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Far North Search & Rescue

Next Training

Live Tracking

Puketi

Where	Puketi Forest HQ
When	Saturday 16th May. Start at 3:00pm. Be ready to start then. Finish Sunday first thing.
What	Saturday afternoon/early evening some tracking practice. Saturday after dinner, some scenarios to test observation and deduction. The DOC hut is booked for accommodation. People can camp out if they so desire. Bring your kit, food for the night and breakfast.
Why	Tracking practice plus some other clue awareness stuff and a bit of fun.
Who	Alan and Roger organising this one. Anyone from SAR can attend.

Next Meeting 7:30pm June 3rd *Kerikeri*

At this months meeting, it was moved and passed unanimously that all future meetings other than the AGM and Special Meetings be held at Proctor Library, Kerikeri.

Other Training See Sue if interested in attending any of these (assuming places available), funding is available in most cases.

SARINZ – First Aid

Organisation: Auckland SAR
Date: 30/31st May
Venue: Auckland.

SARINZ – TCA refresher

Organisation: Auckland SAR
Date: 18th July
Venue: Auckland.

SARINZ – Suburban Search Refresher

Organisation: Auckland SAR
Date: 19th July
Venue: Auckland.

MSC - Bushcraft 1 (Basic Bushcraft)

Organisation: Mountain Safety Northland
Date: 13/14th June 2009
Venue: Trefoil Park. Kaikohe.

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Other Training (Cont):

MSC - GPS

A practical one day course in basic GPS, incl track and route following

Organisation: Mountain Safety Northland

Date: 27th June 2009

Venue: TBA

FNSAR – 42nd Traverse

A combination of mountain biking and navigation

Organiser: Roger

Date: 12th – 14th June 2009

Details: See Roger



Callouts

Nothing to report

Last Training

Vertical Rope Rescue - Whangarei - 2nd/3rd May

Submitted by Jo (Thanks Jo!)

Pete, Murray, George and I headed down to Whangarei to try our hand at vertical ropes. Saturday, being particularly wild and wet, we bravely stayed inside to complete all the theory and participate in the wonderful meals provided. Vector forces, mechanical advantages of various pulley systems plus practising good old knot tying kept us busy most of the day.

Our decision to save the practical till Sunday was rewarded with a fantastic day of fine weather at A H Reed Memorial Park.

Three major scenarios were undertaken, which naturally all involved raising and lowering injured patients, attendants and stretchers over the cliff edge and retrieving them again. Fortunately they all were successful. Ask George what it's like to be the attendant strapping an injured party into a stretcher which is dangling vertically half way down a cliff face.

We all enjoyed the weekend and learnt heaps. Now how *do* you tie that dratted bowline again???



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