



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

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2017 TRACKING COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: May 19 – May 21, 2017

Time: 08:00 a.m., Friday, May 19th through 2:00 p.m., Sunday, May 21st.

Location: Kootenai Christian Service Camp. See attached Directions.

Course Cost: \$340.00 Made Payable to Lake County Sheriff's SAR, 106- 4th Ave East, Polson, MT 59860 ATTN: Jared Bell phone 406-261-4886. There is a \$100.00 Deposit required for pre-registration due by 5/10/17.

Meals & Accommodations: Bunk style accommodations are provided May 18th through June 21th nights. Meals and snacks are provided from breakfast on Friday, May 19th through lunch on Sunday, May 21st.

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, May 19th 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.

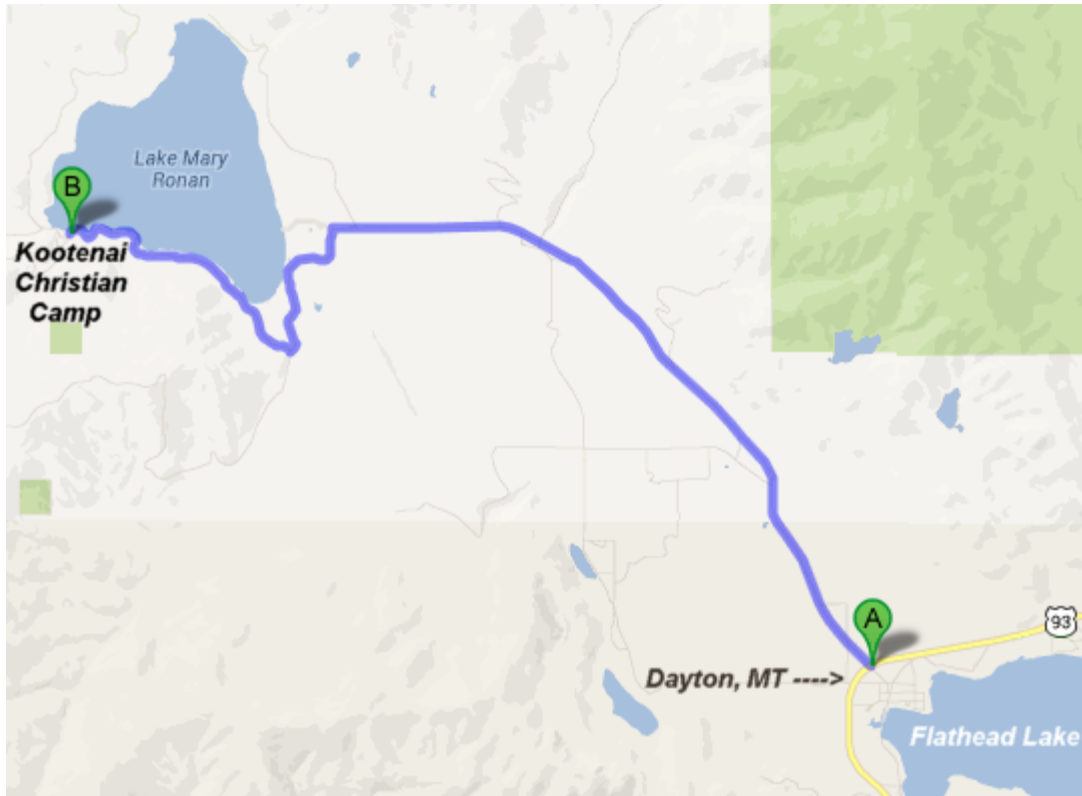
Student Needs: Students should be physically fit and equipped for SAR field response. Field practice will continue during any inclement weather, students should be properly prepared with wet/dry, cold/hot weather gear. Knee pads may be helpful. Students need to bring a pen/pencil, note pad, small measuring 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.

Registration: Students must pre-register by May 10th, 2017 for this course with a \$100 deposit. If you have any questions regarding the class or class location please contact Jared Bell ph. #406-261-4886 or email searchandrescue15@gmail.com. Please send your deposit to Lake County Sheriff's Office 106 4th Ave East Polson MT, ATTN: Jared Bell ph. # 406-261-4886

Pre-registered students failing to attend this course without a reasonable excuse will forfeit their \$100.00 deposit.

Sponsor Information: This course is sponsored by Lake County Sheriff SAR and Tracking Unit. All interested law enforcement and SAR volunteer personnel are invited to attend.

Directions to Course Location:



To get to Kootenai Christian Camp, you have to get to Highway 93 in Western Montana first. Assuming you've gotten that far, here's how you get to the camp.

As you travel Highway 93 on the west shore of Flathead Lake, you'll come to the town of Dayton. Turn off to the west on the Lake Mary Ronan Highway (point "A" on the map). After about 6 miles (5.9 according to Google Maps) turn left on the Camp Tuffit road, which means turning off of the pavement onto a gravel road. It's a short distance up a relatively steep hill and then you'll turn left onto the West Shore Road. If you come to Camp Tuffit, you missed the turn. Now stay on the West Shore Road for about 4 miles, and you'll come to Kootenai Christian Camp (point "B").



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TRAINING COURSE REGISTRATION

Course Applicant: Please complete this form and send via email attachment or regular mail to: Email to searchandrescue15@gmail.com or mail to Lake County Sheriff's Office 106 4th AVE EAST Polson, MT 59860 ATTN: Jared Bell

Course Location: Kootenai Christian Service Camp

Course Date: May 19th – May 21, 2017

Course Name: Tracking – All Levels

Student Name:

Mailing Address:

City:

Prov/State: _____ **Zip Code/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 _____ Tuition Fee Enclosed \$ _____

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

I will utilize: Bunk Room Tent Camping Spot

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

