



CIVIL AIR PATROL
HAWK MOUNTAIN RANGER SCHOOL
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Civil Air Patrol National Cadet Special Activity
HAWK MOUNTAIN RANGER SCHOOL
Student Welcome Package

School Dates: 10 to 18 July 2021

Consider travel days on 9 and 19 July

Commander / Activity Director: Lt Col Brian Cuce

Questions should be emailed to hawkmountain@cap.gov.

They will be directed to the proper staff member.

(Please provide your contact information, including the student's name, CAPID, and wing)

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<https://www.capranger.org>

From the Commander

Dear member,

Allow me to be the first to congratulate you on your acceptance to the Hawk Mountain Ranger School and thank you for your dedication and commitment to attend this challenging, yet rewarding opportunity. The Hawk Mountain Ranger School is the longest continuously operating Search and Rescue (SAR) school in the nation and the largest National Cadet Special Activity in Civil Air Patrol. It is the most physically demanding, academically stringent, and rewarding activity that CAP has to offer. Whether you are a senior member or cadet, you will be provided with hands-on SAR, field leadership experience, and survival training by some of the most dedicated professionals that CAP has to offer with decades of experience in SAR and wilderness survival.

The goal of Hawk Mountain Ranger School is to build leaders for Civil Air Patrol Emergency Services that are experts in wilderness Search and Rescue in challenging, protracted, and austere search environments. As such, this school takes place in the wilderness and not a dormitory. You and your fellow students will be pitted against the elements, and you will find that your attendance will set you apart from your contemporaries. The knowledge that you will gain about yourself, the Ranger program, and Search and Rescue will remain with you for the rest of your life.

This is a completely outdoor school, with few modern conveniences available to the students. Conditions are primitive, with limited indoor plumbing and electricity. Showers will be provided a few times during the week and will be available in cool water only. Sleeping will be only in tents for the 8 days, regardless of the weather experienced. Weather can be dry or rainy, with temperatures changing from the high 90's to 50 degrees within hours. All cell phones will be collected at sign in, and students may only call home in the event of an emergency.

The Hawk Mountain Ranger School is located in southeastern Pennsylvania, in Berks County, 5 miles northeast of Hamburg and on the rugged Appalachian Trail. This CAP corporate property is seventy-seven acres, near the Hawk Mountain Bird Sanctuary and the Appalachian Trail, which runs through the training area and where a majority of the training will occur including our 3-day Capstone Field Training Exercise. There are several permanent pole buildings and staff offices. The training area is maintained by the Pennsylvania Wing and is staffed by Ranger Staff from across the nation.

The school is very demanding, both physically and mentally. You are expected to do your best for those nine days. Successful course completion consists of completing 80% (NCSA requirement) of required courses and completion of the capstone Field Training Exercise. Failure to meet these requirements will result in students not receiving credit for NCSA completion. Award of Ground Team Member and Ranger Qualifications are contingent on the successful demonstration of the requisite skills to Skills Evaluators. GTM and Ranger ratings are not a guarantee of course graduation alone.

Thank you again and we look forward to welcoming you to the CAP Ranger family!

Rangers Lead the Way!



BRIAN J. CUCE, Lt Col, CAP
Commander / Activity Commander

Minimum Student Requirements:

(See specific course requirements for any additional prerequisites)

All Students (completed by 15 June)

- Must be in **Physical Category 1** throughout the duration of the school.
CAP Physical Categories are described in CAPR 60-50
- Completed **OPSEC** (https://www.capnhq.gov/CAP.LMS.Web/Quiz/quiz_start.aspx?qid=435)
- Current 101 Emergency Services Card with at least **General ES**
- CAPT 117 Part 1 (https://www.capnhq.gov/CAP.LMS.Web/Quiz/quiz_start.aspx?qid=203)
- Completed **ICUT** online portion (https://www.capnhq.gov/CAP.LMS.Web/Course/course_start.aspx?c=2)
- Completed **Basic ORM** (https://www.capnhq.gov/CAP.LMS.Web/Quiz/quiz_start.aspx?qid=16)
- Complete **FEMA IS 100** - Introduction to Incident Command System (indicated in E-Services)
- Complete **FEMA IS 700a** - National Incident Management System (NIMS) (indicated in E-Services)
 - * FEMA Courses can be found here: <https://training.fema.gov/nims/>

Cadets

- Must have completed **Achievement 1** (Curry Award)
- Current CAP membership
- Must be at least **13 years of age** by course start
- Must have completed Basic Encampment (by 15 June)
- Check to see if your Wing has any other requirements before you apply.

Seniors (officer)

- Must have completed **Level 1**
- Must have completed **Cadet Protection Training**
- Current CAP membership

Students attending advanced courses must also complete:

- CAPT 117 Part 3 (https://www.capnhq.gov/CAP.LMS.Web/Quiz/quiz_start.aspx?qid=205)
- Skills Evaluator Training (SET) (<https://tests.capnhq.gov/ops/tests/default.cfm?grp=dos>)
- Intermediate ORM (https://www.capnhq.gov/CAP.LMS.Web/Quiz/quiz_start.aspx?qid=17)
- IS 200 - ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents (indicated in E-Services)
- IS 800 - National Response Plan (NRP), An Introduction (indicated in E-Services)
 - * FEMA Courses can be found here: <https://training.fema.gov/nims/>

After completing these online courses, make sure you save the certificate sent from FEMA. Give a copy of these certificates to your Squadron Commander or ES Officer so they can be entered into the CAP 101 Database.

Review your CAP Member Search Report – This can be found on CAP Member login page. Sign in, then click “Member Search” on the left side. Enter all or part of a CAPID or name and depress the Tab key. Click to view **Member Search Report** on the top of the page. Make sure all the required Safety, ORM, ICUT, 101 certification & FEMA Certificates are listed. If they are not listed, you must give copies of your certificates to your squadron commander or ES officer to record in the national database.

Members failing to meet prerequisites upon arrival may be sent home immediately at member’s expense. CAP and HMRS are not responsible for students who are not signed in due to failure to meet stated requirements.

Arrival / Inprocessing / Graduation / Dismissal:

School Arrival: Students may arrive between 1100 – 2130 hrs on **Friday**, 9 July or 0600 - 1000 hrs on **Saturday**, 10 July.

Formal check-in: Will be conducted between 0800 - 1100 hrs. on Saturday, 10 July.

Early arrivals may also check in between 1930 – 2000 hrs. on Friday, 9 July.

Your valid CAP membership card and the completed CAPF 160, 161, and 163 are required at check-in.

These forms can be found at <http://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/members/publications/forms>.

Graduation: 1130 hrs - Sunday, 18 July - All visitors are welcome, particularly parents and unit commanders.

Student Release: Families and others awaiting students release should expect a 2 to 3-hour period after Parade & Review to close the school down to its normal woodland environment. Limited refreshments and souvenirs will be available for sale. You might want to take this time to visit the Hawk Mountain Bird Sanctuary located on top of the mountain or the Cabela's Super Store, which is only a few miles away.

Course Specific Requirements:

Cadet Basic Course

During this first-year course, students will gain hands-on experience in navigation, team mobility, search operations, crash site procedures and survival skills. Students will also have an opportunity to rappel on our 60+ foot tower. The students then will take part in a 3-day mission to have the skills learned evaluated. In this search exercise, the schools culminating event, the students will take part in real world scenarios and perform realistic rescues. Students will train through the Ranger 3rd Class. Ground Team Member Level 3 & 2 skills will also be evaluated. The students will also gain training to complete their MRO. This training will allow them to be considered true assets of any CAP ground team.

Target Graduation Qualifications: Ground Team Member 3, Ranger Third Class

Basic Squadron Prerequisites:

- GES Complete
- ICUT Online Training Complete
- Possess a Current First Aid Card
- ICS NIMS 100 & 700 complete (indicated in E-Services)
- Physical Category 1

NOTE: All prerequisites must be met by 15 June.

Packing list: Go to <https://www.capranger.org/forms-pubs> and choose "Summer School Packing List."

Basic Course Fee: \$375.00 (includes food and some safety equipment)

To apply for this course, choose "HMRS All Other-Cadet Course-317" in your preferences list. You will have the opportunity to choose this particular course on the supplemental application.

Senior Basic Course – Sierra Squadron

During this first-year course, students will gain hands-on experience in navigation, team mobility, search operations, crash site procedures and survival skills. Students will also have an opportunity to rappel on our 60+ foot tower. The students then will take part in a 3-day mission to have the skills learned evaluated. During this search exercise, the schools culminating event, students will take part in real world scenarios and perform realistic rescues. Students will train through the Ranger 3rd Class and Ranger 2nd Class skills as well as Ground Team Member Level 3 & 2. The students will also gain training to complete their MRO. Senior students will also be introduced to basic team leadership and some ground team leader topics. This training will allow them to be considered true assets of any CAP ground team.

Target Graduation Qualifications: Ground Team Member 2, Ranger Second Class

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Senior Basic Course Prerequisites:

- GES Complete
- ICUT Online Training Complete
- Current First Aid Card
- ICS NIMS 100 & 700 complete (indicated in E-Services)
- CAPT-117 Part 1 and 3 complete
- Physical Category 1

NOTE: All prerequisites must be met by 15 June.

Packing list: Go to <https://www.capranger.org/forms-pubs> and choose "Summer School Packing List."

Senior Basic Course Fee: \$375.00 (includes food and some safety equipment)

To apply for this course, choose "HMRS All Other-Senior Member Course-400" in your preferences list. You will have the opportunity to choose this particular course on the supplemental application.

Communication Operations Course – Whiskey Squadron

Students will learn the skills required to become CAP Mission Radio Operators (Whiskey I) and Communications Unit Leaders (Whiskey II).

Whiskey I students will gain familiarity of both VHF & HF radios, learn mission base & field operations, remote communications relay stations, and communications equipment setup and operation. The culminating three-day exercise will include extensive hiking with full equipment. Students will be tasked as MRO's to support a squadron on the Field Training Exercise (FTX). Upon successful completion of the Whiskey I course, students will become Mission Radio Operator certified and will have learned valuable mission skills along the way.

Target Graduation Qualifications: Mission Radio Operator, Ranger Third Class

Whiskey II students will learn how to effectively plan and manage the communication network during search and rescue missions, and will take the ICS-300 course as part of their training for CUL. The students will also be tasked with setting up and operating the Remote Communications Station during the FTX and will practice their newly learned skills during the three-day search simulation. This will involve spending several days away from base camp in support of the school's FTX. Upon successful completion of this course, Whiskey II students will become Communications Unit Leader(CUL) certified. Students in both courses will have opportunities to learn skills and test toward earning R-3/R-2. This course is open to qualifying Senior and Cadet members.

Target Graduation Qualifications: Communications Unit Leader, Ranger Third Class

Communications Squadron Additional Prerequisites:**Whiskey I**

- Qualified GTM3 or GTM3 trainee with all of the prerequisites completed and commander's approval signed off.
- Trainee status in MRO with the prerequisites completed and commander's approval signed off
- Possess a Current First Aid Card
- ICS NIMS 100 & 700 complete (indicated in E-Services)
- ICUT Online Training Complete
- CAPT 117 Part 1 and 3

Whiskey II

- Qualified MRO
- Trainee status in CUL with all prerequisites completed, including the commander's approval for prerequisite familiarization/preparatory training signed off.
- ICS-200 Complete (indicated in E-Services)
- ICS-800 Complete (indicated in E-Services)
- ICUT Complete

- CAP 117 Part 1 and 3

NOTE: All prerequisites must be met by 15 June.

Packing list: Go to <https://www.capranger.org/forms-pubs> and choose "Summer School Packing List."

Communication Operations Course Fee: \$ 375.00 (includes food and some safety equipment)

To apply for this course, choose "HMRS All Other-Cadet Course-317" or "HMRS All Other-Senior Member Course-400" in your preferences list. You will have the opportunity to choose this particular course on the supplemental application.

Aircrew Survival Course – Hotel Squadron

Dates: Wednesday 14 July, 0800 hours to Sunday 18 July 2021 - Graduation at 1800 hours (with travel days of 13/18 July)

Can you survive in the woods with just what is in your aircraft? This 4-day course is designed to teach you just that, and more. For all Aircrew Members (Seniors and Cadets 18 and over), this course will provide invaluable information on how to survive until help arrives. The Ranger Instructor Staff is well versed in all aspects of survival training. Students will experience hands-on outdoor classroom training and two days of practical survival experience in the field and conclude with a day of Water Survival training supported by the Pennsylvania Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team. The course will cover Egress Training, Initial Survival Concerns, Survival Kits, The WILL TO SURVIVE, Improvising Equipment, Communications, Signaling, Land Navigation, First Aid, Personal Hygiene, Nutrition, Water Procurement, Basic Survival Skills for all Regions, Shelter, Weather, Fire Building, and the practical experience of survival.

Target Graduation Qualifications: Aircrew Water Survival Certification

Aircrew Survival Prerequisites:

- Minimum 18 years of age
- Must have completed Level 1 (Senior) or Achievement 1 (Cadet)
- Must have completed Cadet Protection Training
- Current CAP membership
- Must be in Physical Category 1 throughout the duration of the school.
 - CAP Physical Categories are described in CAPR 60-50 and are used for seniors as a general gauge of physical fitness ability as this course is partially conducted in an austere field environment requiring a 2-3 mile hike

NOTE: All prerequisites must be met by 15 June.

Packing list: Go to <https://www.capranger.org/forms-pubs> and choose "Aircrew Packing List."

If you have a survival kit for your plane we suggest you bring it along, if possible.

Aircrew Survival Course Fee: \$275.00 for the 4-day course (includes food, lodging, water survival certification, and some safety equipment). Apply for this course under "HMRS Aircrew Survival Course-318."

Ranger Field Medic Course – Mike Squadron

This second-year course is designed for any cadet who is interested in becoming a Ranger Team Medic. Students will be taught ECSI's (Emergency Care and Safety Institute) Advanced Wilderness First Aid for the initial curriculum, in conjunction with field sanitation and hygiene training for wilderness operations. Students will be instructed in preventive care for team members, trauma assessments, mass casualty triage, and the transport of patients in the field. This course is academically challenging, combining both the Cadet Advanced Course curriculum and Field Medic Training. During the week, they will take part in a 3-day mission, the skills they learned will be evaluated. Upon successful completion of this course, students will be certified in Advanced Wilderness First Aid, CPR, Field Medic, and will have the opportunity to become part of Ranger Staff as a Field Medic.

Target Graduation Qualifications: Field Medic

Ranger Field Medic Squadron Prerequisites:

- Completion of the Cadet Basic or Advanced Course
- Ranger 2nd Class
- Professional CPR certification
- Early registration (1 May) is required since there may be pre-course assignments as part of the school curriculum.

NOTE: All prerequisites must be met by 15 June.

Packing list: Go to <https://www.capranger.org/forms-pubs> and choose "Summer School Packing List."

Ranger Field Medic Course Fee: \$475.00 includes food, some safety equipment, manuals and medical bag. Apply for this course under "HMRS Ranger Field Medic Course-319" and complete the supplemental application.

Cadet Advanced Course – Alpha Squadron

Cadets returning for the second year will learn advanced rescue techniques, land search theory, air to ground coordination, and advanced navigation skills. Cadets will also learn the leadership skills necessary to begin Ground Team Leader training. Cadets will have an opportunity to rappel on our 60+ foot tower and may begin exposure advanced high and low angle rescue techniques. Cadets will practice their newly honed skills during realistic search simulations during the 3-day intensive search and rescue exercise. Students will train through the Ranger 1st Class and GTM1 level. An interview, a written test, and a physical fitness test will be conducted by our staff prior to acceptance.

Graduates will be eligible to return the following year as Ranger Staff.

Target Graduation Qualifications: Ground Team Member 1, Ranger First Class

Advanced Squadron Prerequisites:

- GTM 2 complete or have attended a previous HMRS Summer School
- ICUT Online Portion Complete
- ICS NIMS 100 & 700 complete (indicated in E-Services)
- First Aid qualified
- CAPT-117 Part 1 and 3 complete
- R-2 qualified (Highly recommended)
- Previous Summer School (Highly recommended)
 - If the student has no previous summer school, he or she must have all other prerequisites and a letter of recommendation from their squadron commander.
- Physical Category 1

NOTE: All prerequisites must be met by 15 June.

Packing list: Go to <https://www.capranger.org/forms-pubs> and choose "Summer School Packing List."

Cadet Advanced Fee: \$375.00 (includes food and some safety equipment)

To apply for this course, choose "HMRS All Other-Cadet Course-317" in your preferences list. You will have the opportunity to choose this particular course on the supplemental application.

Ranger Staff Training Program – Romeo Squadron

HMRS will be revising its staff training program for 2021 to be an on-the-job training program utilizing previous advanced course graduates as probationary staff with additional classwork. This is a second-year only course for Alpha, Tango, and Mike graduates. Applicants should select **337 - HMRS Cadet Staff** on their E-Services application to receive the staff rate.

The Ranger Staff training program is for highly motivated cadets and seniors that want to become part of the Staff for Hawk Mountain Ranger School. Students will experience on-the-job training as probationary staff while learning effective teaching techniques, safety considerations of staffing NCSAs, in-depth Ranger & ground team skills, how to properly evaluate both, and basic leadership concepts. Students will also learn how to effectively mentor and teach students. A

comprehensive and intense 3-day survival and evaluation hike will be conducted. Once the student completes and passes the program they will receive their Yellow Scarf and become a probationary member of the Hawk Mountain Ranger School instructor staff. There will be an interview, written exam, and physical fitness tests given by our staff prior to committing you to this course.

Target Graduation Qualifications: Probationary Staff (Yellow Scarf)

Cadet Ranger Staff Training Basic Prerequisites:

- Previous completion of Advanced, Team Commander, or Field Medic Courses
- Achievement 5 (Lindberg) complete

NOTE: All prerequisites must be met by 15 June.

Packing list: Go to <https://www.capranger.org/forms-pubs> and choose "Summer School Packing List."

Ranger Staff Training Course Fee: \$50.00 (includes food). To apply for this course, choose "HMRS All Other-Cadet Staff-337" in your preferences list. You will have the opportunity to choose this particular course on the staff supplemental application.

Ranger Team Commander Course – Tango Squadron

The Ranger Team Commanders Course is a mentally and physically tasking course, teaching both cadets and seniors Team Leadership skills in the field environment. The students will find confidence in themselves, their team members, and in the use of their equipment via multiple in-depth training scenarios. This course is built to challenge your comfort zone as a leader and will stretch your limits and training in the field or while on-rappel on our 60+ foot tower. Advanced Navigation, Search Theory, SAR Techniques, and Mission Team Leadership is heavily emphasized throughout the course. Academics will be taught at the Advanced Ranger Level, and will cover Ground Team Leaders tasks and Ranger Team Commander knowledge. This course teaches the student how to apply skills to be efficient Ranger Team Commanders and Ground Team Leaders. This course requires participants to be highly self-motivated and have no physical limitation. Student will be evaluated on Ranger 1st Class Skills and some Advanced Ranger Skills. Students will also be initially evaluated or reevaluated on current Ground Team Leader tasks and Ground Team Level 1 tasks.

Graduates will be eligible to return the following year as Ranger Staff.

Target Graduation Qualifications: Ground Team Leader, Advanced Ranger

Team Commanders Course Prerequisites:

- Cadets must be a minimum of 15 years old
- GTL Trainee or GTL qualified (indicated in E-Services)
- GTM 2 qualified
- ICS NIMS 100, 200 & 700 complete (indicated in E-Services)
- First Aid qualified
- ICUT complete
- CAPT-117 Parts 1 and 3 complete
- R-1 qualified (Highly recommended)
- Previous Summer School (Highly recommended)
- If the student has no previous summer school, he or she must have all other prerequisites and a letter of recommendation from their squadron commander.
- Physical Category 1

NOTE: All prerequisites must be met by 15 June.

Packing list: Go to <https://www.capranger.org/forms-pubs> and choose "Summer School Packing List."

Team Commanders Course Fee: \$375.00 (includes food and some safety equipment) To apply for this course, choose "HMRS All Other-Cadet Course=317" or "HMRS All Other-Senior Member Course-400" in your preferences list. You will have the opportunity to choose this particular course on the supplemental application.

Incident Leadership Course – India Squadron

The Incident Leadership Course is a Ground Branch Director and Planning Section Chief training program. During this 9-day program students will complete all necessary requirements to complete this endeavor. Students will take part in an 18 hour ICS 300 course. The students will also take part in 3-day search exercise during which the students will operate in the field as Ground Branch Directors and place skills learned to the test as a final evaluation. These students will be able to return to their home units better able to support ground team missions.

Target Graduation Qualifications: Ground Branch Director or Above (prior experience dependant), Ranger Third Class

Incident Leadership Course Prerequisites:

- GTL qualified
- GTM 2 qualified
- ICS NIMS 100b, 200b, 700b, & 800 complete (indicated in E-Services)
- GBD Trainee Status
- CAPT-117 Part 1-3 complete
- R-1 Qualified (Highly recommended)
- Physical Category 1
- Completion of Encampment by Course Start Date (Cadets)
- Completion of Level 1 (Seniors) and Cadet Protection Training (Students over 18)

NOTE: All prerequisites must be met by 15 June.

Packing List: Go to <https://www.capranger.org/forms-pubs> and choose "Summer School Packing List."

Incident Leadership Course Fee: \$375.00 (includes food, some safety equipment) If you wish to make this a day course, other lodging arrangements can be made at your own cost. Contact hawkmountain@cap.gov for more information. To apply for this course, choose "HMRS All Other-Cadet Course=317" or "HMRS All Other-Senior Member Course-400" in your preferences list. You will have the opportunity to choose this particular course on the supplemental application.

Independent Study Course (formerly Special Advanced / Echo)

This course exposes cadet and senior Rangers to the Expert Ranger level of search & rescue, woodsmanship, and survival. Designed to improve knowledge and skills acquired in the Team Commander Course, the Independent Study Course may advance students to Expert Ranger Level and prepare them to become part of HMRS Staff. Most subjects are tailored to the students' needs and taught one-on-one by experienced instructors. All students must be capable of performing advanced tasks under heavy physical and mental stress. Independent Study students will be annexed with Tango.

Target Graduation Qualifications: Ground Branch Director or Above (prior experience dependant), Expert Ranger

Prerequisite: Students must have completed the Ranger Team Commanders Course (Tango) and be age 18 or older.

Packing list: Go to <https://www.capranger.org/forms-pubs> and choose "Summer School Packing List."

Independent Study Course Fee: \$375.00 (includes food and some safety equipment)

To apply for this course, choose "HMRS All Other-Cadet Course-317" or "HMRS All Other-Senior Member Course-400" in your preferences list. You will have the opportunity to choose this particular course on the supplemental application.

Important Considerations

If you want to challenge a prerequisite for any course, you must do so on your completed supplemental application. Please provide documentation of your experiences, course completions, certificates, and a letter stating why you should be exempt from the prerequisites.

Note: Attendance at the school does not guarantee successful completion of the course or being awarded Ranger Grade or 101 ratings. Passing a skills performance evaluation is required to complete all courses, and a written test is required for advanced courses. NCSA guidelines require completion of 80% of course curriculum as a minimum for graduation.

Departure prior to graduation may prohibit course completion.

All Ranger Grades and 101 card awards are dependent on tasks that cannot be completed at the school. For example, you cannot earn GTM3 without first completing CAPT 117 part 1, IS100 and 700, Radio Operator ICUT, and Basic First Aid. For this reason, it is very important that you complete all prerequisites for the course you desire. Please check SQTR and Ranger Testing sheets as well, to be sure that you can fulfill all requirements. Completion of tasks at the school is dependent on the students' proficiency at demonstrating the tasks. In some cases, tasks may not be signed off at the school if the student is unable to satisfactorily demonstrate those skills prior to graduation.

Due to the rigorous nature of the school under actual field conditions, members participating must meet Physical Category 1 and must be upheld throughout the school. If Students cannot participate in the school due to injury or commit an infraction of CAP code of honor, they will be sent home, at their expense, if deemed necessary by the school staff.

Students in all of our courses will actively participate in several "High Adventure Activities." This includes training in rappelling, rock climbing and completing the challenging obstacle course. As with all other activities at Hawk Mountain, these are supervised by appropriately trained and certified senior officers with many years' experience and using prudent and applicable safety precautions.

The student fee is non-refundable. The online payment should not be processed until you are certain you are attending the school.

There is no **Lost and Found** at the school. This wilderness school is not staffed year-round. No one will be there to search for and/or secure your lost items. Please be sure you have all your gear before leaving the site.

Transportation / Travel

All students and staff are responsible for making their own transportation arrangements.

Hawk Mountain Ranger School will only provide transportation to and from **Lehigh Valley Int. Airport (ABE) and the Allentown Bus Terminal**. To arrange pick-up and/or drop off, please email your full (arrival and departure) travel itinerary to hawkmountain@cap.gov. **Note our transportation to the terminals takes approximately 1 hour. Do not schedule departing flights before 1500 hrs on Sunday, 18 July.**

*****Special Note: ***** HMRS has made arrangements for students departing on Monday, 20 July. These students will be staying Sunday night at Hawk Mountain Base with Senior Staff. The Staff will make sure that students are at the airport/bus terminals on time.

Air Transportation

Lehigh Valley International Airport is the only airport for which the school will provide transportation. The following airlines service the airport: Allegiant, Delta, American, United. For more information for Lehigh Valley Int. Airport (**ABE**) – call 800-FLY-LVIA or on the web at <http://www.flyabe.com>

Ground Transportation

The Allentown Bus Terminal is the only bus terminal for which the school will provide transportation. Allentown Bus Terminal - 610-434-6188 or on the web at <http://locations.greyhound.com/bus-stations/us/pennsylvania/allentown/bus-station-170049>

Driving:

The school is located near Interstate 78, between Harrisburg and Allentown.

GPS Address: 218 Pine Swamp Road, Kempton, PA 19529

From Lenhartsville Exit 35: Take Exit #35 of Interstate 78/US Route 22 "Lenhartsville." At the bottom of the ramp, turn left and travel north on PA Route 143 for approximately 5 miles. Turn left onto Hawk Mountain Rd. (There will be a gas station on the right.) After approximately 100 yards, bear left at the "Y" and follow the road for another 3 miles. Turn left onto Pine Swamp Road and proceed about 1 mile to the entrance of the training area on the left. Signs are placed at critical locations to assist you.

From Reading / Pottsville Exit 29: Take Exit 29 towards Pottsville on PA-61 N. After 4 miles, turn right (at the light) onto PA-895, Summer Valley Road. After 2.4 miles, turn right onto Hawk Mountain Road. Follow this for 3.8 miles, past the Hawk Mt Bird Sanctuary, to the bottom of the mountain. Make a right onto Pine Swamp Rd. Follow this for 1.2 miles. Hawk Mt Ranger School will be on the right. If you miss Pine Swamp Road on the way down the mountain, Pine Swamp Road intersects again approximately one mile later. Turn right onto the other end of Pine Swamp Road. Hawk Mountain Ranger School is on the left after 1 mile.

Hawk Mountain Ranger School Telephone Number: 717-685-5041

For more information visit <https://www.capranger.org/contact-us>.

Equipment Requirements

See the link below each course description above for packing lists.

Upon arrival at the school, each student squadron will set up tents in a field camp not far from the parade field. Students must be able to carry their own gear to this area. During the 3-day field training exercise, much of their gear can remain at this camp. Students are required to have a large backpack (72-hour pack) and a small pack (day pack) for day gear. It is **highly recommended** that all additional items outside of field gear are brought in Rubbermaid-type container to keep their gear dry when it is not in use.

Students are responsible for caring for their own equipment. Prior to the school, organize and pack it so it is waterproof. For example, put socks in plastic bags and laminate your qualification cards. Prepack your day pack so it is ready to go when you arrive. Test all of your equipment. Pack only what you need. You may want to bring a limited amount of cash for purchase of additional supplies - about \$50.00.

Over the past few years the Hawk Mountain BX has been developing business relationships with many equipment suppliers in order to provide students and staff with affordable equipment. You may preorder using the order form found on <https://www.capranger.org/hmrs-bx> or you may purchase items when you arrive at the school. Please remember that the BX is staffed by all volunteers. We will ship your order, but in most cases, immediate shipping of equipment is unavailable. To ensure availability, you can pre-order items and pick them up when you arrive at school. (Orders must be mailed with checks before 20 June. Please do not email orders. See the directions on the order form.)

Safety Equipment - Safety Equipment is required for all Students and Staff. If they are not already, these items will become a part of your normal Ranger Operations equipment. The following required safety equipment will be provided to you as part of your school fee:

- Orange hat
- Orange vest
- Orange hard hat with elastic chin strap or nape strap
- Eye protection

The following required safety items are **NOT** provided and must be brought by the student or purchased at the BX:

- All leather gloves \$10.00
- Eyeglasses strap (if needed) \$3.00

Links

- Hawk Mountain Ranger School: <https://www.capranger.org>
- Ranger Testing Sheets: <https://www.capranger.org/forms-pubs>
- E-Services: <https://www.capnhq.gov/CAP.eServices.Web/Default.aspx>
- CAP Online Courses: https://www.capmembers.com/cap_university/on-line-courses-and-exams/
- FEMA Incident Management Training: <https://training.fema.gov/nims/>

Social Media

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