

# May 5 Camp Merrill Open House is huge success

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The 2012 Camp Frank D. Merrill Open House kicked off May 5, 2012, with the Mountain Ranger Run at 7 AM, followed by a day full of activities for families, friends of Rangers and special guests.

The Rangers in Action demonstrations included helicopter exercises, weapons demonstrations and combative events. Rangers rappelled off cliff faces and showed how to evacuate a wounded buddy using a rope or carrying him while rappelling down a cliff.

There were emergency medical and fire fighters on hand to talk with the crowd. Children had their faces painted and took part in weapons displays. A mock rock face to practice mountain climbing was available. There were snake and alligator presentations. Camaraderie was strong between young and senior Rangers.

