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# SES to spend Saturday in the park

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The ACT State Emergency Service (ACTSES) will tomorrow (Saturday 24 May, 2014) conduct its annual navigational training exercise in the Namadgi National Park and Corin Forest.

“Navigation Canberra (NAVCAN) is an important activity for members of the ACTSES to display their navigation skills,” ACTSES Acting Chief Officer Tracey Allen said.

“Teams will battle it out near Smokers Gap testing their knowledge and fitness across a pre-set course,” she said.

“A new location is chosen each year where teams are required to mark on a map a series of checkpoints in a designated time frame.”

As well as assisting the community in times of storm or flood, the ACTSES is often called to assist other emergency service agencies including ACT Policing.

“ACTSES volunteers are often requested to support police led operations with various search and rescue activities and tomorrow's NAVCAN will provide an opportunity for volunteers to demonstrate their ability in a competitive setting,” ACTSES Acting Chief Officer Tracey Allen said.

“Up to 60 participants from 11 teams comprising of volunteers and staff will compete demonstrating their high level of fitness,” she said.

“Members have trained hard for the event and the winning team will earn bragging rights and be awarded a perpetual shield.

“Teams of three to six members will commence the trek through the terrain from 10am with groups required to complete the exercise by 5pm.

“Participants from other emergency service agencies will also join in the exercise including the ACT Rural Fire Service with all teams briefed on potential hazards, time constraints and weather conditions.”