



Canine Scent Work

Enrich the Life of Your Dog

Improve Your Team

The May session will feature three levels of classes.

- **Intro. to Odor and the Search** for those new to scent work.
- **Intro. to the Elements** for teams interested in future competition.
- **Competition Skills** for handlers interested in learning about odor theory as they work to develop skills that will improve trial performance.

Contact Christy if you have questions about which class might be right for your team, or if you are interested in registering.

Introduction to Odor and the Search *Tuesdays 6:00- 7:30 p.m.*

This class is for dogs new to scent work. In this class handlers will learn:

- An activity that you can play throughout the life of your dog that capitalizes on your dog's amazing scenting abilities and strengthens the bond between you and your dog.
- Exercises that promote the development of independent, efficient search behavior.
- Observation skills that allow you to "read" your dog's behavior in odor.
- Equipment and supplies needed to train scent work.

This class won't be offered again until late summer/early fall.

Introduction to the Elements *Mondays 6:00- 7:30 p.m.*

This class is for dogs who have been through a beginning level class and are on target odor. In this class handlers will learn:

- How to build value in target odor.
- Skills necessary to succeed in lower level competition searches. We will learn about the rules and will practice the various types of searches (elements). This will include containers, buried, interior, exterior, and vehicle searches.
- We will learn how to handle distractions, and will continue to refine our handling skills.
- How to prepare for your first scent work trial including pre-trial practice strategies

Competition Skills

Mondays 4:00- 5:30 p.m.

Tuesdays 4:00- 5:30 p.m.

This class is for teams that are actively competing in scent work. In this class we will focus on training strategies that will help you succeed in competition:

- Class content and activities will be adapted to meet the needs and interests of students in each session.
- We will continue to explore odor theory and the science behind particle movement in differing types of environmental conditions. Scent puzzles will include converging, pooling, channeling, and inaccessible sources of odor.
- A progressive training structure will be used for problem solving. In class practice will be intentional and goal driven, with a focus on both AKC Scent Work, and NACSW Nose Work competitions.

Six Week Session Begins Monday 5/5/25

Location: All Star Dog Sports Cost: \$150

**Contact Christy Darter by email to register
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Private and Semi-private lessons are available. Contact Christy for more information.