

SOTC Classes, Winter 2018

For last-minute weather-related cancellations, check the Class Updates blog: <http://sotcclassinfo.blogspot.com/>

Anyone new to SOTC classes must attend Orientation on Wednesday 1/10 at 7pm. No dogs at Orientation.

Basic Obedience

Basic obedience classes limited to 8 dogs unless otherwise noted

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| Puppy | The AKC S.T.A.R. program (Socialization, Training, Activities, Responsibility), designed to encourage socialization, beginner obedience training, and responsible care for your new puppy. This is the puppy level of the Canine Good Citizen program. For puppies that will be between 12 and 20 weeks of age on the first day. Puppies must have received at least the 2nd DHPP shot by the start of class. PREREQUISITE: None! Just see the age guidelines above. | |
| 8 weeks 45 minutes | | Members \$56 or 8 points, non-members \$100 |
| PUPW645 | Starts Wed 2/7/2018 6:45 PM <i>Minimum date of birth 11/15/17, maximum 9/20/17</i> | INSTRUCTOR Leah Pekarsky, ASSISTANT Lauren Wienclawski |
| PUPW545 | Starts Wed 3/14/2018 5:45 PM <i>Minimum date of birth 12/20/17, maximum 10/25/17</i> | INSTRUCTOR Colleen Clemett, ASSISTANT TBA |
| Pre-Basic | For dogs 5-14 months of age who have taken our Puppy class, or those new to our program and too old for Puppy class. Designed for the older puppy to introduce basic obedience commands while recognizing the special needs of the younger dog. PREREQUISITE: None! Just see the age guidelines above. | |
| 8 weeks 45 minutes | | Members \$56 or 8 points, non-members \$100 Non-member price includes training collar, 4-foot leash and fanny pack. Non-members repeating the class with the same dog may deduct \$15 from the price. Members may purchase supplies at additional cost. |
| PRETH7a | Starts Thu 1/18/2018 7:00 PM <i>Will NOT meet on 2/22</i> | INSTRUCTOR Wendy Longden, ASSISTANT Suzanne Eaton |
| PRETH7b | Starts Thu 1/25/2018 7:00 PM <i>Limit 6. Will NOT meet on 2/22.</i> | INSTRUCTOR Jeannette Levinsohn, ASSISTANT Mark Levinsohn |
| Basic | For those continuing from Pre-Basic or new to obedience with an older dog (14 months of age and up). Includes walking under control on leash and development of basic obedience commands, including come, sit, down and stay. PREREQUISITE: None! Just see the age guidelines above. | |
| 9 weeks including Graduation 45 minutes | | Members \$56 or 8 points, non-members \$100 Non-member price includes training collar, 4-foot leash, and fanny pack. Non-members repeating the class or continuing from Pre-Basic with the same dog may deduct \$15 from the price. Members may purchase supplies at additional cost. |
| BASM630 | Starts Mon 1/15/2018 6:30 PM <i>Limit 6. Will NOT meet on 3/12.</i> | INSTRUCTOR Megan Donley, ASSISTANT Pam Hottois |
| BASTU10 | Starts Tue 1/16/2018 10:00 AM | INSTRUCTOR Kryssi D'Eredita, ASSISTANT Linda Fleisch |
| BASTU745 | Starts Tue 1/16/2018 7:45 PM <i>Limit 6. Will NOT meet on 2/13.</i> | INSTRUCTOR Hilary Mack, ASSISTANT Janine Ramsden |
| Canine Good Citizen | Teaching you how to train your dog to be a Canine Good Citizen® as defined by the AKC. At the last class meeting you will be able to take the AKC test for CGC certification. Limit 6. PREREQUISITE: SOTC Basic graduate or run-thru | |
| 8 weeks 45 minutes | | Members \$56 or 8 points, non-members \$72 |
| CGCTU645 | Starts Tue 1/16/2018 6:45 PM <i>Will NOT meet on 2/13</i> | INSTRUCTOR Donna Coates, ASSISTANT Roberta Hennigan |

Competition Obedience

Obedience and Rally Foundations

For Basic graduates new to obedience training who wish to continue to the competition classes (Intermediate A and beyond). Includes getting control of your dog with fun and games; introduction to clicker training (and alternatives); keeping the dog's attention on the handler, and the handler's on the dog. Heeling itself is not included, just control in the general vicinity of the handler's side. Limit 6.

Students will need an acceptable training collar (buckle, slip/choke, martingale, or pinch; no Halties/harnesses); a plain 6-foot leash that can be folded into one hand; and clickers, treats, and toys. If there are questions about equipment, contact the instructors (btehon@twcny.rr.com or judyharvey248@gmail.com).

PREREQUISITE: SOTC Basic graduate or instructor permission

6 weeks
45 minutes

Members \$42 or 6 points, non-members \$54

ORFTH6

Starts Thu 1/18/2018 6:00 PM
will NOT meet on 2/22

INSTRUCTOR Judy Harvey, ASSISTANT Becky Tehon

Beginner Novice Drop-ins

A drop-in class offering Beginner Novice run-thrus. Limit 5 dogs, first come, first served. To reserve a spot for a particular night or to confirm that class will be held, contact Judy Harvey at JudyHarvey248@gmail.com (do not sign up with Registrar).

PREREQUISITE: Obedience and Rally Foundations

6 weeks
45 minutes

Members \$3 or 0.5 points, non-members \$5
(per drop-in; pay as you go)

BNDTH7

Starts Thu 1/18/2018 7:00 PM
Will NOT meet on 2/22

INSTRUCTOR Judy Harvey, ASSISTANT Becky Tehon

Intermediate B

Beginning off-lead heeling and recalls, refining and adding distractions to stays. Limit 8.

PREREQUISITE: SOTC Intermediate A graduate or run-thru

9 weeks including Graduation
45 minutes

Members \$56 or 8 points, non-members \$72

INT2TU6

Starts Tue 1/16/2018 6:00 PM

INSTRUCTOR Sallie Lennox, ASSISTANT Kathy Morse

Young Dog Competition 2

A continuation of Young Dog Competition 1. The class focuses on providing a foundation appropriate for young dogs to compete in all levels of obedience. Limit 8 total (4 per group).

PREREQUISITE: Young Dog Competition 1 or instructor permission. For dogs under 2 years of age. Priority given to students continuing from the prior class.

6 weeks
45 minutes

Members \$42 or 6 points, non-members \$54

YDC2M5

Starts Mon 1/15/2018 5:00 PM
Group 1

INSTRUCTOR Kathy McCloskey, ASSISTANT Nancy Frakes

YDC2M6

Starts Mon 1/15/2018 6:00 PM
Group 2

INSTRUCTOR Kathy McCloskey, ASSISTANT Nancy Frakes

Rally Novice

An introduction to the Rally Novice signs. Students will learn how to walk a course and will work on heeling and sit/down/stand-stays. Students must arrange for their dogs to be crated or held while they walk the course. Limit 6.

PREREQUISITE: SOTC Intermediate A graduate or prior experience in Rally or competition obedience classes

6 weeks
45 minutes

Members \$42 or 6 points, non-members \$54

RAL1TU730

Starts Tue 1/16/2018 7:30 PM
Will NOT meet on 2/13

INSTRUCTOR Ann Marie Letto, ASSISTANT Pat Hoover

Rally Drop-ins

A drop-in Rally class offering Intermediate/Advanced/Excellent nested courses weeks 1, 3 and 5, and Master courses weeks 2, 4 and 6. Limited to 6-8 dogs per meeting, depending on individual requirements. To reserve a spot for a particular day or to confirm that class will be held, contact Pat John at pjohn173@gmail.com or (315) 469-3856 (do not sign up with Registrar).

PREREQUISITE: Students should have a working knowledge of the exercises at the level of the course they are running. Coaching will be provided, but the exercises will not be taught from scratch.

6 weeks
90 minutes

Members \$3 or 0.5 points, non-members \$5
(per drop-in; pay as you go)

RDIW2

Starts Wed 1/17/2018 2:00 PM

INSTRUCTOR Pat John, ASSISTANT Pam Hottos

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| Intermediate Novice | For those who are familiar with the Novice exercises but not ready for competition. This class will continue work on Novice skills. Limit 6. | | |
| | PREREQUISITE: Prior Novice class, BN/PN title, or instructor permission. Students must have Novice skills prior to signup. | | |
| | 6 weeks 45 minutes | | Members \$42 or 6 points, non-members \$54 |
| NOV2M730 | Starts Mon 1/15/2018 7:30 PM | INSTRUCTOR Evelyn Brenzel, ASSISTANT Suzanne Eaton | |
| Novice Obedience Drop-ins | A drop-in class offering Novice run-thrus. Limit 6 dogs, first come, first served. To reserve a spot for a particular night, or to confirm that class will be held, contact Lisa Williams at redtail2738@gmail.com or (315) 263-9702 (do not sign up with Registrar). | | |
| | 4 weeks 60 minutes | | Members \$3 or 0.5 points, non-members \$5 (per drop-in; pay as you go) |
| | ODNTH6 | Starts Thu 1/18/2018 6:00 PM | INSTRUCTOR Lisa Williams, ASSISTANT Dawn Watkins |
| Intermediate Open | For dog/handler teams who are familiar with the Open skills but not ready for competition. This class will continue work on the Open exercises, heeling, and out-of-sight stays. Limit 6. | | |
| | PREREQUISITE: Prior Open class or instructor permission. Students must have Open skills prior to signup. | | |
| | 6 weeks 45 minutes | | Members \$42 or 6 points, non-members \$54 |
| OPN2TH6 | Starts Thu 1/18/2018 6:00 PM <i>Will NOT meet on 2/22</i> | INSTRUCTOR Wendy Longden, ASSISTANT Linda Kaufman | |
| Position Changes at a Distance | The new AKC exercise that will replace the out-of-sight stays on May 1, 2018, is called the Command Discrimination exercise. This class will teach you how to train your dog to perform the changes of position, at a distance, as required by the new exercise. | | |
| | PREREQUISITE: Dogs must be training for Open | | |
| | 6 weeks 45 minutes | | Members \$42 or 6 points, non-members \$54 |
| POSW530 | Starts Wed 1/17/2018 5:30 PM | INSTRUCTOR Nancy Frakes, ASSISTANT Jeannette Levinsohn | |
| Open Proofing and Polishing | For those who have learned all the Open exercises and are getting ready to show. Limit 6. | | |
| | PREREQUISITE: Working knowledge of all the Open exercises | | |
| | 8 weeks 45 minutes | | Members \$56 or 8 points, non-members \$72 |
| OPN3M6 | Starts Mon 1/15/2018 6:00 PM | INSTRUCTOR Kathy Helmke, ASSISTANT Judy Harvey | |
| Intermediate/Advanced Utility | For dogs and handlers who understand and can perform the Utility exercises but need refinement. Limit 6. | | |
| | PREREQUISITE: Prior Utility class, CDX/PCDX, or instructor permission. Students must have Utility skills prior to signup. | | |
| | 6 weeks 45 minutes | | Members \$42 or 6 points, non-members \$54 |
| UTL2M7 | Starts Mon 1/15/2018 7:00 PM <i>Will NOT meet on 1/22, 2/26</i> | INSTRUCTOR Kathy Helmke, ASSISTANT Anne M. Kernan | |
| Obedience Drop-ins | A drop-in class offering run-thrus at the participants' level. Limit 6 dogs, first come, first served. To reserve a spot for a particular night or to confirm that class will be held, e-mail Mary Kobis at AugustusLabs@yahoo.com (do not sign up with Registrar). | | |
| | 6 weeks 60 minutes | | Members \$3 or 0.5 points, non-members \$5 (per drop-in; pay as you go) |
| | OBDTU730 | Starts Tue 1/16/2018 7:30 PM <i>Will NOT meet on 2/13</i> | INSTRUCTOR Stephanie Podejko, ASSISTANT Mary Kobis |

Agility

Agility classes limited to 6 dogs unless otherwise noted. Class times include equipment set-up and tear-down. Agility students are required to help set up and tear down. Failure to assist (without instructor permission) will result in ineligibility for next session's agility classes. **DOGS ARE TO BE CRATED WHEN NOT WORKING** (handlers may bring their own crate or use an SOTC guest crate).

It is important to understand that agility training takes time and practice. Six to eight weeks is not enough for most dogs to master the skills covered in a class. Most dog/handler teams will repeat a class before they move on.

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| Agility Foundations | Agility Foundations is a prerequisite for all future agility classes. The class will cover such aspects as teamwork, self-control, body control, and shaping, as well as several other agility foundation skills. PREREQUISITE: SOTC Basic graduate or instructor permission. Dogs should be at least 5 months old. |
| 6 weeks 45 minutes | Members \$42 or 6 points, non-members \$54 |
| AFNM7 | Starts Mon 1/15/2018 7:00 PM INSTRUCTOR Allison Mooney, ASSISTANT Peggy Mooney |
| Beginner Agility | Introduction to contact equipment, jump training, practicing lead-outs, and basic handling. Building drive while maintaining focus and control. PREREQUISITE: SOTC Agility Foundations or equivalent class. Dogs should be at least 8 months old. |
| 8 weeks 90 minutes | Members \$88 or 10 points, non-members \$104 |
| AGL1M730 | Starts Mon 1/15/2018 7:30 PM INSTRUCTOR Heather Lane, ASSISTANT Susan Taylor |
| Advanced Beginner/Intermediate Agility | A 6-week version Advanced Beginner/Intermediate class |
| 6 weeks 90 minutes | Members \$66 or 7.5 points, non-members \$78 |
| AGLM6 | Starts Mon 1/29/2018 6:00 PM INSTRUCTOR Scott Reichinger, ASSISTANT Susan Taylor |
| "Mini" Intermediate Agility | A 6-week version of the regular 8-week Intermediate class PREREQUISITE: Successfully passing SOTC Advanced Beginner Agility or run-thru. Off-lead control is required. |
| 6 weeks 90 minutes | Members \$66 or 7.5 points, non-members \$78 |
| AGL3_W4 | Starts Wed 1/17/2018 4:00 PM INSTRUCTOR Peggy Mooney, ASSISTANT Kristin Hart |
| 2x2 Weaves | Train weaves from scratch or relearn/proof PREREQUISITE: Dogs must be at least 1 year old |
| 5 weeks 45 minutes | Members \$35 or 5 points, non-members \$45 |
| AGWM730 | Starts Mon 1/15/2018 7:30 PM INSTRUCTOR Christine Fleischmann, ASSISTANT Donna Schmidt |
| Agility Bridging the Gap | A class designed specifically for agility teams that have difficulties with specific skills that are keeping them from advancing into higher level agility classes (e.g. contacts, weaves, etc.). Students will be admitted at the recommendation of the previous instructor, who should discuss the specific issue with Andrea (MACHbrittany@gmail.com) so that she can formulate a plan to retrain. PREREQUISITE: Requires nomination by previous instructor |
| 6 weeks 90 minutes | Members \$66 or 7.5 points, non-members \$78 |
| ABGTH730 | Starts Thu 1/18/2018 7:30 PM Will NOT meet on 2/22 INSTRUCTOR Andrea Lee, ASSISTANT Mary Walker |
| Novice Agility | For students ready (or nearly ready) to start trialing in AKC Novice, CPE level 1-2, or the comparable level in other venues. The class will involve negotiating Novice courses, trying out various handling techniques, building drive, progressing from 6 weave poles to 12, and proofing contacts and start lines. PREREQUISITE: Successfully passing SOTC Intermediate Agility or permission. Dogs must be able to perform full-height contacts, do 6 weave poles, and negotiate sequences of 8-10 obstacles. |
| 6 weeks 90 minutes | Members \$66 or 7.5 points, non-members \$78 |
| AGL4TH6 | Starts Thu 1/18/2018 6:00 PM Will NOT meet on 2/22 INSTRUCTOR Sandy Madaio, ASSISTANT Pam Renock |

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| Open Agility Handling | Working at the Open level and preparing for the Excellent level. Developing speed in the weaves, improving your timing, and choosing the best handling options. | |
| | PREREQUISITE: One Standard Q in Novice, CPE Level 2/3, USDAA Starters, or permission | |
| | 6 weeks 90 minutes | Members \$66 or 7.5 points, non-members \$78 |
| AGH1TU6 | Starts Tue 1/16/2018 6:00 PM <i>Will NOT meet on 2/13</i> | INSTRUCTOR Jeri Fishack, ASSISTANT Karen Vanderburgh |

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| Excellent/Masters Handling | For students competing in Excellent/Masters (or by permission of instructor) | | |
| | 6 weeks 90 minutes | Members \$66 or 7.5 points, non-members \$78 | |
| | AGH3SA11 | Starts Sat 1/13/2018 11:00 AM <i>Will NOT meet on 1/20, 2/24, 3/10</i> | INSTRUCTOR Linda Aloï, ASSISTANT Susan DeRienzo |
| | AGH3SA830 | Starts Sat 1/13/2018 08:30 AM <i>Will NOT meet on 1/20, 2/24, 3/10</i> | INSTRUCTOR Linda Aloï, ASSISTANT Susan DeRienzo |
| | AGH3TU430 | Starts Tue 1/16/2018 4:30 PM <i>Will NOT meet on 2/13</i> | INSTRUCTOR Jeri Fishack, ASSISTANT Susan DeRienzo |

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| Masters Agility Handling | Negotiating the challenges of advanced level courses. Polishing up your performance. Finding out what works best for YOUR dog. PREREQUISITE: Students must be competing in Standard Excellent, Masters, or CPE Level 5. No exceptions. | |
| | 6 weeks 90 minutes | Members \$66 or 7.5 points, non-members \$78 |
| | AGH4TU745 | Starts Tue 1/16/2018 7:45 PM <i>Will NOT meet on 2/13</i> |

Other Activities

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| Conformation Drop-ins | Training dog and handler for the conformation (breed) ring. Breed standards, conformation rules, grooming (dog and handler), etc. will also be covered. Handlers attend on a drop-in basis (do not sign up with Registrar). To confirm that class will be held, contact Ellen Shearer at tableaulab@twcny.rr.com or Mary Kobis at AugustusLabs@yahoo.com . | |
| | 6 weeks 45 minutes | Members \$8 or 1 points, non-members \$10 Per drop-in, pay as you go |
| | CONW730 | Starts Wed 1/17/2018 7:30 PM |

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| Scentwork 1: Introduction to Odor | Teams are introduced to the scentwork "game", its equipment and handling. Teams will learn games and methods to build drive for odor. Handlers will learn how to teach but also how to read their dog on odor recognition. Basic searches on containers will be introduced and confidence in the game and its rules will be discussed. Limit 6. PREREQUISITE: Teams need no experience with scentwork to participate but must have basic obedience | |
| | 6 weeks 45 minutes | Members \$42 or 6 points, non-members \$54 |
| | SNT1W11 | Starts Wed 1/24/2018 11:00 AM <i>CLASS IS FULL (filled from wait-list for Fall class)</i> |

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| Scentwork 2: Novice | Focus on Novice or NW1 hide placements designed to strengthen performance for dogs and handlers. Class will develop experience and handling methodology to Novice level containers, buried hides and interiors. Exteriors and vehicles will be introduced (weather permitting). Distractors will be discussed and introduced as teams develop. Clove and Anise will begin to be introduced in hides. Limit 6. PREREQUISITE: Teams should be proficient on/able to produce a consistent indication with birch hides. | |
| | 6 weeks 45 minutes | Members \$42 or 6 points, non-members \$54 |
| | SNT2W12 | Starts Wed 1/24/2018 12:00 PM <i>CLASS HAS VERY FEW OPENINGS (mostly filled from wait-list for Fall class)</i> |

**Scentwork 3:
Intermediate**

For dogs/handlers that are at upper Novice level and getting ready for Intermediate. These dogs would be wanting multi-hides in clove/anise and ready to challenge themselves for NW2 or beyond. Limit 6.

PREREQUISITE: Dogs should be SOLID and TITLED with birch, and ready for the next level of titling in anise/clove

6 weeks

Members \$42 or 6 points, non-members \$54

45 minutes

SNT3W130

Starts Wed 1/24/2018 01:30 PM

INSTRUCTOR Eva Raczka, ASSISTANT Anne M. Kernan

Beginner Flyball

Flyball is a relay sport, with 4 dogs running as a team. This class will teach the basics: retrieving a tennis ball; coming back with the ball as fast as going after it; going over jumps to get the ball; doing a swimmers turn off the flyball box while catching; and doing all of this while running fast. It's a team sport, so students need to help set up, take down, and eventually box-load and hold another dog while their own dog is resting. DOGS ARE TO BE CRATED WHEN NOT WORKING (handlers may bring their own crate or use an SOTC guest crate). Limit 6.

PREREQUISITE: SOTC Basic graduate or run-thru. Handlers must have basic control of the dog. Dogs should be at least 1 year old. No people- or dog-aggression.

8 weeks

Members \$56 or 8 points, non-members \$72

45 minutes

FLY1W630

Starts Wed 1/17/2018 6:30 PM

INSTRUCTOR Terri Botsford, ASSISTANT Jessica Sielawa
