

SAR SCENE

Special Pre-Workshop Edition

SARSCENE 2001: SAR NORTH OF 60°


WHITEHORSE, YUKON,
SEPTEMBER 12 - 15, 2001

Canada



National Search and
Rescue Secretariat

Secrétariat national
Recherche et sauvetage

CANADA		POSTES
POST		CANADA
Postage paid Publications Mail		Port payé Poste- publications
1713825		



SARSCENE 2001

SAR North of 60° – 10th Annual SAR Workshop

WHITEHORSE, YUKON • SEPTEMBER 12-15, 2001

IT'S NOT THE GOLD RUSH, IT'S THE SARSCENE RUSH!

That familiar feeling is in the air again. The 10th annual SARSCENE Workshop is less than a month away. Annually since 1992, the NSS sponsors a SARSCENE Workshop to advance and promote Search and Rescue (SAR) in Canada by providing a forum for the exchange of information among occupational and volunteer SAR specialists, and to showcase SAR-related equipment and technology.

The largest search and rescue workshop in Canada, SARSCENE 2001 will take place in Whitehorse, Yukon, 12 – 15 September, 2001. "SAR North of 60°" is the theme of SARSCENE 2001. The host is Whitehorse District Search and Rescue (WDSAR), assisted by the Yukon Emergency Measures Organization (EMO). The Workshop helps SAR providers, whether paid or unpaid, work better to save lives and prevent injuries. SAR presentations will run from Thursday afternoon to Saturday morning, with SARSCENE speakers sharing their experience with their audiences. Among this year's presenters are the Washington

Emergency Management Division's Chris Long on leadership in SAR, and NSS's Mark McGaraughty with a workshop on federal SAR prevention strategies.

Always a hit with the crowds are the SAR demonstrations. This year there will be fast water rescue demonstrations, a SAR Tech parachute drop and a helicopter sling demo.

The outdoor skills of the fifth annual SARSCENE Games are also very popular. The Games will involve stations which each team must visit to demonstrate skills found in SAR operations.

There is a great group of diverse organizations at this year's trade show.

Stop by their booths at the Mount McIntyre Recreation Centre Thursday afternoon to Saturday morning to see what is new in marine, air and ground SAR goods and services.

Pre-workshop training sessions are another chance for SAR enthusiasts to learn. Featured this year is a night search workshop by Ken Snider (SARBC), a low-angle rescue course by Allan Thomas Jr. (Toronto Fire Department), a dog clinic by Kirstie Simpson (WDSAR), a SAR management workshop by Rick Lavalla (ERI), and a tracking workshop by Wayne Merry (Context North). For more information on the pre-workshops contact Diane Miller at the NSS at 1-800-727-9414, (613) 992-8215, or dmiller@nss.gc.ca

Accommodations

WESTMARK WHITEHORSE HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTRE

1-800-544-0970 (central reservations)
(867) 393-9700, Fax: (867) 668-2789
Standard single/double \$105.00 + tax

WESTMARK KLONDIKE INN

1-800-544-0970, (central reservations)
(867) 668-4747, Fax: (867) 667-7639
Standard single/double \$105.00 + tax

BEST WESTERN GOLD RUSH INN

1-800-528-1234, 1-800-764-7604 Alaska
1-800-661-0539 Yukon/northern BC
Fax: (867) 668-7432
E-mail: goldrush@yknnet.yk.ca

Standard single \$105.00 + tax
Standard double \$115.00 + tax
2-bedroom suite \$149.00 + tax
King suite \$169.00 + tax, \$189.00 + tax

THE BONANZA INN

(867) 668-4545, Fax: (867) 668-6538
Standard single/double \$85.00 + tax

EDGEWATER HOTEL

(867) 667-2572, Fax: (867) 668-3014
Standard single \$105.00 + tax
Standard double \$119.00 + tax

THE STRATFORD MOTEL

(867) 667-4243, Fax: (867) 668-7432
Standard single/double \$85.00 + tax

HIGH COUNTRY INN

1-800-554-4471, Fax: (403) 667-6457
E-mail: highcinn@yknnet.yk.ca
Standard double/twin \$109.00 + tax
Standard double/double \$119.00 + tax
Mini suite w/ kitchenette \$129.00 + tax
Executive suite single Jacuzzi \$139.00 + tax
Executive suite double Jacuzzi \$159.00 + tax
Presidential suite \$199.00 + tax

No provincial sales tax in the Yukon!
GST (7%) still applicable. —



Travel Information

AIRFARES

The two national airlines that fly into Whitehorse are Air Canada (1-800-361-7585) and Canada 3000 (1-866-377-3030). Please remember to mention the SARSCENE 2001 event number CV870392 if booking your flight with Air Canada and ensure the event number appears on the tour code box of your ticket.

Since there are not many flights to Whitehorse, there are a limited number of seats available, so BOOK EARLY!!

Prices quoted below are estimates for weekend flights, round trip for one adult.

Weekday flight times and last minute bookings will increase costs.

Halifax – Whitehorse \$1100
Toronto – Whitehorse \$750
Vancouver – Whitehorse \$300

CAR RENTAL RATES

Budget rentals at airport terminal:

Economy \$42.00/day
Compact \$44.00/day
Intermediate \$46.00/day
Full Size \$48.00/day

Budget rentals have 100 free kilometres per day, and \$0.35 each extra kilometre. National and Hertz are also located at the airport terminal —

TOO BUSY TO MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS?

You can contact Convention Connections for all your air, car and hotel needs. Convention Connections is the official housing bureau for the 2001 Whitehorse Workshop. Reservations may be made by calling 1-800-465-5355, fax 902-423-7552 or online at www.conventionconnections.com.



SARSCENE 2001 SCHEDULE

All events take place at the Mount McIntyre Recreation Centre unless otherwise noted.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

14:00-20:00 Registration & Information
(Westmark Whitehorse Hotel)
15:00-17:00 Registration & Information
(Westmark Klondike Hotel)
08:00-17:00 SARSCENE Games
19:00-22:00 Meet & Greet (Location TBD)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

07:00-17:00 Registration & Information
08:00-09:30 Pancake Breakfast
09:30-10:30 Opening Ceremonies
10:30-11:00 Break
11:00-12:00 Educational Sessions
12:00-13:15 Lunch with the Exhibitors
13:00-17:00 Trade Show
13:00-17:00 Silent Auction Items
13:15-14:15 Educational Sessions
14:15-14:45 Coffee Break
14:45-15:45 Educational Sessions
16:00-17:00 Educational Sessions
Evening Evidence Search Volunteer Event
(Downtown hotel TBD)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

08:00-17:00 Registration & Information
09:00-17:00 Trade Show
09:00-17:00 Silent Auction Items
08:15-09:15 Educational Sessions
09:30-10:30 Educational Sessions
10:30-11:00 Coffee Break
11:00-12:00 Educational Sessions
12:00-13:15 Lunch with the Exhibitors
13:15-14:15 Educational Sessions
14:15-14:45 Coffee Break
14:45-15:45 Educational Sessions
16:00-17:00 Educational Sessions
Evening Volunteer Appreciation Casino Night
(Downtown hotel TBD)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

08:00-12:00 Registration & Information
09:00-12:00 Trade Show
09:00-12:00 Silent Auction Items
08:15-09:15 Educational Sessions
09:30-10:30 Educational Sessions
10:30-11:00 Coffee Break
11:00-12:00 Educational Sessions
12:00-13:15 Lunch (Delegates choice)
13:30-16:30 SAR Demonstrations
(Collins High School, Riverdale)
18:30-22:00 2001 Awards Banquet
(Location TBD)

YUKON GOLD

Many phrases try to capture the majesty and splendour of the Yukon Territory: "Canada's True North," "Where the Mountains Meet the Sky"... It has so many breathtaking vistas. Mount Logan, the highest point in Canada at 6,050 metres (19,850 ft) above sea level, rises imposingly above Kluane National Park. Lush valleys separate mountain ranges, and vast icefields lie high among the peaks. One of the world's largest non-polar ice caps, the St. Elias icefield, is in the same mountain range as Mount Logan, the St. Elias Mountains.

Although most of Yukon is a watershed for the Yukon River and its tributaries, the northern and southeastern regions drain into the Mackenzie River system, then north into the Arctic Ocean. The Territory has 30,000 residents, with the city of Whitehorse being the capital and population centre.

The landscape is teeming with nature and animal life, including Grizzly bears. Yukon is home to 25 per cent of all Grizzlies in Canada. In the spring, hundreds of thousands of birds migrate to the north. Bowhead and beluga whales slice through the chilly waters of the Beaufort Sea, while seals play near and on the beaches.



Frantic Follies, a show from the gold rush era, is a popular Whitehorse attraction.

The climate is just as surprising as the land. Spring brings the bird migration and the rushing rivers; summer brings

long days and the midnight sun, while the Northern Lights (aurora borealis) shimmer and dance in the frigid winter sky.

The temperatures swing as easily as the seasons. The city of Whitehorse has average temperatures of -19°C in January and 14°C in July. The record high for the city is 34°C , but the record low for the city is -52°C !

The history and culture of Yukon are as old as any in North America. The old name for the area was Beringia. About 20,000 years ago, North America was connected with Eurasia (Siberia) by a land bridge across which people migrated into the new land now called Alaska and Yukon. The territory is named after these people, who are now known as the Yukon First Nations. They belong to one of eight Athapaskan or Tlingit language families. Their culture is based on two clans: Wolf and Crow. When they marry, it is always to someone of the opposite clan: Wolf marries Crow and vice versa. Because these clans are matriarchal the children belong to the clan of their mothers. Of the present Territory population, 20 per cent are of Aboriginal origin.

The European influence of Yukon began in the 1840s with the explorations of Robert

Campbell and John Bell, Hudson's Bay Company fur traders. A number of trading posts were built along the Yukon Territory River to expand the fur trade. In 1870, the Canadian government acquired the Yukon Territory from the Hudson's Bay Company and made it part of the Northwest Territories. In the 1890s, major gold deposits were found in the Klondike River region and nearly 100,000 people arrived in search of gold.

With the flood of new people settling down in the Yukon Territory, a local government had to be created. In 1895, Yukon was made a separate district and then a separate territory in 1898 with Dawson City as its capital. Whitehorse became the capital in 1952.

The present form of government consists of a premier, a federally appointed commissioner, an elected 14-member legislative assembly, and a five-member cabinet appointed by the majority party of the assembly. The Territory sends one senator and one representative to the national Parliament.

The Yukon Territory has a strong economy based on mining, its largest industry. Lead, zinc, silver, gold, and copper are the most common minerals. Tourism is the second most important industry as the Territory's history and beautiful landscape draw visitors from around the world.

Transportation in Yukon is limited at best. For years, canoes and paddleboats plied the Yukon River and its tributaries because they were the main travel arteries. The White Pass and Yukon Railway between Whitehorse and Skagway, Alaska, so busy during the gold rush of the 1890s, does not handle



regular traffic any more. A number of all-weather roads such as the Alaska Highway service only a few of the towns and villages. Air transportation now plays a vital role to many Yukon communities because so many are accessible by air only. There is also an international airport at Whitehorse. While the only direct flights from the rest of Canada are from Vancouver and Edmonton, there are direct flights from Berlin to Whitehorse via Greenland nearly every day in the summer. Germans make up the largest percentage of tourists to Yukon.

Finally, Yukon has an abundance of activities for any visitor, including rafting, canoeing, kayaking, hiking, biking, horseback riding, skiing, snow shoeing and snowmobile adventures. As well, Yukon is home to the toughest dog sled race in the world. International visitors travel to Whitehorse to see the "Yukon Quest", a grueling 1600-kilometre trek through harsh terrain from Whitehorse to Fairbanks, Alaska.

Steeped in history, overflowing with culture, shimmering with beauty, Yukon is an exciting and friendly land to visit. Maybe one of Yukon's greatest poets said it best:

"...It's the great, big, broad land 'way up yonder,
It's the forests where silence has lease;
It's the beauty that thrills me with wonder,
It's the stillness that fills me with peace."

ROBERT W. SERVICE, "THE SPELL OF THE YUKON" —

Jon Elliott, Co-op student, Mount Saint Vincent University

Enjoy the Yukon wilderness while you are there!

Whitehorse tourism providers have gathered a sampling of small to mid-size adventures for SARSCENE attendees. Operators have all agreed to allow WDSAR to accept the booking fees as a fund-raiser, so by joining in an adventure you will be supporting volunteer SAR activities in Yukon.

MILES CANYON GOLD RUSH FLOAT TRIP

2 hrs, Sept. 10 or 14, Cost: \$52

This gold panning trip is a smooth water adventure for all ages and abilities. Try your hand at gold panning on this gentle float trip in a replica of a stamper's raft. Visit the archeological site of Canyon City and float through beautiful

Miles Canyon on the Yukon River. A knowledgeable and experienced guide will share with you the historic lore and natural splendour of Yukon.



CHILKOOT PASS BACKPACK

4 days, Sept. 8 – 11,

Cost: \$490+GST

Beginning in Dyea (Alaska) hike the famous Chilkoot Trail from coastal rainforest over alpine tundra in the pass and down to boreal forest and the headwaters of the Yukon River. US Park Rangers and Canadian Park Wardens describe SAR challenges and methods on the Chilkoot Trail today. You will carry your own pack with the necessary lightweight equipment and part of the grub for the days on the trail.



WHITE PASS & YUKON ROUTE NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY EXCURSION

1 day, Sept. 9, Cost: \$146

Against all odds, this iron trail was born of the 1898 Klondike Gold Rush and built through some of the North's most ruggedly beautiful terrain. Today, it's a comfortable ride in refurbished train cars following the original route of the hopeful stampedeers of

1898. Leave Whitehorse at 8 a.m. for Fraser then board the train and travel through the White Pass to Skagway. Have lunch in Skagway then return by motor-coach to Whitehorse by 6 p.m.



HIKING/CANOEING IN KLUANE COUNTRY

2 days, Sept. 11 – 12, Cost: \$300

Where majestic Kathleen Lake drains into its outlet we start our paddle across a chain of lakes with excellent fishing for grayling and rainbow trout. After three hours of canoeing, we shoulder our backpacks and head up the trail along Granite Creek to make camp on the shore of a pristine mountain lake. We have the evening off to explore untouched wilderness at its best and admire the famous peaks of Kluane National Park towering in the distance. The next morning we descend the trail and canoe back to our starting point.



YUKON RIVER CANOE TRIP

1 day, Sept. 17, Cost: \$80

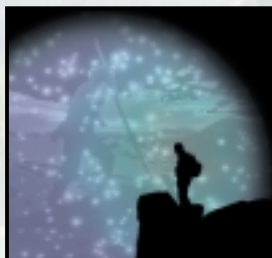
This is a 5 to 6 hour trip (20 miles) from downtown Whitehorse

to the foot of Burma Rd., with a lunch stop just below Takhini River at Egg Island campsite.



To receive an e-mail or fax brochure with more information e-mail dnorman@yknet.yk.ca, or leave a message with Denise Norman at (867) 668-5013. All trips require a deposit by August 24 and are subject to cancellation if minimum numbers of participants do not book by deposit date. —

SARSCENE Workshop is dedicated to advancing and promoting the level of Search and Rescue (SAR) in Canada by providing a forum for the exchange of information among occupational and



SARSCENE 2001

SAR North of 60° – 10th Annual SAR Workshop

WHITEHORSE, YUKON • SEPTEMBER 12-15, 2001

volunteer SAR specialists, and to showcase SAR-related equipment and technology. The largest search and rescue workshop in Canada, SARSCENE 2001 will take place in Whitehorse, Yukon, 12 – 15 September, 2001. The workshop helps SAR providers, whether paid or unpaid, work better to save lives and prevent injuries.

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

NAME			
ORGANIZATION			
ADDRESS			
CITY	PROVINCE/STATE	COUNTRY	POSTAL/ZIP CODE
PHONE ()	FAX ()	E-MAIL	
<input type="checkbox"/> I authorize SARSCENE 2001 to disclose contact information obtained from my registration for mailing, faxing and e-mailing purposes by commercial enterprises to assist with the funding of SARSCENE 2001.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Please send me information about the pre-workshop courses. (Fees and payment will be handled by course instructors.)			

AWARDS BANQUET

- I will attend the Awards Banquet
 - I will have _____ guest(s) accompanying me to the Banquet
 - Vegetarian*
 - Allergic to seafood/shellfish/fish*
- * For planning purposes only.
You are still responsible for ensuring your dinner is suitable for you.

REGISTRATION FEES

	FEE	NUMBER	TOTAL
Workshop	\$90 x	_____	\$ _____
Workshop Total			\$ _____ (1)
BANQUET			
Registrant	\$20 x	_____	\$ _____
Guest	\$40 x	_____	\$ _____
Banquet Total			\$ _____ (2)
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE (1+2)			\$ _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT

- I am enclosing a cheque or money order made payable to SARSCENE 2001
- I will pay by: MasterCard Visa
- Card # _____
- Exp. Date ____/____
- Signature _____

Cheques or money orders must be made payable to SARSCENE 2001 and mailed to the National Search and Rescue Secretariat with the registration form. No reimbursement for cancellations after September 1, 2001. All cancellations must be received in writing.

SARSCENE 2001 CHALLENGE GAMES REGISTRATION

TEAM NAME		CONTACT NAME	
ADDRESS			
CITY	PROVINCE/STATE	COUNTRY	POSTAL/ZIP CODE
PHONE ()	FAX ()	E-MAIL	
TEAM MEMBERS: (4 PER TEAM)	1.	2.	
	3.	4.	

- Please send me more information on the Games. ** All members are required to register*

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT

General Inquiries/ Presentations/Awards	Diane Miller	(613) 996-3035 or 1 800 727-9414	dmiller@nss.gc.ca
Registration	Lynn Tremblay	(613) 996-4737 or 1 800 727-9414	ltremblay@nss.gc.ca
Games	John Chaffey	(613) 996-3727 or 1 800 727-9414	jchaffey@nss.gc.ca
Trade Show	Louise Crone	(613) 996-3590 or 1 800 727-9414	lcrone@nss.gc.ca

RETURN FORM TO

LYNN TREMBLAY
SARSCENE 2001 Registrar
National Search and Rescue Secretariat
275 Slater Street, 4th Fl, Ottawa, ON K1A 0K2
Fax: (613) 996-3746