

Becoming The Handler Your Dog Deserves

Southwest Tracking Association's Seminar & Annual Meeting

Saturday, September 22, 2018, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
George Bush Park – Meeting Building

*on Pigeon Court off Westheimer Parkway
(across from the Millie Bush Bark Park)*



Cost: \$25.00 for STA Members; \$30.00 for non-Members
Includes light breakfast and lunch.

STA's Annual Meeting will take place during lunch (approximately 12:00 noon)



Yes, your dog takes the lead and needs to do the work. But don't just be the "dope on the end of the rope." Be a true member of the team, along with your partner, by "***Becoming the Handler Your Dog Deserves.***"

Members of STA will discuss and demo handling skills pertaining to:

- Starts (two flags, blind starts, and contaminated starts).
- Recognizing the difference between corners, cross tracks (planned or unplanned), animal trails, etc.
- The handler's role at overshot corners, loss of scent, articles (whether present, moved or missing).
- Handling through rough cover, obstacles, at barriers, etc.
- Recognizing how wind, change of vegetation and structures affect scent.
- Maintaining control vs guiding.
- Handling fast moving or hard pulling dogs.
- Learning to think on your feet – what you can and cannot do when things get tough.
- And other situations that come up during your questions.

Note: this is not a working seminar, and much of the information will be presented classroom style. However, some situations will be set-up and dogs used to demonstrate handling style and options.

Directions: From the intersection of Westheimer Road and Hwy 6 – go west on Westheimer to first light. Turn right on Westheimer Parkway. As you pass the Millie Bush Bark Park, turn left onto Pigeon Court. Map of Bush Park: <http://www.pct3.com/Parks/All-Parks/bush-park>



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Payment must accompany this registration form in order to hold your spot. Confirmation and complete information about agenda, schedule, etc. will be sent to you three days before the seminar.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

Breed of Dogs: _____

Dog's level of tracking experience: (if any) _____

Particular problems or areas to work on: _____

CERTIFICATION TRACKS: Local judges will be available for those whose dogs are ready to enter test and need a certification track. ***If you want to try to certify a dog, please fill in the information below.*** Space is limited and pre-registration is required. A random draw will be conducted if requests exceed slots available. Confirmation of participation will be sent prior to the seminar.

Dog's Registered Name: _____

Registration # _____ Breed: _____

Mail registration form with check (payable to STA) by **September 19th** to:

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