



## 2018 Camp Sanders course Summary

5/18/2018

Another successful course in the books!

Even though the course started with a downpour Thursday night and all day Friday, it did not dampen the spirits of this group. Sixteen students lead by Julie Balch and supported by Dan Scovel and Mark Culp, were determined to work through what Mother Nature was dishing out. Although it started very wet, the sun took over for most of Saturday and Sunday so students were able to witness substantial change in the sign ageing process which was fun to work with. Student certifications ranged from first course Novice to Sign Cutter and everything in between, with the farthest distance traveled award going to the 5 person Canadian team led by Laurie.

No boarding for certification upgrades occurred at this course, but we communicated to the Novice trackers on the Canadian team that they should push themselves to board for Basic at the next class (assuming they keep up the work at the current pace). If they are successful we will welcome them to the Basic level. Laurie has done a nice job giving direction, setting expectations and the results in the field reflect those efforts.

Ageing is always on our list to work with, and thanks to Marv, there was opportunity to work sign that was 7, 5 and 3 days old for part of the students to work. This was fantastic and an opportunity to add to the list of asking the course sponsor if this is an option in the future they can help with (just a thought).

The Sheriff from Latah County stopped in Saturday evening and visited the group, and from all indications is a supporter of the tracking program and the local team. Nice job team!

It was a great course and experience once again.

Thanks to all of you that help to make this happen!

Dan Scovel