

Date	Time	Session	Ranger Excellence School 2022 Course Descriptions	Maximum # of Attendees
May 16th	Morning 8:00AM-12:00PM (SESSION 1)	A	Ranger 101/Verbal Judo- This class will cover the basics of what you need to keep yourself safe on the job. Verbal tactics for safety, courtesy and professionalism. The best weapon you can carry is not on your belt. Learn how to walk, talk, and take action in a class room setting.	50
May 16th	Morning 8:00AM-12:00PM (SESSION 1)	B	Defensive Driving- This course will be a low-speed driving course set up and instructed similar to the standard of Colorado POST Emergency Vehicle Operation Course (EVOC). 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.	20
May 16th	Morning 8:00AM-12:00PM	C	Low Angle Rescue- Learn the basics of low angle rescue operations with first hand experience in both a classroom and field setting. Rescue gear will be provided for the day, but you are welcome to bring your own.	20

May 16th	Morning 8:00AM-12:00PM	D	Spanish for Rangers- 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
May 16th	Afternoon 1:00PM-5:00PM (SESSION 2)	A	Ranger 101/Verbal Judo- This class will cover the basics of what you need to keep yourself safe on the job. Verbal tactics for safety, courtesy and professionalism. The best weapon you can carry is not on your belt. Learn how to walk, talk, and take action in a class room setting.	50
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May 16th	Afternoon 1:00PM-5:00PM	C	Field Training of Rangers- This course will cover the basics of how to field train a ranger to the job effectively and safely. Course instruction will include adult learning concepts, the San Jose model of field training, and field training example materials that will help your agency create a successful program.	50

May 16th	Afternoon 1:00PM-5:00PM	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.	20
May 17th	Morning 8:00AM-12:00PM	A	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
May 17th	Morning 8:00AM-12:00PM	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 swift water rescue; how to implement an assessment plan; identify the resources necessary to conduct a safe and effective rescue; recognize general hazards associated with swiftwater and flood incidents. Instruction includes hands-on rescue scenarios on the Big Thompson River.	20
May 17th	Morning 8:00AM-12:00PM	C	Intrepitive Ranging- 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

May 17th	Morning 8:00AM-12:00PM	D	Search, Rescue, and Incident Command Basics- This course will focus on the basic concepts of search and rescue. As well as the use of the incident command system and what role a ranger plays during multiagency incidents. Learn how to work with search and rescue teams and the skills you need to become an effective incident commander.	50
May 17th	Afternoon 1:00PM-5:00PM	A	Medical Management- This class will prepare the ranger for being the first responder on scene of a medical emergency. How to size up the scene, take control of the area, request resources, and provide patient care until paramedics arrive. This class includes both guided instruction and scenario based medical emergencies.	50
May 17th	Afternoon 1:00PM-5:00PM	B	Introduction to Crisis Intervention- This course is more than just training; it is a mind-set. 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
May 17th	Afternoon 1:00PM-5:00PM	C	Volunteer Engagement - Learn how to use volunteers to the advantage of your park. The basics of establishing a volunteer program. How to train and engage volunteers to assist your staff in day-to-day operations, identifying and documenting park needs, and educating the public.	50

May 17th	Afternoon 1:00PM-5:00PM	D	Orienteering- 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.	20
May 17th	Evening 5:30PM-8:00PM	E	Social Dinner- Stay after the afternoon session at the Ridgeline Hotel, have a bite to eat and network with other agencies. Food provided	200
May 18th	Morning 8:00AM-12:00PM	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.	40
May 18th	Morning 8:00AM-12:00PM	B	Ranger Leadership LEADS- 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 LEADS leadership training.	50

May 18th	Morning 8:00AM-12:00PM (ALL DAY SESSION)	C	CPR/First Aid/AED Certification- Students will receive an American Heart Association CPR/First Aid/AED certification from this course. This is an 8 hour block of instruction, morning and afternoon.	24
May 18th	Afternoon 1:00PM-5:00PM	A	Baton and Expandable Baton Certification/ Self Defense II 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.	30
May 18th	Afternoon 1:00PM-5:00PM	B	Hunting/Fishing Contacts- 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.	50
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May 19th	Morning 8:00AM-12:00PM	C	Current Events: Transient Camps & Body Worn Cameras- This course will focus on what is current in the world of rangers. Instruction will include a detailed look at managing transient camps and the use of Body Worn Camera's in the law enforcement setting.	50
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May 19th	Afternoon 1:00PM-5:00PM	D	Water Survival/Rescue (pool)- Rangers and staff that manage bodies of water will learn how to stay safe in this dangerous environment. Students will learn the basics of water survival, water rescue, and self-defense. Please plan on wearing clothing closely resembling your working uniform so you can feel the additional weight, and train in a realistic manner. Please bring a PFD if you use one in your job. PFD's will be provided if one is not available.	12
May 20th	Morning 8:00AM-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
May 20th	Afternoon 1:30PM-3:30PM	B	Graduation and BBQ lunch. (afternoon)	200