



TRACKING STEP BY STEP... JHPTS - VISUAL TRACKING AND TRAINING INC.

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2018 TRACKING COURSE ANOUNCEMENT

Date: 8/17/18 – 8/19/18

Time: 08:00 a.m., Friday, 8/17/18 through 2:00 p.m., Sunday, 8/19/18

Location: Indiana University Geological Site, Cardwell MT

Course Cost: \$380 payable to David Reintsma, 86 Braach Ln, Sheridan MT 59749 \$100 deposit required to reserve space in this class, due by 8/3/18.

Meals & Accommodations: Dormitory style accommodations are provided Thursday through Saturday nights. Bring your own bedding. Meals and snacks are provided from breakfast on Friday through lunch on Sunday.

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.

Directions: Take the Cardwell exit off of I-90, exit 256. Head south on Highway 359 for about 5 miles. Turn right onto S Boulder Rd. Indiana University Geological Station is about 6 miles up the road on your left. 633 S Boulder Rd, Cardwell MT 59721.

Course Content: This will be a 24 hour course beginning at 8:00 am Friday 8/17/18 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



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rubber bands to use as a tracking stick and a three cell flashlight. Copies of Joel's book, "TRACKER" may be available for purchase, \$20.00.

Registration: Students must pre-register by 8/3/18 for this course with a \$100 deposit. If you have any questions regarding the class or class location please contact Dave Reintsma at (406) 594-3287 or by email at dreintsma@madisoncountymt.gov. Send your deposit to: Jefferson Valley SAR - c/o Dave Reintsma - 86 Braach Ln, Sheridan, MT 59749. 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 Jefferson Valley SAR. 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: dreintsma@madisoncountymt.gov

Course Location: Cardwell, MT

Course Date: 8/17-19/2018

Course Name: Tracking

Student Name:

Mailing Address:

City:

Prov/State: **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 \$_____

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