

# UBT TRACKFEST

MAY 1-4, 2020, Twin Lake, MI



United Blood Trackers is holding a four day **Blood Tracking Workshop on May 1-4, 2020** at the Owasippe Boy Scout Reservation in Twin Lake, MI. This workshop is both for 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.

An added feature of this year's event on Friday, May 1, will be **Trackfest Dog Training** which will offer personalized in the field training for tracking teams of any level of experience. Handler/dog teams will be assigned to an experienced trainer who will lay a track and work with the team on specific needs or problems identified by the handler in the Dog Experience Questionnaire. Registration for Friday is done simultaneously with Trackfest registration, but is optional and the participants will be limited.

The Trackfest Workshop will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 2-3. On Saturday, we will be holding the popular Hit Site Evaluation Seminar and Walk in the Woods. 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.

United Blood Trackers will offer evaluations of tracking dogs at UBT-I, UBT-II, and UBT-III levels on Monday, May 4, 2020. To sign up and for more information about evaluation requirements go to our website [www.unitedbloodtrackers.org](http://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.

**Seminar topics include:**

- \*How to interview hunters before taking the call
- \*The nature of scent
- \*The handler's relationship with a tracking dog
- \*Line handling
- \*Early conditioning of tracking dogs
- \*How to read your tracking dog
- \*On lead and off lead tracking
- \*Equipment-What is in my tracking bag?
- \*GPS use in tracking and phone apps
- \*Addressing problems in training and tracking

Demonstrations in the field will be focused on reading a tracking dog and improving handling and obedience skills. The workshop instructors will be UBT Judges as well as other experts in the field.

Judges attending include: Andy Bensing(PA), Darren Doran(NJ), Cheri Faust(WI), Larry Gohlke(WI), Jerry Gregston(OK), Susanne Hamilton(ME), Marlo Ondrej(TX), Katie Sanderson(OK), JJ Scarborough(GA), Cliff Shrader(LA), Alan Wade(LA), Kyle Stiffler(MI).

**ATTENDANCE FEES\***

**FRIDAY** (registration/attendance is optional) Check-in time is 12:30PM  
Trackfest University Dog Training participant (handler/dog team) \$100

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY** Check-in time is Saturday, 8:00 to 9:00AM

Participant \$200 for two day workshop  
Second person in a household \$120 for two day workshop

**MONDAY:** No attendance fee. UBT-I, UBT-II, and UBT-III evaluations. Lunch will be catered.  
All spectators welcome, any dog can be entered.

UBT-I	\$50(member)	\$65(non-member)
UBT-II	\$75(member)	\$90(non-member)
UBT-III	\$100(member)	\$115(non-member)

(Testing the same dog for both I and II is not recommended as the UBT I's are run last.)

\*Online registration closes **April 15, 2020**. Mailed in registrations must be RECEIVED (not postmarked) by April 15, 2020. Anyone wanting to register after April 15 will have to register on the day of the event and there will be a \$25 late fee.

**MEALS:**

Light breakfast and coffee will be available at venue/free hot breakfast at hotel.

Catered lunches on Saturday, Sunday and Monday are included with registration.

Friday dinner-7pm: A special Meet N' Greet Welcome to Michigan Grill-Out will be held at the event site hosted by the Michigan tracking community.

Saturday dinner-7pm: The traditional Saturday dinner for Trackfest will be a catered buffet in a private banquet room. \$30 per person (paid with registration).

**LODGING:** (There is no parking available for RV's at hotel or event site.)

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**Hotel: Comfort Inn** (6.1 miles from event site)

2822 N Durham Rd

Whitehall, MI 49461 231-893-4833

Cost: \$71.99(\$35pet fee for entire stay + tax). Reference: United Blood Trackers

**Additional Hotel: White Lake Inn and Suites** (across the street from Comfort Inn)

2813 Colby Rd

Whitehall, MI 49461 231-894-0291 (no group rate)

**CAMPING:** (participants make their own reservations for camping)

Trailway Campground (8.4 miles from the event site)

4540 Dowling St

Montague, MI 49437 231-894-4903

Muskegon State Park (on Lake Michigan 18 miles from event site)

3560 Memorial Drive

N Muskegon, Mi 49445 231-744-3480

## **Event Venue: Owasippe Boy Scout Reservation Twin Lake, MI**

(Note: entering the name of the site will give directions in gps/maps)

### **DIRECTIONS:**

**From: Whitehall, MI (hotel):**

Go east on Holton Whitehall Rd (5.8miles) then turn north on Russell Rd  
(4.2miles), Owasippe Reservation will be on the east side of Russell Rd.

Phone contact on weekend of Trackfest: Eric Peterson / 616-773-0840

[onlyflyfish2@gmail.com](mailto:onlyflyfish2@gmail.com)

General Trackfest information: Jerry Gregston / 580-467-6006

[jerrygregston@yahoo.com](mailto:jerrygregston@yahoo.com)

### **DISTANCES:**

Event is:

65 miles from Gerald Ford International Airport

22 miles from Muskegon County Airport

6 miles from Whitehall, MI (hotel)

# TRACKFEST 2020 REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a UBT member? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you on Facebook? \_\_\_\_\_

<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>
Trackfest University Participant (5/1)	\$100 per handler/dog team		= _____
	Sat 5/2 & Sun 5/3	Mon 5/4	
Trackfest Participant	\$200	+ no charge	= _____
2 <sup>nd</sup> Household Member	\$120	+ no charge	= _____
Saturday night dinner	\$30 per person		= _____
<b>TEST ENTRIES</b>			
UBT-I	\$50(mbr)/\$65(nonmbr)		= _____
UBT-II	\$75(mbr)/\$90(nonmbr)		= _____
UBT-III	\$100(mbr)/\$115(nonmbr)		= _____
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>= _____</b>

**You can register online at [www.unitedbloodtrackers.org](http://www.unitedbloodtrackers.org) and pay with paypal/credit card OR**

Send a check payable to United Blood Trackers and registration form to Cheri Faust, 601 Engelhart Dr, Madison, WI 53713, [cherifaust@gmail.com](mailto:cherifaust@gmail.com). Online registration closes April 15, 2020. Mailed in registrations MUST BE RECEIVED (not postmarked) by April 15. Anyone registering after April 15 will have to register on the day of the event and will be charged a \$25 late fee. Late registrants may not receive all handouts due to lead time necessary to prepare materials.

## QUESTIONS:

If you have further questions, please contact

Jerry Gregston (580-467-6006) or email [jerrygregston@yahoo.com](mailto:jerrygregston@yahoo.com)

Eric Peterson (local host) (616-773-0840) or email [onlyflyfish2@gmail.com](mailto:onlyflyfish2@gmail.com)

Everyone testing a dog or registering for Trackfest University 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.

# DOG EXPERIENCE QUESTIONNAIRE

Please submit with your registration if testing or attending Trackfest University

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, use of tracking shoes, number of turns, etc.)

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