

8th Eastern District SAR Competition

Division 24, with assistance from Divisions 11 and 16, is pleased to host the District Search and Rescue (DSAR) competition. The top-level details are:

- Where: Goose Pond Colony, Scottsboro, Alabama
- When: June 17 - 20, 2010. Note: this southern location offers water and air temperatures above 60 degrees beginning in May
- What: Host water and shore facilities can support eight DSAR teams
- Who: Personnel from Divisions 11, 16 & 24 provide host support to 8th Eastern District DSAR Competition

The location is shown in Figure 1. By road, the area is easily accessed via interstates I-65, I-75, I-81, or I-24 and then divided four lane highway from Chattanooga, TN or Huntsville, AL. For those flying commercially, the closest large airports are Huntsville International (HSV) located 1 hour 15 minutes away or Chattanooga (CHA) located 1 hour 30 minutes away.

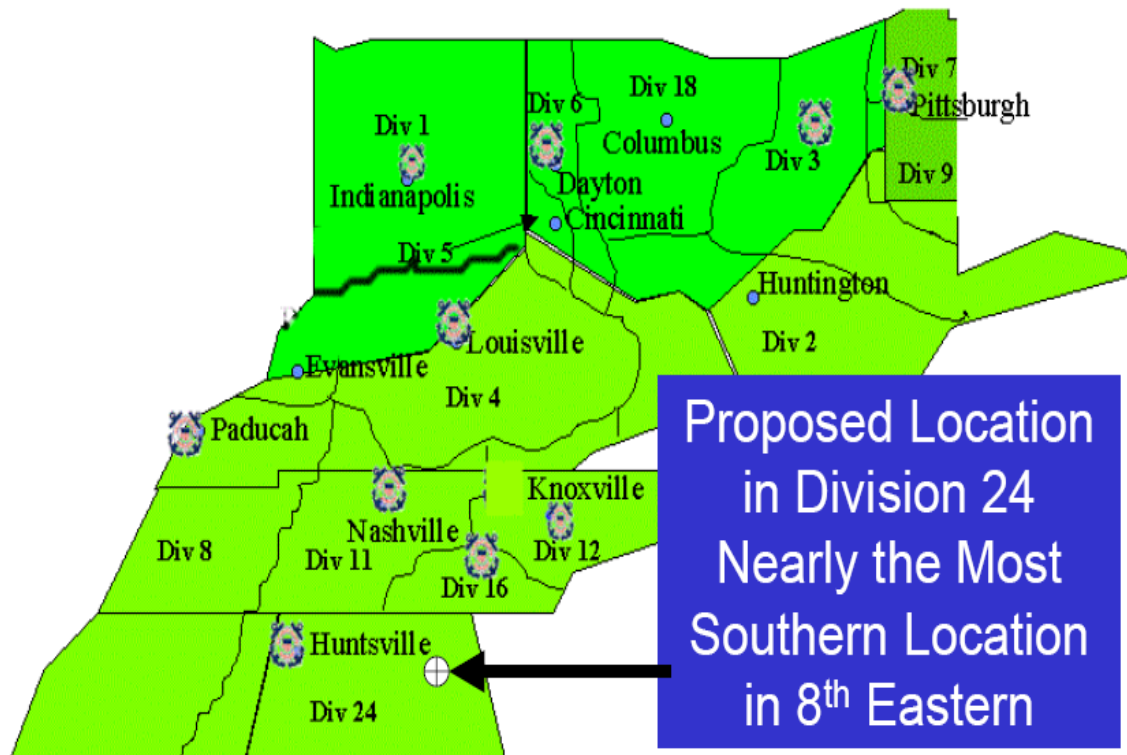


Figure 1. DSAR Location - 8th Eastern District

The specific water location is on Gunterville Lake at Tennessee River Mile 378.2, North Sauty Creek embayment only a few miles from the southern-most point on the Tennessee River. The water there is warm, sheltered (low current and waves), with large areas for surface operations. Gunterville Lake is the second largest of the TVA lakes with over 900 miles of shoreline. Figure 2 shows a satellite view of the primary proposed operations area that is adjacent to the shore facilities. A larger secondary operations area less than a mile away is available to support concurrent additional DSAR Team operations or in case of high winds from the south.



Figure 2. Satellite View of Primary Operations Area and Adjacent Shore Facilities

Goose Pond Colony (GPC) is a municipally owned resort with ample shore facilities for the DSAR event. Their website is <http://www.goosepond.org/index.html>.

GPC facilities include:

- Gathering point and headquarters for the DSAR
- Boat launch with adjacent parking and pier space for OPFACs & Comms trailer

- Co-located pavilions for competitions in good weather and a cookout
- Indoor space located one-half mile from pier in case of inclement weather
- Open areas for line heaving
- Adjacent sheltered waters large and deep enough for search pattern evolutions without obstructions or large commercial vessels
- Co-located cabins for group lodging and nearby motels
- Co-located restaurants with many more within 10 minutes drive
- Co-located fuel dock
- A golf course on the property and world-class bass fishing in surrounding waters
- Proximity to family attractions such as the U.S. Space and Rocket Center and Cathedral Caverns

An overview of the GPC facilities is shown in Figure 3. An indoor space with tables and chairs for inclement weather is located on the GPC property one-half mile away and is



Figure 3. Overview of Primary Operations Area and Adjacent Shore Facilities as shown

shown in the Figure 4 photograph. An Auxiliary operated courtesy shuttle is planned. Because all facilities are located on the GPC property, movement between any of the DSAR competition stations will take five minutes or less enabling efficient transitions of teams, judges and support personnel and media access.

Figure 5 shows the pier as viewed from the covered area where fair weather competition stations will be set up.

This area is frequently used for major bass fishing competitions involving scores of boats.



Figure 4. Indoor Space for Headquarters or Use in Inclement Weather



Figure 5. Lighted Piers Adjacent to Ops Area and Shore Facilities