

PREMIUM LIST
Westmoreland County Obedience Training Club



OPENS	Feb 11, 2026 8am
CLOSES	Feb 28, 2026 5pm



ALL LEVELS! Containers, Buried, Interior, Exterior

March 21, 2026 Event #2026514105 Trial 1 - NOVICE & ADVANCED, ONLY
March 21, 2026 Event #2026514134 Trial 2 - NOVICE & ADVANCED, ONLY
March 22, 2026 Event #2026514106 Trial 1 - EXCELLENT & MASTER, ONLY
March 22, 2026 Event #2026514135 Trial 2 - EXCELLENT & MASTER, ONLY

Trial Location:
**West Point Elementary School,
533 Saint Andrews Dr
Greensburg, PA 15601**

ENTRY LIMITS
Saturday, March 21, 2025 250 total runs
Sunday, March 22, 2025 140 total runs

To be held Indoors/Outdoors (or Outdoors Under Cover)
Unbenched Trial Hours:
Saturday– 8:00am to 4:00pm
Sunday– 8:00am to 4:00pm

Check-in from 7:00am-7:45 am daily Handler's Briefing at 7:45am, first dog to follow

★HIGH IN TRIAL AWARDS! Each level ★

Judges for both days:
Kimberly Melton Hall #102379
Tammi J. Potts #103407

ENTRY METHOD: FIRST RECEIVED

Entries for the trials will be taken starting Feb 11 2026 8:00am (EDT)
The Closing Date will be Feb 28 2026 5:00pm (EDT)

Envelopes/transactions containing entries for more than the five (5) dogs maximum per Event # and/or entries received prior to the opening date shall be treated as an invalid entry and shall be returned to the sender. If necessary, a draw for a wait list will be held from the remaining entries after limits have been reached.



Certification permission has been granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under the American Kennel Club rules and regulations
~ Sheila H. Goffe, Executive Secretary

OFFICERS OF THE Westmoreland County Obedience Training Club

President	Jessica Haney
Vice-President	Cecilia Daly
Treasurer	Debbie Abt
Corresponding Secretary	Barb Blanchfield

Event Secretary	Event Chairperson
Karin Botti 1040 Pine Run Rd Apollo PA 15613 PH: 412-480-4727 ScentWorkPA@gmail.com	Allison Gill 105 Marian Avenue Glenshaw, PA 15116 PH: 412-330-0799 amgst44@yahoo.com

Event Committee:

Kris Meighan; Karin Botti; Allison Gill; Cheryl Shank, Amanda Barnes; Joyce Perrone
Volunteers may contact Deb Patz @ mdpatz4@gmail.com

JUDGES & ASSIGNMENTS

Kimberly Melton Hall, 102379; Mt Washington, KY	Tammi J. Potts 103407; Aliquippa, PA
March 21 2026	March 21 2026
Novice & Advanced Interior, Container	Novice & Advanced Buried, Exterior
March 22 2026	March 22 2026
Excellent & Master Buried, Exterior	Excellent & Master Interior, Container

RINGSIDE Judges are not required to wait for dogs. The Owner of each dog is solely responsible for having it ready at the search area when it is to be judged.

Westmoreland County Obedience Training Club

OFFICIAL SCENT WORK TRIAL ENTRY FORM-

Send Entry form AND Agreement to: Karin Botti; 1040 Pine Run Rd, Apollo PA 15613
OPENS Feb 11, 2026 - CLOSSES Feb 28, 2026 Make check payable to "WCOTC"

Check the elements and LEVEL.

	<u>Interior</u>	<u>Buried</u>	<u>Container</u>	<u>Exterior</u>
Saturday March 21, 2026 Trial 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
Saturday March 21, 2026 Trial 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
Sunday March 22, 2026 Trial 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master
Sunday March 22, 2026 Trial 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master

Elements _____ x \$27 = _____ (includes \$4.50 AKC recording fee) Check Total: \$ _____
WCOTC will add a \$25. Collection fee to the amount of each returned check.

PLEASE NOTE: Trials MAY run concurrently

Fields marked in blue are REQUIRED
TYPE OR PRINT VERY CLEARLY

<i>AKC Registered Name</i>		<i>Registration Number (AKC PAL/ILP/CP Foreign)</i>	
<i>Call name</i>		<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Sex</i>
<i>Breed</i>		<i>Variety</i>	
<i>Breeder</i>			
<i>Sire</i>			
<i>Dam</i>			
<i>Owner</i>			
<i>Owner's Address</i>			
<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip</i>	
<i>Telephone</i>	<i>Email</i>		
<i>Handler name (if different from owner):</i>		<i>Junior Handler # (if applicable):</i>	

Fields marked in gray must be completed if the information is known. *****Be sure to read the Agreement and sign. No form will be processed without your signature on AGREEMENT!**

AGREEMENT

I certify that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this event, and any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list of this event and entry form and any decision made in accord with them. I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prizes, ribbons, or trophies, I (we) agree to hold the AKC, the event-giving club, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any AKC approved judge, judging at this event, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim of loss, injury or damage to this dog.

Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such, injuries death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other person. I (we) agree that the determination of whether the injury is serious shall be made by the event veterinarian and is binding on me (us). I (WE) AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT BETWEEN THE AKC AND THE EVENT-GIVING CLUB (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN THIS PREMIUM LIST) AND MYSELF (OURSELVES) OR AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION AND EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE AKC BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE AKC CHARTER AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.

SIGNATURE of owner or his agent duly authorized to make this entry.

SIGN HERE _____ **DATE** _____

Phone #: _____ **Email:** _____

In case of Emergency – Name: _____

Phone #: _____

ENTRY FEES PER DAY

Entry fee per element of each trial (includes a \$4.50 AKC recording fee)... **\$27**

Mail entry forms (clearly typed or printed), agreement and fees to:
Karin Botti 1040 Pine Run Rd, Apollo PA 15613

Please make checks payable to WCOTC. Checks must be signed in blue or black ink; any other colors will not be accepted.

No entries will be accepted by phone, email, or fax. Express mail entries must include the signature waiver allowing them to be left at the secretary's address. Inquiries may be directed to Karin Botti ScentWorkPA@gmail.com

No entry shall be made and no entry shall be accepted which specifies any conditions as to its acceptance.

Illegible entries will not be processed and will be returned to the exhibitor. Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry and the Trial Secretary will add a \$25.00 collection fee to the amount of each returned check.

WAIT LIST INFORMATION

WCOTC is offering a wait list to fill openings created by withdrawn entries after the trial's closing date/time. A maximum of 20 entries per trial will be placed on the club's wait list. All entries, including wait listed entries, must be received by the Trial Secretary prior to **Feb 28 2026 by 5:00pm (Eastern Daylight Time)**. No entries may be withdrawn with a refund after **closing on Feb 28, 2026 by 5:00pm**. If a withdrawn entry is replaced by a wait listed entry, a full refund will be issued for the withdrawn entry. Any wait listed entry that does not move off the wait list into the trial will receive a full refund

STAGING AREA, HANDLER'S BRIEFING, AND WARM-UP INFORMATION

Staging Area will be out of view of search area(s). Staging area will include warm-up boxes and waiting area, as well as the secretary table for check-ins and posting of running order and results.

The Handler's Briefing will take place in view of the search area prior to the start of each class, after the hide(s) have been set and after the Demo Dog has run. Depending on the level, in the Handler's Briefing the judge will explain if there's an off-leash option, number of hides (if applicable), maximum height of hides and maximum time for the search. **NO DOGS are to be present during the Handler's Briefing.**

A warm-up area will be available consisting of ONE container each of Birch, Anise, Clove and/or Cypress, relevant to the element level(s) being run, and may also consist of blanks containers. Exhibitors should limit their warm-up to two minutes or less. The warm-up area is to be used exclusively for warming up the handler-dog team prior their run. The warm-up area is not for training or relieving the dog.

Trial Site. It is not appropriate to scout the trial location prior to the trial date Chapter 5. Section 35 of the Scent Work Regulations state "No person other than those engaged in the administration of a trial shall be in possession of any target odor when on the trial grounds. There shall be no training on the grounds of the AKC Scent Work trial, other than the designated warm-up area."

Crating space will not be available. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after

their dog(s). **Any exhibitor failing to do so may be excused without benefit of refund if the Event Committee deems the exhibitor to be in violation of this requirement.**
Cleaning supplies and disposal sites will be available at various locations around the Trial site

SEARCH AREAS: may be of any shape and size specified in the regulations for each class. Search Area Conditions: Searches may be indoors, on matted, carpeted, or tiled surfaces, or outdoors on grass, gravel, earth, concrete, or asphalt surfaces.

Search Elements/Levels:

The Container Element

	Novice	Advanced	Excellent	Master
Scent	Birch	Birch and/or Anise	Birch and/or Anise and/or Clove	Birch and/or Anise and/or Clove and/or Cypress
# of Containers	10	15	20	20
Type of Containers	Identical cardboard boxes	Various size and type	Various size and type	Various size and type
Arrangement	2 rows of 5 containers	3 rows of 5 containers, circle, or "U" formation	4 rows of 5 containers, circle, or "U" formation	4 rows of 5 containers, circle, or "U" formation
Minimum Distance b/w Containers	12" in all directions 36" between rows	12" in all directions If rows are used, 36" between rows	12" in all directions If rows are used, 36" between rows	12" in all directions If rows are used, 36" between rows
# of Hides	1 (Known)	2 (Known)	3 (Known)	1-3 (Unknown)
Time Limit	2 minutes	2 minutes	3 minutes	4 minutes
Distractions	None	1 non-food distraction	2- non-food, food, auditory, or visual	3- non-food, food, auditory, visual, human, or mimic
Required calls	Alert only	2 Alert calls and Finish	3 Alert calls and Finish	Alert(s) and Finish
Size of Search Area	250-400 sq ft	400-600 sq ft	600-800 sq ft	600-800 sq ft

The Exterior Element

	Novice	Advanced	Excellent	Master
Scents	Birch	Birch and/or Anise	Birch, Anise, and/or Clove	Birch and/or Anise and/or Clove and/or Cypress
# of Hides	1 (Known)	2 (Known)	3 (Known)	1-4 (Unknown)
Time Limit	Set by judge, 2-4 minutes	Set by judge, 2-4 minutes	Set by judge, 3-5 minutes	Set by judge, 3-5 minutes
Distractions	None	1 non-food	2- non-food, food, auditory, or visual	3- non-food, food, auditory, visual, human, or mimic
Required Calls	Alert	2 Alert calls, Finish call	3 Alert calls, Finish call	Alert call(s), Finish call
Max. Height of Hides	24" (2 feet)	36" (3 feet)	48" (4 feet)	60" (5 feet)
Accessibility	Accessible only	Accessible only	1 hide may be inaccessible	All hides may be inaccessible
Size of Search area(s)	200-400 sq ft	400-800 sq ft	800-1500 sq ft	1500-2000 sq ft

The Interior Element

	Novice	Advanced	Excellent	Master
Scents	Birch	Birch and/or Anise	Birch, Anise, and/or Clove	Birch and/or Anise and/or Clove and/or Cypress
# of Hides	1 (Known)	2 (Known)	3 (Known)	0-3 per area 2-6 per class (Unknown)
Blank area	None	None	None	Maximum 1
Time Limit	Set by judge, 1-3 minutes	Set by judge, 1-3 minutes	Set by judge, 1-3 minutes per search area	Set by judge, 1-3 minutes per search area
Distractions	None	1 non-food	2- non-food, food, auditory, or visual	3- non-food, food, auditory, visual, human, or mimic
Required Calls	Alert only	2 Alert calls and Finish	3 Alert calls, and Finish call	Alert call(s), and Finish call
Max. Height of Hides	24" (2 feet)	36" (3 feet)	48" (4 feet)	60" (5 feet)
Accessibility	Accessible only	Accessible only	1 hide may be inaccessible	All hides may be inaccessible
Size of Search area(s)	100-200 sq ft	200-400 sq ft	2 areas; 400-800 sq ft total	3 areas; 600-1000 sq ft total

The Buried Element

	Novice	Advanced	Excellent	Master
Scents	Birch	Birch and/or Anise	Birch and/or Anise and/or Clove	Birch and/or Anise and/or Clove and/or Cypress
# of Hides	1 (Known)	2 (Known)	3 (Known)	1-4 (Unknown)
# of Containers	6	8	12	16
Arrangement	2 rows of 3	Any	Any	Any
Search Time	2 minutes	3 minutes	4 minutes	5 minutes
Depth	4 inches			
Distance b/w Containers	Minimum of 36 inches			
Distractions	None	1 non-food	2- non-food, food, auditory, or visual	3- non-food, food, auditory, visual, human, or mimic
Required Calls	Alert	2 Alert calls and Finish call	3 Alert calls and Finish call	Alert call(s) and Finish call
Size of Search Area	150-200 sq ft	200-400 sq ft	300-400 sq ft	400-500 sq ft

HIGH IN TRIAL. Only teams who participate in the same difficulty level in all elements offered (Container, Interior, Exterior, Buried) and qualify in each are eligible to win High in Trial. One High In Trial winner is chosen per difficulty level. The High in Trial is determined by adding the team's faults across the elements. If there is a tie based on faults, then the team's times across the elements will be summed and the faster-finishing team will win. The High in Trial award is not recorded by the AKC. Teams winning High In Trial will earn a ribbon.

Title Ribbons: Available to teams finishing a Level and/or Element Title

SAFETY, BEHAVIOR and LIABILITY The safety of the dog is our primary concern. By entering this trial, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of this sport, and that their dogs are familiar with and able to perform all searches safely. It is expressly understood that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create an unnecessary disturbance or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the trial committee, be asked to leave the show site. In such case, no refund of any fees paid will be made. The American Kennel Club and its agents, employees, etc., will assume no responsibilities for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors or handlers, or to any of their dogs or property and further assumes no responsibility for injury to children. The American Kennel Club reserves the right to decline entries for cause and may remove any dog on account of aggression. No one shall have any recourse or claim against the American Kennel Club or any official thereof.

Collars, Leashes and Harnesses. During searches, dogs must wear a properly fitted collar or harness approved by the judge. A wearable camera such as a Go Pro may be mounted to the dog's harness, if desired. Leashes may be of any length and/or retractable. The leash should be made of plain, pliable material.

All dogs must be on leash at all times, and retractable leashes may not be used when on trial grounds (except during judged searches). Dogs must enter and exit the search area with the leash attached to the collar or harness, including when waiting in the search area before and after the search. An off-leash option may be offered at the discretion of the judge, only if the area is completely enclosed.

Dogs must maintain a 6ft distance from any other dog. DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH at your vehicle or taking to/from testing.

REFUNDS No entry fee will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, an act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee. No entry fee will be refunded in the event a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by the action of the Trial Committee. Dogs pulled after closing because of injury or other medical condition are not eligible for a refund. Bitches in season will be refunded the full entry fee. Notification in writing must be given to the trial secretary no later than one half hour prior to the start of the first class of the day of the trial.

RINGSIDE Judges are not required to wait for dogs. The Owner of each dog is solely responsible for having it ready at the search area when it is to be judged. The Club has no responsibility to provide service through a public address system or stewards or runners for the purpose of calling or locating dogs that are not brought into the ring when required.

EXHIBITOR CHECK-IN: At check-in you will receive your run number. Exhibitors **MUST** check-in **EACH** day they are entered.

DOG ELIGIBLE TO ENTER

This trial is open to all dogs **SIX (6)** months of age or older that are registered with the American Kennel Club or that have AKC Limited Registration, Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP), an AKC Canine Partners listing number or approved Foundation Stock Service (FSS) breeds are eligible to participate.

Dogs with a Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP) or an AKC Canine Partners listing number must be spayed or neutered in order to compete. Wherever the word “dog” is used in these regulations it includes both sexes.

Condition of the Dog. Dogs with physical challenges (including amputees) are eligible to participate provided that, in the opinion of the judge, they display no signs of physical discomfort and can safely complete the search. **Dogs with bandages, sutures, or visible**

wounds are not eligible. Deaf dogs and blind dogs are allowed to enter. Dogs that are both deaf and blind are able to participate so long as the handler is in control of the dog at all times, the dog can complete the requirements of the class, and the dog does not appear to be under undue stress in the opinion of the judge.

Bitches in heat Per Chapter 2 Section 4 in the AKC Scent Work rule book – **“Females in season may NOT participate.”** Should it be discovered your female is in heat at the trial, you will be dismissed without refund and a report will be filed with the AKC for unsportsmanlike behavior. Should it be reported to the TRIAL CHAIR by another competitor, your dog will be checked.

ABUSE HOTLINE

The AKC is committed to creating a safe and respectful sport environment for all. If you need to talk to someone, or need help, please call 800. 656.HOPE (National Sexual Assault Hotline) or text HOME to 741-741 for free, 24/7, confidential services from trained crisis counselors.

VETERINARIAN ON CALL

Veterinarian (on-call)

Blue Pearl Pet Hospital – Pittsburgh Veterinary Specialty & Emergency Center
807 Camp Horne Rd, Pgh PA 15237 412-366-3400

DIRECTIONS TO TRIAL SITE:

**West Point Elementary School,
533 Saint Andrews Dr
Greensburg, PA 15601**

From North:

I-76 E to US-30 E in North Huntingdon Township. Take exit 67 from I-76 E
Continue on US-30 E to your destination in Hempfield Township

From South:

Follow I-376 E and I-76 E to US-30 E in North Huntingdon Township. Take exit 67 from I-76 E
Continue on US-30 E to your destination in Hempfield Township

From East:

Follow I-376 E and I-76 E to US-30 E in North Huntingdon Township. Take exit 67 from I-76 E
Continue on US-30 E to your destination in Hempfield Township

From West:

Take Mt Pleasant Rd to Westland Dr in Hempfield Township
Continue on Westland Dr to your destination

NEARBY HOTELS & CAMPGROUNDS

Super 8 Motel, Delmont (10 miles) 180 Sheffield Dr Delmont PA 724-468-4888
Days Inn (12 miles) 2727 Mossie Blvd Monroeville, PA 15146 412-856-1610
Hampton (12 Miles: only pets under 20lb) 3000 Mossie Blvd, Monroeville, PA 15146 412-380-4000
Madison KOA (22 mi) 764 Waltz MI Rd Ruffs Dale PA 15679 724-722-4444
Fox Den Acres (19 mi) 390 Wilson Fox Rd, New Stanton PA 15672 724-925-7054

NO OVERNIGHT CAMPING AT THE TRIAL SITE

Other Precautions and Protocols

1. IF you have ANY COVID-19 symptoms as designated by the CDC – please do not come to the trial.
2. IF your dog is showing Signs of respiratory infection – please do not come to this trial.
3. Exhibitors must supply their own food and water
4. Hand sanitizer will be available for use. Please wash and sanitize hands often
5. Exhibitors should bring their own chairs.
6. WCOTC follows all CDC and Pennsylvania State Guidelines. Should they change prior to the trial, you will be notified.



I WOULD JUST LOVE TO VOLUNTEER!!

Name:

DATE(s) Available

Phone:

EMAIL:

Are you entering this trial? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Preferred Activities (Check all that apply):

- ☐ Set Up Day before Trial
- ☐ Set Up Trial Morning
- ☐ Building Clean Up After trail ☐ Saturday ☐ Sunday
- ☐ Gate/Staging Steward
- ☐ Judge's Steward/Cold box setter
- ☐ Hide Steward
- ☐ Timer
- ☐ Hot box Setter
- ☐ Score Runner

What would definitely NOT want to do?

- ☐ Set Up Day before Trial
- ☐ Set Up Trial Morning
- ☐ Building Clean Up After trail ☐ Saturday ☐ Sunday
- ☐ Gate/Staging Steward
- ☐ Judge's Steward/Cold box setter
- ☐ Hide Steward
- ☐ Timer
- ☐ Hot box Setter
- ☐ Score Runner