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## *Upcoming Events*

- Saturday, April 24, 2010:  
Basic Ascending / Descending  
at X-Rock. Meet at the trailer  
at 32<sup>nd</sup> Street at 9 am.  
Contact Brock Fortson:  
[brockfn@yahoo.com](mailto:brockfn@yahoo.com)
- Monday, April 26, 2010:  
Monthly Meeting at the  
fairgrounds. Swiftwater.  
Technical Session at 6 pm;  
meeting at 7 pm. Contact  
Aaron Ball:  
[aaron@southwestrescue.com](mailto:aaron@southwestrescue.com)
- Saturday, May 22, 2010:  
GPS training, 9 am till  
approximately 1 pm; location  
TBA. Contact: Tom Brueckner  
[tombmueckner107@yahoo.com](mailto:tombmueckner107@yahoo.com)
- Monday, May 24, 2010:  
Monthly Meeting at the  
fairgrounds. K-9. Technical  
Session at 6 pm; meeting at 7  
pm. Contact Katie Steelman:  
[ksteelman@gobrainstorm.net](mailto:ksteelman@gobrainstorm.net)
- Friday, May 28, 2010:  
Swiftwater Team – High Water  
Training. Time and location  
TBA. Contact Aaron Ball:  
[aaron@southwestrescue.com](mailto:aaron@southwestrescue.com)
- Saturday, June 19, 2010:  
Technical Rigging Rescue  
Team Training at Cascade  
Canyon. Meet at the SAR  
trailer at 32<sup>nd</sup> Street at 8 am.  
Duration of training:  
approximately 5 hours.  
Contact Eddie Killian:  
[eddie@k5tactical.com](mailto:eddie@k5tactical.com).

## *Vallecito Training Postponed*

The combined Technical Rigging and Swiftwater training planned for the Vallecito Creek Gorge has been postponed due to snow. The reschedule date has not been determined as of yet. Please watch your e-mails for details of the new date.

## *EMS Awareness Day*

LPC SAR will be participating in the EMS Awareness Day on Saturday, May 22, 2010 at Santa Rita Park. If you would like to volunteer for an hour or two to talk with the public, please sign up at the Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting or contact Ron Corkish at [rcorkish@gmail.com](mailto:rcorkish@gmail.com).

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## *Spring New Member Orientation*

This year's Spring New Member orientation took place on Saturday April 17. It was well attended by not only new LPCSAR members but existing members in need of a refresher and Colorado Mounted Rangers as well.

We started the day off right with The Who, What and How of the Team, presented by Jay Swan. Then we spent a little time with Communication Overview and Q&A. From there we moved outside the lower level of the EOC to discuss and get familiarized with the Team Equipment. Skip put on an excellent overview of the Levitator, Evac Kart, and the Excursion. After a short lunch break, we were back at it with an excellent GPS How -to presentation and practical workshop put on by Tom Brueckner.

We ended the day with a mock search in Durango Mountain Park. Brock led the search and rescue of an injured mountain biker. The subject we extricated using the new and improved Evac Cart which performed quite well. We concluded the day exactly at 5pm. Thank you to all who participated.

-Eddie Killian

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