



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

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Date: October 2nd, 3rd & 4th 2009

Location: Covington, Georgia (FFA Camp – www.georgiaffacamp.org)

Time: 8:00 a.m., Friday, – through – 2:00 p.m. Sunday

Tuition: \$385.00 payable to Georgia Trackers Alliance. Includes; tuition, lodging (bunk-style accommodations), and eight meals. (3 meals Friday and Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday.)

Meals & Accommodations: Students must pre-register by August 14, 2009 for this course with a \$100 tuition deposit. Mail your deposit to Mark Young at 10408 Big Canoe, Jasper GA, 30143.

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. This class will focus on primary training for beginning or novice student interests however. This will also 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 8:00am Friday October 2nd with registration and lecture beginning at 8:30. This includes a presentation to provide Novice and Basic trackers an 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 initially identifying a print, to following every track, "step-by-step", along an identified sign line and practical tracking team response.

This is a "skill development" training program for Apprentice and Journeyman Tracker students too. 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.

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. Students need to bring a pen/pencil, note pad, small measuring tape, 5/8 inch doweling or similar, 36 to 40 inches long, with two rubber bands to use as a tracking stick and a three D-cell flashlight, a sleeping bag to place on your bunk bed and normal toiletry items including a bath towel. Joel will have copies of his book, "TRACKER" for student purchase for \$20.00 and Jack Kearney's book "Tracking – a blueprint for learning how" on for \$10.

Registration

As indicated above, students must pre-register. If you have any questions regarding the class or class location please contact Mark Young at 770-560-4553 or email at markjyng@cs.com. Pre-registration must be sent in form of check or money order made out to "Georgia Trackers Alliance".

Sponsor Information

This course is sponsored by the Georgia Trackers Alliance (GTA). GTA invites all interested law enforcement and SAR volunteer personnel to attend.