



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

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2017 TRACKING COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT Sponsored by White Earth Tribal and Community College

Date: April 24-28, 2017

Time: 08:00 a.m., Monday, April 24, 2017 through 2:00 p.m., Friday, April 28, 2017

Location: YMCA Hayo-Went-Ha Camps, 1380 East Arbutus Lake Rd., Traverse City, MI 49686

Course Cost: \$150 for Tribal Law Enforcement Officers and \$450 for all others payable to White Earth Tribal and Community College, PO Box 478, Mahanomen, MN 56557
- \$100 deposit required to reserve space in this class, due by April 8, 2016.

Meals & Accommodations: Dormitory style accommodations are provided Sunday through Thursday nights. Meals and snacks are provided from Monday breakfast through Friday Lunch.

This will be a dual level training course inviting JHPTS certified Basic Tracker Level 3's Apprentice and Journeyman Trackers to attend the "Advanced Tracker" training presentation; and all other interested persons with no previous law enforcement or search and rescue experience, Novice Trackers and Level 1 & 2 Basic Trackers to attend the Basic Tracker training presentation. Both Training levels will run simultaneously and both will focus on law enforcement officer initial response and investigation of possible criminal misconduct incidents and crime scenes.

There are NO prerequisites for the Basic Tracker portion of this training presentation. This tracking course level is open to all persons with tracking interests regardless of previous experience or training. All tracking students will be provided training at an appropriate level for their development and upward progress.

Course Content: Basic Tracker Training Level. This will be a 46 hour course beginning at 8:00 am Monday April 24th, 2017 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.

Advanced Tracker Training Level: 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 and law enforcement initial response and investigations. Advanced Trackers will locate and examine scenes, preserving, documenting and presenting tracking evidence, while working simulated crime scenes. Additionally students at this level will be learning training methodologies, evaluating students, and presenting their knowledge and skill.

Student Needs: Students should be physically fit and equipped for SAR & law enforcement 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 April 8th, 2017 for this course with a \$100 deposit. If you have any questions regarding the class or class location please contact Steven Dahlberg at 218-935-0417 x 312 or by email at sdahlberg@wetcc.edu. Send your deposit to: White Earth Tribal and Community College - c/o Steven Dahlberg – PO Box 478 Mahnomon, MN 56557. 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 White Earth Tribal and Community College. All interested law enforcement and SAR volunteer personnel are invited to attend.