

Date	Time	Session	Ranger Excellence School 2019 Course Descriptions	Maximum # of Attendees	Instructor
May 20th	Morning 9:00AM-1:00PM	A	Verbal Judo- This class will cover verbal tactics for safety, courtesy and professionalism. The best weapon you can carry is not on your belt. Learn what never to say and how to tell it like it is and remain employed Monday morning!	50	Investigator Tyler Schall Larimer County Sheriff's Office
May 20th	Morning 9:00AM-1:00PM	B	Survival Spanish- No Hable Ingles...What do we do when we hear this phrase. Learning spanish promotes trust in the Hispanic community and will help the conservation officer communicate and assist those in the spanish speaking community that enter our parks.	50	Boulder County Gretchen Bolivar, Instructor Juanita Echeverri
May 20th	Morning 9:00AM-1:00PM	C	Considerations With Transient Contacts- Increasing population in Colorado has brought new demographics to our communities. Training rangers and maintenance employees to keep their personal safety as their first priority is paramount. Dealing with camping in nondesignated areas and mitigation of resource damage will also be covered.	50	Rangers/ Deputies from Front Range Agencies
May 20th	Afternoon 2:00PM-6:00PM	A	Ranger Danger!- This course will cover how to assess threats to visitors and rangers, health, safety habits and mindset preparation, different types of contacts in a wide range of situations and some of the potential risks experienced during contacts.	50	Senior Ranger Cindy Kirby Larimer County, Investigator Tyler Schall Larimer County, Sergeant Kyle Williams Johnstown Police Department
May 20th	Afternoon 2:00PM-6:00PM	B	Tour of Larimer County Natural Resource Properties- This will be a unique opportunity to see how Larimer County manages operations in a park and open space setting. See first hand how we patrol campgrounds and coordinate with surrounding agencies in the Estes Park area.	16	Ranger Max Feldman Larimer County, Rocky Mountain National Park
May 20th	Afternoon 2:00PM-6:00PM	C	Introduction to Crisis Intervention- This course is more than just training; it is a mindset. It introduces sensitivity and understanding regarding mental health crisis and emphasizes accountability and responsibility in recognizing and getting the proper resources for various situations.	50	Sgt. Tim Sullivan Larimer County Sheriff's Office

May 20th	Afternoon 2:00PM-6:00PM	D	Outdoor Survival As agencies that manage vast landscapes and respond to remote areas. Prior planning prevents poor performance. The ability to find shelter and food in a native landscape is a skill set that could make a serious difference.	50	Park Manager Steve Gibson, Larimer County/ Poudre Fire Authority
May 21st	Morning 9:00AM-1:00PM	A	Emergency Medical Management- Medical calls can be quickly-changing high stress incidents. Are you set up to triage and work with trauma patients? Determine what resources are needed? This class will cover basic elements for the responding ranger to consider while en route and upon arrival on emergency scenes. Practice scene management, patient stabilization and care, backboarding, and work through a few scenarios!	50	Senior Ranger Zach Cook, Ranger Vic Wilcox Larimer County
May 21st	Morning 9:00AM-1:00PM	B	Managing Land Searches- As the first ranger on scene of a possible missing subject, there are important procedures to consider. Protection of vital evidence and information gathering can lead to a successful search and rescue.	50	Larimer County Emergency Services Search and Rescue
May 21st	Morning 9:00AM-1:00PM	C	Introduction to Interpretive Guiding- As rangers working in complex ecosystems, having a basic understanding of how to educate visitors to build stewardship is vital to successful land management. In this course students will be given instruction on the fundamentals of developing an educational program and the importance of correct messaging for the public	50	Ranger Max Feldman Larimer County, Rocky Mountain National Park
May 21st	Afternoon 2:00PM-6:00PM	A	Basic Defensive Driving- Skills This course will be a low-speed driving course set up and instructed by the Larimer County Sheriff's Office EVOC (Emergency Vehicle Operation Course) instructors. The course will focus on low speed maneuvers through cones and obstacles. This is not a certified EVOC course. Students are encouraged to bring their patrol vehicle to this class, if this is not possible, Larimer County Natural Resources vehicles will be available. There will also be trailer towing and backing skills.	24	Senior Ranger Will Talbott Larimer County, Larimer County Sheriff's Office driving instructors
May 21st	Afternoon 2:00PM-6:00PM	B	Low Angle Rescue- Learn how to assist rescue operations on low angle rescue with first hand experience, bring your harness and rescue gear or we can provide.	50	Park Manager Steve Gibson, Larimer County/ Poudre Fire Authority

May 21st	Afternoon 2:00PM-6:00PM	C	Alcohol / Drugs- Learn to recognize how drugs and alcohol affect your park users. Drugs and alcohol are common in most of our areas whether it's in the campground or in the vehicle. This class will teach you to recognize the signs of impairment and how to handle subjects that are influenced by them. The course will conclude with a scenario based wet lab where students will get to practice what they have learned in the classroom portion. Deputy Sam Roth who is an SFST and DRE instructor with the Larimer County Sheriff's Office will be the lead instructor. This is not an SFST certified course.	50	Ranger Brittan Kuhlman, Deputy Sam Roth Larimer County
May 21st	Evening 6:30PM-9:00PM	D	Social Dinner- Stay after the afternoon session at the Ridgeline Hotel, have a bite to eat and network with other agencies.	200	Hosted by Larimer County
May 22nd	Morning 9:00AM-1:00PM	A	Intro to Self Defense- Have you ever had to deal with an irate park visitor? You've used your verbal judo skills but it escalates...what do you do next? It might have happened to you or it might not have happened YET, but as rangers we need to know how to deal with these threats when they do happen. This class, based on the principles of Krav Maga, will prepare the ranger to defend themselves and fellow rangers against common types of attacks.	50	Senior Ranger Cindy Kirby, Senior Ranger Zach Cook Larimer County
May 22nd	Morning 9:00AM-1:00PM (ALL DAY SESSION)	B	CPR/First Aid/AED Certification- Need to certify in CPR, Basic First Aid and AED? Walk away from this session and be ready to respond to park visitors that need your help. This is a 8 hour block of instruction, morning and afternoon.	24	EMT Derek Lantis UCHEALTH, Sergeant Kyle Williams Johnston Police Department
May 22nd	Morning 9:00AM-1:00PM	C	Hunting/Fishing /and Firearms- Is there something else going on here? Wildlife outlaws can be some of the most clever violators. Learn how to detect some of the indicators of wildlife crimes, how to contact hunters and fisherman safely, and how to investigate wildlife crimes (necropsy on an illegal kill)	50	Colorado Parks and Wildlife

May 22nd	Afternoon 2:00PM-6:00PM	A	Baton and Expandable Baton Certification/ Advanced Self Defense Baton and expandable baton Certification through the use of Koga Baton techniques. This is a discrete tool that provides big protection, get certified with an expandable baton in this dynamic self defense class. The other half of the class will go over ground and standing escape techniques and other helpful tools.	50	Senior Ranger Cindy Kirby, Senior Ranger Zach Cook Larimer County
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May 22nd	Afternoon 2:00PM-6:00PM	C	Law and Order- "How to Avoid the Courtroom" You have made a good case, now make it stick. Learn the basics surrounding Search and Seizure Law, Courtroom Testimony, and Report Writing . How to ask the right questions the right way when conducting an interview. This class will make sure the right person ends up in jail and that the good guys win because of a professionally presented case.	50	Cliff Riedel, District Attorney for the Eighth Judicial District of Colorado
May 22nd	Afternoon 2:00PM-6:00PM	D	Water Survival- Rangers and staff that manage bodies of water will learn how the addition this dangerous environment needs to be respected. Students will learn the basics of water survival and self-defense. Please plan on wearing clothing that is close to your working uniform so you can feel the additional weight, and train in a realistic manner.	24	Park Manager Chris Fleming ,Park Manager Steve Gibson Larimer County
May 23rd	Morning 9:00AM-1:00PM	A	Ranger 101- Back to the basics - you asked, we listened. This class will cover topics such as; how to write citations; basic report writing and grammar to stay out of the courtroom, and 4th Amendment considerations.	50	Senior Ranger Will Talbott Larimer County, Deputy Jamie Smith Larimer County Sheriffs Office
May 23rd	Morning 9:00AM-1:00PM	B	Ranger Leadership- This unique class is for the ranger professional. Learn how to create a culture of trust in your agency, provide vision and define leadership roles by building an ethical culture based on ethical decision making. Based on the character, competency, and consistency guidelines of STRATA leadership training.	50	Park Manager Dan Rieves Larimer County

May 23rd	Morning 9:00AM-1:00PM (ALL DAY SESSION)	C	Orienteering Pre and Post GPS- In today's age of GPS and smart phones. Having the ability to navigate and communicate location across landscapes has become easier, but multiple tools can be confusing. In this all day session we will review the fundamentals of map reading and using a compass, then work to famalirize students with GPS and web based mapping applications that reduce the cost of implementation.	30	Park Manager Steve Gibson, Senior Ranger Zach Cook Larimer County, Park Technician Chris Scully City of Greeley Parks Department
May 23rd	Afternoon 2:00PM-6:00PM	A	OC/Pepper Spray Certification- Get certified to carry OC pepper spray AKA "mace" and learn why the "hot sauce" is still a valuable tool. Live exposure takes places after class.	50	Ranger Brittan Kuhlman Larimer County
May 23rd	Afternoon 2:00PM-6:00PM	B	Swift Water Rescue- This course introduces students in how to assist and support swiftwater rescue operations. Students will learn to recognize the need for water search and rescue; how to implement an assessment plan; identify the resources necessary to conduct safe and effective water rescue operations; recognize general hazards associated with swiftwater and flood incidents. We will review and practice skills necessary to mitigate these hazards within the general search and rescue area. We will have hands - on rescue scenarios on the Big Thompson River to practice rescue tecniques.	50	Cy Pollema Loveland Fire and Rescue
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May 24th	Morning 8:30AM-1:00PM	A	Practical Training Scenarios (morning) Put your skills to the test in this half day session of life-like scenarios. The class will be divided into smaller groups which will rotate through a series of stations. Each station will have experienced staff actors playing the part of park and open space visitors, injured patients, gang members, drunkards, and other characters rangers might come in contact with. Get your heart pumping and be prepared when you encounter these situations in the real world.	100	Larimer County staff and volunteers/ Facilitated by Park Manager Chris Fleming
May 24th	Afternoon 1:00PM-3:00PM		Graduation and BBQ lunch. (afternoon)	200	