The actual search and rescue will take place on Maryland Heights, across the Potomac River from Harpers Ferry proper.

Situation (what happened before we got here):

Friday, in the late afternoon, two young boys were climbing up the cliffs. One of them took a fall of 15-20 feet, landing on a ledge. When his friend reached him, he was incoherent and semi-conscious. The friend didn't note any broken bones, but the boy had hit his head on the ledge, and was bleeding from a small cut on his head. The friend tried to haul him up the remaining 20 feet or so to the top, but couldn't. He then left several candy bars and his jacket with the victim, and went to NPS headquarters for help. When Park Service personnel reached the ledge, the victim was gone -- apparently he had regained consciousness and climbed to the top, as no body was found near the bottom or on the cliffs. When there was no sign of the victim by nightfall, the Park Service put S&R on alert. After a daylight search of nearby roads, houses and trails, S&R was called in to search the area above the cliffs and to perform an evacuation if necessary.

Our plans for

Saturday

Meet at 10 a.m. at the Park Service Visitor Center. After initial organization and assignment, we will have a short training session in search techniques we will use in this exercise. Then the actual search operation will run until the victim has been found, or until 5 p.m., whichever is earlier. Time permitting, we may have a short critique session.

We will then have a break for dinner until 8 p.m. (A good place to eat is Hilltop House - buffet $4.50)

At 8 p.m., at Highacre (on Church St., ask for specific directions if you don't know its location), there will be a slide show demonstration of some basic rescue skills, particularly in handling a Stokes litter.

Sunday

Meet at Visitors Center at 10 a.m. A short demonstration on rescue litter handling will be followed by a demonstration of the evacuation of the "victim" from Maryland Hts.

The session is scheduled to end at 4 p.m.

CAMPING - A camping area will be available for S&R participants at Harpers Ferry Caverns (see map). Lodging is available at Highacre and at Hilltop House.
Date: Sept. 15-16 (Sat-Sun) SEARCH & RESCUE TRAINING SESSION

Place and Purpose: Harpers Ferry, W. Va. Establish qualifications for S&R competence levels and areas. Two days' (rain or shine) hard work in the field—search techniques, search lines, Stokes litter handling, etc. Particularly needed are experienced hikers, cavers, rock climbers, search and rescue persons.

Accommodations: 12 bunks at High Acre; camping areas to be designated or make reservations at Hilltop House. Bring own food or eat out.

Cost: To be worked out.

Gear: Suitable for 2-day work trip and overnight stay, ditto for food. Campers should bring own camping gear.

Reservations: To Rita Cloutier (667-2515) by Wed., Sept. 11. Please advise if you can drive and number of persons you can transport.

Meeting Place: Meet at 10 a.m., Saturday, at Visitors Center, Harpers Ferry, with Sat. trail lunch and water.

Mission Leader: Keith Conover

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SEARCH EXERCISE  SATURDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 1973

Schedule:

10 AM - MEET AT VISITORS CENTER, HARPERS FERRY,
READ THIS SHEET, GO GET CREAM, BE
BACK BEFORE 11 AM.

11 AM - BRIFING ON SEARCH EXERCISE OBJECTIVES
AND METHOD OF OPERATION. WILL
PRESENT SIMULATED "EMERGENCY STORY".

1130 AM - STUFF SELVES INTO CARS, DRIVE TO
DROP OFF POINT, CARS RETURN TO
PICKUP POINT, DRIVERS RETURNED TO
DROP OFF, EAT TRAIL LUNCH (CARS GUARDED).

12 AM - START SEARCH - FIND CLUES + (HOPFULLY) VICTIM.

1230 PM - REACH END OF TRAIL SEARCH - ABOVE
CLUES, CONTINUE WITH AREA SEARCH
AND/OR SCRATCH  (SPECIFIC AREA) SEARCH
AS NEEDED.

2 530 PM - DECEND TO CARS AT PICKUP POINT,
QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH
EXERCISE CRITIQUE.

6 PM - GO BACK TO CAMPS AND/OR DINNER -
NO SPECIFIC FUNCTION DURING
EVENING.

NOTE: A FINE BUFFET IS AVAILABLE AT
HILTOP HOUSE FROM TO 9 PM, COST
$4.50, ALL YOU CAN EAT (STARE FIRST!).

NOTE: YOU ARE INVITED TO AN INFORMAL
SESSION AT HICKACKS (PAC HOUSE)
ABOUT 8PM TO GET ACQUAINTED,
SWAP LIES ("TRUE" STORIES) AND
PLAN/DISCUSE FUTURE OPERATIONS +
TRAINING.

% MEANS WE REALLY DON'T KNOW WHEN EXACTLY,
BUT IF YOU DO, PLEASE LET US KNOW, OK?

"DRESS WARMLY AND EAT A HEAVY BREAKFAST."

Mom
SEARCH NOW

PERSONAL GEAR:

TRAIL LUNCH - EAT AT START: SNACKS (WHILE WALKING), H2O
GOOD BOOTS & SOCKS (STRAINS)
TOUGHS CLOTHES & ZELOS (GLOVES?)
RAIN GEAR!!

1 DAY PACK OPTIONAL
FLASHLITE RECOMMENDED.
FA KIT (BANDAGES, STINGKILL SWABS, ASPIRIN/SALT
GRASS, TAILWIFE, WHISTLE RECOMMENDED

TEAM GEAR

RADIOS & BATT
FA KIT
MAPS
RSQ BLANKET
WHISTLE
COMPASS & S-BUCK

VICTIM

GOOD CLOTHES, SHELTER (TENT/PAN...)
FOOD/H2O
RADIO & BATT
BOOK
MAP
FLASHLITE
WHISTLE
SUM BAG
DROPABLE CLOTHES & NOTES (NUMBER OF MARKED ON MAP)