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PACIFIC NORTHWEST TRACKERS

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## SAR TRAININGS

### Joel Hardin Professional Tracking Services

Tracking Course Announcement  
All Trackers Welcome  
at  
Camp Koinonia, WA

Date: August 11-13, 2006

Location: Camp Koinonia, Cle  
Ellum,

WA, I-90 exit 78

Time: 8:30 AM Friday, August 11  
through 2:00 PM Sunday,  
August 13

Cost: \$175.00 plus \$110. for meals  
and lodging for a total of  
\$285.00 payable to Pacific  
Northwest Trackers. A \$50.00  
pre- registration deposit must  
be received by August 1st to  
reserve each student position

in  
this course.

Contact: Dick Wilker at:

[j.wilker@comcast.net](mailto:j.wilker@comcast.net) or  
425-739-2673 for additional  
information. Mail registration/course  
checks to 10513 NE 32nd Place, H  
106, Bellevue, WA 98004. No  
"tuition only" option available for this  
class.

There are no prerequisites for this  
training; all interested persons are  
invited to attend. Novice students will  
progress from initial identifying a  
print, to "step-by-step" every track  
concept of following an identified  
sing line and practical tracking team  
response. This is also a "skill  
development" training program for  
Apprentice and Journeyman level

## MEMBERS KING COUNTY SAR WASHINGTON STATE



### IN TOWN OL DUTY ROSTER

*Note: OL change is 6:00 PM  
Wednesday evening.*

June	7	—	John
June	14	—	Dick
June	21	—	Joe
June	28	—	John
July	5	—	Dick
July	12	—	Joe
July	19	—	John
July	26	—	Dick

tracking students. Students at all  
training levels will be individually  
challenged with additional advanced  
tracking concepts and techniques.

Students should be physically fit  
and equipped for SAR field response.  
Field practice will continue during  
inclement weather, so student should  
"dress for weather". Also, students  
need a pen/pencil, note pad, small  
measuring tape, tracking stick and  
three-cell flashlight.

The camp has bathrooms w/showers  
and cabins, bring your own bedding.  
Meals begin with breakfast Friday  
morning prior to course start.

## PNWT DATES

June 12 — KCSARA Mtg.  
June 13 — PNWT Unit Mtg.  
June 18 — PNWT Unit Training  
June 20 — KCSARA Ldrs. Mtg.

July 10 — KCSARA Mtg.  
July 11 — PNWT Unit Mtg.  
July 16 — PNWT Unit Training  
July 16-18 — Joel Hardin Prof.  
Training at Eureka, Montana  
July 19 — KCSARA Ldrs. Mtg.  
July 21-23 — Joel Hardin Prof.  
Training at Lake Stanley, Idaho

August — No PNWT Unit  
Meeting this month

Aug. 11-13 — PNWT sponsors Joel  
Hardin Professional Training course

Sept. 7 PNWT Board Mtg.  
Sept. 11 KCSARA Mtg.  
Sept. 12 PNWT Unit Mtg.  
Sept. 17 PNWT Unit Training  
Sept. 19 KCSARA Ldrs. Mtg.

*To RSVP for PNWT trainings,  
contact Training Chair Dick Wilker.  
For UTS classes, check UTS web  
site listed on page 2.*

### 2006 Missions

June 10 — Mission 06-1591 in  
Woodinville for 13 yr. old boy,  
mental age of 7. Missing since  
afternoon. Located around 11:00 AM  
at friend's house.

## PNWT UNIT MEETING

*Five members attended our May 9 meeting. This meeting was hosted by Miller's.*

PNWT meets on the second Tuesday of the month, at 1900 hours; usually, at the KCSO facility at Boeing Field (7300 Perimeter Road), but sometimes in member's homes.

### Announcements:

- 1) The loss of Deputy Jim McMeins.
- 2) Metrocal automatic pages now working

### President: John

- 1) Ldrs. Meeting: Captain Mitzi Johanknecht is now head of Special Ops, Captain Booker has moved on to a job outside of KCSO. We also have a new Sgt.
- 2) ESAR commented on recent search where lost subjects incorrectly reported their gps location; default setting was wgs84, but SAR uses nad27.
- 3) Any confusion about directives during a mission should be cleared up through the duty officers.
- 4) Any labor and industries first aid class is acceptable for SAR certification, but you need to get pathogens class in addition.
- 5) John found an online source of unit business cards.

### Vice President: David Doll

David is working a letter to the Bellevue Fire Dept. about using one of their facilities for unit meetings.

### KCSARA: David Doll

Many changes in KCSO staffing, which has led to discussion about leadership. President Chris Madden asked units to list concerns. Trackers have no issues to address.

### Membership: Dick

None of the novices from our 2006 membership class have continued with our program.

### Training: Dick

- 1) May training cancelled; Mother's Day weekend plus upcoming State Conference.
- 2) Joel Hardin is teaching pre-conference Tracking class.

### 2006 SAR Conference: Dave Hamilton

Dave is in charge of camping registration. While 1,200 participants were expected, only 700 have now registered. This means a significant shortfall in revenue.



### KCSARA NEWS

*see David Doll's report in our unit minutes.*

### New Business:

- 1) Board is considering controlled dissolution of the unit this fall. The active membership is too small to continue the unit.
- 2) It was suggested we make up special patches to commemorate the unit's Silver Anniversary this year: 1981 - 2006.

**Adjournment:** 2030 Hours

## TRACKING/SAR LINKS

### PNWT HOMEPAGE

<http://www.PacificNWTrackers.com>

### King County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue:

e-mail: [KCSARA@metrokc.gov](mailto:KCSARA@metrokc.gov)  
 web site: <http://www.metrokc.gov/sheriff/sar1.htm>  
 Membership Info: 206-205-8218

### King County SAR Volunteers:

*(KCSARA's community and member resource)* <http://www.kcsara.org>

### Universal Tracking Services:

<http://www.utstrackingservices.com/index.html>

### Joel Hardin Professional Tracking Services: <http://www.jhardin-inc.com>

### North Idaho Trackers

<http://www.northidahotrackers.org>

### 2006 PNWT BOARD

**President:**  
John MacDuff

**V. President:**  
David Doll

**Treasurer:**  
Dick Wilker

**Secretary:**  
Carolyn Miller

**Member at Large:**  
Dave Hamilton

**KCSARA Reps:**  
Dave Doll

**Training:**  
Dick Wilker

**Membership:**  
Dick Wilker

**Newsletter:**  
Carolyn Miller