a place.
- ◆ Prepare yourself by reading the ASRC's [*Essentials for Search and Rescue*](#).

What to Bring

- ◆ **Outdoor clothing and boots** suitable for changeable weather in the field, including raingear. Bring **leather gloves** for rope-handling.
- ◆ A **pack with a field lunch** and the **Ten Essentials** (see [*Essentials for SAR*](#)). 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 at the Rec Hall**. You may want to bring a dessert to share, to enjoy after ribs, pasta salad and summer watermelon salad. We will also supply **French toast Sunday morning in the Rec Hall**. 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.

