



Campbell River Search & Rescue Society

Membership Application Package Information Sheet

October, 2017

CRSAR

The Campbell River Search and Rescue Society (CRSAR) is a registered, nonprofit charitable society organized and operated by volunteer members. CRSAR is responsible for Search and Rescue (SAR) activities from Oyster River, north to Bella Coola, west to Nootka Island and east to the mainland coast of BC. We can also be tasked to respond anywhere in BC. The group consists of 40+ members specializing in Ground Search and Rescue, while simultaneously maintaining specialty teams in the areas of Swift Water Rescue, Rope Rescue, Alpine Rescue, Avalanche Rescue, and others. The number of calls responded to vary from year to year, and typically fall in the 30 to 45 range. Call-outs (also known as tasks) can last from hours to consecutive days.

In addition to the time CRSAR members spend on searches, many hours are spent on training, planning, administration, fundraising and public education. The tasks are overseen by the RCMP, but can also be initiated by the Coroners Service, Parks Canada, British Columbia Ambulance Service, Fire Departments, Local Government during civil emergencies and other SAR agencies for mutual support. In the course of their activities, CRSAR members are unpaid professionals, and are held to a high standard of practice, with a particular regard for safety. While task expenses are covered by Emergency Management B.C. (EMBC), and training costs are covered by CRSAR or the Justice Institute, members bear the cost of travel to training and events, as well as a basic equipment kit.

GSAR

Ground Search and Rescue (GSAR) training is the initial standard for all search & rescue members in BC. This 80 hour course is administered by volunteer instructors at the local group level. Topics covered include SAR in BC, Maps & Compass, Survival, Communications, Rope Management, Tracking, Helicopter Safety, Avalanche Orientation, and Search Techniques. CRSAR typically offers the GSAR course annually and runs it in an intensive approach. Training is Thursday evenings 7:00 to 9:30, and Sunday 9:00 to 5:00 for approximately 8 weeks consecutively. Additionally one overnight survival campout is scheduled in that time. Four exams are part of the course and are made up of both written and practical content.

Requirements

Members come from many walks of life but must meet the following requirements:

- 19 years of age at time of training
- Support from spouse and family
- Ability to deal with stressful and emotional situations
- Physically capable (i.e. hiking in uneven heavy bush, lifting a stretcher, etc.)

Before GSAR Training:

- Submit a Completed Application Package Including: Membership Application Form, Criminal Record Disclosure (clear of any entries), Drivers Abstract o Medical Information Form
- Confidentiality/Authorization Form
- Attend a GSAR information session
- Attend a personal interview for selection purposes

During GSAR Training:

- Attend all scheduled GSAR training sessions as a member in training
- Maintain a minimum of 75% on all written & practical exams
- Show an aptitude for teamwork and initiative
- Come prepared with suitable clothing and equipment as laid out by the instructors
- Complete a basic 20-hour wilderness first aid course

After Successful GSAR Training:

- Posses all required equipment of a 24-hour survival pack as laid out in the GSAR training manual
- Apply & be accepted as a probationary member of CRSAR
- Document a minimum of 100 hours per calendar year, distributed among the categories of call-outs, training, meetings and public /fundraising events.
- After a minimum of six-month a probationary member may apply to become a regular member
- Show a commitment to professional development as it relates to search & rescue
- Abide by and operate according to all CRSAR constitutions, bylaws, policies & guidelines

For Additional Information Contact: www.crsar.ca OR Tyler Abbott 250-923-9471



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Member Application Form

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(Please print clearly)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Preferred Mobile Phone: _____ Preferred

Email: _____

Are you a Canadian Citizen? Yes / No

For Internal Use Only: PLEASE MAKE SURE WORK PERFORMED IS CHECKED OFF

Application Form? Confidentiality/Authorization Policy? Medical Information Form?

Criminal Record Check Provided? / OK? Driver's Abstract? First Aid?

Attended Information Session? Interviewed? References Checked?

Welcome Letter Sent? / Declined Letter Sent? Date: _____

	DATE	STAFF INIT
Criminal Record Check		
Driver's Abstract		
First Aid		
Other		
Application Status		

Do you plan to live in Campbell River for the next 2 years? Yes / No

If "No", please explain: _____

Are you available on short notice? Yes / No

If "No", please explain: _____

List two non-relative references (may be checked without notice)

Name	Phone	Relationship to you
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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Areas of SAR you may have interest in (check all that apply)

Boat Operator Communications First Aid Logistics support

Public Education Rope Rescue Swift Water Rescue

Vehicle Maintenance Web Site Maintenance Urban SAR

Other: _____

EXPERIENCE (any you have in emergency situations, management or leadership skills or outdoor recreation skills such a mountaineering, water rescue etc):

Previous SAR Member? Yes / No

Describe your outdoor experience an activities you engage in:

Do you have any conditions of which we should be aware? Example: Allergies
If yes explain:

Do you have any physical limitations which may limit your mobility? Yes / No

If "Yes", please explain: _____

My fitness level at this time on a scale of 1-10

Inactive 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Fit

Is there anything you would like to tell us about yourself, or about your availability?

Applications which are not successful at this time may be destroyed within a 6 month period of today's date unless requested otherwise.

By signing this application form, I am stating that all information provided above is true and complete. I also understand that I will be subject to a criminal record search, the results of which will be released by the RCMP to Campbell River Search & Rescue.

By signing this application I hereby acknowledge and understand that there are inherent risks associated with search and rescue activities, including training and that these activities may occur during adverse weather conditions, at night, and in remote wilderness terrain. I fully assume these risks these activities. I also understand that participation in all search and rescue activities and tasks is strictly voluntary and that I may decline to participate, or continue to participate in any activity or task at any time at my sole discretion.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Thank you for your interest in Campbell River Search and Rescue



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Confidentiality/Authorization Policy

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I understand that as a volunteer with Campbell River Search and Rescue Society that from time to time I may be privy to sensitive and private information both during, meetings, training and while on task.

I also understand that this information is not to be discussed or shared with any person or agency which is not directly involved with Campbell River Search and Rescue.

If I am found to be disclosing sensitive or private information I will have a disciplinary review which may result in my release from the group.

Campbell River Search and Rescue Society will keep my personal information on file for a period of 7 years.

The use of member email addresses is not to be abused. Communications should not be forwarded or shared without the consent of the originator. I also grant Campbell River Search and Rescue the authority to share my contact information with the membership.

Any pertinent medical information may be shared with the medical staff and with SAR managers.

The photos taken during training and tasks may be used for public relations either in the news/newspaper or on the group website.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Witness: _____

Date: _____