

SEARCH AND RESCUE TRAINING SESSION  
Sept. 15-16  
Harpers Ferry, West Virginia

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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 pm.

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.

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Date: Sept. ~~15-16~~ 15-16 (Sat-Sun) SEARCH & RESCUE

TRAINING SESSION

Place and Purpose: <sup>AR</sup> Harpers Ferry, W. Va. Establish qualifications for S&R competence ~~xxx~~ 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~~ Conover

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have  
someone  
working  
on this

# SEARCH EXERCISE

SATURDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 1973

## SCHEDULE:

- 10 AM - MEET AT VISITORS CENTER, HARPERS FERRY, READ THIS SHEET, GO GET GEAR, BE BACK BEFORE 11 AM.
- 11 AM - BRIEFING ON SEARCH EXERCISE OBJECTIVES AND METHOD OF OPERATION. WILL PRESENT SIMULATED "EMERGENCY STORY".
- ≈ 11:30 AM - STUFF SELVES INTO CARS, DRIVE TO DROPOFF POINT. CARS RETURN TO PICKUP POINT, DRIVERS RETURNED TO DROPOFF. EAT TRAIL LUNCH. (CARS GUARDED).
- ≈ 12 AM - START SEARCH. FIND CLUES + (HOPEFULLY) VICTIM.
- ≈ 4 PM - REACH END OF TRAIL SEARCH - ABOVE CLIFFS. CONTINUE WITH AREA SEARCH AND/OR SCRATCH (SPECIFIC AREA) SEARCH AS NECESSARY.
- ≈ 5:30 PM - DESCEND 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 HILLTOP HOUSE FROM 7 TO 9 PM, COST \$4.50, ALL YOU CAN EAT (STARVE FIRST!).

NOTE: YOU ARE INVITED TO AN INFORMAL SESSION AT HIGHACRE (PATC HOUSE) ABOUT 9 PM TO GET ACQUAINTED, SWAP LIES ("TRUE" STORIES) AND PLAN/DISCUSS FUTURE OPERATIONS + TRAINING.

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

"DRESS WARMLY AND EAT A HEARTY BREAKFAST!"

*Mom*

## SEARCH OPN

10 AM MEET - GO GET GEAR

11 AM BRIEFING

~ 12 AM ON TRAIL / LUNCH

~ 5 END OPN / CRITIQUE AT CAMP

## PERSONAL GEAR:

TRAIL LUNCH - EAT AT START; SNACKS (WHILE MOVING); H<sub>2</sub>O

GOOD BOOTS + SOCKS (EXTRAS)

TOUGH CLOTHES + JEANS (GLOVES? ...)

RAIN GEAR!!

~ DAY PACK OPTIONAL

FLASHLITE RECOMMENDED

FA KIT (BAND-AIDS, STING KILL SWABS, ASPIRIN/SALT  
KNIFE, TAILWIPE, WHISTLE RECOMMENDED)

## TEAM GEAR

RADIOS + BATT

FA KIT

MAPS

RSQ BLANKET

WHISTLE

COMPASS + S-RULE

## VICTIM

GOOD CLOTHES, SHELTER (TARP/PAD...)

FOOD + H<sub>2</sub>O

RADIO + BATT

BOOK

MAP

FLASHLITE

WHISTLE

S-BAG

DROPPABLE CLUES w/ NOTES (NUMBERS OF MARKED ON MAP)