



Weber County Sheriff

Search and Rescue Training Newsletter



January 2003

TRAINING AND EVENTS CALENDAR 2003

JANUARY

- 06 Top-Rope Anchors (Ben Lomond Climbing Center, **must preregister** 737-7274) Wayne Aprill
- 07 Classroom: CPR, Winter Raising/lowering, Winter Survival (Snow Caves/Trench/Clothing/gear)
- 11 Practical: Raising/lowering, Snow Anchors, Winter Survival Ken Schulte, Travis Baird
- 11, 18 First Care Steve Ericson

FEBRUARY

- 04 Cold Weather Injuries (Hypothermia, Frostbite), Winter Patient Packaging & Transport
- 08 Practical: Search & Map/GPS (winter), Ice Climbing Travis Baird, Don Roberts
- 10 Lead Climbing (Ben Lomond Climbing Center, **must preregister** 737-7274) Wayne Aprill
- 21-23 Winter Survival Seminar Jeff Malan

PROPOSED TRAINING AND EVENTS CALENDAR 2003

MARCH

- 04 Classroom: Ice Diving
- 08 Practical: Ice Dive
- 08 Practical: Steep Snow and Ice, Ice Axe Usage; Telemark clinic?
- 10 Natural Anchor Systems (Ben Lomond Climbing Cen., **must preregister** 737-7274) .. Wayne Aprill

APRIL

- 01 Classroom: Tyrolean Traverse & V-rig Pick-off
- 05 Practical: Tyrolean Traverse
- 07 Natural Pro Lead Climbing (Ben Lomond Climbing Cen., **must preregstr.** 737-7274) ... Wayne Aprill
- TBA EANx mixed gas dive training
- TBA Airboat & GSLP training Jeff Malan, Jeff King

MAY

- 06 Classroom: Advanced First Aid, Swiftwater
- 10 Practical: Swiftwater

JUNE

- 03 Classroom: Advanced First Aid, Raising/lowering Systems (3-season), Helicopter Ops
- 07 Practical: Raising/lowering Systems
- 06-08 MRA 45th Annual Conference, California (Dates may change.)
- 14 Familiarization Ride: OHV & Dirt Bike, Monte parking lot
- 14 Familiarization Ride: Airboat

JULY

- 04 Parades
- 08 Classroom: CPR, Underwater Search
- 12 Practical: Underwater Search
- 12 Practical: Scree Evacuation
- 24 Ogden Parade
- 25-27 Familiarization Climb (Tetons for a Weekend)

AUGUST

- 06-09 Climbing Wall, County Fair PSAR

SEPTEMBER

- 02 Classroom: Trauma/Bone Injuries, Underwater Recovery and Salvage
- 06 Practical: Underwater Recovery and Salvage
- 06 Practical: Rappelling and Ascending (People & K9), passing a knot, Aid Climbing
TBA OEC recerts and classes

OCTOBER

- 07, 11 Classroom and Practical: Incident Command System, Search (3-season)
- 18, 25 First Care course

NOVEMBER

- 04 Classroom: Logistics/support (Radio Protocol, Etc.), Map/Compass/GPS/Orienteering
- 08 Practical: Orienteering

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MEDICAL; MOUNTAIN RESCUE; MOUNTED POSSE; OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLES;
SEARCH; SWIFTWATER & UNDERWATER RECOVERY & RESCUE;
WINTER RESCUE

PROPOSED TRAINING AND EVENTS CALENDAR 2003 (CONT.)

DECEMBER

02, 06 Classroom and Practical: Avalanche I (Full course including beacons)

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06 Classroom: CPR, Winter Raising/lowering, Winter Survival (Snow Caves/Trench/Clothing/gear)
10 Practical: Raising/lowering, Snow Anchors, Winter Survival
10 Familiarization/Certification Ride: Snowcat, Snowmobile; Monte
10 Familiarization Hike: Snowshoes, Skis, Boards; Cuttler Ridge
17, 24 First Care Course

FEBRUARY

03 Cold Weather Injuries (Hypothermia, Frostbite), Winter Patient Packaging & Transport
07 Practical: Search (winter)
20-22 Winter Survival Seminar

Please visit the calendar on the WCSSAR web site planet.weber.edu/sar for updates.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER CALLOUTS:

November 29th: **Fallen climber** at top of 29th Street. A team of two climbers was climbing the route known as "Tree Crack" on the School Room Wall above 29th Street, north of the mouth of Taylor's Canyon. The lead climber fell and his protection ripped out. He took a vertical fall of about 15 feet followed by a tumbling fall of 45 feet past his belayer ending in another vertical drop of 15 feet. His partner then lowered him to the ground at the top of the talus field. Dispatch was called and they notified Ogden Fire Department. The paramedics responded all the way to the top. As a continuation of our ongoing problems with notification, we were not called until over half an hour after the response was started by OFD. Our climb team then responded to provide backup support in case Life Flight could not get in with their hoist. The patient was going in and out of responsiveness (he was not wearing a helmet) and was reported to have broken his lower leg. Without any backboards, leg splints or c-collars OFD and Life Flight sling hoisted the patient to the IC just above 29th Street where he was reloaded into the chopper then flown to McKay Dee Hospital.

December 10th: **Several kids** at the base of the cliffs above 9th Street North were yelling frantically. People in the homes below called 911 assuming that someone was injured. Lt. Malan was dispatched to the scene and a callout initiated. Just as the page outs started they were canceled because we determined that the kids had just become separated from each other and were yelling out to try to locate each other. They were lectured about the concern they caused and released.



Image by Sheri



Image by Scott Willis



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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE—JOHN SOHL

This month's newsletter is being written prior to the Executive Committee meeting. As such, it will be short and there will be an update at the January 7th, 2003 meeting. I'll be out of town for the 2nd half of December—if you have any SAR related concerns, please contact your coordinators or the Assistant Director, Don Olsen.

The **January training** is targeted at both medical certifications and specific training for the winter related teams. At the Tuesday night meeting on January 7th, we will have a CPR course for anyone who needs it along with a concurrent classroom session on winter anchor systems and winter survival. The survival session will concentrate on shelter, gear and clothing. The anchor systems part will discuss lowering a patient down a snow slope using only snow anchors. At the Saturday field sessions we will practice all these skills assuming we can find enough snow. The location of the field session will be announced at the January 7th meeting. That location will depend on the snow and cannot be determined in advance at this time. Contact Travis Baird or Ken Schulte for more details.

There is a **very important medical certification class** being held on the Saturdays of the 11th and the 18th. The National Ski Patrol's First Care course will be lead by Steve Ericson. This is the minimum medical certification required by all WCSSAR members to be in good standing. At this point we will have been under the WCSSAR Directives for 1.5 years. By spring of 2003, we will remove from the rolls those people what have not come up to the minimum standards. Search is only half of our activities, rescue is the other half and that requires medical training.

The **Avalanche I and II courses** were a great success. **Special thanks go to Steve Ericson and Mike Jenkins.** They produced an excellent pair of courses. As for the Avalanche II course, the nearly 16 hours of classroom time and about 12 hours of field session time was well worth it. The final moment of detonating a thundering 4-kg plastic explosive and releasing an avalanche that was 20 to 30 feet wide that ran for over 100 feet was quite exciting. The Avalanche II course that we hosted three years ago was excellent, but Mike really out did himself and this one was better. I especially enjoyed the new information from the 2002 International Snow Science Workshop. The Avalanche I course was also changed from previous years. Steve did extensive revisions to match the new National Ski Patrol guidelines for avalanche courses. Both courses lacked something that we couldn't control, good snow pack for the snow pits. Because of that, there will be a snow pit demo at the Jan. field training.



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It was determined that we need to **improve our avalanche rescue gear cache.** We will now be adding several large grain shovels, a set of probe poles and some more flagging

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to the snowmobile trailer. This will be done as soon as we can afford it, probably by the middle of January. These will be lashed to the interior of the snowmobile trailer, please make sure they are always returned to that location. We had this gear once, but it disappeared during one of the moves of the Sheriff's Office in the early 1990's.

On Monday night, January 6th, there will be a **top rope anchors class** at the Ben Lomond Climbing Center. This is open to anyone. WCSSAR members can attend and we will pay the fee. **You must preregister** with Wayne Aprill at the gym by calling 737-7274. If you are already on the technical climb team then this course is too basic for you. If you are not on the technical team, then this course will provide an excellent introduction to rock anchors in the backcountry and I encourage you to attend.

There is a **change to the training calendar**. The ice climbing session will now be on February 8th along with the winter search and GPS training. Also, the March classroom session on cold weather injuries has been dropped because it is already being covered in February.

As a reminder, if you need to call Weber Dispatch to determine if a call out is still active, please don't call 911 but call 629-8221. You can find this phone number on the Newsletter masthead too.

CLIMBERS/BACK COUNTRY SKIERS NEWS:

DIVE/SWIFTWATER/AIRBOAT NEWS:

K9 NEWS:

LOGISTICS/DISPATCH NEWS:

MEDICAL NEWS:

MOUNTED POSSE NEWS:

SEARCH/OHV NEWS:

WINTER RESCUE/SNOWCAT NEWS:

PREVENTATIVE SEARCH AND RESCUE NEWS:

This newsletter is being written in advance of the "normal" schedule, thus, there are **no "news" sections**. You will be updated at the January general meeting.

FINAL NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Since John and I are heading off for the holidays—this newsletter was written before the monthly Executive Committee meeting. As a result, the minutes from the December meeting will be included in the February newsletter. Therefore, Patsy Winchester does not have to rush to get me the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting as she miraculously does each month—way to go Patsy! Also, thanks to Scott Willis and Branden Loock for adding pictures to this issue. Happy Solstice everyone!

When attending a call out (or any SAR event) always sign in and out on the attendance roster.

This newsletter is intended to be for the benefit of all WCSSAR members.

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