



JOEL HARDIN PROFESSIONAL TRACKING SERVICES

TRACKING COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT ALL TRACKER LEVELS

At
MCCALL, IDAHO

- Date:** September 12, 2008 through September 14, 2008
- Location:** Pilgrim Cove Camp - 1075 Plymouth Rd, McCall, Idaho
- Time:** 8:30 a.m., Friday, – through – 2:00 p.m. Sunday,
- Tuition:** \$ 310.00 payable to, Idaho Mountain SAR, 2519 Federal Way, Boise, Idaho 83705
Includes Lodging-Thursday through Saturday and Meals-Friday morning through Sunday noon

Meals & Accommodations: Students must pre-register for this course with a \$50 deposit to provide for tuition, meals and lodging. Course tuition, meals and lodging will be provided at the camp for total cost of \$310.00. Students failing to attend the course after pre-registering will be assessed a \$50 (deposit) fee for service provisions if they do not have a reasonable cause.

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 Friday, September 12, 2008 at 8:30am with registration and lecture including power point presentation to provide Novice and Basic tracker understanding of training mythology, 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.

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. Joel will have copies of his book, "TRACKER" for student purchase for \$20.00.

Registration

Students must pre-register for this course with a \$50 deposit to provide for tuition, meals and lodging arrangements. Please contact Don Green at 208-634-3042 or send email to dag57@frontiernet.net to pre-register. Pre-registered students failing to attend this course without a reasonable excuse will be assessed the \$50.00 deposit.

Sponsor Information

This course is sponsored by the Idaho Mountain Search and Rescue Unit. IMSARU invites all interested law enforcement and SAR volunteer personnel to attend.