

Bin Rescue Classes

MAY 9-11 • BERLIN, MD | JUNE 13-15 • FRANKENMUTH, MI

Building on the success of its first bin-rescue course in June 2005, the Grain Elevator and Processing Society (GEAPS) will be offering two more in 2006. One is scheduled for May 9-11 in Berlin, MD and the second for June 13-15 in Frankenmuth, MI.

The courses, designed to raise awareness about bin-rescue procedures and equipment, will provide extensive hands-on training.

Participants will gain experience working in grain bins and using technical rescue equipment such as ropes, harnesses, carabiners, mechanical-ad-



vantage systems, anchorage points, cofferdams, and victim packaging. They will experience first-hand an actual engulfment and the pressures involved on their body.

Get Your Hands Dirty

“People will get their hands dirty,” says Wayne Bauer, GEAPS international board chairman. “We will be simulating engulfments and actually be pulling people out of grain, just like in a rescue situation. We’ll be packaging people and pulling them through the roofs of bins, working at heights, and building cofferdams in

grain. We’re going to show how time-intensive and how difficult these things can be.”

The Safety and Technical Rescue Association (SATRA), a nonprofit group comprised of volunteers in several Midwestern states and Ontario, will provide the instruction.

Class sizes will be limited to 26 in both upcoming courses and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration won’t open until early April, but people interested in taking part may place their names on a waiting list now by contacting Amy McGarrigle of the GEAPS staff, amy@geaps.com; 612-339-4625.

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