

Search & rescue volunteers needed



The search for Jenni-Lyn Watson resumed early Wednesday morning. (Eddie Jones, WSYR-TV NewsChannel 9)

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NORTH SYRACUSE, NY (WSYR-TV) - The main search and rescue team in Onondaga County is starting up a new training academy to attract more volunteers.

Like many volunteer-based emergency groups, the Wilderness Search and Rescue team is in need of people who can make the time commitment.

They are now recruiting members to go through the new academy starting in April.

"To bring somebody who maybe doesn't have any outdoor experience and to give them all of the knowledge they need and give them some supplies," said Trish Jubinville, WSAR team member.

The training will include wilderness survival, first aid, leadership instruction and search techniques. It will last three months and require members to meet around 13 hours a week, split between two days. The training is free.

The team was the primary volunteer organization part of the search for missing college student Jenni-Lyn Watson in November that lasted days and covered thousands of acres.

"We were leading search teams in the field or we were aiding communications and logistics. That's what really brought us to the point in knowing we needed to bring in new team members to help us do more searching," said Jubinville.

If you're interested in joining, you can get more information and apply in person on Monday night. The walk-in session runs from 6:00-9:00 PM at the North Area Volunteer Ambulance Corps or NAVAC at 603 North Main Street in North Syracuse.

You can also download an application for WSAR by clicking [here](#).

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