

Col. Co. Sheriff's Office completes search and rescue training

May 21-23, the Columbia County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Team conducted its annual overnight training at Camp Wilkerson County Park, on Apiary Road.

The training scenario included a mock search for two missing juveniles who wandered away from a campsite. Basic tracking, map and compass, and GPS training were incorporated into the training search. Twenty-six volunteers and two deputies participated in the weekend event.

The volunteers stayed overnight at Camp Wilkerson for the training. "This annual overnight training is a bonding experience for our team, and a chance for new volunteers to

get to know everyone," said Columbia County Undersheriff Andy Moyer.

The volunteers went through periods of sunshine, rain, even hail, throughout the training. "I'm so proud of this group, they worked hard all weekend in all types of weather. It shows the dedication they have to their community," Moyer said.

"I really want to thank the County Parks Department," Moyer said, "Camp Wilkerson is a beautiful place with a variety of camping facilities and hiking trails, on top of that, the park hosts are very friendly. For a close-to-home trip, I recommend that everyone visit this park."

Search and Rescue volun-

teers have to complete a minimum of thirty hours annually, to complete a certification process for the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association. The training sub-

jects range from Basic Search Techniques, Tracking and First Aid, to Incident Command, Radio Procedure, and Map and Compass. "In Columbia County

we typically start this training process in January with one or two training classes a month. We then hold the overnighter
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Columbia County Sheriff's Office held their search and rescue final training recently.

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Back row, left to right; Jesse Borders, Martin Munkesø, Janet Normand, Michael Saabye, Peter M. Olsen. Front row; Nick Schlechter, Donald Normand, and Martin Ellekilde. Borders, Janet Normand and Donald Normand helped the others, from Denmark, on their Stump Branch Logging tour. See story on page 7.

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