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Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group, ASRC



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Dear ASRC Members, Green Tree Fire Department Members, SEED Members, and Green Tree Police Officers:

We will be conducting a joint search and rescue exercise at the Green Tree Nature Center on Sunday, August 9, 1998. (Originally, we had planned it for Saturday but the Fire Department had a conflict.)

The main goal of this exercise is to, in a measured and careful way, go through the steps of a lost-person search. We will be using the standard scientific and methodic procedures that have been developed over the past several decades by the search and rescue community. There will be many opportunities for learning. Those who wish to learn to handle the initial response to a lost person situation, the basics or more advanced parts of search management, or the basics of search tactics, will all have an opportunity to learn. The exercise will be relatively unstructured, and most of the learning will be from others in the exercise.

The exercise starts with a call to the Green Tree Police early Sunday morning. The police will alert Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group through STATCOM (1-800-MED-STAT). AMRG will respond with an "Overhead Team" to help with the initial investigation and management. If you wish to participate, either in base or in the field, please show up at the Green Tree Nature Center main entrance on Crestmont Drive between 9:30 and 10:00 AM and sign into the search there. Please wear appropriate clothing and bring water, a rucksack, and lunch or at least some munchies.

Betty and I will plan to have an informal picnic-style dinner at our house a block away (36 Robinhood Road) after the exercise is over. I hope that all of you enjoy the exercise.

Yours aye,

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