



# The GRIDLINE

## Do You Know What's Going On?

With an organization like ours it is often difficult to pass timely information on to our members. This goes for everything from searches, to training, to fund-raisers and public relations events. This issue of the Gridline is dedicated to telling you not only what's going on, but giving you ways to stay better informed about what YOUR unit is doing.

### ESAR YAHOO! GROUP

Many of you are aware of the Notepad, an email sent by Smitty, and later Bryan Trent, to keep members informed about missions, training, and upcoming events. Because of the size of our group sending an email to that many people became prohibitive, and the Notepad was discontinued in favor of a Yahoo Group. The Yahoo Group is easy to use. All you have to do is sign up with Yahoo (a five minute process) and any emails sent to the group will be sent to your inbox. To sign up go to [www.groups.yahoo.com](http://www.groups.yahoo.com) and search for the Pierce County ESAR group, or email me: [brentinj@juno.com](mailto:brentinj@juno.com), and I will send you an invitation.

### EMAIL VERSION OF THE GRIDLINE

Would you rather receive the Gridline in your Email inbox every quarter rather than your mailbox? The most time consuming part of publishing the Gridline is copying, sticking, and labeling every one. If you would rather receive the Gridline via email drop me a line at [gridline@joebrentin.com](mailto:gridline@joebrentin.com) and let me know.

### NEW PAGING SITE

Paging has become the primary method for us to contact our members in the event of search or other call-out event, the downside to our current paging system is that only members with Cook pagers receive our group page. ESAR is in the process of testing a web site that will allow each member to receive group pages on ANY wireless device including cell phones, alpha pagers, and wireless organizers. Testing began several months ago, and will continue through the summer as more members sign up.

If you wish to receive group pages on a wireless device, send an email to [paging@joebrentin.com](mailto:paging@joebrentin.com), with the following information.

Wireless number: (for example 2536867568)

Carrier: (for example Verizon)

You DO NOT need to send me your Cook (ESAR) pager information, but you do need to send me your Nextel information. Once we have everyone entered into the database we will start sending test pages to make sure the system works properly.

### Callout

With over 200 members, it is often difficult to perform a quick callout. You can do your part to speed

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up callout by remembering the following things.

The Callout person needs to know a yes or no, maybe doesn't work when we have to give DEM a count of how many personnel are responding.

Keep your answers simple, the longer your callout person has to talk to you the long it will take to call other members. Work out with your parents BEFORE HAND when you can and can not go on searches. Quite often our callout staff has to listen to a ESAR member and parent argue about whether or not they can go on a search at three in the morning. Remember, school comes first!

### A Note On Eligibility

If you did not finish all four of the training courses this year you can still go on some searches. Here are some general guidelines on what searches you can go on depending on your level of training. It is always up to the Operation Leaders discretion whether or not you can go in the field on any search.

- Course One Evidence search (in town)*
- Course Two Urban & rural searches*
- Course Three Wilderness in county*
- Course Four Wilderness outside county*

### Want to Have Your Pager Bill Paid?

As an incentive ESAR members who work SAFECO games, ESAR is now offering to pay individuals pagers bills, on a sliding scale, depending on the number of games they work. If you have a parent that works games and is not an ESAR member, their credit will be applied to your account. The breakdown is as follows: Three games and your pages is paid for three months, four games pays for six months, and five games pays for a whole year of pager service. If you are interested in work a Safeco game consult the schedule below and contact Smitty for more information.

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## SAFECO DATES

Fri 6/25	1430 meet in Fife, 1600 at Safeco	TEAM 4
Tue 6/29	1430 meet in Fife, Safeco 1600	TEAM 5
Fri 7/16	1430 meet in Fife, Safeco 1600	TEAM 1
Tue 7/20	0900 meet in Fife, Safeco 1030	TEAM 2
Sat 7/24	1430 meet in Fife, Safeco 1600	TEAM 3
Fri 8/13	1430 meet in Fife, Safeco 1600	TEAM 4
Mon 8/23	1430 meet in Fife, Safeco 1600	TEAM 5
Fri 8/27	1430 meet in Fife Safeco 1600	TEAM 1
Wed 9/8	1430 meet in Fife, Safeco 1600	TEAM 2
Sun 9/12	0830 meet in Fife, Safeco 1000	TEAM 3
Thur 9/16	1430 meet in Fife, Safeco 1600	TEAM 4
Sun 10/3	0830 meet in Fife, Safeco 1000	TEAM 5

## Upcoming Events

### June 2004

<b>3</b>	Board Mtg.	1900
<b>8</b>	SAR Council Mtg.	1930
<b>9</b>	4X4 Mtg.	1930
<b>10</b>	Committee Mtg.	1900
<b>17</b>	General Mtg.	1900
<b>19</b>	WESAR Mtg	1000
<b>20</b>	Northwest Bloodhounds	0900
<b>25-27</b>	WESAR Encampment	

### July 2004

<b>1</b>	Board Mtg.	1900
<b>8</b>	Committee mtg.	1900
<b>10</b>	Air Show	
<b>11-17</b>	Camp Fife	
<b>13</b>	SAR Council Mtg	1930
<b>14</b>	4X4 Mtg	1930
<b>15</b>	General Mtg	1900
<b>18</b>	Northwest Bloodhounds	0900
<b>22</b>	Training Mtg	1900
<b>23-24</b>	White River Run	

### August 2004

<b>5</b>	Board Mtg.	1900
<b>10</b>	SAR Council Mtg	1930
<b>11</b>	4X4 Mtg	1930
<b>12</b>	Committee	1900
<b>12-15</b>	PC Fair	
<b>15</b>	Northwest Bloodhounds	0900
<b>21</b>	Picnic	
<b>26</b>	Training Mtg	1900

### September 2004

2	Board Mtg.	1900
8	4X4 Mtg	1930
9	Committee- <i>Operations</i>	1900
11	WESAR Mtg	1000
14	SAR Council Mtg	1930
14	Orientation	
16	General Mtg	1900
19	Northwest Bloodhounds	0900
21	Orientation	
23	Training Mtg	1900
24-26	Leadership	
25	Orientation	
28	Orientation	

### October 2004

2-3	University of SAR	
5	Orientation	
7	Board Mtg	1900
12	Orientation	
12	SAR Council	
13	4X4 Mtg	1930
14	Committee	1900
16-17	Leadership	
16	Orientation	
17	Northwest Bloodhounds	0900
19	Orientation	
21	General Mtg	1900
26	Orientation	
28	Training Mtg	1900
30	WESAR	

### November 2004

4	Board Mtg.	1900
9	SAR Council	1930
10	4X4 Mtg	1930
11	Committee- <i>Xmas party planning</i>	
12-14	Intro to SAR	
18	General Mtg	1900
21	Northwest Bloodhounds	0900

### December 2004

2	Board Mtg.	1900
8	4X4 Mtg	1930
9	Committee	1900

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14	SAR Council	1930
16	Christmas Party	1900
17-19	Intro to SAR	
19	Northwest Bloodhounds	0900

### What are all these events?

As you can see from the calendar for the rest of the year, there are many different ways you can stay active in ESAR this summer and fall.

**Board and General Members Meetings** - The two most important events are the board and general members meetings that occur every month on the first and third Thursdays of the month respectively. The board meeting is where ESAR conducts its business and makes decisions on the day-to-day operations of the unit. On the third Thursday of every month the general members meeting covers topics from first aid, to navigation, to crime scene awareness. Both of these meetings are open to everyone.

**WESAR Encampment** - Coming up soon, the encampment is a annual event held on Fathers Day weekend. It's a fun weekend for ESAR members and their families from all over the State to get together and camp, play baseball, go for a swim, and generally have a great time.

**White River Marathon** - This is another annual event ESAR assists with. The ultra-marathon is a 50 mile event in the Greenwater area, just outside of Mt. Rainier National Park. ESAR provides communications and first aid assistance for the event in return for fun in the sun and usually some free food.

**Meetings, Meetings, Meetings** - Besides the ESAR board and general members meetings there's a selection of other monthly gatherings on the calendar including ESAR committee meetings and other unit meetings including 4s4's, Northwest Bloodhounds, and the Pierce County SAR Council. If you want to get more involved, SAR can keep you busy almost every night of the week. Attend an ESAR board or general members meeting to find out more info about any of these events.