



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

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2017 TRACKING COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: June 9, 10, 11, 2017

Time: 8:00 am Friday, June 9, until 2:00 pm Sunday, June 11

Classroom Location: Niobrara County High School, 702 West 5th St., Lusk, WY

Course Cost: Before May 21st: \$340; After May 21st: \$380. \$100 deposit required (payable to Niobrara County SAR). Balance due Friday, June 9, 8:00 a.m. Cost includes \$220 for tuition, \$120 for 8 meals, snacks, water.

Meals & Accommodations: Meals will be provided: Friday and Saturday lunch and supper; Sunday lunch; also, a light breakfast, juice, and coffee each morning. **Lodging will be on your own. The following motels are offering a discount to members of this class. BE SURE TO TELL THEM YOU ARE COMING FOR THE SEARCH AND RESCUE TRAINING when making reservations. *Covered Wagon Motel* 1-888-338-2836, *Trail Motel* 1-307-334-2530, or *Rawhide Motel* 1-888-679-2558, or visit www.luskwyoming.com for more information on lodging. There are two places for campers in town, with full hook-ups (\$32/night): BJ's 1-307-334-2314, Prairie View 1-307-334-3174. Camping is available, with restrictions, on-site, if self-contained and no fires. Check for details when registering for the class.

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 Friday morning at 8:00 am, with registration and introductions 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 3 rubber bands to use as a tracking stick & a three cell flashlight. Joel will have copies of his book, "TRACKER" for \$20.00.

Registration: Students must pre-register for this course with a \$100 deposit. If you have any questions regarding the class or class location please contact Brian or Tracianne Zerbe at (307)334-3462 or by email at zerbtb@vistabeam.com. Send your deposit to: Niobrara County SAR - c/o Brian Zerbe – 1197 N. VanTassell Rd, Lusk, WY 82225. **Please include your return address and email.** If one check is sent for a group, please include all names and emails for your group. 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 Niobrara County Search and Rescue. 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:
Niobrara County SAR – c/o Brian Zerbe – 1197 N. Van Tassell Rd, Lusk, WY 82225
zerbtb@vistabeam.com – (307) 334-3462**

Course Location: Lusk, Wyoming _____

Course Date: June 9-11, 2017 _____

Course Name: JHPTS Tracking Class _____

Student Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

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

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

E-Mail Address: _____

Current JHPTS Certification *(please check one)*

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.

