

UBT TRACKFEST 2018

April 13-15, 2018, EDMOND, OK



United Blood Trackers is holding a three day **Blood Tracking Workshop on April 13-15, 2018**, at the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation Building at Arcadia Lake in Edmond, OK, which is on the north edge of Oklahoma City. This workshop is for both beginning and advanced handlers, as well as anyone else interested in learning more about the use of tracking dogs for the recovery of wounded big game.

United Blood Trackers will offer evaluations of tracking dogs at UBT-I, UBT-II, and UBT-III levels on Friday, April 13, 2018. To sign up and for more information about evaluation requirements go to our website www.unitedbloodtrackers.org. If you would like to enter a dog in any of the offered tests, preregistration is required, and you can register online.

On Saturday, April 14, we will be holding the popular Hit Site Evaluation Seminar. This simulation, with the use of a roadkill deer, will focus on determining where you have hit the deer, reading sign at the hit site as well as reading sign along the trail in order to develop the proper strategy for tracking that particular animal with or without a dog.

On Sunday, April 15, we will have a presentation on Canine First Aid in the Field.

Other topics that will be covered in this seminar are:

- * How to interview hunters before taking the call
- * The nature of scent
- * European tracking techniques
- * On lead and off lead tracking
- * The handler's relationship with a tracking dog
- * Equipment- what is in my tracking bag?
- * Line handling
- * GPS use and Phone Apps
- * Early conditioning of tracking dogs
- * Addressing problems in training and tracking

Demonstrations in the field will be focused on reading a tracking dog and improving handling skills.

The workshop instructors will be UBT Judges Andy Bensing (PA), Cheri Faust (WI), Larry Gohlke (WI), Jerry Gregston (OK), Cliff Shrader (LA) and other experts in the field.

Keynote speakers will be UBT Judge JJ Scarborough (MS) and Marianne Jacobs (Luxembourg)

Canine First Aid topic will be presented by Dr. Bryan Wright (OK).

ATTENDANCE FEES*

1. Friday No attendance fee. UBT-I, UBT-II and UBT-III evaluations day. All spectators welcome. Any dog can be entered.

UBT-I	\$50
UBT-II	\$75
UBT-III	\$100

1. Saturday & Sunday

Participant	\$75 per day
2nd Person in a household	\$50 per day

*Online registration closes **April 3, 2018**. Mailed in registrations MUST BE RECEIVED (not postmarked) by April 3, 2018 also. Anyone trying to register after April 3, 2018 will have to register on the day of the event and will be charged a \$25.00 late fee.

MEALS

Donuts and coffee will be available at venue/continental breakfast at both hotels. Catered lunches on Friday, Saturday, Sunday.

- Thursday evening - on your own, but we suggest "The Garage" just a couple of blocks from hotels at 601 S Bryant in Edmond.
- Friday evening- we have a large room (seats 60) reserved at Alfredo's Mexican Restaurant at 3409 S Broadway in Edmond. Separate orders and checks, but we'll all be in one reserved room. Awesome fellowship and food!
- Saturday evening - The First Ever UBT/OK BBQ! The best BBQ in the state is at Texlahoma BBQ and we have the entire BBQ joint reserved for UBT. Buffet will include 4 meats and all the fixins. Cost is \$25. Note: we can adjust time, but we are thinking 7pm each evening.

All restaurants are less than 10 miles from hotels.

LODGING: There is no parking available for RVs

Hotels: Main Hotel (pet friendly) LaQuinta Suites-Edmond

200 Meline Dr, Edmond, OK 73034, 405-513-5353
Suites (choice of bed(s)) \$94 per night/ Group:Trackfest

Additional Hotel (no pets) Fairfield/Marriott-Edmond

301 Meline Dr, Edmond, OK 73034 405-341-4818
Suites(choice of bed(s)) \$99 per night/Group:Trackfest

The hotels are just 5 miles from the venue, and less than 10 miles from all evening meal locations.

Camping Info: UBT has lakeside sites reserved in the Spring Creek campground on Arcadia Lake. To reserve a site, msg or text Jerry Gregston (580-467-6006) by March 16 with cell number and arrival date. Group: Trackfest/Rate \$20 per night. Check in and payment made with attendant at gate of campground. Directions to campground see below.

Venue: Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation Building on the south side of Arcadia Lake in Edmond, OK (on the north edge of OKC) (23 miles from Will Rogers World Airport).

FAMILY ATTRACTIONS close by:

National Cowboy Hall of Fame Museum
Remington Park (quarter horse racing)
OKC Zoo

DIRECTIONS

From Will Rogers World Airport (OKC) to venue: (23 miles)

As you exit airport follow signs and take I-44 East to I-35 North to the Memorial Rd exit (#138D) Go east two miles to Midwest Blvd (stop sign) Then north one mile on Midwest Blvd, road ends at facility (watch for signs).

From Will Rogers World Airport (OKC) to hotels: (23 miles)

As you exit airport follow signs and take I-44 East to I-35 North to the US77-SH66 exit (#141). Go west over interstate, hotels are on west side of I-35.

From I-35 in Edmond to Spring Creek Campground:

Take the US77-SH66 exit (#141) from I-35. Go east on SH66 (which is 2nd st) And watch for signs for Spring Creek campground-turn south to gate.

From hotels to workshop venue: (5miles)

Go south on I-35 to the Memorial Rd exit (#141). Go east on Memorial to Midwest Blvd (stop sign). Turn north on Midwest one mile. Road dead ends at venue. Watch for Trackfest signs.

From hotels to The Garage-Thurs night: (2 blocks)

Go west on SH66 (also called 2nd St) to Bryant St, then turn south to 601 S Bryant.

From hotels to Alfredo's-Fri night: (6 miles)

Go south on the I-35 service road to 33rd Ave (about 2 miles). Go west on 33rd (3 miles) and just after you cross Broadway, Alfredo's is on your left at 3409 S Broadway. Ask for Trackfest group in private dining room.

From hotels to Texlahoma BBQ-Sat night: (5 miles)

Get on I-35 and go north to Waterloo exit (#146). Take Waterloo west (2+ miles) to 121 E Waterloo. Restaurant is on north side of Waterloo in a shopping center.

DISTANCES

Edmond, OK is:

10 miles from downtown OKC
23 miles from Will Rogers World Airport
100 miles from Tulsa, OK
147 miles from Wichita, KS
219 miles from Dallas, TX
338 miles from Little Rock, AR
645 miles from Baton Rouge, LA
1335 miles from Reading, PA
1497 miles from Berne, NY

Trackfest 2018 Registration Form

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Are you a UBT member _____

Are you on Facebook _____

	Fri 04/13		Sat. 04/14		Sun 04/15		subtotal
Attendance							
Participant	no charge	+	\$75	+	\$75	=	_____
2nd Household Member	no charge	+	\$50	+	\$50	=	_____
Saturday night dinner			\$25 per person			=	_____
						=	_____
Test Entries							
UBT-I					\$50	=	_____
UBT-II					\$75	=	_____
UBT-III					\$100	=	_____
					TOTAL	=	_____

You can register online at www.unitedbloodtrackers.org and pay with paypal OR send a check payable to United Blood Trackers and registration form to Cheri Faust, 601 Engelhart Drive, Madison, WI 53713, cherifaust@gmail.com. Online registration closes April 3, 2018. Mailed in registrations MUST BE RECEIVED (not postmarked) by April 3, 2018 also. Anyone trying to register after April 3, 2018 will have to register on the day of the event and will be charged a \$25.00 late fee. Late Registrants may not receive all handouts due to the lead time necessary to prepare all materials.

Questions:

If you have any further questions, please contact
 Cliff Shrader (225-802-1957) or email: cshrader@bellsouth.net
 Jerry Gregston (580-467-6006) or email: jerrygregston@yahoo.com

*Everyone testing a dog must fill out the Dog Experience Questionnaire and submit it with their Registration Form. There will be limited space for dogs. Register early to ensure a spot.

Cancellations/Refund requests made **at least** two weeks prior to the event will receive a full refund. Cancellations/Refund requests made **less** than two weeks prior to the event will be penalized \$25.00.

Dog Experience Questionnaire

Please submit with your registration

Handler's Name _____

Dog's Name _____

Dog's Breed _____

Dog's Age _____

Does your dog work on lead _____ off lead _____ both _____

Has your dog ever tracked a wounded deer in real life? _____

If he has, how many times? _____

Has your dog ever been worked on an artificial training line? _____

If he has, how many times? _____

Please give a brief description of a typical training line that you have trained your dog on up to this point and specify any training problems you would like to work on (length and age of track, amount of blood, do you use tracking shoes, number of turns, etc.)
