

ANNEX C – GROUND OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

Training for Ground Operations will be conducted primarily in the field during MERSAR. Please make every effort to arrive on time and packed. Following the Friday evening meal and safety briefing, we will deploy to our operations area.

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.

In the event that weather becomes or is expected to become hazardous, we will withdraw from the field until it is safe to return.

Students will be divided into three training courses based on their current training level. 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)

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)

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)

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.

