



2024 TRACKING COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

JOEL HARDIN PROFESSIONAL TRACKING SERVICES

Date: May 31 – June 2, 2024

Time: 08:00 a.m., Friday, May 31, 2024 through 2:00 p.m., Sunday, June 2, 2024

Location: Camp Sanders, Sanders, Idaho (North Idaho, south of CDA, north of Moscow)

Course Cost: \$370 payable to Idaho State Trackers, PO Box 166, Palouse, WA 99161
- \$100 deposit required to reserve space in this class, due by May 10, 2024.

Meals & Accommodations Site: Dormitory style accommodations are provided at Camp Sanders Thursday through Saturday nights. Classroom, meals and meetings will be at the camp. Meals and snacks are provided from Thursday dinner through Sunday lunch.

Field Training Site: Field training site will be at McCroskey State Park, approximately 6 miles from the camp. We will be driving or carpooling from the camp to the field training site. Portable restrooms will be provided at field training site. Please be prepared for carpool travel to field training site.

Prerequisites: 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.

Target Audience: *Law Enforcement officers and other first responder officials-including Search And Rescue* – this course will focus and feature on a new awareness for official first responders called: to human death scenes where bodies are discovered; burglaries; stalking incidents; trespass incidents; fish & game violations in the field; etc. The most numerous clues as to what happened is the physical evidence which explains – who was there – why, when, how, where. Let us help you to become aware of and identify that evidence which is the most overlooked, misinterpreted, misunderstood, and unrecognized.

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Course Content: This will be a 24 hour course beginning at 8:00 am Friday May 31 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 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

Registration: Students must pre-register by May 10 for this course with a \$100 deposit. If you have any questions regarding the class or class location please contact Marvin Pillers at (509) 595-1126 or by email at marvinpillers@gmail.com. Send your deposit to: Idaho State Trackers - c/o Marvin Pillers - PO Box 166, Palouse, WA 99161. 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 Idaho State Trackers Association. All interested law enforcement and SAR volunteer personnel are invited to attend.



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TRAINING COURSE REGISTRATION

Course Applicant: Please complete this form and send via email attachment or regular mail to:
Marvin Pillers, Box 166, Palouse, WA 99161 – marvinpillers@gmail.com before May 10, 2024

Course Location: Camp Sanders – Sanders, Idaho

Course Date: May 31 – June 2, 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 \$_____

Accommodations: I will utilize: Bunk Room RV Parking Place (Dry) Tent Camping Spot

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

Directions to Camp Sanders – On US 95, Go south from Coeur d’Alene, Idaho approximately 50 miles, or from Moscow, Idaho go north approximately 35 miles. At Milepost 375.5, turn east on Sanders Road and drive approximately 2 miles to Camp Sanders on the left side of the road. Cellular phone coverage in the area is spotty with Verizon, usually good with AT&T.

