



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

School Dates: 9 to 17 July 2022

Consider travel days on 8 and 18 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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More information can be found online at:

<https://www.capranger.org>

From the Commander

Dear member,

Allow me to be the first to thank you for your interest in the Hawk Mountain Ranger School and 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 nights, 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 your acceptance email for any additional prerequisites.)

All Students (completed by 1 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://elearning.capnhq.gov/lms/_portal/user/index.php)
- Completed **ICUT** online portion (https://www.capnhq.gov/CAP.LMS.Web/Course/course_start.aspx?c=2)
- Completed **Basic ORM** (https://elearning.capnhq.gov/lms/_portal/user/index.php)
- 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 1 June)
- Check to see if your Wing has any other requirements before you apply.

Seniors

- 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://elearning.capnhq.gov/lms/_portal/user/index.php)
- Skills Evaluator Training (SET) (<https://tests.capnhq.gov/ops/tests/default.cfm?grp=dos>)
- Intermediate ORM (https://elearning.capnhq.gov/lms/_portal/user/index.php)
- 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**, 8 July or 0600 - 1000 hrs on **Saturday**, 9 July.

Formal check-in: Will be conducted between 0800 - 1100 hrs. on Saturday, 9 July.

Early arrivals may also check in between 1930 – 2000 hrs. on Friday, 8 July.

Your valid CAP membership card and the completed CAPFs 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, 17 July - All visitors are welcome, particularly parents and unit commanders.

Student Release: Families and others awaiting students release should expect a 1 to 2-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.

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 made until you have been contacted to do so. This should be around 1 June.

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. Put your name on everything.

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, 17 July.**

*****Special Note: ***** HMRS has made arrangements for students departing on Monday, 18 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 (Pine Creek Rd) for approximately 4 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 1.2 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. In about 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 about 2 miles. Hawk Mountain 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 1.3 mile.

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

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

Equipment Requirements

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

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 a 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 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

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/caphmrs>
- Twitter: https://www.twitter.com/cap_hmrs
- Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/cap_hmrs

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