

Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group



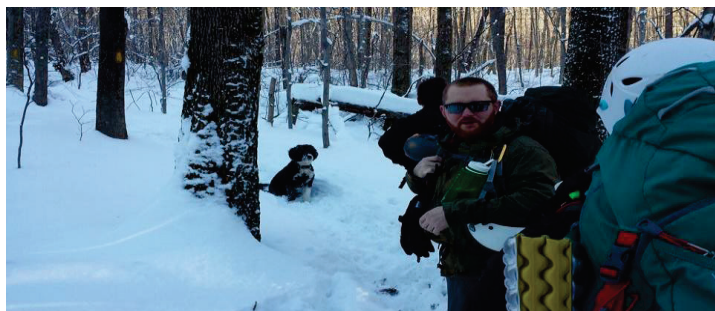
Newsletter

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Winter Safety Tips!

- **Layer up!** Wear layers of lightweight clothing to stay warm. Gloves and a hat will help prevent losing your body heat.
- **Don't forget your furry friends.** Bring pets indoors. If you are taking your dog with you on a winter trip, make sure you have extra food, water, & insulation for them.
- **Leaving for a trip.** Make sure you let someone know where you are going and when you plan to be back. When heading into the wilderness, especially in winter, be ready for the conditions & bring proper equipment for the unexpected.
- **Hypothermia & Frostbite.** Know the signs & symptoms of cold weather related injuries. Use proper equipment techniques to keep you & other members of your party safe.



AMRG Winter Bivy

AMRG members practiced their winter rescue & travel skills at our annual winter training weekend. The deep snow & sub-freezing temperatures on the top of Laurel Ridge provided the perfect setting for members, both human & canine, to practice improvised shelter building, survival skills, as well & navigation & rescue skills. All members must demonstrate the ability to take care of themselves, their canine partners, & help others in all weather conditions.

CONGRATULATIONS!



AMRG would like to welcome Larry Luba and his canine partner Bella to our team as members! They were voted in at our February monthly meeting and will be a huge asset to our team. They are always a pleasure to work with and are extremely knowledgeable, and will represent our team in a great way!

AMRG would like to congratulate Jan Kestner for earning her Field Team Leader (FTL) certification! To become a FTL she had to be certified as a Field Team Member, have participated in two searches or simulations, be proposed for FTL membership by the Group Training Officer at a group business meeting & receive a simple majority of the vote, successfully pass the standard ASRC FTL written test & the standard ASRC FTL skills practical test, also completed FEMA Course - IS800.B. She is now able to check members off on ground search skills at any training. Next she is focusing on becoming an operational canine handler with her partner Riley.





WHAT IS AMRG?

Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group (AMRG) is an all-volunteer, non-profit search and rescue (SAR) team based in Pittsburgh that has offered support to government agencies responsible for lost- and injured-person incidents since 1985. AMRG will help locate, access, stabilize, and transport patients in wilderness and suburban settings. AMRG will also aid in searches for suspected crime victims and evidence searches. These services are provided at no charge. AMRG's primary response area is southwestern Pennsylvania and the surrounding areas in West Virginia, Ohio, and Maryland. AMRG is a member of the Pennsylvania Search and Rescue Council, the Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference, and is the only team in the state of Pennsylvania that is accredited by the Mountain Rescue Association.

ALLEGHENY MOUNTAIN RESCUE GROUP

- Helps find and rescue lost or injured people or crime victims in wilderness, rural, or suburban woods settings
- Works for the "responsible authority" (RA) the officials responsible for the search
- Upholds high standards for training, operational response, and improving the state of the art in SAR

AMRG DOES NOT:

- Respond without a direct invitation from RAs or their designees
- Look for lost pets
- Look for crime suspects
- Charge for its services
- Duplicate Local Fire/Rescue or EMS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 1 - PITTSBURGH FIRE & SAFETY EXPO

MONROEVILLE CONVENTION CENTER

MARCH 3 - MONTHLY MEETING/CLASSROOM TRAINING

MERCY HOSPITAL OF PITTSBURGH

MARCH 7 - AMRG NAVIGATION TRAINING

GREENTREE NATURE CENTER

Canine Training every week. Visit our website AMRG.info

HELP SUPPORT AMRG

AMRG is an all volunteer organization supported by membership fees and contributions. There is no charge for our services and we do not receive any government funding. We owe our existence to people, corporations, and foundations that recognize the value of having a specialized search and rescue resource available to the people of Southwestern Pennsylvania.

AMRG is a federal tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charitable organization, registered with the IRS. Your donation is tax deductible.

There are many ways that you can support AMRG:

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