

**Marin Search & Rescue Hosts the 2006 Mountain Rescue Association Conference
Golden Gate National Recreation Area, California**

June 15 -18, 2006

<http://www.marinsar.org/MRAconf/home.htm>

The team members of the **Marin County Search & Rescue** and Mountain Rescue Association (MRA) will be hosting the 2006 MRA Conference during the week of June 15– 18, 2006. The conference will feature an expanded schedule of outdoor Search and Rescue (SAR) exhibitions in conjunction with the annual Mountain Rescue Association (MRA) conference.

Get Busy Time!

We will incorporate the following SAR areas with interactive group exhibitions: Technical Rock, Cliff Rescue, Helicopter and Wilderness search venues and conduct exercises and trainings utilizing each visiting team's resources and specialization. Be sure to check out the website for the latest conference program. We've lined up some great activities both day and night, as well as technical presentations and workshops. If your team and or country would like to lead, host a particular venue or do a presentation during this week, please contact Jaymz Thompson.

The Marin Headlands – An Awesome Training Site!

The Conference will be held at the Headlands Institute located on the southwest edge of Marin County, where the Pacific Ocean meets the San Francisco Bay. It is part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, the largest urban national park in the world. The Institute is surrounded by over 140,000 acres of coastal park lands from the Golden Gate Bridge to Point Reyes National Seashore. Overlooking the calm waters of Rodeo Lagoon and the crashing waves off Rodeo Beach, the Institute provides a superb venue for the 2006 MRA Conference. Check out the website!

Great Speakers

We are excited to have Keith Lober and Mike Gauthier, leading search and rescue experts from the National Park Service talk about their experiences in Mountain Rescue in the nations most challenging rescue environments.

Registration Available Online Today

Registration for the conference is available online with Paypal as well as for download to mail. Please complete the forms in their entirety when registering.

Where to Rest Your Weary Head

Check out the accommodations section of the website to review lodging options for the conference. The Headlands Institute is the main lodging for the 2006 MRA Conference. If you selected the registration option "with lodging" you will be staying at the Headlands Institute. We've also listed some nearby hotels and campgrounds.

Special Thanks to Our Sponsors...So Far

We'd like to thank the following sponsors for their support towards the 2006 MRA Conference: Sterling Ropes, California Mountain Company, Lee and Associates Rescue Equipment, PMI, Patagonia, Mountain Hardwear, Marmot, REI, Clif Bar, Marin County Sheriff's Office, San Rafael Police Officer's Association, and the Marin Brewing Company. If you are interested in sponsoring the conference please contact Marin Search & Rescue.

We hope to see you at the conference and invite you to come and enjoy the popular Bay Area of California. Muir Woods, Mt. Tamalpais and Pt. Reyes as well all within a short drive, San Francisco is just a stones throw away over the Golden Gate Bridge, and the wine country is less than an hour away.

See you soon!

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