

Schedule of Webinars for Virtual Nose Work Camp Winter 2024
Tuesday, February 20, 2024 – Sunday, February 25, 2024

Tues., February 20 12 PM ET/ 9 AM PT	Tues., February 20 3 PM ET/ 12 PM PT	Weds., February 21 12 PM ET/ 9 AM PT	Weds., February 21 3 PM ET/ 12 PM PT	Thurs., February 22 12 PM ET/ 9 AM PT	Thurs. February 22 3 PM ET/ 12 PM PT
<p>Hides & Seeking: Part 1 (12 PM ET/ 9 AM PT) Hides & Seeking: Part 2 (3 PM ET/ 12 PM PT) Barbara Schwerdt Just like a game of Hide & Seek, the purpose of Nose/Scent Work is for the seekers to go blindly into the search area to find and identify the target before the game ends. With planning, strategy, and perseverance, often the seekers prevail but other times the target is illusive. Unlike the Hide & Seek game of our childhoods, we are not searching just using our own senses. We must rely on our canine teammate to do the bulk of the work for us, and we become the supporting player in the game. So how do we prepare our canine partner and ourselves for the best chances to find all the hides and “win” the game? Adapted from Barbara’s successful in-person seminar, this two-part webinar explores when and why teams miss hides, how to evaluate your team when a hide is missed and how to prepare your dog for these challenges. Barbara uses PowerPoint and videos of dogs that have missed hides in a variety of settings and a variety of levels. Whether you are just starting out or your team is trialing at Summit, we will explore ways to perform at your best on game day. Come prepared to solve some “missed hides” puzzles!</p>		<p>Reaching for the High Hide! Jean Richardson High and suspended hides are often the most challenging odor problems for the dog and handler. In this webinar, Jean will discuss how high and suspended hides differ in the way that odor moves and how dogs work the odor problems in a variety of search environments. She will also provide training exercises to help both handler and dog understand what they are seeing (or sniffing) when source is over the dog’s head.</p>	<p>The Final Countdown! Dorothy Turley The thirty second call is designed to give the handler information, but what does it mean to you? Is it startling or does it make you nervous? Is it bad news? Are you relieved? Do you have a plan? Does it call you into action? Do you count on it to finish your search? Dorothy will explore this very interesting part of the search in competition. She will look at common thoughts and reactions to the 30 second call and go over strategies to help you to improve the use of this time for you and your dog.</p>	<p>Odor Molecules in Motion Jill Kovacevich Odor molecules behave differently based on many environmental factors. The combination of the known factors with the unknown, makes understanding odor movement in a search one of the biggest challenges for trainers to grasp. Join Jill for a glimpse into how odor behaves as she uses some simple science demonstrations and a bit of practical odor and olfaction theory to provide insights to transform your training plans and trialing strategies.</p>	<p>Training Distractors on Container Searches Amy Herot Container searches with distractors can be a challenge for many teams, often creating handler anxiety and/or confusion for the dog. These searches could become your and your dog’s favorite searches with understanding and a solid training plan. Amy will discuss how the training works and show examples of easy exercises, which have been successful for over a decade, so you and your dog will feel confident passing any distractor to get to odor!</p>
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		<p>Wednesday, February 21 5:30 PM ET/2:30 PM PT</p> <p>Gadget Talk Kathy Pierce Would you like to use timers, video, phone apps, and other technology to enhance/improve your training and trialing? Are you curious about what the best apps and gadgets might be? Kathy Pierce will lead this discussion on favorite technology and what she has found does not work. Share your favorites as well as those that have not worked well for you.</p>		<p>Thursday, February 22 5:30 PM ET/2:30 PM PT</p> <p>What All Nose Work Dogs Should Know Michele Ellertson Join Michele Ellertson for an interactive discussion on the skills a well-prepared competition dog should have or be working on. Led by Michele, the group will brainstorm, share ideas, and consider why certain skills are important/useful.</p>	

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<p>Beyond the Dog-Driven Vehicle Search Michele Ellertson So, your dog knows what to do with a vehicle to find productive areas, but do you? Let's take a look at some common Vehicle Handling mistakes, how to fix them, and how to avoid them! This Webinar is all about YOU, and how you can help or hinder. In addition to taking a look at handling we will also talk about the unique odor pictures that occur during vehicle searches that make this an especially tricky element.</p>	<p>A Hide a Day Sue Frisch With our busy schedules it can be difficult to find the time or the energy to set up a full-blown lesson plan. But what if you just commit to one hide a day? Is that enough? Join Sue in a discussion about how to maximize your dog's training when time is tight with the one hide a day mindset. Whether you are getting ready for an ORT or trialing at higher levels, you will be amazed at the progress that can be made!</p>	<p>Searching on the Edge Jill Marie O'Brien Building odor obedience instead of object obedience can be a key component in ensuring that our canine teammate is not just relying on what they see associated with the search but following the scent to the source. This can be crucial when working on specific challenges such as trapping, pooling, converging or any variety of abstract odor pictures our dogs may confront in the face of the search. We'll go through steps to improving your dog's ability to go beyond the obvious to solve more complex odor problems, and to help handlers know when their dogs are offering the most for any given hide within any given search.</p>	<p>Respect the Nose! Success When the Dog Leads the Way Carolyn Barney Does your dog lead the search or do you? Many top trainers focus on prioritizing the dog driven search as the basis of their programs. How do you respect the nose but still "cover the area" and make sure you don't miss hides? How do you maintain dog-focused searching when the dog may be working in a pooling area and time is limited?</p>	<p>Little Things Do Matter: Attention to Detail in Container Searches Laurel Scarioni Container searches appear straightforward on the surface, yet many teams struggle with this element. This session will explore the little differences that can have a big impact on a container search. We will look at the many factors that can affect odor movement as well as human and dog behaviors that can cause miscommunications. Recognizing and training for these factors can help teams approach container searches with confidence!</p>	<p>Why Won't My Dog Search? Dana Zinn Join Dana for a look into why our dogs may not be searching the way we anticipated and what we can do to help them when they need it. This discussion will include causes both environmental and emotional, but just as importantly handler based. It's imperative that we keep our eyes open for the many reasons our dogs may not find the game of nose work as enjoyable as it could be for them and do what we can to give them every opportunity to shine.</p>
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<p align="center">Friday, February 23 5:30 PM ET/2:30 PM PT Training Aids: What, How and Why Fred Helfers Join Fred Helfers for a discussion about the use of "training aids" for scent detection. He will discuss the devices, how they are best used and why. His discussion will include his remote training system.</p>					