

JOEL HARDIN PROFESSIONAL TRACKING SERVICES
TRACKING COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT
ALL TRACKER TRAINING LEVELS

Location: LUSK, WYOMING

Date: June 6, 7, 8 2008

Class Room Location: Niobrara County Fairgrounds, West Hiway 20, Lusk, WY

Time: (registration 8:00 am) class 9:00 am Friday, June 6, until mid-afternoon Sunday, June 8

Tuition: Before 5/10/08: \$260; After 5/10/08: \$300. \$50 deposit required (payable to Niobrara County SAR). Balance due Friday, June 6, 8:00 a.m.

Meals & Accommodations: Meals will be provided: Friday and Saturday lunch and supper; Sunday lunch; also, breakfast items, juice, and coffee each morning.

Lodging will be on your own. The following motels are offering a discount to members of this class. BE SURE TO TELL THEM YOU ARE COMING FOR THE SEARCH AND RESCUE TRAINING when making reservations.

Covered Wagon Motel 1-888-338-2836

Town House Motel 1-866-550-2376

or visit www.luskwyoming.com for more information on lodging

Rawhide Motel 1-888-679-2558

Best Western Pioneer 1-307-334-2640

Course Content:

There are NO prerequisites for this tracking training opportunity for all interested persons. This course will especially address the attention and needs of Novice and Basic Tracker training level students, as well as incorporate the upward progressive tracking techniques of Apprentice and Journeyman training levels

This will be a 24 hour course beginning Friday morning, June 6th at 8:00 am, with registration and introductions, followed by a classroom presentation to provide Novice and Basic tracker understanding of training mythology, techniques and procedures. This 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 follow 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 initially 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 course for Apprentice and Journeyman level tracking students. Students at this level 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.

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. 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. All students previously issued training manuals are asked to bring these manuals.

Registration:

Pre-register with Brian Zerbe at zerbtb@vistabeam.com or 307-334-3462. A \$50.00 deposit is required. Make checks payable to Niobrara County SAR, and mail to Brian Zerbe 1197 N. VanTassell Rd., Lusk, WY 82225. Please include your return address and e-mail. If one check is sent for a group, please include all names for your group.

Sponsor information: This course is sponsored by Niobrara County Search and Rescue & Citizen's Corp., and Rocky Mountain Trackers

TRAINING COURSE REGISTRATION

Course Applicant Please complete this form and send via email attachment or regular mail to the listed course contact person.

Course Location:

Course Date:

Course Name:

Students Name:

Mailing Address:

City:

Prov/State:

_____ **Zip Code/Postal Code:** _____

Phone #:

(____) _____ **Group/Unit/County:** _____

E-Mail Address

Current JHPTS Certification *(please check one)*

New Student

Basic Tracker

Apprentice Tracker

Journeyman Tracker

Sign Cutter

Deposit Enclosed

\$ **50.00** _____

Tuition Fee Enclosed

\$ _____

Applicant: This space provided for you to note or request any elements or questions that you might have and wish the contact person to respond.
