

Search and Rescue Academy 2018

The Search and Rescue Academy is an outdoor program which focuses on giving a student participant the training and documentation to be recognized of meeting the criteria to be a 'Ground Search and Rescue Technician' in the Province Of BC (the course is accredited by the Justice Institute of BC).*

*The participant needs to complete the 12 day program to the instructors satisfaction, pass all exams, have a recognized first aid program (offered as part of this program), pass a criminal record check and will need to turn 18 to go on an actual search (younger students can meet criteria then wait to turn 18 years old).

In addition, students need to complete the on-line *Justice Institute* on-line course SAR 100 (free), as a prerequisite to final acceptance in the Search and Rescue Academy. The course is not difficult but you will need to allow some time to complete. Students in past courses said it really made the course work easier having this course done ahead.

We will send the link when we receive your completed application and fee

The program seeks to attract a maximum of 32 students. There may be some form of interview and possibly a competitive process to ensure compatibility of applicant to the program.

Who should apply, deadline and information night.

Students who are 16 years of age or older by March 25, 2018 with a passion to learn what it is to be a Search and Rescue Technician, and enjoy outdoor pursuits.. An information session will be held on dates TBA. *We may have a web cam operating at the orientation for out of town residents.*

Program Overview:

The Search and Rescue Academy is a 12 day residential program that will take place on Hornby Island (at the Tribune Bay Outdoor Ed Centre), Mount Washington and in the Comox Valley.

Instruction in Search and Rescue (SAR):

- The Ground Search and Rescue course is the entry level standard for ground and inland water search and rescue in the Province of BC. It presents an overview of SAR in BC and includes introductions to the stages of a search, navigational skills, survival skills, communications and search methods. The basics of rope rescue, tracking, helicopter safety and avalanche orientation are also introduced. A basic first aid course (OFA 1 with transport endorsement), that is needed to meet criteria for completion is included.

Supplemental outdoor programming could include:

- Climbing, high and low ropes courses, GPS training, kayaking, team building activities, campfires and overnight survival, snowshoeing, snow shelters, avalanche beacon training, river rescue, great group games plus lots more!

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Credits

- This program is eligible for '6' Board of Education credits as well as, 30 hours for Community Connections for Grad Transitions.

Cost

- Cost is \$1500. *for BC Residents and payment will need to be made to confirm registration. The program include all meals**, supervision, accommodation, instruction, safety and program equipment and transport from designated drop off spot to pick-up spot (TBD). **Be prepared to help with meal preparation and clean-up.