

QUARTERLY REPORT

MASAR EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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Activities for the quarter of the Education Committee are outlined below:

- Boy Scout SAR Badge
- Pine Tree SAR
- Moosehead SAR

SAR WEEK FOR WARDENS:

Presented an overview of MASAR and a class on Autism For First Responders to the class of new Wardens in Greenville during their SAR week of training.

MOHF GRANT:

The final report and accounting of the grant money was sent in.

BASAR:

The BASAR online class # 001 Closed 1 MAY with the following statistics:

- 78 people registered for the online class
- 70 started it
- 40 completed it.
- 18 attended the first practical day offered
- 3 people did their practical's with their units
- of the remaining 19 only 3 signed up for the second practical day which was canceled do to lack of interest.

NOTE – There were a few people left over from previous classes that attended the first practical day.

The course is up and will be available this month for people to sign into and take. When it is ready to go I will notify the MASAR unit POC's and post in on the web site and Facebook page. The MASAR Board decided that the course cost is \$25 and a \$25 off discount coupon will be given to anyone associated with a MASAR unit so they will not incur any cost for the course. Unit leadership is requested to motivate people to complete the course as with the last online go around we had less than a 27% completion rate. The option of teaching the course within a unit is still available and certified unit may do their own in house practical days using currently MASAR certified people (for safety purposes there should be at least two instructors present for a minimal sized group).

All those who registered and did not complete the previous courses will be invited to attend Class #002 and all those who completed the online course will be invited to each practical day unless they ask to be dropped from the list.

There are no BASAR classroom classes currently requested or scheduled.

SEARCH TEAM LEADER COURSE

The first Search Team Leader course will be started over the weekend of 19/20/21 OCT in Unity. The course will be offered over a 1 year period consisting of two weekends of education, training, practical exercises and demonstrations with personal training and practice in between. A notice will be sent to unit POC's shortly.

ANNUAL MASAR TRAINING:

Waldo County SAR has graciously agreed to host the 2013 training conference. For the folks that have been involved with the conference in the past, please make yourselves available to Gary Drinkwater for lessons learned, suggestions for speakers or topics, and general advice on how you did it.

LOST BUT FOUND SAFE AND SOUND

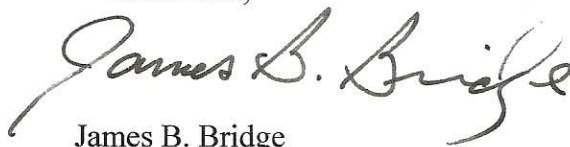
So far this year the class has been taught to 450 people, with a total of 1897 travel miles by instructors and 104 hours.

Units with the DVD's are encouraged to seek out schools, scouts, 4H groups, and camps in your areas and offer the presentation; it's easy and fun to give. If you give the presentation, please let me know so we can keep track of it for IF&W. Units that don't have the materials and are interested let me know and we'll see about getting you what you need.

FACEBOOK

Interest goes up and down on the MASAR Facebook page. This is a busy week and we reached 4663 people with 56 people talking about our site (posting comments) and a total of 215 likes (people who have looked at our site and want to follow it).

Submitted,



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