



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

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### 2017 WETCC TRACKING COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT HOOT OWL CAMP

**Date:** October 9-13, 2017

**Time:** 08:00 a.m., Monday, October 9, 2017 through Friday, October 13, 2017

**Location:** Hoot Owl Resort, 10449 Hoot Owl Lake Road, Waubun, MN 56589

**Course Cost:** \$150 for Tribal Law Enforcement Officers and \$550 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.

**Meals & Accommodations:** Meals and lodging are included in registration fee. Each lodge also has a complete kitchen for your use. Lodging is available from Sunday, October 8th through the afternoon of October 13th. Meals will be provided from Monday breakfast through Friday lunch.

**This will be a basic tracking training course focused on law enforcement officer initial response and investigation of possible criminal misconduct incidents and crime scenes.**

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. All tracking students will be provided training at an appropriate level for their development and upward progress.

**Course Content:** This will be a 46 hour course beginning at 8:00 am Monday October 9, 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.

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. 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.

**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



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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.

**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**

**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 Alfred Fox by email at: [threefiretrackers@gmail.com](mailto:threefiretrackers@gmail.com) . Send your deposit to: White Earth Tribal and Community College - c/o Tammy Bellanger – PO Box 478 Mahanomen, 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.

**Directions:** Hoot Owl Resort is located either 24 miles east of Waubun, MN on Highway 113 or 16 miles north of Park Rapids, MN on Highway 71 then 16 miles west on Highway 113. Fliers should book flights to and from Fargo, ND. We can arrange pick-up and delivery from there. Driving time is about 1.5 hours, so plan accordingly. Please communicate with Alfred Fox before booking flights, so we can coordinate pick-ups as much as possible. (Map available upon request – contact Dick Wilker at [dick@jhardin-inc.com](mailto:dick@jhardin-inc.com))



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**TRAINING COURSE REGISTRATION**

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

Tammy Bellanger  
White Earth Tribal and Community College  
PO Box 478  
Mahnomon, MN 56557  
Email: [tbellanger@wetcc.edu](mailto:tbellanger@wetcc.edu)  
Fax: 218-935-0417

**Course Location:** Hoot Owl Resort, 10449 Hoot Owl Lake Road, Waubun, MN 56589

**Course Date:** October 9-13, 2017

**Course Name:** Basic Law Enforcement Tracking Course

**Students Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**Phone #:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ **Group/Unit/County:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fee Enclosed** \$100 Nonrefundable required. Total cost for Tribal Law Enforcement Officers - \$150; All others - \$550. This fee includes the course expenses, meals, and lodging. Make check payable to: **White Earth Tribal and Community College.**

Applicant: This space provided for you to note or request any elements or questions that you might have and wish the contact person to respond.

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