

2024 SAR ACADEMY SCHEDULE

LOCATION: Josephine County Search & Rescue, 250 Tech Way, Merlin, OR

DATES: February 20th – April 7th

See below for specific dates & times (24-hour clock format)

Class times subject to change.

Tuesday, February 20th – classroom

1800-1900hrs Intro to Search and Rescue - Maria Valdez
1900-2000hrs SAR Legal Considerations - Monica McFadden
2000-2100hrs Search Tactics Basics - Heather Wilson

Thursday, February 22nd - classroom

1800-1900hrs Track Awareness - Bill Ogren
1900-2000hrs Survival Skills Part 1 – Pack demo/discussion
2000-2100hrs Clue Awareness - Monica McFadden

Saturday, February 24th – outdoor @ SAR

0800-0900hrs Communications/Radio – Joe Stodola/Russ Williamson/Steve Templeton (subs)
0900-1000hrs Search Tactics Practice – Heather Wilson
1000-1100hrs Track Awareness Practice – Bill Ogren
1100-1300hrs Survival Skills, Pack Basics
1300-1700hrs Survival Skills, hands on

Tuesday, February 27th - classroom

1800-2100hrs Land Navigation - Monica McFadden

Thursday, February 29th - classroom

1800-1900hrs Complete Mapping and Coordinates and Review – Monica McFadden
1900-2100hrs Compass Basics – Rodger Miller

Saturday, March 2th – classroom & outdoors @ SAR

0800-1000hrs GPS Basics - Jim Johnson
1000-1200hrs Navigation Integration – Brett Rasmussen/SamWatson sub
1200-1700hrs Navigation Exercises – Navigation cadre

Tuesday, March 5th – classroom

1800-2130hrs First Aid/CPR/Blood borne Pathogens Basics – Ken Berg

Thursday, March 7th – classroom

1800-2000hrs SAR meeting/SAR GAR – Maria Valdez
Helo Ops/Crime Scene – self study

Saturday, March 9th – outdoors @ Fish Hatchery Park – 1980 Wetherbee Dr. Grants Pass

0800-0900hrs Search Tactics exercises – Heather Wilson
0900-1200hrs Nav & Radio Boot Camp – Cadre
1200-1600hrs First Aid hands on – Ken Berg
1600-1700hrs Litter Carry Demo & Practice – Brett & Team

Tuesday, March 12th – classroom

1800-2100hrs Written Test & Pack Check – staff

Thursday, March 14th – indoors & outdoors @ SAR

1800-2100hrs Signoffs for Type 3 & 4 searchers

Saturday, March 16th – outdoors

0800-1700hrs Field Signoffs for Type 3 only (Type 4's do not need to attend)

Tuesday, March 19th - optional

By appt only Make up day for signoffs that haven't been completed

Spring Break – no instruction *Have fun, be safe!*

Thursday, April 4th

1800-2000hrs SAR Monthly Meeting & Training

Saturday, April 6th – April 7th

Overnight exercise with mock search and signoffs for survival and litter carry

Sat 04-06-24/1200hrs to Sun 04-07-24/1000hrs

POST ACADEMY

Saturday, April 13th – indoors & outdoors @ SAR

0800-1700hrs Driver Qualification – Dennis Offerman

Thursday, May 2nd - tentative

1800-1900hrs Swearing In – Sheriff Daniel