

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

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TRACKING COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT – ALL TRAINING LEVELS

Course Sponsor: Flathead County Search and Rescue

Date: September 18-20, 2009

Location: Loon Lake 4H Camp, 1243 Loon Lake Rd, Bigfork, MT

Directions: The Loon Lake camp is located close to Ferndale MT. Coming from south bound Hwy 83 you will turn west (left) on MT Hwy 209. Head west on Hwy 209 and turn south (left) on to S. Ferndale Dr. Continue on S. Ferndale Dr. and it will turn into Crane Mountain Rd. Continue south to Loon Lake Rd and turn left, follow this road and signs into Loon Lake 4H Camp. If you are coming from Hwy 93, take Hwy 82 East to Hwy 35 and turn right. Stay on Hwy 35 south to Hwy 209. Head west on Hwy 209 and turn south (left) on to S. Ferndale Dr. Continue on S. Ferndale Dr. and it will turn into Crane Mountain Rd. Continue south to Loon Lake Rd and turn left, follow this road and signs into Loon Lake 4H Camp. Here is a link for a printable map.

http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=Ferndale+Montana+and+4H+camp&ll=48.031494,-113.998775&sspn=0.055331,0.105228&ie=UTF8&ill=48.035971,-113.996029&spn=0.055326,0.105228&z=13

If you need additional directions contact Aaron Harrison at 406-270-8216 (cell)

Time: 8:00 a.m., Friday September 18 -through 1:00 p.m. Sunday September 20th.

Course Cost: \$300.00 student tuition. Payable to Flathead County Search and Rescue.

Registration: A \$100.00 pre-registration fee, by August 15th, is necessary to attend this course! Please send payment to Flathead County Search and Rescue in c/o Kim Gilmore, PO Box 358, Kalispell, Montana 59903. Contact Aaron Harrison via email: ahfrontier@centurytel.net and/or 1-406-270-8216

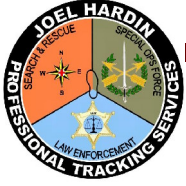
Meals and Lodging: This covers the class fees, all meals from Friday – Sunday and lodging. Please bring sleeping bag, pillows, blankets or what ever you deem necessary for sleeping. All that will be provided is a mattress and bed. Showers are done in a male and female “shower buildings”. Please bring a towel, washcloth, shampoo or whatever you deem necessary as hygiene products.

This tracking course is open to all interested persons. No previous tracking training or experience is required. Training will be presented at all levels. Training presented will be designed toward professional response and participation in search and rescue and law enforcement incidents.

Course Content: This will be a 24-hour course beginning Friday, September 18, at 8:00 a.m. with student registration, introduction and classroom lecture, including a power point presentation, to provide Novice and Basic tracker with an understanding of the training program’s origin, development history, practices, procedures, student evaluation and training level certifications, and learning to see sign. The presentation will support the hands-on field training by providing students with understanding of basic tracking fundamentals and methodology. “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 the “step-by-step” every track concept of following an identified sign line and to practical tracking team response. Emphasis will be focused on helping students to see and understand elementary sign and then to apply that capability to “practical use” search effectiveness. Students having previously achieved Basic Tracker certification may be asked to assist with demonstrations and practical use examples of tracking as a primary search resource.

Apprentice/Journeyman training level students will be individually and jointly challenged with additional tracking concepts and techniques including classroom lecture period featuring topics such as: Obtaining Mission Critical Information; Responding to Law Enforcement Issues; Crime Scene Examinations; Note Taking and Report Writing. Students at this level will be challenged with realistic SAR and law enforcement mission simulations.

Student Needs: Students should be physically fit and equipped for SAR field response. Field practice will continue during any inclement weather and students should be properly prepared with wet/dry, cold/hot weather gear. Students need to bring a tracking stick or a 5/8 dowel, 3 O-rings that fit a 5/8 dowel, pen/pencil, field note pad, knee pads and/or chaps, tape measure, low intensity flashlight and a small day pack.



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TRAINING COURSE REGISTRATION

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

**Flathead County SAR - c/o Kim Gilmore, PO Box 358, Kalispell, Montana 59903.
ahfrontier@centurytel.net**

Course Location: _____

Course Date: _____

Course Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

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

Phone #: (____) _____ **Group/Unit/County:** _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Current JHPTS Certification *(please check one)*

New Student (or Novice) Basic Tracker Apprentice Tracker

Journeyman Tracker Sign Cutter

Deposit Enclosed \$**100.00** _____ Tuition Fee Enclosed \$ _____

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