

Do you smell something? Odor prep and theory from a Judge's perspective.

Time: 1pm – 6pm

Topics:

- Q-tip prep (NACSW, AKC, CPE) & Hygiene (How, Where, When; dirty bins / counting before & after, maps)
- Q-tip [and binding agent – glue dots, magnets, putty, etc.] handling (raw vs in different vessels, how it impacts the objects you place it on)
- Odor Kit review / “show and tell”
- General dog behaviors for scent work (before searching, during searching, after searching)
 - Sight/Eyes
 - Auditory/Ears
 - Smell/Nose
- Scent Theory:
 - Airflow (environment)
 - Airflow (impact on / around the object hide is placed)
 - Airflow (pooling vs funneling, swirling vs eddying, dead space; impact of time duration from initial placement to execution)
 - Lingering vs Residual
 - Breed Type, Breed Size [Instincts / How they approach the scent problem]
- Hide placement:
 - “yes”/”no” zones in a trial
 - “yes”/”no” zones in training
 - understanding the dog's understanding vs what was set (challenge vs skill level)

What you'll need to bring (**working** spots - **you will be setting hides for demo dogs**):

- YOUR Odor Kit and Gloves
- Pen/paper (notes!)

What you'll need to bring (**auditing** spots):

- Pen/paper (notes!)

Cadence of the workshop:

- 1pm – 2:30pm will be discussion
- 2:30pm – 6pm working spots will be setting hides, discussion, and then a **demo dog** will perform the search
- Snacks will be provided
- **NOTE:** Demo Dogs will be provided, please **do not bring your own dogs**