

# SILVER STAR SEARCH & RESCUE

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## HEADQUARTERS

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1999 NEWSLETTER

A Non-Profit Organization

*Silver Star Search & Rescue is a non-profit organization dedicated to wilderness and urban search and rescue. Our volunteers are on call 24 hours a day. We are supported by donations from the public and have no paid staff. We have provided emergency services to Clark, Skamania and Cowlitz Counties for over 30 years. Our rescue vehicles include a snow cat, 5 3-wheeled ATV's, a 4 wheel drive van, a 4 wheel drive suburban, a motor home and a mobile 10K generator. Our communications include a paging system for members and 15 hand held radios for field communications. All of our vehicles are also equipped with radios to communicate with personnel in the field. We maintain our own headquarters in Washougal, WA 11 miles east of Vancouver just off of Highway 14. Our business meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month at 7:00PM. Anyone interested in membership and the general public is invited to attend. We also have junior memberships for those that are 16-17 years of age.*

## FUND RAISING GOALS

This year our team made the decision to sell our 1974 Ford Van. The proceeds from this sale will be added to our new vehicle fund. We need to purchase a more recent model tow vehicle for our snow cat. This vehicle will also be used for team member transportation. We will continue to add to our new vehicle fund this year. As always, we will also be raising funds for our annual operating expenses.



Silver Star Coordinator Rick Blevins and Wind River SAR member Rick Severs teach a Snowmobile Safety Course for SAR personnel at Lone Butte Sno-Park.

## VISIT SILVER STAR'S NEW WEB SITE AT <http://pages.prodigy.net/jptroyer>

Thanks to the efforts of long-time Silver Star member and computer programmer, JP Troyer, Silver Star has its own Web site. It is complete with lots of photographs of our training, history and community activities. It also lists our annual training schedule and has links to other search and rescue sites. Visit our website today and send an E-Mail to JP to let him know what a great job he did for our team!

## SNOWMOBILE SAFETY / SAR TRAINING COURSE

During the last several years Silver Star has specialized in winter search and rescue. Thanks to the capabilities of our Snow Cat and the access to several snowmobiles privately owned by Silver Star members, we have been able to respond to a number of winter emergencies. This Spring, Silver Star coordinator Rick Blevins and Wind River Search and Rescue member Rick Severs developed and taught a Snowmobile Safety Class for Search and Rescue Personnel. Twenty three students completed the course. The students included members of Silver Star SAR, Wind River SAR, deputies from the Skamania County Sheriff's office and employees with the US Forest Service. This course was the first of its kind taught in Southwest Washington. It included winter medical emergencies, snowmobile safety, mechanical aspects of snowmobiles, and snowmobile search techniques. Successful completion of a training ride and obstacle course was required for certification. It was a challenging and informative course. It provided SAR personnel with important training in winter emergencies. Future plans are in progress for an advanced level of training for next season.

# SEARCH AND RESCUE

## 1998-1999 MISSIONS / CALLOUTS

- 06/98 Evidence Search – Battle Ground
- 07/98 Missing 5 year old – Hazel Dell
- 08/98 Missing 83 year old Huckleberry Picker - Skamania County
- 09/98 Missing 3 year old – Camas
- 09/98 Missing Caver – Dead Horse Cave
- 10/98 Missing Hiker – Silver Star Mountain
- 11/98 Missing Hunter – Skamania County
- 11/98 Missing Hunter – Pacific County
- 01/99 Missing 13 year old Snowmobiler – Lone Butte Sno-Park (North of Carson)
- 01/99 2 Missing Snowmobilers - 88 Sno-Park (Near Trout Lake)
- 02/99 5 Missing Cross Country Skiers - Hard Time Loop (North of Carson)
- 03/99 Missing 7 year old – Vancouver
- 03/99 Missing 3 year old – La Center
- 03/99 Emergency Snow Cat Transport – Radio Technician to Summit of Larch Mountain (Down Power Line)

## MOUNTAIN BIKE TEAM

In 1998 Silver Star researched the idea of starting a Mountain Bike Search Team. The initial response led us to believe that this was a good idea. The team did not get started in 1998 but is scheduled to start in 1999. At the April 3, 1999 business meeting we discussed and handed out bike team member requirements. In May of 1999 we have two training dates scheduled at Powell Butte State Park in Oregon. The dates are May 15th and May 22nd and the start time is 9:00am at Powell Butte State Park. At the May 1st, 1999 business meeting we will be discussing what the training will entail.

If you are interested in the Mountain Bike Team or any other aspect of Silver Star we would love to see you at one of our monthly business meetings so we can give you more information.

Directions to training sites, our building and a lot of other information can be found on our web site at <http://pages.prodigy.net/jptroyer>.

Our business meetings begin at 7PM the first Saturday of each month unless it is a holiday weekend. The meeting dates for the rest of 1999 are as follows:

June 5	October 2
July 10	November 6
August 7	December 4
September 11	January 8, 2000

## SILVER STAR SNOW PATROL CONSIDERS OFFERING PATROL SERVICES AT LONE BUTTE SNO-PARK

The Silver Star Snow Patrol began snowmobile and cross-country skiing Patrol Services at Mt. St. Helens in 1990. This year, it was brought to our attention that there are no patrol services whatsoever at the Lone Butte Sno-Park north of Carson. There are hundreds of miles of snowmobile and cross country ski trails in this area. We were called out on several searches this winter for lost snowmobilers in this vicinity. We are currently considering offering a Snow Patrol out of the Lone Butte Sno-Park next winter in cooperation with members of Wind River SAR who completed this season's Snowmobile Safety Course for SAR Personnel.

## SNOWMOBILE RACES

This winter Silver Star was invited to help with race course communications and safety during a hundred mile sanctioned snowmobile race, the Lone Butte 100, near Lone Butte Sno-Park north of Carson. We were able to position our Snow Cat in a central location and run radio communications throughout the entire race course. The racers all safely completed the course and a great time was had by racers and spectators alike.



Snowmobile mishaps such as this provide SAR personnel with special challenges during Snowmobile Safety Class

## SILVER STAR SEARCH & RESCUE SERVICES

- Wilderness and Urban Search and Rescue
- Rock Rescue
- Nordic Ski and Snowmobile Patrol
- Snow Cat transport and rescue
- Hunter Safety classes
- Wilderness Survival classes
- CPR classes
- First-Aid classes
- Crime Scene assistance for Clark, Skamania and Cowlitz County Sheriffs' Department
- Nurse's Net
- Educational displays at community events
- Participate in majority of parades in Clark and Skamania Counties

## MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- Attend 3 Business Meetings
- Current CPR Card
- Current Standard First Aid Card or above
- Successful Background Check by the Clark County Sheriff's Department

## TO BE FIELD QUALIFIED YOU MUST

- Pass a pack inspection and fitness hike
- Complete the following Search & Rescue courses:

Radio Communications	Map & Compass
Helicopter Safety	Search & Rescue Techniques
Suvival Techniques	Crime Scene & Death

## SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT LIST

Silver Star Search & Rescue suggests its members carry the following items with them on searches and when they are out in the wilderness for personal reasons.

Map & Compass	Sunglasses
Flashlight & Batteries	Extra Water
Extra Flashlight Bulb	Rainwear
Extra food & Water	Knife
Firestarter	First Aid Kit
Heat Packs	Tube Tent
Plastic Whistle	Grid Ribbon
Space Blanket	Pen & Paper
Toilet Paper	Large Plastic Garbage Bags

\*If you are staying overnight also include in a larger pack:

Tent	Additional Food
Mess Kit	Additional Water
Additional Clothes	Sleeping Pad & Bag

## 1998 MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS

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## WE NEED YOUR HELP

Our annual operating expenses are totally funded by your support. We are staffed and managed entirely by volunteers. Your continuing support is greatly appreciated. COME TO OUR RESCUE AND SEND YOUR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION TODAY!

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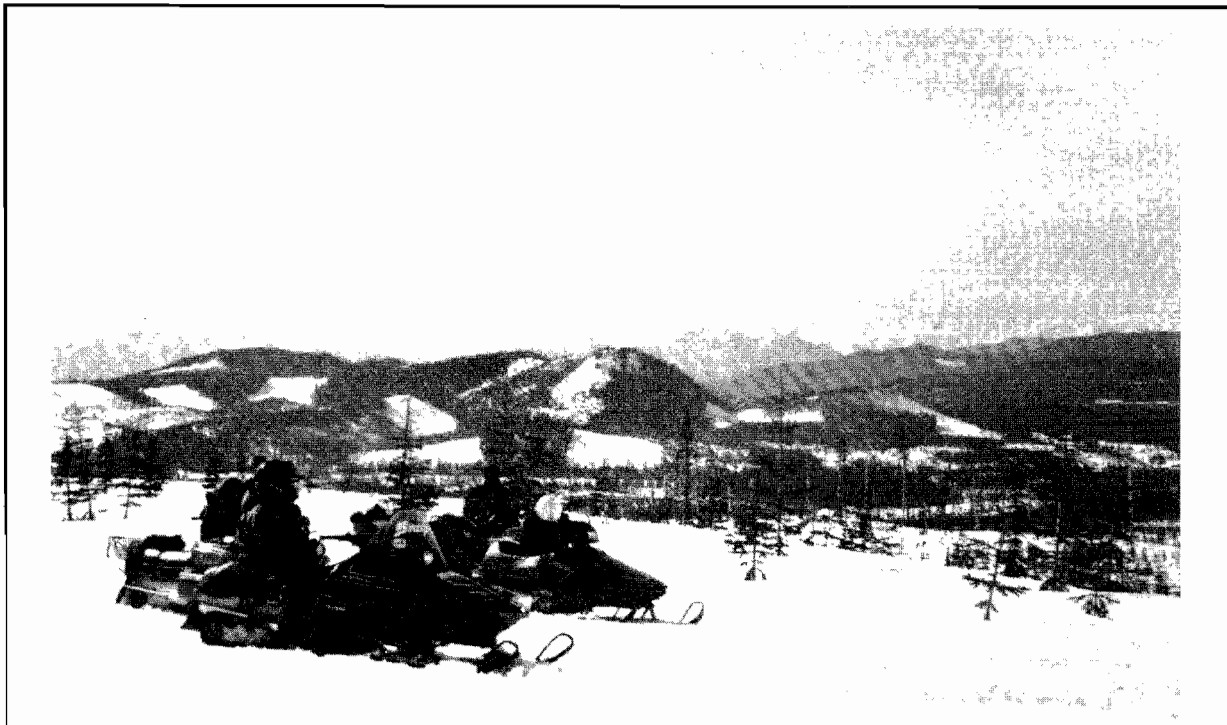
I am interested in membership. Please send an application.

Make check payable to:

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All money received is used by Silver Star only. We do not use, employ or pay outside promoters or fundraisers.

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**Silver Star members take a break during Snowmobile Safety Class near  
Lake Placid; Mt. St. Helens in background**