



## Notes

When time allows, please review the tentative testing info & make sure everything looks right. We're in the process of setting-up/laying-out test areas & want to make sure we're meeting the requirements. Any tests that are not on the list will be a lower priority once things get rolling...

To make the certifications as "real" as possible, we plan to run the tests similar to that of an actual SAR event, though probably more chaotic than most events. With this in mind, we've arranged the use of an upstairs room in the West Yellowstone EMS Building as a site (Incident Command Post) for coordinating the tests. Because tests will be spread over a large area, several local SAR HAM operators have offered to help us coordinate operations, making this a useful practice for them as well. A map to both the Camp and the ICP is provided at the web site. When you arrive, please go ahead and get set-up in camp first. We'll probably keep someone in camp full time that will also maintain comm' with "IC", etc.

We have a permit to use the "Camping area" from Thu evening thru Monday Evening, but the Forest Service is expecting us to clear out by Monday night. Because we will be on the boundary of Yellowstone Park, we will be in Bear Country.

***Bear Country camping reg's include:*** NO FOOD left out AT ALL if it is unattended. Food includes: human food, dog food, garage (including alcohol, beer cans, etc.), closed coolers, grills, etc. Everything needs to be stored inside a hard sided unit, such as vehicle or travel trailer. Coolers are a huge item that rangers confiscate from campgrounds all the time - people store them under campers, etc, and this is not permitted, and is easy to forget.

Cadaver material and any smelly stuff like that should be stored in Bonnie's garage. Tent campers should not keep food in their tent—food items need to be put in the car at night or when unattended.

Though we will be close to town, we just can't afford to have any concerns. Grizzly bears also visit the housing units in the Madison Addition in the fall, and it's all food related (mostly dog food, horse grain, bird feeders or mushrooms growing in their lawns) We can expect perhaps a visit from the USFS LE guys, and the GC Deputies, as we have suggested that they come meet folks. This will be a good opportunity to show the professionalism of dog handlers to many of our supporters - WYPD, GC SO, USFS, YNP, WYEMS and even MHP. We can expect town to be busy that weekend, so lot's of LE folks around.

We also need to mention that dogs need to be leashed in town. Town is surrounded by public land, so this should not be an issue. Letting them run freely at the EMS building is not acceptable, as that building also includes the City Offices. And to maintain a professional appearance, we're asking that dogs not be brought into the ICP.

Also, for those who find themselves with a free hour or two, there is a marked trail laid out for the forest service pack test. The track is just north of town and runs north along the park boundary. The start of the trail is marked on the map as **Pk-Tr**.

Now that we have the "serious" stuff aside, we will have the Camp area to ourselves so that (outside of bear concerns) we will be able to relax and "party" in the evenings. We'll probably organize a bit of a barbeque for Saturday night, but more info on that later. Also note that because we are not staying at an official campground, water will not be available in camp though we will have a Port-a-John or two available, so you can take care of business right before your test if need be <g>...