



Tracking Step by Step... Joel Hardin Professional Tracking Services

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2015 TRACKING COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: September 18th, 19th, and 20th 2015

Time: 08:00 a.m., Friday, September 18th through 2:00 p.m., Sunday, September 20th.

Location: Buckhorn Methodist Camp, west of Fort Collins, CO. (see map)

Course Cost: \$400.00 payable to LCSAR, Mail to Joe Sciacca, 3651 Little Dipper Drive, Ft. Collins, CO. 80528. A \$100 deposit required to reserve space in this class, due by August, 28th.

Meals & Accommodations: Bunkhouse style accommodations are provided Friday evening through Saturday nights. **Towels, bedding or sleeping bags are required.** Meals and snacks are provided from Friday breakfast through Sunday lunch. Note, Students arriving Thursday evening add \$25.00. There is no meal service available for Thursday evening. Contact Joe Sciacca 303-883-6130 for more information.

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

Registration: Students must **pre-register by August 28th, 2015** for this course with a \$100 deposit. If you have any questions regarding the class or class location please contact Joe Sciacca at (303-883-6130) or by email at jsciacca@larimercountysar.com. Send your deposit to: **LCSAR- c/o – Joe Sciacca** 3651 Little Dipper Drive, Fort Collins, Co. 80528. 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 **LARIMER COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE**. All interested law enforcement and SAR volunteer personnel are invited to attend.



Directions to Buckhorn Camp

Buckhorn Camp is located in the mountains west of Fort Collins. To drive to the camp from I-25 take the Highway 14 Exit (269B) and head west into Fort Collins.

- Turn North on US 287 (College Avenue) and follow it as it swings west out of town. Do not take the US 287 Exit to Laramie, but continue 2 miles to LaPorte; look for a rustic restaurant called Vern's on your right.
- Turn west at this intersection and cross the Cache La Poudre River and drive through Bellvue.
- Continue west (uphill) through scenic Rist Canyon for approximately 12 miles.
- When you reach the top of a steep winding section of road, (the Buckhorn Camp sign is on your left) turn south.
- Follow this road for another ½ mile to a closed gate. Don't be fooled by the gates appearance, it isn't locked and is not intended to keep our guests out - just the neighbors cows in! Combination is written on the key pad.
- You're almost there so don't give up now, you only have another 2 miles to go.
- Take this last section slowly as it is scenic and in some places rough and narrow.
- Keep on the lookout for wildlife and other travelers. It is wise to allow 1 hour from Fort Collins to reach Buckhorn Camp.
- Check in will be at the old Buckhorn lodge (Large older log building in the middle of camp) lodging information will be there on counter for Thursday evening late arrivals.

Resort has shared cabins with bunk beds and showers **bedding or sleeping bag is required.** <http://www.buckhorncamp.org/>



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TRAINING COURSE REGISTRATION

Course Applicant: Please complete this form and send via email attachment or regular mail to: jsciacca@larimercountysar.com or LCSAR- c/o – Joe Sciacca 3651 Little Dipper Drive, Fort Collins, Co. 80528.

Course Location: Buckhorn Methodist Camp, west of Fort Collins, CO.

Course Date: September 18th - 20th, 2015

Course Name: Tracking

Student Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

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

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 \$ _____

Accommodations: If accommodations are provided for this class please check the appropriate box.

I will utilize: Bunk Room RV Parking Place Tent Camping Spot

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