

Siskiyou County SAR Tracking Team Training Schedule – 2017

Siskiyou County SAR began developing a Tracking Unit in 2013 by providing specialized training based on the Joel Hardin Professional Tracking Services program (JHPTS). jhardin-inc.com Two of our SAR members were certified at the Basic Tracker level in 2014.

In-House training will start again this year, and because of regional interest, neighboring counties are invited to participate. Classroom training will be at the Armory in Yreka, 1712 Fairlane Road, first building on the right at the main entrance to the fairgrounds. This training is open to all SAR volunteers and interested law enforcement personnel. Training presented is progressive and will cover all JHPTS Basic Tracker training modules.

Starting in March training will be held on the fourth Saturday of each month and continue through October. Training for all Saturday-only classes will be from 0900 to 1700 hrs and will include both indoor and outdoor training. The level for this training will be for Novice and Basic trackers.

Two 16 hour weekend classes will occur over two days and include night tracking on Saturday. Exact times will be determined at a later date. Training focus for both weekend classes will be for Apprentice and Journeyman level JHPTS trackers. Novice and Basic students who have participated in the Saturday-only classes are invited to participate.

Students must contact Jo Peterson at jo@sisqtel.net before attending so plans can be made to provide appropriate training, and additional instructors if necessary. All training will be provided by JHPTS Visual Tracking and Training qualified Instructors and will conform to the JHPTS standards.

Training Schedule:

March 25	Basic Tracker Modules BT 1, BT 8, BT 10	7 hours
April 22	Review Basic Tracker Training Manual	7 hours
May 27	Basic Tracker Modules BT 2, BT 9, BT 11	7 hours
June 24	In-House weekend class	16 hours
July 22	Basic Tracker Modules BT 3, BT 7, BT 12	7 hours
August 26	Basic Tracker Modules BT 4, BT 5, BT 6	7 hours
September 23	Basic Tracker Modules BT 13, BT 14, BT 15	7 hours
October 28	In-House weekend class	16 hours

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 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 for night tracking.