



GSAR SCHOOL
MIDDLE EAST REGION SAR COLLEGE
CIVIL AIR PATROL
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AUXILIARY
FORT PICKETT
BLACKSTONE, VA



14 Apr 16

MEMORANDUM FOR MERSAR GSAR SCHOOL STUDENTS AND STAFF

FROM: Maj Robert Jason Bailey, GBD, MERSAR

SUBJECT: Information for GSAR School at MERSAR College

1. Students will arrive on Friday, 22 Apr 2016 starting at 1300hrs and all efforts should be made to arrive NLT 1900hrs for general safety briefing in the Mess Hall. All personnel will be transported to the field after check in so that they may set up their camp in the field training area. Evening Meal will be at 1800hrs Friday.
2. Students will be sleeping in the field Friday and Saturday night with night operations taking place Saturday night. All students will need a personal tent or be prepared to make an improvised shelter from the contents of their pack. Food will be delivered to the field starting Saturday morning.
3. Weather Forecast as of Thursday 14 Apr for Blackstone, VA:
 - Friday Partly Cloudy with a 20% chance of rain high near 77 and low of 53.
 - Saturday Clear, with a high near 80 low of 56. Chance of precipitation is 18%.
 - Sunday Scattered Thunderstorms , with a high near 78 and a low of 55 with a 50% chance of rain.
4. Students will be divided into three training courses based on their current training level as of Thursday, April 14 in Ops Quals at CAP NHQ. The courses will be divided into the following tracks as listed in the MERSAR course descriptions.

**Ground Team/ Ranger Basic Course (GTM3 - Ranger 3rd Elements)
(Bravo and Charlie Squadrons)**

Basic Course will cover all CAP GTM3 Familiarization and Preparatory Tasks and as many of the Advanced Tasks as time and the students progression allows. Additional items will include basic knots and 2 mile hike with 24 hour gear. Course is open to senior members and cadets.

Prerequisite: Must have GES prior to arrival.

Ground Team Advanced Ranger Course (GTM2 - Ranger 2nd Elements)

Alfa Squadron

Advanced Course will cover CAP GTM2 Tasks and focus on extensive map and land navigation topics. Additional items will include knots, safe use of cutting tools, fire building (if permission can be gained from Fort Pickett), and a 5 mile hike with 72 hour gear. Course is open to senior members and cadets.

Prerequisite: Must be GTM3 Qualified and GTM2 Trainee Prior to arrival.

Ground Team Leader Ranger 1st Course (GTL - Ranger 1st - Advanced Elements)

Tango Squadron

Team Leader Course will cover CAP GTL Tasks focusing on Team Leadership in a field environment. Additional items will include knots and advanced navigation. Course is open to senior members and cadets.

Prerequisite: For cadets under 18 must be GTM2 Qualified, For Cadets over 18 and senior members, must be must be GTL Trainee Prior to arrival.

5. Staff please try to arrive as early as possible on Friday preferably before 1200hrs to assist with the in processing of students. Advanced party will arrive on Thursday if you are available please let email me at jbailey@ncwgcap.org.

Robert Jason Bailey, Maj, CAP
Ground Branch Director

Attachments:

- 1.Packing List
- 2.Safety Plan

Distribution:

- 1 ea Student
- 1 ea Staff
- 1 ea Director
- 1 ea Co- Director
- 1 ea Incident Commander
- 1 ea Operation Section Chief

