



# SAR Dog News

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## EXTRA! EXTRA!

**Read all about the NSDA Inaugural Conference!**



**HEAR THE VOICE  
OF K-9 SEARCH  
AND RESCUE**

**NSDA  
Inaugural  
Conference**

**September 18-21, 2008  
Camp Atterbury, Indiana**

[Click Here for Conference Information and Sign Up](#)

The National Search Dog Alliance Inaugural Canine Conference will be held at Camp Atterbury home of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Mari Hulman George Search and Rescue Training Center. Camp Atterbury provides thousands of acres of open fields, woods, marsh and rolling hills. Each locale offers special training features typically utilized by United States military personnel as they prepare for combat.

Conference participants will have access to special training buildings, a C-130 aircraft, specially built villages and more. The disaster class will have access to a K-9 agility field, rubble piles, FEMA trailers and other disaster related training materials.

This very unique training facility will provide handlers and canines the opportunity to stretch their knowledge and search strategy while advancing their training. The agenda includes both classroom and field sessions geared to help handlers and canines better hone their skills and thought processes. Handlers will be challenged to reach beyond their typical training sessions while strengthening their canine's abilities in the field.

Come be a part of history while spending time networking and learning from some of the leading instructors in the country.

**SAVE! Register NOW!**

Registration w/K-9 \$175.00  
 Registration w/o K-9 \$100.00

**LATE REGISTRATION AFTER  
 AUGUST 20, 2008: \$200.00**

**TRACKS****Beginner Air Scent****Janet Wilts**

This course will be geared to the beginning team and many aspects of wilderness searching including: refind work, GPS, mapping, search strategy, building drive, choosing the right dog/puppy, scent pools, scent theory, terrain and weather conditions and how they will affect your search.

**Advanced Air Scent****Deborah Palman**

Course will cover establishing and proofing an effective indication behavior, advanced air scenting problems, search strategy, GPS, computer mapping, cadaver basics, evidence search, negative searches, clue awareness, and scent behavior. Field work will include both short and long problems to enhance the dog's indication and expose teams to situations on which they may not routinely work.

**Disaster****Jennifer Massey and Teresa MacPherson**

Class will cover canine screening for disaster work, behavior and drive, role of the helper, bark alert, agility, directionals and rubble search.

**Beginner Human Remains Detection****Kathy Holbert**

Course will cover imprinting or introduction of the target scent, shaping the alert or trained final response behavior, recognizing body language changes when working scent. short field problems, basic search patterns.

**Intermediate Human Remains Detection****Lisa Higgins**

Course will be geared to assist handlers with problem solving and search strategy. A focus will be on assisting individual teams to transition to the Advanced level of HRD.

**Advanced Human Remains Detection****John Snow**

Field problems within the class are based on actual searches and will be geared toward enhancing the dog's performance. A variety of training areas will be utilized in order to provide diversity in hides. Instructor will evaluate each team as if doing a certification and suggest training to enhance the dog's ability in the field.

## Beginner Trailing

**Peggy Ann Buchman**

We will be working on simple tracks, in harness, making sure the dog understands the relation between the scent article and the subject. Areas to be covered include: recognizing scent patterns, reading your dog, finding an alert for your dog, and line management. We will be casting for scent at the start of trails, and working multi-surface trails. You will need to bring: a leash and collar, harness, water, water bowl and dog treats or favorite toy for your dog.



## Advanced Trailing

**Robert Noziska**

After an evaluation, trails will be set-up for each dog to run that will provide training progression toward accomplishing designated goals. Different terrains and environments will be utilized to provide an additional level of difficulty.

[Click Here for Conference Information, Instructor Bios and Sign Up](#)

## Tentative Schedule

**Thursday, September 18**

### Time

12:00 Noon Registration opens  
 12:00 - 5:00 Vendor Time  
 4:00 PM Safety Officer Training (Board, Instructors, & Field Personnel)  
 5:00 - 6:00 Dinner  
 6:00 - 7:00 Opening Ceremony  
 7:30 - 9:00 Canine Motivation

**Friday, September 19**

8:00 - 8:15 am Participant Safety Session - a "MUST" for everyone

7:00 - 8:15 Vendor time  
 8:15 - 10:00 Area 1; Area 2; Disaster 1; Disaster 2 - Classroom  
 Beginning HRD; Intermediate HRD; Advanced HRD - Field Work  
 10:00 - 10:15 - Break & Vendor Time  
 10:15 - 12:00: All Classes: Field Work

12:00 - 1:30 Lunch & Vendor Time  
 1:30 - 3:00 Beginning HRD, Classroom; all others, Field Work  
 3:00 - 3:15 Break & Vendor Time  
 3:15 - 5:00 All classes: Field  
 5:30 - 6:30 Dinner  
 7:00 - 7:30 NSDA Q&A Session for all Participants  
 7:30 - 9:00 Special Classroom Sessions for all Participants

**Saturday, September 20**

7:00 - 8:00 Vendor time  
 8:00 - 10:00 Area 1 Area 2 Disaster 1 Disaster 2 -- Classroom; Beginning HRD, Intermediate HRD, Advanced HRD, Beginning Trailing, Advanced Trailing -- Field Work  
 10:00 - 10:15 Break & Vendor Time  
 10:15 - 12:00 All Classes: Field Work  
 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch & Vendor Time  
 1:00 - 3:00 Beginning HRD: Classroom; All others: Field Work  
 3:00 - 3:15 Break & Vendor Time  
 3:15 - 5:00 All Classes: Field Work  
 5:30 - 6:30 m Dinner  
 7:00 NSDA Raffle - Open to Everyone

**Sunday, September 21**

8:00 - 9:45 Area 1 Area 2 Disaster 1 Disaster 2 -- Classroom; Beginning HRD, Intermediate HRD, Advanced HRD, Beginning Trailing, Advanced Trailing -- Field Work  
 9:45 - 10:00 Break  
 10:00 - 11:30 All Classes: Field Work  
*Everyone Please have a safe trip home!*

## YOUR BOARDS

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**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**National Search Dog Alliance**  
**Inaugural Conference**  
 September 18-21, 2008  
 Camp Atterbury, Indiana

<b>Name:</b>		
<b>Address:</b>		
<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b>	<b>Zip:</b>
<b>E-mail Address:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	
<b>Affiliation:</b>		
<b>Canine Name:</b>	<b>Breed:</b>	

<b>Attendance:</b>		
Attendee with K-9 (includes 5 meals).....	\$175.00	\$
Attendee without K-9 (includes 5 meals)	\$100.00	
Late registration Aug 20 – Sept 10 .....	\$200.00	
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<b>Barracks on Base:</b> Bunk beds, no bedding, dogs in crates		
3 nights @ \$15.00/ night = \$45.00		\$
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<b>Total Enclosed:</b>		\$

**Mail completed registration forms with payment to**  
**National Search Dog Alliance**  
**1302 Waugh Drive, #121**  
**Houston, TX 77019**

**CHECK YOUR AREA OF INTEREST**

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Scent (Beginning)                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Air Scent (Advanced) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trailing (Beginning)                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Trailing (Advanced)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disaster                                  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Human Remains Detection [HRD] (Beginning) |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HRD(Intermediate)                         | <input type="checkbox"/> HRD (Advanced)       |

<p><b>Cancellations received after August 20, 2008 will be granted at 50%.</b>  <b>There will be no refunds for cancellations received after September 15, 2008 or</b>  <b>if you do not attend the conference.</b>  <b>Checks returned by the bank for insufficient funds will be assessed a \$20.00 fee.</b></p>
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