

# NATURAL AWARENESS TRACKING SCHOOL, LLC

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**Presents:**

## **SCIENCES of LAND NAVIGATION**

**(Basic Orienteering with Map & Compass Intensive course)**

This course is designed for military, law enforcement, search and rescue volunteers, competitive orienteering or any person that may find themselves working or playing outdoors. While GPSs are nice to have, map and compass skills are essential to anyone that may venture off road. This course will provide a thorough classroom introduction and practical field exercises to improve your understanding of and ability to use topographic maps in conjunction with a compass. The combination of these resources and the skills taught in this class will give you a confident boost in your navigational skill set.

The following topics will be covered to:

✓ Compass Selection and Use ✓ Understand and visualize three-dimensional topography from a map ✓ Determine your location ✓ Natural navigational aids  
✓ Magnetic Declination ✓ Determine the best route to a location ✓ Report your location to command/control ✓ Route/Task Planning ✓ UTM / USNG / MGRS coordinate plotting ✓ Night Land Navigation ✓ and more

Students are welcome (but not required) to bring a GPS to the course if you want to become familiar with that as well. Bring a compass if you have one, and we will have compasses and coordinate plotters for the students to borrow or purchase. For this course students will need to be prepared to be outside.

**Location/Dates: San Diego, CA February 17-19, 2012 \$225**

**Christiansburg, VA February 24-26 November 16-18, 2012 \$195**

This course is taught by Rob Speiden, who has more than 25 years experience in outdoor expeditions including teaching search and rescue. Rob currently teaches basic and advanced courses for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management Search and Rescue program and is founder of the Natural Awareness Tracking School, LLC. For more information please visit [www.trackingschool.com](http://www.trackingschool.com) Register for this course by submitting a registration form with your full course payment or a deposit of \$50.

