

Covering a story at the Mountain Warfare Training Center can be an arduous trip and it is strongly recommended that all media visitors be capable of moderate to strong physical exertion and bring the appropriate gear when visiting MWTC to observe field training. Some items on the winter gear list can be issued by MWTC(). Speak with the MCAGCC PAO to confirm.*

Spring/Summer/Fall Gear List

- Hiking Boots
- Water Bottle
- Helmet (provided)
- Light Jacket/Fleece
- Rain Jacket
- Backpack
- Sunglasses
- Food/snacks



Winter Gear List

- Waterproof boots w/Gators*
- Heavy Coat/Warm Layer
- Waterproof pants*
- Thick/waterproof gloves or mittens*
- Sunglasses
- Snowshoes *
- Snow pants*
- Ski helmet*
- Water Bottle
- Food/snacks



Coordinate your visit in advance with both the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Public Affairs Office (MCAGCC PAO) and the MWTC Community Plans and Liaison Office (CPLO).

**MCAGCC PAO: 760-830-6213
MWTC CPLO: 760-932-1661**

For more information on the Mountain Warfare Training Center, visit our website at:

<http://www.mwtc.usmc.mil/>

For pictures of MWTC training exercises, visit the Combat Center Facebook page at:

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Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center (MWTC) Bridgeport, California

A Media Guide to Covering the MWTC



Interesting Points About MWTC

- MWTC conducts training courses to prepare units and individuals for operations in mountainous, high altitude and cold weather environments.
- MWTC uses over 52,000 acres of the Toiyabe National Forest land under an agreement with the U.S. Forest Service for a majority of the year. During the winter months, that acreage is increased to nearly 62,000 acres.
- MWTC is the only Department of Defense (DoD) mountain and cold weather training center that includes specialized courses for individuals as well as tactical exercises for all elements of the Marine Air Ground Task Force, year-round.
- Approximately 13,000 Marines, soldiers, airmen, sailors, and coalition/NATO forces train at MWTC each year.
- The Mountain Exercise training can certify a Marine unit for deployment. It trains Marines across a wide spectrum of missions including offensive and defensive operations and countering current threats such as roadside bombs.
- Javelin Thrust is the largest exercise conducted at MWTC. Reserve Marines train as a 5,000 person Marine Expeditionary Brigade every year for three weeks.
- MWTC provides support to USMC and DoD agencies engaged in the development of war-fighting doctrine and specialized equipment for use in mountain and cold weather operations.

MWTC Courses and Training Exercises*

Major Training Exercises:

- Mountain Exercise
 - 28 training days each, seven times/year
- Javelin Thrust
 - 21 training days, once/year

Training Courses:

- Summer Mountain Leader Course
 - Trains Marines to become experts in mountain and alpine operations
 - 36 training days, twice/year
- Winter Mountain Leader Course
 - Trains Marines to become experts in cold weather operations
 - 36 training days, twice/year
- Mountain Scout Sniper Course
 - Trains Scout Snipers to be tactically and technically proficient in a mountainous environment
 - 17 training days, four times/year
- Mountain Medical Course
 - Provides Corpsmen and Marines with the ability to plan and conduct medical operations in a high altitude, summer mountain environment
 - 12 training days, three times/year

- Cold Weather Medical Course
 - Provides Corpsmen and Marines with the technical, tactical and medical skills necessary to provide unit support in a cold weather environment
 - 12 training days, three times/year
- Animal Packer Course
 - Teaches Marines how to use mules to transport weapons, ammunition, supplies and wounded personnel
 - 12 training days, four times/year
- Mountain Ops Staff Planning Course
 - Aids Marines in becoming proficient in planning mountain warfare operations
 - 8 training days, once/year
- Mountain Survival Course
 - Teaches Marines necessary survival techniques for mountainous environments
 - 20 training days, once/year
- Mountain Communications Course
 - Trains communications specialists in a mountainous environment under all weather conditions
 - 15 training days, six times/year

*** Training schedule subject to change**