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Subject: Training Schedule 1998

Here it is --

Please note that I need several team members to help with the new member orientation meeting on Jan 20 (next Tuesday), at our usual meeting place at 7:30

Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group
1998 Training Schedule

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month in room 2126A of Mercy Hospital. In-field trainings are held the second Sunday of the month at variable outdoor locations. Canine trainings are held on Sundays as well as on some variable weeknights. Interested parties are welcome at trainings on a space available basis; all training participants are asked to complete an ASRC liability waiver.

Please note that starting in March, AMRG meetings will begin at 6:30 pm.

Contact the training officer, Heather Houlahan, at houlahan+pitt.edu or 412/772-7837 (724 area code after April) for information on any training.

For information on MARG trainings, please contact MARG training officer Mike Murphy at 304/329-0074. MARG trainings 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.

January 6: Navigation - Map, Compass, Altimeter & GPS
January 11: Navigation Exercise
January 20: New Member Orientation Meeting -- What is CQ?
7:30 pm, room 2126A, Mercy Hospital of Pittsburgh
January 19: MARG -- knots and map reading
January 25: MARG Basic First Aid and CPR (Red Cross)
January 31: ASRC Working Committee Session, MD

February 3: Attraction, Containment, Survey Search
Bring Field Packs for Bivy for inspection
February 7: Winter Bivy / Fire & Shelter practice (overnight)
February 6-8: MARG Ski & Snowshoe Weekend
February 21: PSARC Meeting, State College

March 3: Night Search - Night Vision Video
Meeting starts at 6:30 pm, as do all subsequent

meetings

March 8: Night Operations - point to point and gridding
 March 16: MARG Land Navigation and Map Reading
 March 23-24: MARG Field Skills Practical

April 7: FTM/L skills review
 April 25-26: FTM/L Tests with MARG

May 5: Introduction to Critical Wanderer Behavior
 Radio Protocols
 May 10: Mock Search - Alzheimer Scenario - Keith to Set up.
 May 16: PSARC training exercise, Lancaster County
 May 23-24: MARG Vertical Training

June 2: FTL Level knots & Technical
 June 14: FTL level high angle training (testing)
 June 27-28: MARG Rescue Games Practice

July 7: Water Search Support
 July 12: Water Exercise w/dogs, divers, management tabletop

August 4: Search techniques type I, II, III
 August 9: Gridding practical
 August 15: PSARC meeting, State College
 August 21-23: MARG 1st Annual Rescue Games

September 1: Mantracking, Sign Cutting
 September 13: Mantracking, Sign Cutting

October 6: FTM/L Reviews
 October 10-11: FTM/L Tests

November 3: Canine Operations for the Ground Searcher
 November 8: Canine Exercise
 November 21: PSARC Meeting, State College

December 1: Mutual Aid 101 -- A Guide to Local Resources &
 Procedures
 December 13: Tabletop exercise -- management and logistics

September mantracking training may metamorphose into a 2-weekend class, pending discussions with an available instructor. Please let the training officer know ASAP if interested.

We will be recertifying for the Mountain Rescue Association this year; there will be at least one inter-unit training in May or June as well as a recertification exercise in the Fall, schedule to be announced. Additional technical trainings will be conducted during the summer months.

Wilderness Emergency Strike Team is sponsoring a Basic Wilderness Rescue class on March 14-15, and a W-EMT class on April 3-5 and 17-19. Contact Jim Hill at 717/248-5595 or jhill@acsworld.net for more information. These classes will take place in Lancaster County.

We will be sponsoring a Managing the Search Operation course with MARG at some time in 1998, date to be announced.