



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

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2016 TRACKING COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: May 17, 18, 19, 2016

Time: 1:00 P.M., Tuesday, May 17th through 5:00 p.m., Thursday, May 19th

Location: Cowlitz County Conference Center – 1900 – 7th Ave., Longview, WA 98632

Course Cost: \$275.00 payable to JHPTS, 136 Lee Rd, Harpster, ID, 83552
- \$100 deposit required to reserve space in this class, due by May 9th, 2016.

Meals & Accommodations: No lodging or meal accommodations are provided. Students are referred to the WASAR web site: www.wasarcon.org "2016 WA State Search and Rescue Conference," for camping and motel recommendations. JHPTS will provide some fruit, snacks and water in the field as well as coffee for the classroom.

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. 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 1:00 PM Tuesday May 17th 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, Basic 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. 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 two or three cell flashlight.

Registration: Students must pre-register by May 9th, 2016 for this course with a \$100 deposit. If you have any questions regarding the class or class location please contact **Dick Wilker at (425) 736-9512 or by email at dickwilker97@gmail.com. Send your deposit payable to: JHPTS - c/o Dick Wilker – 136 Lee Road Harpster, ID 83552.** Pre-registered students failing to attend this course without a reasonable excuse will be assessed the \$100.00 service fee.
Students may use the PayPal banking system to pay deposit and full tuition to account: Joel@jhardin-inc.com.

A Student pre-registration form is attached and follows this course announcement and informational form for your use.

Sponsor Information: This course is sponsored by JHPTS/VTATI in conjunction with WASAR sponsored by Cowlitz County Sheriff & SAR. All interested law enforcement and SAR volunteer personnel are invited to attend.

Driving Directions: From I-5 north or south – take the Allen Street exit west or to the right into Kelso/Longview – cross over the river bridge (now you're in Longview) and turn left onto Main St. go to Washington Street, (across from the Sheriff's Office/Cowlitz Co Jail) turn right and go to 7th Ave and turn left the Conference Center is on your left.

Or after crossing the river bridge continue onto Catlin Street and watch for 7th Ave (about 4 blocks) and turn left and continue to the Conference Center.

Once you arrive at the Conference Center park in the parking lot and watch for signs to the JHPTS TRACKING COURSE.

If you have arrival problems or issues call Joel at 360-319-9002.



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TRAINING COURSE REGISTRATION

Course Applicant: Please complete this form and send via email attachment or regular mail to:

JHPTS, c/o Dick Wilker, 136 Lee Road, Harpster, ID 83552
dickwilker97@gmail.com

Course Location: **WASAR Conference, Kelso, WA**

Course Date: **May 17th-19th, 2016**

Course Name: **TRACKING**

Student Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

Prov/State: _____ Zip Code/Postal Code: _____

Phone #: (____) _____ Group/Unit/County: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Current JHPTS Certification *(please check one)* Applicant may use the PayPal banking system to pay to: Joel@jhardin-inc.com.

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.

