

# Southwest Tracking Association's **AKC Tracking Seminar**

with Carol Ruthenberg

AKC Executive Field Representative for Tracking



**When?** Saturday, August 12, 2017; **Cost?** \$30.00

**Where?** George Bush Park – Meeting Room  
16756 Westheimer Parkway, Houston, Texas 77082

This seminar meets the educational requirements for prospective, provisional and approved AKC Tracking Judges. It will also benefit club representatives interested in holding tracking tests, test chairs and secretaries, and track layers and exhibitors of all levels.

*This seminar is open to anyone interested in tracking. You do not have to be a judge or plan on becoming a judge to participate. The information will benefit anyone involved in the sport of tracking.*



Scent theory  
Tracking regulations -- all levels  
Plotting and judging -- all levels  
Club's responsibilities



Judges' responsibilities  
Applying to become a judge  
Miscellaneous topics of interest  
No demonstration dogs will be used

- \$30.00 AKC Seminar *(includes a light lunch)*
- \$15.00 2<sup>nd</sup> day Tracklaying Workshop – see info on back *(includes a light refreshments)*

Payment must accompany this registration form in order to hold your spot for the AKC Seminar and/or Tracklaying Workshop. Confirmation and complete information about agendas, schedules, etc. will be sent to you one week before the seminar.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Judge's #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Handler's level of tracking experience: (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Breed of Dogs: \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail registration form with check (payable to STA) by **August 1st** to:*

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# Southwest Tracking Association's Tracklaying Workshop

*Essential skills for laying training and test tracks  
from beginner to advanced levels.*



**When?** Sunday, August 13, 2017; **Cost?** \$15.00

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*“A tracklayer who doesn't know where the track is, within a few inches,  
is more of a liability than an asset.” -- Glen Johnson*



This workshop will cover the essential skills a tracklayer needs, whether designing a training program for your own dogs, laying practice tracks for someone else's dogs or laying a track at a test. NOTE: Classroom work will be done indoors, but we will spend some time outside in the fields around the meeting building. August in Houston is HOT! Please dress accordingly and leave your dogs at home. A few of our own dogs may be used for demonstration purposes.



A competent, confident tracklayer can be the difference between a pass or a fail.



- During practice, the tracklayer is major part of the dog/handler training process. In order for the handler to gauge their dog's progress, they must be able to rely on the tracklayer's skill.
- During pre-testing, the dog/handler team must be able to follow blind tracks. The handler must rely upon the tracklayer for feedback on how their dog is doing.
- During testing, the tracklayer must follow the guidelines laid out by the testing organization under the Judge's instructions.



Whether in practice, at a match or at a test, a good tracklayer must:

- be able to plot a track,
- be able to draw an accurate map of that track,
- know exactly where the track goes.



A good tracklayer is an invaluable contributor to the sport. You can't put on tests without them. No tests -- no titles. While the responsibilities of the tracklayer are great, the skills are relatively simple and easy to learn.



Use the registration form on the reverse to sign up for  
this Tracklaying Workshop and the AKC Tracking Seminar.

Questions? [kmilford@flash.net](mailto:kmilford@flash.net)