



ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

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1900 at the SAR Shack
Elections for
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3 Directors

Upcoming Training

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Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting is May 26, 2011. We will be having elections for President, Secretary and 3 Directors. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors put your name forward at the meeting. Points Awards will also be presented.



Congratulations to Our New Recruits

In no particular order: Ginette Labonté (Lac La Biche), Andrew Snook (Lac La Biche), Ryan Clark, Fran Sosnoski, Nick Kabatoff, Wayne Howse, Jennifer Howse, Mercy Charlton, Graham Thursfield, Jay schofield, Dough Ritchie (Instructor), Myles Jensen (Instructor), Ken Charlton. Missing from photo: Betty Lynn Stannix.



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Ice Rescue Practise Training

Held at Beaver Lake on March 26, 2011



Ed performing self-rescue



Providing "The Pull"



A little chill?



"Don't step on the rope?"

**Thank you Stuart Kofflick
for the excellent training.**

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Decisions for Heroes

This resource is used to keep all members informed of training opportunities, fundraising events and exercises. We request that you login and update your own contact information so that we may get a hold of you. We will not be using Decisions for Heroes for a call-out. Starting this summer, D4H will be our primary means of communicating with you for events etc. E-mails informing members of what's happening in Rocky SAR will be limited.

Summer dates for MRT

Tuesday, June 7, 2011 • Meeting
Sunday, June 12, 2011 • Practise (Time/location TBA)
Tuesday, July 12, 2011 • Meeting
Saturday, July 16, 2011 • Practise (Time/location TBA)
Tuesday, August 16, 2011 • Meeting
Sunday, August 21, 2011 • Practise (Time/location TBA)
Thursday, September 15, 2011 • Meeting
Saturday, September 17, 2011 • Practise (Time/location TBA)
Stayed tuned to rockysar.com and D4H for changes to the schedule.

Packs

Make sure that your packs are ready for the summer season. Check your equipment for damage and repair if necessary.

Member Update Form

All members have received the member update form via E-mail. Please fill out and provide proof of certificates that expire, especially First Aid/CPR. Our files must contain all up-to-date copies of certificates as this is required by SAR Alberta and the

RCMP as these files may be requested at any time. If we do not have a valid First Aid/CPR certificate in your file you cannot be used as an active searcher in the field. This is not only Rocky SAR policy, it is also RCMP policy.



Have a good summer and see you all in September.

Submission to the Newsletter

Members are welcome to submit their stories or articles for inclusion in the Newsletter. Submissions will only be printed after Board approval.



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SAR Tips - Reminders

Lost Person Behaviour: Children 4 - 6 Years old

- More mobile and capable of going further than children 1 - 3 years old
- They do understand the concept of being lost
- They will try to return to a familiar place
- They are drawn by animals, other children
- They will seek shelter or a place to lay down and sleep
- Many children have been told not to respond to strangers. However, the fear of being lost and darkness they are more likely to respond to searchers calling their name

SEARCH STRATEGY

Very thorough searching may be necessary with emphasis on clue-finding relevant to this category and subject. Children this age can be difficult to detect because of their size and ability to squeeze themselves into small places.

ICS 100

ICS 100 is a mandatory course. If you have not completed yours yet, log on the rockysar.com/training.html. There is a link to the course material and exam. Complete this and send to the mailing address on the website.



Tracking Tools

- a measuring tape to measure the width/length of the track, also the length of the stride
- flagging tape to mark and protect the track so others don't step on it and to make it easily seen by other field teams that might come along later
- a Sharpie to mark the flagging tape the date and time of discovery
- a GPS and map to mark the coordinates of tracks or clues
- a notepad and pencil to make a drawing of the print and take notes
- a small mirror (which can double as a signal mirror) to redirect natural light across sign when the sun is high
- flashlight for tracking at night

Snow Conditions

Current snow conditions are available at <http://www.where-adventurebegins.com>. Be safe out there.

Member ID Cards

Photos for member ID cards will taken at the next general members meeting on May 26, 2011.