



## TRACKING STEP BY STEP... JOEL HARDIN PROFESSIONAL TRACKING SERVICES

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### TRACKING COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

**Date:** May 29, 30, 31, 2009

**Time:** 08:00 a.m., Friday, May 29 through 2:00 p.m., Sunday, May 31 - (Breakfast at 7:00 am)

**Location:** Camp Sanders, mile post 375.5 on Highway #95. Sanders is approximately 50 miles south of Coeur d' Alene, Idaho, or 35 miles north of Moscow, Idaho. Signs posted at highway.

**Course Cost:** \$275.00 payable to Idaho State Trackers, P.O. Box 166, Palouse, WA 99161 - \$100 deposit required to reserve space in this class, due by May 8.

**Meals & Accommodations:** Dormitory style accommodations are provided Thursday through Saturday nights. Meals and snacks are provided from Thursday evening through Sunday lunch.

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 May 29<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.

**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 purchase, \$20.00.

**Registration:** Students must pre-register by May 8, 2009 for this course with a \$100 deposit. If you have any questions regarding the class or class location please contact Annie Pillers 509-878-1418 or by email at [apillers@gmail.com](mailto:apillers@gmail.com) Send your deposit to: Idaho State Trackers - c/o Annie 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 (ISTA). ISTA invites all interested law enforcement and SAR volunteer personnel to attend.



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**TRAINING COURSE REGISTRATION**

**Course Applicant: Please complete this form and send via email attachment or regular mail to:  
Idaho State Trackers – c/o Annie Pillers – PO Box 166 – Palouse, WA 99161 – apillers@gmail.com**

**Course Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Course Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Student 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                      \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_                       Tuition Fee Enclosed                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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