



Debrief

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Next Training - In-house training

Where: Trefoil Park, 13km south on Mangakahia Rd from Kaikohe

When: Start 0900 Saturday 19th, Finish midday Sunday

What: There are full kitchen facilities, hot showers, sleeping is marae-style

Bring: SAR pack, Breaky & lunch (Dinner Saturday supplied)

Taking an informal modular form, there will be a bit of everything to try. Contact Glenn for further details if needed

Outside Training

Bushcraft 1

Weekend course covering the basics – planning, equipment, shelters, camp craft, map & compass, weather, water safety etc.

Date: 2/3 August 2008 at Trefoil Park, Kaikohe

Cost: \$90 (Food, accommodation and Bushcraft Manual included in cost.)

Applications close 15 July

Outdoor First Aid 2 Day Course

A comprehensive first aid course. Combines both theory & practical with the emphasis on outdoor practice.

Date: 26/27 July 2008 at Whatitiri Hall, Maungatapere

Cost: \$130 Includes OFA manual.

This course is not a residential, but participants are welcome to camp out in the hall overnight if they wish. (Note: There are no shower facilities)

Dinner will be provided on Saturday evening and morning/afternoon teas. Limited bookings available.

Applications close 14 July

For more information or bookings please contact: Pauline northland@mountainsafety.org.nz

Next Meeting 7:30pm August 6th - Kaikohe HQ

Standbys and Callouts

22nd July 83yo Male Dementia Haruru Falls

Another almost search.

Subject wandered away from rest home, located by Police about 150m from LKP just as the phonetree was activated.



Last Training – SARINZ First Aid - Matauri

An excellent and challenging course with a bit of everything. There was an entertaining session along the lines of “which team can think of the most obscure treatments for hypothermia”...

The usual scenarios were also encountered, winding up with the traditional Grand-Slam at the end (five skydivers - who weren't very good at it!)

I missed the first part of this as I was face down in a swamp, but fortunately being severely hypothermic I was transported first so I could nip back and get some photos ☺ Amongst other joys to be found in the bush were an upper arm amputation and a strange bloke named “Roman” who apparently landed in a tree and was full of words of wisdom. Congratulations to all the first aiders involved with this one.



You are NOT going to die on me!

Future Training

- **Regional Sarex** to be held in Matakana **13 / 14 Sept**– organised by Auck, includes Northland and Far North. Scenario starts Fri / Sat. Competition on Sunday. Camping in paddock. Food will be provided. This is a biggie, so please mark it on your calendars and keep date free. Anyone interested in taking a role in HQ please let Rog know.

TCA / Tracking/ Search methods refresher course is being organised for region by Whangarei on 15-16 Nov. Anyone interested in attending let Sue know.

Parting Shot

Just a recap on some of the discounts available to SAR members:

10% discount at Kerikeri Outdoor Shop (support local business)

A **30% discount for a Backcountry Hut Pass** and a discount of **10% on Great Walk hut fees**.

Conditions: The 10% discount applies only to members who have purchased a Backcountry Hut Pass prior to applying for the Great Walk discount. (To enable verification of membership).

And from Kathmandu, **free membership to the Summit Club** on production of your LandSAR ID card

Summit Club includes:

Special members only days

Early notification of sales and other promotions

Regular newsletters: featuring travel and outdoor stories, product reviews and competitions

25% off Kathmandu equipment and accessories (incl basecampR products, excludes clothing & footwear)

20% off clothing and clothing accessories

10% off footwear, socks and footwear accessories

5% off non-Kathmandu brands (excludes Gasmate ,10% off)

Summit Club discounts apply to full-priced stock only.

Cheers!

Pete