



## TRACKING STEP BY STEP... JHPTS - VISUAL TRACKING AND TRAINING INC.

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# 2024 TRACKING COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

**Date:** June 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Time:** 08:00 a.m., Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> through 2:00 p.m., Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** Army Guard Readiness Center, 3894 WY-130, Laramie, WY 82070

**Course Cost:** \$ 450.00 payable to Albany County Sheriff's Search & Rescue  
- \$100 deposit required to reserve space in this class, due by 5/27/2024.

Mail deposit and registration to: : Albany County Sheriff's Search & Rescue - c/o Dan Hutchison -  
5112 Post Rd Laramie WY 82070.

### **Meals & Accommodations:**

Meals included: Snacks and drinks will be provided Friday through Sunday 2:00pm. Lunch will be provided for Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Dinner will be catered on Friday evening and served at one of the local establishments on Saturday. Breakfast is on your own.

There is a list of hotel / motel accommodations attached.

There are NO prerequisites for this training presentation. This tracking course is open to all persons with tracking interests regardless of previous experience or training and will focus on primary training for beginning or novice student interests. This will be a certification course for all eligible students. All tracking students will be provided training at an appropriate level for their development and upward progress.

**Course Content:** This will be a 24 hour course beginning at 8:00 am Friday June 7<sup>th</sup> with registration and lecture including power point presentation to provide Novice and Basic tracker understanding of training methodology, techniques and procedures. The presentation supports field training by providing student understanding of training methods, manner and objectives. "Tracking" is a first response primary search resource used to verify witness statements, establish the "PLS", direction of subject travel and following the physical evidence to the missing person. Field training will allow "student tracking team" experimentation and "hands-on" practice of fundamental tracking techniques. Novice students will progress from initial identifying a print, to "step-by-step" every track concept of following an identified sign line and practical tracking team response.

This is a "skill development" training program for Apprentice and Journeyman Tracker students. Students at these levels have acquired Basic Tracker understanding and will be introduced to practical tracking techniques and applications necessary to become a viable resource for SAR missions. Students at all training levels will be individually challenged with additional advanced tracking concepts and techniques. Journeyman Tracker students will be provided advanced training objectives working with Novice and Apprentice students and separately in simulated actual SAR and law enforcement mission scenarios.

**Please bring to this training course your current training manual and tracking logs. Should you anticipate challenging the certification board for advancement: Please advise your trainer in advance so that person may prepare a recommendation and your training records; you must bring your personal tracking and training logs and records.**

**Student Needs:** Students should be physically fit and equipped for SAR field response. Field practice will continue during any inclement weather, students should be properly prepared with wet/dry, cold/hot weather gear. Knee pads may be helpful. Students need to bring a pen/pencil, note pad, small measuring tape, 5/8 inch doweling or similar, 36 to 40 inches long, with three



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rubber bands to use as a tracking stick and a three cell flashlight. Signed copies of Joel's book are available by direct contact with Joel at [Joel@jhardin-inc.com](mailto:Joel@jhardin-inc.com)

**Registration:** Students must pre-register by 5/27/2024 for this course with a \$100 deposit. If you have any questions regarding the class or class location, please Dan Hutchison at (307) 760-8060 or by email at [dhutchwyo@gmail.com](mailto:dhutchwyo@gmail.com). Send your deposit to: Albany County Sheriff's Search & Rescue - c/o Dan Hutchison – 5112 Post Rd Laramie Wy 82070. Pre-registered students failing to attend this course without a reasonable excuse will be assessed the \$100.00 service fee.

**Sponsor Information:** This course is sponsored by Albany County Sheriff's Search & Rescue and Wyoming State Trackers. All interested law enforcement and SAR volunteer personnel are invited to attend.

### Lodging Options:

Google Laramie Lodging for many options and pricing.

Town of Laramie	Location	Phone
AmericInn & Suites	4712 Grand Ave, Laramie	745-0777
Quality Inn & Suites	3420 Grand Ave, Laramie	721-8856
Best Value Inn	523 South Adams St, Laramie	721-8860
Best Western Inn & Suites	1767 N Banner Rd, Laramie	745-5700
Comfort Inn	1655 Centennial Dr, Laramie	742-6665
Days Inn	1368 N McCue St, Laramie	745-5678
Econo Lodge	1370 N McCue St, Laramie	745-8900
Fairfield Inn	1673 Centennial Dr, Laramie	460-2100
Gas Light Motel	960 N 3rd St, Laramie	399-6176
Hampton Inn	3715 Grand Ave, Laramie	742-0125
Hilton Garden Inn	2229 Grand Ave, Laramie	745-5500
Holiday Inn	204 S 30th St, Laramie	721-9000
Larmie Valley Inn Hotel	1104 S 3rd St, Laramie	742-4200
Motel 6	621 E Plaza Ln, Laramie	742-2307
Motel 8	501 Boswell Dr, Laramie	745-4856
Budget Inn	2313 Soldier Springs Rd, Laramie	460-9999
Super 8	1987 Banner Rd, Laramie	223-5230
Travel Inn	262 N 3rd St, Laramie	745-4853
Travelodge	421 Boswell Dr, Laramie	742-3721

RV:

Camping <https://rjourney.com/locations/wy/laramie/laramie-rv-resort-llc/>

Camping at Fair Grounds: <https://www.albanycountyfair.org/514/Camping-and-Overnight-Boarding>



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### TRAINING COURSE REGISTRATION

**Course Applicant:** Please complete this form and send via email attachment or regular mail to:

**Course Location:** Laramie Wyoming \_\_\_\_\_

**Course Date:** June 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 \_\_\_\_\_

**Course Name:** Tracking \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Prov/State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Postal Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Group/Unit/County:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current JHPTS Certification** *(please check one)* (you may double click on the appropriate square and change the default value from Not Checked to Checked)

New Student                       Basic Tracker                       Apprentice Tracker

Journeyman Tracker                       Sign Cutter

Deposit Enclosed \$100.00       Tuition Fee Enclosed      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant: Please note any requests, dietary needs or questions that you have and wish a response from the contact person.

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