

Westmoreland County Obedience Training Club
2022 Winter Scent Work Class Schedule and Registration
All classes will be held at WCOTC Training Center
16 Potters Road, Delmont, PA 15626

START DATE: Tuesdays, Jan 4, 2022

6-7 pm Beginner

Instructor: Pat Finklestein, skylarhailey@gmail.com

Tuesdays, Jan 4, 2022

7:30-8:30 Beginner

Instructor: Linda Stiles, lindaestiles@gmail.com

Wednesday, Jan 5, 2022

5-6pm Advanced/Excellent

6-7pm Advanced/Excellent 7-8pm Novice 1-Session 2

Instructor: Milissa DeFloria camomisi@yahoo.com

BE SURE mark above which class you desire

Class sizes are limited. Class placements will be taken in the order registration forms with payment are received. Registrations must be received 1 week before the start of classes. **Please be ON TIME for your class.**

All Drop ins at 8pm Wednesdays, only

Drop in is not an option for beginners Price is \$15/class for non-member; \$6 for members

(Classes maybe rescheduled due to weather conditions)

To register, please mail this form with payment made out to WCOTC to:

Joyce Perrone, 486 Utopia Road, Apollo PA 15613

Include a copy of your current vaccinations, please.

Make checks payable to WCOTC:

8 weeks

MEMBER \$45

NON-MEMBER: \$90

An acknowledgement of payment will be sent to your email address. If no email address, then please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard. Please print clearly or, preferably type:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Can you accept texts? YES NO

Email: _____

If a class is cancelled, how is best to reach you? _____

Dog's Name _____ Breed: _____ Age: _____

Payment Attached: ____ Cash ____ Check # _____ WCOTC Credit

Class Descriptions:

Beginner- Intro to scent work introduces the concepts of this game, it builds Handler observation skills and timing of reward. We start by using Boxes. The first few classes the instructors will work with your dog and the primary reward which teaches the dog the overall game. The remaining classes will be for building the foundation skills to aid the handler to read the dog. We will work on building the love for the Game!

What you will need for class.

A food reward that is a special treat that your pup loves the most. It can be a soft chewy treat, hotdogs, cheese, or even fruit. You can use a collar or a harness. A leash that is 8 to 10 feet in length. We will talk more about these in class.

Expectations For Dogs

- Foundation work using boxes
- Build independent searching skills
- Confidence building
- Environmental changes
- Problem solving
- Motivation/reward
- Love of the game!
- Intro to birch scent

Expectations For Handler

- Handler observation skills
- Behavior changes
- Communication
- Reward at source
- Timing
- Train don't test

Novice 1- Session 2 This class introduces the odor used in AKC Scent Work. For this session we will continue to focus on birch and after 4 wks, add anise. You will begin where we last ended in class just as a refresher. It may seem as though we are repeating classes. But we will add more difficulties. Handlers will get a lesson on how to handle and store odor. Since you will be getting your own odor this session you can bring a small mason jar with lid to put your q-tips in.

Expectations for dogs

- Birch scent continued
- Rewarding at source
- Pairing/containers
- Odor recognition
- Environmental changes
- Elevated hides
- Threshold/timing of search cue
- Search cue
- Intro to anise

Expectations For Handler

- Communication
- Alert/defining the alert
- Leash handling/on/off
- Understanding odor and how it moves
- Train don't test

Advanced/Excellent -Pre-requisite is to have taken Beginner, Novice- sessions 2, 3, 4.

Multiple hides, multiple heights– all odors.

WCOTC Scent Work Class Structure And Rules

1. Running order is based on arrival and sign in.
2. Please try to be ON TIME for your class. If you do arrive late, you will lose out on some good training and it can be disruptive if a dog out searching.
3. Only one dog working at a time all other dogs will remain secured and crated until their turn.
4. When entering and exiting the room or out in the potty area, please keep dogs at least 6 feet apart.
5. Always potty your dog prior to class or before each run. The nature of the search work may trigger them to want to eliminate.
6. Please minimize chatting while each dog is running. This is also a chance for onlookers to learn more about all dog behaviors.
7. Instruction is based on each individual dog. All dogs learn at a different pace.
8. If any dog solicits social contact during their search, please ignore them.
9. In the beginning the dogs will work on leash but may eventually work off leash.
10. **Please clean up after your dog outside.** There are garbage cans and bags provided in designated areas.
11. Refreshments are provided in the refrigerators at .50 cents per drink.
12. Please bring to the first class an updated vaccination record unless you already emailed it to the instructor and received a note that they have it in their possession.