

# SILVER STAR SEARCH & RESCUE

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**HEADQUARTERS**

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**2000 NEWSLETTER**

**A Non-Profit Organization**

*Silver Star Search & Rescue is a non-profit organization dedicated to wilderness and urban search and rescue. Our volunteers are on call 24 hours a day. We are supported by donations from the public and have no paid staff. We have provided emergency services to Clark, Skamania and Cowlitz Counties for over 35 years. Our rescue vehicles include a snow cat, 4 3-wheeled ATV's, a 4-wheel drive van, two 4-wheel drive Suburbans, a motor home and a mobile 10K generator. Our communications include a paging system for members and 15 hand held radios for field communications. All of our vehicles are also equipped with radios to communicate with personnel in the field. We maintain our own headquarters in Washougal, WA 11 miles east of Vancouver just off of Highway 14. Our business meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month at 7:00PM. Anyone interested in membership and the general public is invited to attend. We also have junior memberships for those that are 16-17 years of age.*

## FUND RAISING GOALS

Many thanks to all our supporters this past year! We were fortunate to receive generous financial donations this year as well as some equipment and vehicle donations. Complete Computer Solutions donated a copy machine, Raymond Hickey donated three Honda ATV's and Brian Vandervort and family donated a 1984 4-wheel drive Diesel Suburban. We also received a generous financial donation from the estate of Christine Kropp, a longtime resident of Camas, Washington. We are very grateful to all our supporters. You make it possible for us to continue providing our many services to the residents of Southwest Washington. Our main financial goal continues to be a new tow vehicle for our snow cat. We hope to purchase a 4 wheel drive flatbed truck which can be used to transport our snow cat on its bed. As always, we will also be raising funds for our annual operating expenses.



Mountain Bike Team training at Powell Butte



Silver Star member finds some deep powder during Snow Patrol duties near the Lone Butte Sno-Park

## SILVER STAR NEWS BRIEFS

Our new website has been very active this past year with over 1600 hits so far! Check it out for current training schedules, and lots of recent photos. Silver Star continues to specialize in winter rescue services. Our Snowcat has been called out for radio tech transports to mountain top radio repeaters as well as search and rescue missions. Snow Patrol members have been busy cross country skiing and snowmobiling at Mt. St. Helens and Lone Butte. Patrollers offer assistance to lost and stranded winter enthusiasts. This year several members became Washington State Certified Snowmobile Safety Instructors. They will be providing survival and safety classes to interested groups. Hopefully, this training will help PREVENT some of the winter emergencies to which we respond. Summer activities will also be busy with Rock Rescue and Mountain Bike Team training.

**Silver Star Search & Rescue.**

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# SEARCH AND RESCUE

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## 1999/2000 MISSIONS / CALLOUTS

05/99 Snow Patrol-Lone Butte - Dug out stuck Snowmobiler  
05/99 Snow Patrol-Lone Butte to Lake Takhlakh & back  
08/99 Lost 12 year old -- Cispis River - Skamania County  
09/99 Missing Child - Vancouver  
10/99 Missing Motorcyclist - Cowlitz County  
11/99 Missing 72 year old - Vancouver  
12/99 Snow Patrol-Lone Butte to Berry Fields & back  
12/99 Snow Patrol-Lone Butte to Steamboat Mt & back  
12/99 Snow Cat Transport-Radio Technician to Lookout Mt.  
(Radio Repeater Repair)  
12/99 Snowmobiles broke trail to Summit of Lookout Mt.  
01/00 Snow Patrol- Lone Butte - Dug out numerous  
Snowmobilers stuck in deep powder  
01/00 Snow Cat Search - Lost Hunter - Cowlitz County  
01/00 Snowmobile Race - Trout Lake Area - Race Course  
Communications and Safety  
02/99 Snow Patrol-X Country Skiing-Sasquatch Ski Loop,  
Mt St Helens  
02/99 Snow Patrol-X Country Skiing-Sasquatch Ski Loop,



### MY FIRST MISSION

By Jan Foltz

Do you want to get involved? Join SSSAR like I did. I joined Jan. 8, 2000 and went on my first mission the next day. Rick Blevins, Jardy Dawson, and I went to the north side of Mt. St. Helens looking for a lost hunter and his truck. There was 5 feet of snow in the area with 7 to 8 foot drifts. We took the snowcat and along with Volcano SAR scoured the mountain all day by driving our snowcats around on various logging roads. Late in the day Volcano SAR's snowcat broke down. We were able to find them just as it got dark and helped them make repairs. They were then able to drive the snowcat back to the main road. The hunter's car was not found in the assigned search area. It was one long day, but I learned a lot and had a great time. You can do the same. Come join us!

## DO I REALLY NEED ALL THIS STUFF?

By Jardy Dawson

I'm only going out for an hour!! How many times have you said that? I don't need to take all this extra stuff with me. It'll only slow me down. Skiers, snowmobilers, hunters, hikers, mountain bikers, etc. They all say it. Maybe you've said it too. It can't happen to me. I've been doing this for years. This is one reason why Silver Star is in business. Let me tell you about a personal experience. It provides an important lesson we can all learn from. I was cross-country skiing with a new member. We were going along the Pine Martin trail on Mt. St. Helens. It was a nice day out, warm, and the sun was shining. While skiing we came to a small creek. A woman, skiing by herself ahead of us, successfully crossed the creek using a small snow bridge. As I crossed, the bridge gave way, and I found myself almost waist deep in cold water. It was very difficult to get out of the water, as I had a pack on that weighed approximately 40-45 pounds. I was finally able to get my pack off, and crawl out of the creek. By this time, both legs and my right arm were totally wet. Fortunately, I had my pack with dry clothes I could change into. I drained my boots the best I could and put on dry socks. The clothes I was wearing were fast drying polyesters and polar fleece. As long as I was creating extra heat by skiing, I'd be fine. If I were snowmobiling, the wind chill factor would cause hypothermia in a hurry. If the sun went down while we were still out on the trail, I knew I would be in trouble soon. My partner was still on the other side of the creek. I told her NOT to cross to try to help me, as she would get into the same problems. We decided to head back to the parking lot as soon as we could. We started to head cross-country to the road, each of us on a different side of the creek. We did find a better snow bridge for me to come back across. We both made it back to the car without any problems. Had I not been wearing the proper clothes, had it been later in the day, or had I gotten even wetter than I did, I would have needed all the gear in my pack. That day, I was VERY happy to carry it with me. The way I see it, if I have it with me and don't need it, I get a little extra exercise. If I need it, and don't have it, I could get in lots of trouble. It CAN happen to anybody.

## SNOWMOBILE RACES

By Jordon Boldt

This January Silver Star was invited to help with race course communications and safety during a snowmobile race held at the 88 Sno-Park just outside of Trout Lake. We were able to position our Snow Cat in a central location to provide clear communications with all checkpoints and safety checks throughout the race course. During the race, winds reached up to sixty miles per hour. Thankfully the only casualties were a couple of trees, one of which fell across the track postponing the race for a little while. Other than that the race was a huge success and a great time was had by racers and spectators alike.

## MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- Attend 3 Business Meetings
- Current CPR Card
- Current Standard First Aid Card or above
- Successful Background Check by the Clark County Sheriff's Department

### TO BE FIELD QUALIFIED YOU MUST:

- Pass a pack inspection and fitness hike
- Complete the following Search & Rescue courses:
 

Radio Communications	Map & Compass
Helicopter Safety	Search & Rescue Techniques
Survival Techniques	Crime Scene & Death

Rock Team Members  
Train at Rocky Butte.

Training includes:

- Knot Tying
- Anchors
- Pulley Systems
- Lowering Systems
- Raising Systems
- Rappelling Techniques
- Patient Packaging



## SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT LIST

Silver Star Search & Rescue suggests its members carry the following items with them on searches and when they are out in the wilderness for personal reasons:

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Map & Compass          | Sunglasses                 |
| Flashlight & Batteries | Extra Water                |
| Extra Flashlight Bulb  | Rainwear                   |
| Extra Food & Water     | Knife                      |
| Firestarter            | First Aid Kit              |
| Heat Packs             | Tube Tent                  |
| Plastic Whistle        | Grid Ribbon                |
| Space Blanket          | Pen & Paper                |
| Toilet Paper           | Large Plastic Garbage Bags |

### OVERNIGHT TRIPS INCLUDE:

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| Tent               | Additional Food    |
| Mess Kit           | Additional Water   |
| Sleeping Bag & Pad | Additional Clothes |

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TO RESCUE AND SEND YOUR  
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, St, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a \_\_\_\_\_ for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(your check is your tax receipt)

Please send a membership application.

Make check payable to:

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PO Box 443  
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All money received used by Silver Star only. We do not  
use, employ or \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

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Silver Star Snow Patrol members carry:  
SURVIVAL PACKS, SNOW SHOVELS, SNOWSHOES  
AVALANCHE PROBES & RADIOS

**SILVER STAR SEARCH & RESCUE  
SERVICES**

Wilderness and Urban Search & Rescue  
Nordic Ski and Snowmobile Patrol  
Snow Cat Transport and Rescue  
Mountain Bike Team  
Rock Rescue

Hunter Safety / Wilderness Survival Classes  
CPR classes / First-Aid classes  
Educational Displays at Community Events

Doctor & Nurse Transport during Snowstorms

Crime Scene assistance for Clark, Skamania &  
Cowlitz County Sheriff's Departments

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