



YKSAR Basic Searcher Training Fall 2017



Classroom Training Outline

All classroom training is being held at Arctic Response located in the Diamond Industry Plaza located on Old Airport Road.

Please bring a pen/pencil, notepad, small notebook, ruler and an orienteering compass when you come.

Friday – September 29, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Introduction

Search and rescue overview

- Search categories in the Northwest Territories
- Government and agency roles
- Overview of search management

Saturday - September 30, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Navigation

- Compass
- Map
- Using map and compass together

General Operations

- Legal and ethical issues in SAR
- SAR packs
- Outdoor clothing basics
- Hypothermia
- Insects and animals
- Introduction to wilderness survival basics
- Helicopter safety

Sunday - October 1, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Lost person behavior

- Probability zones
- Common behavior characteristics
- Application to SAR

Search

- YKSAR expectations
- YKSAR callout process
- Initial response and hasty searches
- SAR team structure
- Clues, Evidence, Deceased and terminology
- Grid searches
- Evidence searches

Radio Communications

- Setup and test YKSAR handheld radios
- Perform basic troubleshooting
- Verbal communication protocols

Field Training Weekend

The field program is set for the following weekend – October 6 - 8 (Friday to Sunday). In the event of very bad weather the session will be rescheduled to the following weekend.

This session is being held in and around Prelude Lake Territorial Park.

With the exception of food and water participants are expected to be fully self-sufficient. You will be expected to carry your outdoor kit with you at all times.

Specific details and any final tailoring of this portion of our training program will be reviewed during the classroom sessions.