PATHFINDER TECHNICAL SCHOOL
Missouri Wing Civil Air Patrol
Fort Leonard Wood, August 8-16 2026

If you are interested in a great local opportunity for education in Civil Air Patrol emergency services, right here in Missouri Wing is as far as you need to look. The Pathfinder Technical School has deep roots in providing emergency services & search and rescue training for Civil Air Patrol members back to the 1980's. Today we are proud to continue the tradition of excellent training right here in Missouri.







Basic Pathfinder Course This course is open to any CAP member that has completed either the Curry Achievement and is at least 14 years of age or seniors who have completed Level 1 training. The physically and mentally demanding course teaches both search and rescue & disaster response skills. Students will be exposed to the wild terrain of the Mark Twain National Forest to practice SAR skills, land navigation, and basic survival. Not only do successful students depart with ground team member and CERT qualifications, but they also leave with and a great sense of accomplishment, and are given the coveted title of PATHFINDER. Course fees include training materials, food and lodging. **$200**

Ground Team Leader Course This course is open to any CAP member that is at least 16 years old that is pursuing the Ground Team Leader qualification. In addition to the basic Pathfinder instruction, students will participate in break out courses that will help develop them into competent Ground Team Leaders. By the end of the course the student will have completed both Ground Team Leader and PATHFINDER qualifications. In order to apply the member must be at least 100% done with the GTM3 SQTR (need not have mission sign-offs). Members should be able to complete a cross country exercise in the Mark Twain National Forest culminating in a bivouac. Course fees include all training materials, food and lodging. **$200**

Mission Base Staff This track is newer as of 2024. Mission Base Staff school participants will learn the importance of Incident Command roles in the conduct of SAR Incidents. Due to the wide variety of specialties, education and training will be conducted based on the needs of the applicants. Mission Base Staff participants will also aid in the conduct of the Pathfinder School overall as part of the education in Incident Planning and Operations. Students must have Curry or Level 1 training completed. In addition cadets must be at least16 yrs old. Course fees include all training materials, food and lodging. **$200**

sUAS Crew This track is new as of 2026. sUAS Crew participants will learn about how to conduct sUAS Operations in CAP, the different roles that exist on a team, and its application in real world incidents. Students must have Curry or Level 1 training completed. In addition cadets must be at least 16 yrs old. Course fees include all training materials, food and lodging. **$200**

All week long courses will complete the week with two large hands on training incidents. These incidents will test the skills learned during the course in a high stress and physically demanding realistic environment.

***All applicants must have completed GES (CAPT 116) and ICUT and have it noted in E-Services under Operations Qualifications. Please advise the email below if you are struggling to get these done by at least 3 weeks before Pathfinder to find a remedy.

***Those interested in STAFF opportunities, please send interest and resume to e-mail below. Due 30 June '26

Applications will be run through Registration Zone no later than 24 July 2026
Please email pathfinder@mowgcap.org indicating your inerest
Instructions for base access and other information will be sent after registrations are accepted