



How To Find Members For Your Prepper Group

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What Is A Prepper Group?

- **Formal Prepper Groups:** Likely to have an organized paramilitary like structure with a chain of command and rank structure. Similar in nature to a militia but solely focused on defending an area or community and maintaining a sense of normalcy within their area of control.
- **Informal Prepper Group:** An loose association of like minded people who will come together and assist one another in a disaster. May be made up of family and friends, work associates, etc.
- **Bug Out Prepper Groups:** Those people who are planning to leave an area and go to a pre-established location together. They may have pre-positioned supplies, purchased land, etc.
- **Bug In Prepper Groups:** Those people who are planning to stay in an area and ride out the disaster where they currently live, unless they are forced to move to another location.



The Goal Of This Lesson

- Hopefully this lesson will provide you with some ideas about places that you can look to find like minded people who may already be into preparedness or have a tendency towards being more self reliant.
- This can be a difficult task and it will require you to get out and take part in various types of activities.
- It will also require you to get to know people and form relationships with them to determine if they might be suitable candidates as a potential member to your group.
- All of the areas that are listed in this lesson are places, groups, and clubs that many preppers already frequent. But it will be up to you to get out to these places and make human connections to identify who will be the right fit for you and your new group.



Gardening Clubs / Community Garden

- National Garden Club: <http://gardenclub.org/clubs/>
- Garden Club Of America: <https://www.gcamerica.org/>
- You can also get a Master Gardener certification.
- You can also trade seeds with other people you meet through the organization.
- Most serious gardeners are also into canning and long term food preservation.



Shooting Range

- United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA): <https://uspsa.org/>
- International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA): <https://www.idpa.com/>
- National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF): <https://www.nssf.org/shooting/3-gun/>
- National Rifle Association (NRA): <https://competitions.nra.org/competitions/>
- National Sporting Clays Association (NSCA): <http://nsca.nssa-nsca.org/shoot-search/>
- Amateur Trap Shooting Association (ATA): <https://shootata.com/Shoots,Clubs,StatesZones.aspx>
- National Skeet Shooting Association (NSSA): <http://mynssa.nssa-nsca.org/find-a-shoot/shoot-search/>



First Aid or EMT Classes

- Red Cross: <https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class>
- American heart Association: <https://cpr.heart.org/en/cpr-courses-and-kits/heart saver/heart saver-first-aid-cpr-aed-training>
- EMT Classes at local community colleges
- First Aid Classes given by local fire departments and hospitals



Churches

- Home Bible Study Groups: Join or host a home bible study group
- Offer to lead a small group study in your church about disaster preparedness
- If you are not a member of a church but would like to get involved with a church that has a tendency to gravitate towards prepping consider a Pentecostal or Assembly of God church or a Mormon church (Latter Day Saints). Essentially you are looking for churches that tend to focus on end times prophecies.



Fraternal Groups

- Loyal Order Of Moose: <https://www.mooseintl.org/>
- Benevolent & Protective Order Of Elks: <https://www.elks.org/>
- Rotary Club International: <https://www.rotary.org/en>
- Lions Club: <https://lionsclubs.org/en>
- Independent Order Of Odd Fellows: <https://odd-fellows.org/>



Search & Rescue Groups

- National Association For Search and Rescue (NASAR): <http://www.nasar.org/>
- Pretty much every state and many counties have search and rescue groups.
- Great way to get out and test equipment, use radios and practice navigation and teamwork.
- You can also learn tracking skills and how tracking dogs work.
- Excellent exercise.



4 H Groups

- 4 H: <https://4-h.org>
- Great way for both adults and kids to learn a wide range of prepping skills.
- Animal husbandry
- Gardening
- Shooting



Boy Scouts

- Boy Scouts: <https://www.scouting.org/>
- Excellent opportunity for both kids and parents to learn outdoor skills, wilderness survival, shooting, community service, etc.
- Earning an Eagle Scout designation is also still looked upon favorably on resumes.



Volunteer Firemen

- Become a volunteer fireman: <https://makemeafirefighter.org/>
- Great way to learn fire fighting skills
- Will likely get EMT certified and learn advanced first aid.
- You will become good friends with local firefighters.



Geo-Caching

- Geo-caching is ultimately a treasure hunt. You use navigation skills and GPS coordinates to find secret cache.
- <https://www.geocaching.com/play>



HAM Radio Clubs

- National Association For Amateur Radio: <http://www.arrl.org/> or <http://www.arrl.org/find-a-club>
- Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service: <http://www.usraces.org/>
- CQ Amateur Radio: https://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/cq_clubs_a-g.html



Reserve Police

- To become a reserve police officer you should contact your local police department and find out what their requirements are as each state and locality will differ.
- <https://www.policeone.com/police-jobs-and-careers/articles/how-to-be-a-reserve-police-officer-JxWXoYtGvtjQcsiT/>



Neighborhood Watch

- National Neighborhood Watch (A division of National Sheriff's Association): <https://www.nnw.org/>
- Neighborhood Watch Manual: https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/Publications/NSA_NW_Manual.pdf



Veterans Groups

- Veterans of Foreign Wars: <https://www.vfw.org/>
- American Legion: <https://www.legion.org/>
- Amvets: <https://amvets.org/>
- Disabled American Veterans: <https://www.ihelpveterans.org/>
- Veteran & Military Service Organizations: https://www.va.gov/vso/VSO-Directory_2013-2014.pdf



Militias

- US National Militia Directory: https://www.constitution.org/mil/mil_us.htm
- Wikipedia List of Militias: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_militia_organizations_in_the_United_States
- 10 Tips For New Militias: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s56QcMiHo4M>



Farmers & Ranchers

- This will require to you get out and speak with local farmers or ranchers in your area.
- <https://www.farmersassociation.com/>
- <https://uscattlemen.org/>



Reserve & National Guard Members

- Army National Guard: <https://uscattlemen.org/>
- Air National Guard: <https://www.goang.com/>
- Air Force Reserve: <https://afreserve.com/>
- Army Reserve: <https://www.goarmy.com/reserve>
- Navy Reserve: <https://www.navy.com/forward>
- Marine Corps Reserve: <https://www.marforres.marines.mil/>



Local Sheriff

- Larger county sheriffs will likely not have time to meet with citizens outside of an event or a fundraiser.
- Most county Sheriff's Offices have reserve deputy programs.
- In smaller more rural counties even if they don't offer a reserve program you can still talk with them about informally putting together a group of folks that could be relied upon in an emergency.



Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT)

- FEMA CERT Teams: <https://www.ready.gov/cert>
- Being a CERT members is a great way to get plugged into your local disaster response community and will also teach you how governments respond to disasters.
- Many CERT members are also preppers.



Trail Hikers

- American Hiking Society: <https://americanhiking.org/>
- Appalachian Long Distance Hikers Association: <https://aldha.org/>
- Pacific Northwest Trail Association: <https://www.pnt.org/>



Camping Association

- American Camping Association (For youth Summer camps): <https://www.acacamps.org/>
- National Association of RV parks and Campgrounds: <https://www.arvc.org/>
- [HikingandBackpacking.com](https://www.hikingandbackpacking.com/organizations.html): <https://www.hikingandbackpacking.com/organizations.html>



Hunting Organizations

- Whitetails Unlimited: <https://www.whitetailsunlimited.com/>
- Quality Deer Management Association: <https://www.qdma.com/>
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation: <https://www.rmef.org/>
- National Wild Turkey Foundation: <https://www.nwtf.org/>
- Ducks Unlimited: <https://www.ducks.org/>
- Pheasants Forever: <https://pheasantsforever.org/Hunt/pheasant-hunting.aspx>



Online Venues

- [meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com)
- [craigslist.com](https://www.craigslist.com)
- [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) groups
- [AmericanPreppersNetwork.Com](https://www.AmericanPreppersNetwork.Com)



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