

2022-2023 TRAINING DATES

Washington Explorer Search and Rescue, Kitsap Unit

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| <p><u>Course A</u> Basics</p> <p>October 1 & 2 7:30am to 4pm both days</p> | <p>Classroom course. Learn about the equipment you are required to carry, orienteering and reading maps, basic helicopter safety, search types and tactics, and missing person behavior. <u>Parents of youth are strongly encouraged to sit in on the first two lectures to learn about our unit and equipment requirements.</u></p> |
| <p><u>Course First Aid</u></p> <p>November 5 & 6 7:30am to 4pm both days</p> | <p>Classroom course. Trainees will learn basic first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certified courses (cost included in training fees). Required first aid gear, patient examination, subject care, stokes handling (packing, lifting, carrying, and belaying), and first aid practical. Trainees already certified in first aid/CPR are still required to attend this training in order to learn SAR-specific expectations.</p> |
| <p><u>Course 1</u> Search Methods & Wilderness Navigation</p> <p>December 2, 7pm to December 4, 4pm</p> | <p>Field course. Designed to develop search skills and teamwork among potential Team Members, and leadership skills of potential Team Leaders and Field Leaders. Trainees will learn to navigate terrain using basic map and orienteering skills, and will practice search types and tactics, sleeping outdoors, and living out of their own pack.</p> |
| <p><u>Course B</u> More Basics</p> <p>January 7 & 8 7:30am to 4pm both days</p> | <p>Classroom course. Trainees will learn the legal aspects of SAR, critical incident stress, intro to tracking, SAR Operation Management, intermediate helicopter safety, and map and compass skills.</p> |
| <p><u>Course 2</u> More Wilderness Navigation</p> <p>February 3, 7pm to February 5, 4pm</p> | <p>Field course. Designed to test teamwork, wilderness camping, map and compass, and navigation skills under conditions of mental and physical stress on a level comparable to a search environment. Trainees, in teams, are given a series of cross-country and descriptive navigation problems which must be solved with specified accuracy.</p> |
| <p><u>Course 3/C</u> Mock Search and Final Exam</p> <p>March 3, 7pm to March 5, 4pm</p> | <p>Mixed classroom and field course. Trainees will start in the classroom, taking a final exam on all SAR topics covered during training. Then trainees will head into the field. Teams of 3-4 persons, under the direction of Team Leaders, Field Leaders, and an Operations Leader are presented with a realistic search problem to resolve.</p> |