



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

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### 2016 TRACKING COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

**Date:** 8/19/16 – 8/21/16

**Time:** 08:00 a.m., Friday, 8/19/2016 through 2:00 p.m., Sunday, 8/21/2016

**Location:** Lazyman Lodge

**Course Cost:** \$300 payable to RVSAR PO Box 684 Sheridan, MT 59749  
- \$100 deposit required to reserve space in this class, due by July 29 2016.

**Meals & Accommodations:** Dormitory style accommodations are provided Thursday through Saturday nights. No cost for the rooms. Bring your own bedding. Bathrooms and Showers are available. There are 18 beds at the lodge. There is room for self contained campers and tents. Upper Canyon Outfitters also has rooms available if anyone is interested. Phone # is 406-842-5775. They are about 3 miles from the Lazyman Lodge. Meals and snacks are provided from Friday morning through Sunday noon.

Lazyman Lodge is located about 28 miles south of Alder, MT on Upper Ruby River Rd (NF 100). Go past the Ruby Reservoir and follow the signs for the Vigilante Ranger Station. Lazyman Lodge is one mile past the ranger station on the left.

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 8/19/2016 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 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 July 29 for this course with a \$100 deposit. If you have any questions regarding the class or class location please contact Dave Reintsma at (406) 594-3287 or by email at dreintsma@rubyhabitat.org Send your deposit to: RVSAR - c/o Tracy Christensen - PO Box 684, Sheridan, MT 59749. 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 RVSAR. All interested law enforcement and SAR volunteer personnel are invited to attend.



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**TRAINING COURSE REGISTRATION**

**Course Applicant: Please complete this form and send via email attachment or regular mail to the listed course contact person. (See JHPTS website for course contact person.)**

**Course Location:** Lazyman, 28 miles south of Alder \_\_\_\_\_

**Course Date:** Aug 19-21 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Prov/State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code/Postal ode:** \_\_\_\_\_

**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 \_\_\_\_\_  Tuition Fee Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Accommodations:** If accommodations are provided for this class please check the appropriate box.

I will utilize:  Bunk Room  RV Parking Place  Tent Camping Spot

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

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