## **Dog Scouts of America**

## Activity check-off sheet

## Tracking:

All behaviors must have been taught or re-taught to the dog (preferably using a new cue), using only positive reward based methods.

- Handler understands the concept of footstep tracking. Handler understands the concept of scent. Handler understands how to use parallaxing (using two distant objects to stay in a straight line) Handler can lay a track and draw it on paper also indicating objects and landmarks in relation to the track. Handler can teach the dog to signal the find of an article (usually the dog lies down with the article just in front of him/her) Dog can follow a track laid with food placed strategically (optional) Dog indicates articles. Dog can do a 10 yard track with 1 article. Dog can do a 20 yard track with 2 articles. Dog can do a 30 yard track with 3 articles. Dog can do a 60 yard track with 4 articles. Dog can do a 100 yard track with 4 articles. Handler is 6-10 feet behind dog. Dog will clearly indicate the articles to the extent that the handler
  - also can find the article and hold it up in the air so the judge can see it, and handler will bring the articles to the judge after the tracking test. NO FOOD ON THE TRACK and only very low vegetation or just soil as the tracking surface