



BCMSAR Update

May 2nd 2007

Upcoming Events

May 12th, 2007

Donate your old tack to sell at Kewanee Sale Barn

May 19th 2007

Cowboy Race and Desensitizing Class.

June 23rd-24th 2007

Mock SAR Drill.

Check out the Bulletin Board!

The bulletin board is private for team use only. You can use it to get updates, exchange ideas, or just gossip. If you need your username and password resent, please let me know.

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Cowboy Race

May 19th at the Straders. Linda will talk about "Desensitizing Your Horse" at 11:30 am. A potluck lunch will follow. Please bring your hot dogs (or whatever) and a dish to pass.

The "Cowboy Race" will start at 1PM. The race will consist of obstacles along a course. Riders will be timed from start to finish. If an obstacle is not completed correctly, seconds will be added to the riders time.

Help Raise Money

Roger will be renting a table at the Kewanee Sale Barn on Saturday May 12th to sell excess tack. Money earned from the sale of used tack will be given to BCMSAR.

If you have any old (or new) tack laying around that you can donate, please drop it off at the "Dog House" in Princeton. Please try to drop them off asap so Roger can sort them.

Questions? Call Roger at 815-872-9921 or 815-646-4663

Callout Scenarios

We will continue to discuss callout scenarios at meetings. It is far better to have answers to questions before we are in the middle of a situation.

The purpose of these scenarios is to address any questions that we can before getting into the actual situation.

Change to ByLaws

The Board met on Saturday April 28th. One of the decisions that was made was:

*Non-certified members will be called to any callout. However, they **will** remain in the staging area. They may be assigned duties as runners or as traffic control or any other duty necessary. They will not be given the responsibility of searching.

*Non-certified horses will not be allowed. **Do not** bring a non-certified horse to a callout.

Other decisions include:

We will not be doing a cowboy race at the fairgrounds as a fundraiser.

We will have a booth at the fair again this year.

We still do not have radios for the team. Until we get them, please bring any FM radios that you have.

IEMA will be giving a GPS class at the June Mock SAR. Please bring your GPS units (or borrow one).

If you are interested in belonging to the drill team, please contact Linda.

Tornado Scenario

A question was asked about the tornado scenario:

Question: If we are called out to protect a perimeter, do we all respond and then some of us get sent home to return at a later time?

Answer: If your team leader calls you and tells you that this will be a perimeter patrol, let him know whether you are available immediately and will show up immediately—or if you are busy now and can be free at a certain time.

With summer already in high gear, many can fall victim to heat-related injuries

Heat Cramps -Severe muscle cramps (usually in the legs and abdomen), exhaustion, sometimes dizziness or faintness. *Move patient to a nearby cool place, Loosen any constrictive clothing, Give patient water, Help ease cramps by muscle massage, Alert EMS

Heat Exhaustion -Rapid shallow breathing, weak pulse, cold clammy skin, heavy perspiration, total body weakness, and dizziness leading to unconsciousness. *Move the patient to a nearby cool place, Keep patient at rest, Remove any constrictive clothing, Give patient water if he is conscious, Alert EMS

Heat Stroke -Shallow breathing, weak/thready pulse, dry/hot skin, dilated pupils, loss of consciousness (possible coma), convulsions or muscular twitching. *Move the patient to nearby cool place, Remove constrictive clothing, Keep the patient at rest, Give patient water if conscious, Alert EMS