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# 24-HOUR TRACKING COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

**Date:** September 25, 26, & 27, 2026

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. Friday, September 25 through 2:00 p.m., Sunday, September 27

**Location:** CYO Camp Howard, 11010 SE Camp Howard Road, Corbett, Oregon.

**Course Tuition:** $**480** payable to Pacific Crest Trackers Association,
c/o PCTA, 2689 Ojai Drive NW, Salem, Oregon 97304

**NOTE:** An ***Early-Registration Discounted Tuition*** in the amount of **$450** is offered as Full-Tuition Registration, when received No Later Than Wednesday September 2, 2026.

Full Tuition or a $100 Deposit payment is required to reserve space in this course, due No Later Than Wednesday, September 9, 2026.

*** **PCTA Member Discount:** $5 off either Early-Bird or Full Tuition for current PCTA members.

A PayPal payment option is available.
Should you prefer to use the PayPal option, please include $10.00 to cover the PayPal fee for a $100 deposit.
Should you have questions regarding the PayPal option, please email pacificcresttrackers@gmail.com.

**Meals & Accommodations:** Dormitory style accommodations, in camp cabins, are provided Thursday, September 24 (4:00 p.m. check in) through Sunday, September 27 afternoon (2:00 p.m. check out).
Meals and snacks are provided from Friday, September 25 breakfast. through Sunday, September 27 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. Students are not required to be a SAR member or affiliated with any organization to participate.

**Course Content:** This will be a 24-Hour Course beginning at 8:00 a.m. Friday, September 25 with registration and lecture including PowerPoint presentations to provide Novice and Basic tracker understanding of training methodology, techniques and procedures. The presentation will support field training by providing student understanding of training methods, manner and objectives that 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.

In-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 the "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 Journeyman and Apprentice 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, Basic, and Apprentice students and separately in simulated actual SAR and law enforcement mission scenarios.

**Target Audience:** Law Enforcement officers and other first responder officials-including Search And Rescue – this course will focus on and feature 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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**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
- ✓ 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
- ✓ a three-cell flashlight
- ✓ a container for carrying water into the field.

Bring your current training manual and personal tracking logs to this training course.

***** Should you desire 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.

Request for certification challenging must be received No Later Than Wednesday, August 5, 2026.

All necessary paperwork must be received by the lead trainer No Later Than Wednesday, August 12, 2026.

*****Tracker Certification/Recertification Information*****

This course is an excellent opportunity for trackers to keep their JHPTS Tracker Certification updated.

**Sponsor Information:** This course is sponsored by Pacific Crest Trackers Association.

All interested parties are invited to attend. Students are not required to be a SAR member or affiliated with any organization to participate.

**Registration:** To reserve space in this course, students must pre-register No Later Than Wednesday, September 9, 2026 by submitting Full Tuition or a $100 deposit.

Once you have completed your registration form, please Email it to Michael Black: pacificcresttrackers@gmail.com or by mail to 2689 Ojai Drive NW, Salem, Oregon 97304

**Deposit/Tuition:** send to Pacific Crest Trackers Association - c/o PCTA, 2689 Ojai Drive NW, Salem, OR 97304.

Pre-registered students failing to attend this course without a reasonable excuse will be assessed the $100.00 service fee.

If you have questions, need further information regarding the course or course location please contact Michael Black by email at pacificcresttrackers@gmail.com.

**Note:** Signed copies of Joel Hardin's book–*TRACKER* are available by direct contact with Joel at Joel@jhardin-inc.com

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# 24-HOUR TRACKING COURSE REGISTRATION

**Course Applicant:** Please complete this form and send via email attachment or regular mail to:
Michael Black at pacificcresttrackers@gmail.com
or mail to 2689 Ojai Drive NW, Salem, OR 97304.

**Course Location:** CYO Camp Howard, 11010 SE Camp Howard Road, Corbett, OR 97019

**Course Date:** Friday, September 25 (8:00 a.m.) to Sunday, September 27, 2026 (2:00 p.m.)

**Course Name:** 24-Hour JHPTS–Sanctioned Tracking Course

**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
*Required to hold your spot*

☐ Tuition Fee ($480) Enclosed:$_____ ***Early-Registration Tuition ($450)***

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

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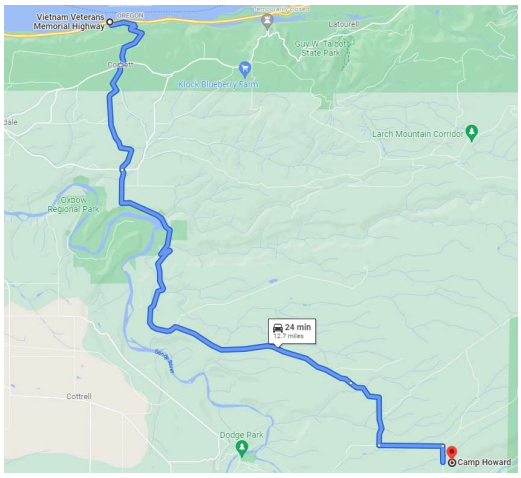
**Camp Howard** is located near Sandy, Oregon and is accessible from both I-84 and Highway 26.
11010 SE Camp Howard Road, Corbett, OR
GPS Location: UTM 10T 0563465E / 5032592N

## From I-84

- Proceeding East on I-84
- Exit I-5 (Exit 28) and Proceed South on Corbett Exit/NE Corbett Hill Road toward NE Rasmussen Road
- Continue to follow NE Corbett Hill Road [est. 1.4 miles]
- NE Corbett Hill Road turns slightly right and becomes Historic Columbia River Highway
- At Springdale, stay to the right on Hurlburt Road and Continue on Hurlburt Road until you reach the flashing red light
- Turn right onto SE Gordon Creek Road. When you see the sign, on your left, for Trout Creek Bible Camp, you will be 5 miles from Warriner Road. (Gordon Creek Road changes to Bull Run Road at the county line)
- When Bull Run Road makes a sharp right-hand turn (15 mph sign), turn left onto Warriner Road and proceed 1 mile
- Turn Right at the big "Camp Howard" sign and go .2 miles down the gravel road. The Camp Entrance is on the left.




## From Sandy, Oregon

- Turn from OR Highway 26 in Sandy onto SE Ten Eyck Road. Proceed north
- Continue on SE Ten Eyck Road [1.5 miles]
- Take the Sharp Left to Stay on SE Ten Eyck Road [1.4 miles]
- Turn Right onto SE Bull Run Road [3.0 miles]
- Continue straight onto SE Warriner Road [1.0 miles]
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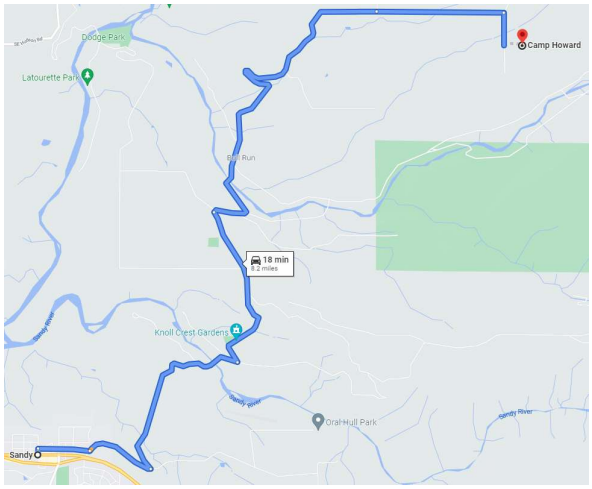

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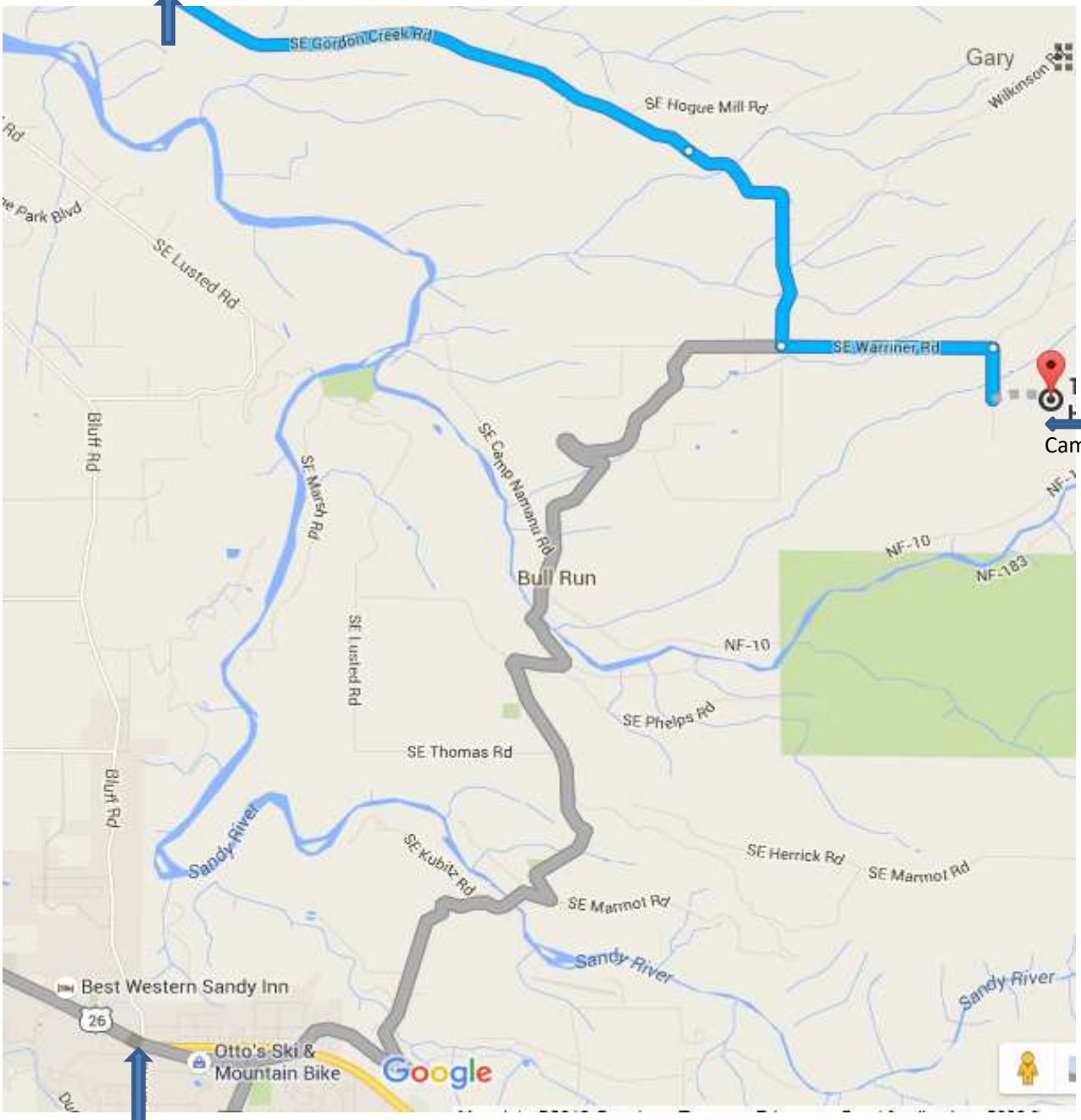


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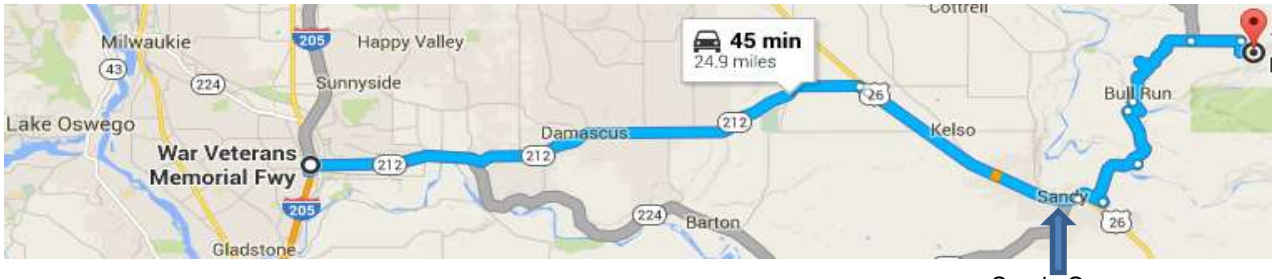


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