



JHPTS Visual Tracking 2021 TRACKING COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

Dates of Training: August 17-22, 2021

JHPTS Visual Tracking and Jefferson Valley SAR will be sponsoring a combined tracking training course to include Training Field Management, Advanced Tracking Training and Basic Tracking Training.

BASIC TRACKING COURSE: (August 20-21) This course is a regularly scheduled 24-hour sanctioned training for all tracking levels, including Novice and Basic 1-2 levels. Class will begin at 0800 on Friday, August 20th until 1400, Sunday, August 22nd.

TFM/ADVANCED TRACKING COURSE: (August 17-19/22) Students must have a minimum of **JHPTS Basic Certification to attend this portion of the course.** Class will begin at 0800 on Tuesday, August 17th until 1700 Thursday, August 19th. Students will have the option of continuing on through instructor training and/or participating in the Basic Tracking Course. Students should be a minimum of Basic Certification. This training will concentrate on bringing all trainers, designated trainers, and Lead Trackers up to date on JHPTS Visual Tracking policy changes, certification procedures, and methodology in presenting JHPTS Visual Tracking.

Location: Both courses will be at the same facility - **Indiana University Geological Site, Cardwell, MT**, (633 S Boulder Rd, Cardwell, MT 59721)

Course Cost: Is \$350.00. For this fee, according to their time off and availability, the student has several options:

- Attend the 24-hour Basic Tracking Course
- Attend the 24-hour Training Field Management (TFM)/Advanced Tracking course
- Attend the 24-hour TFM/ADV course and attend the 24-hour Basic Course as a tracking student
- Or attend the TFM/ADV and Basic Course as an instructor/trainer student

Return a completed application to Marcus Lemasters, 7390 Racing Moon Landing, Chincoteague, VA 23336, with deposit or full payment. Payment may also be made through the JHPTS website.

Meals & Accommodations: Dormitory style accommodations are available August 16th through August 22nd for all students. Student must provide their own bedding and towels. Meals and snacks are provided from August 17th through 22nd lunch unless otherwise arranged. **Students must “sign in” on roster for meals and lodging accommodations.**

BASIC TRACKING COURSE: is open to all participants and interested Novices. 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.



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This will begin with registration and lecture including PowerPoint 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 studying to learn to "see" sign to identifying a print via the five points drawing of the print, to simple aging of the sign, to "step-by-step" every track concept of following an identified sign line as a member of a practical tracking team.

This is a "skill development" training opportunity 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, skills books, and tracking logs.

Should you anticipate challenging the certification board for advancement: Request a copy of the "JHPTS Visual Tracking Certification Process," and follow the directives given. Students must initiate the process in writing to their Lead Tracker, Designated Trainer, or any JHPTS Visual Tracking Signcutter or Instructor.

Student Needs: All 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, notepad, 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.

Registration: Students must pre-register by July 30, 2021 for either of these two courses with a \$100 deposit. If you have any questions regarding the class or class location please contact Marcus Lemasters, mlemaste@gmail.com. Pre-registered students failing to attend this course without a reasonable excuse will be assessed the \$100.00 service fee.

Law Enforcement students will be able to sign a separate roster for documenting continuing education hours. Signcutter Kathleen Decker will be coordinating LE paperwork, training and activities.

Sponsor Information: Primary sponsor is JHPTS Visual Tracking and secondary sponsor/site liaison is Jefferson Valley SAR.



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TRAIN-THE-TRAINER and ADVANCED TRACKER TRAINING COURSE
August 17-22, 2021 at the
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Course Applicant: Please complete this form and send via email attachment or regular mail to:
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Course Location:	Indiana University Geological Site, Cardwell, MT	
Course Date:	August 17-22, 2021	
Course Name:	TRAIN-THE-TRAINER and Advanced Tracker Training Course	
Student Name:		
Mailing Address:		
City:		
Prov/State:	Postal Code:	
Phone #:	Group/Unit/County:	
E-Mail Address:		
Current JHPTS Certification	<i>(please check one)</i> (you may double click on the appropriate square and change the default value from Not Checked to Checked)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic Tracker Level 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Apprentice Tracker
	Journeyman Tracker	<input type="checkbox"/> Sign Cutter
<input type="checkbox"/> Deposit Enclosed \$100.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuition Fee Enclosed \$_____	
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