



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

### VISUAL TRACKING AND TRAINING, INC. COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

**Date:** April 22-24, 2016    **Time:** 08:00 a.m., Friday, 22nd through 2:00 p.m., Sunday, 24th

**Location:** Hunting Ridge Retreat, Frederick County, Virginia    (<http://www.fbcwinc.org/ministry/hrr/>)

**Directions:** North/east of the City of Winchester, Virginia, at the intersection of the Route 37 Bypass and VA Route 522 North (Northwestern Pike) go west on Northwestern Pike (Rt 522) 4.6 miles, turn right onto Hunting Ridge Road (Rt 608) and go north 1.8 miles, 1011 Hunting Ridge Road is on the left.

**Course Cost:** \$380.00 - payable to Tracking Resources-Atlantic Coast, Inc (TRAC) Attn: Marcus Lemasters, Secretary/Treasurer, 2730 Back Mountain Road, Winchester, VA 22602. \$100 deposit required to reserve space in this class, due by March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**Meals & Accommodations:** Bunkroom style accommodations are provided Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> through Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> nights. Meals and snacks are provided from Friday Breakfast 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 April 22nd 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.

**Please bring to this training course your current training manual, skills books, and tracking logs. Should you anticipate 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.**

**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, 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 March 26, 2016 for this course with a \$100 deposit. If you have any questions regarding the class or class location please contact Marcus Lemasters at 540-535-9619 or by email at [mlemaste@gmail.com](mailto:mlemaste@gmail.com) Send your deposit to: Tracking Resources-Atlantic Coast - c/o Marcus Lemasters – 2730

Back Mountain Road, Winchester, VA 22602. 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 Tracking Resources-Atlantic Coast (TRAC). All interested law enforcement and SAR volunteer personnel are invited to attend.

