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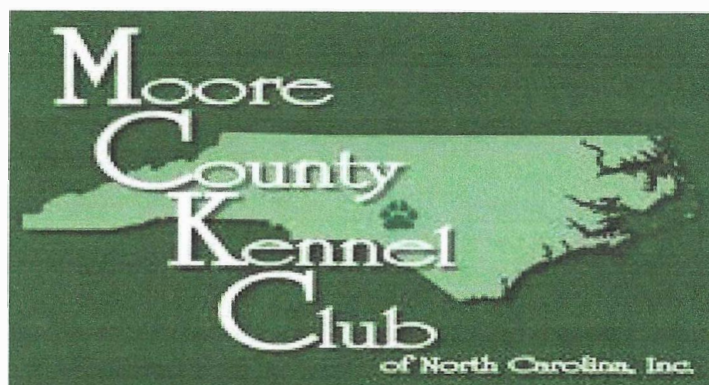
**ENTRIES WILL OPEN ON: February 1, 2026 at 8:30am.** All entries received before this date will be returned, only one dog per envelope, any overnight, registered or certified mail must be sent with the "No Signature Required" waiver signed. **ENTRIES CLOSE ON March 11, 2026 at 8:30am** after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, altered, or substituted except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows.

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**PREMIUM LIST**     **Saturday, March 28, 2026** Event #2026115616 & #2026115617  
**Sunday, March 29, 2026** Event #2026115618 & #2026115619

Sandhills Community College - Blue Hall  
3395 Airport Road, Pinehurst NC 28374



Licensed by the American Kennel Club

### ENTRY LIMITS

8 hours per judge per day

**Trial Hours:**

**Saturday and Sunday 8:00 am - 5:00pm**

**Element Running orders are subject to change after entries close**

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### **Saturday 3/28**

Novice check in starts @ 7:30 - General Briefing @ 8am with first dog to follow

Advance check in starts @ 11:30am - General Briefing after judge's lunch with first dog to follow

Trial 1 - Container/Buried, judge's element change break, Interior/Exterior  
reset break

Trial 2 - Container/Buried, judges element change break, Interior/Exterior

### **Sunday 3/29**

Excellent check in starts @ 7:30am - General Briefing @ 8am with first dog to follow

Master check in starts @ 11:30am - General Briefing after judge's lunch with first dog to follow  
Trial order/element order will run the same as Saturday



**AMERICAN  
KENNEL CLUB**

## **CERTIFICATION**

Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of  
this event under American Kennel Club rules and regulations.

Sheila Goffe, Secretary

### **OFFICERS OF THE MOORE COUNTY KENNEL CLUB**

President .....Carol Dowd  
Vice President .....Marjorie Riddle Watson  
Corresponding Secretary.....Cyndi Klepper  
680 Seven Lakes North, West End, NC 27376  
Treasurer.....John Zopatti

#### **TRIAL CHAIRPERSON**

John Zopatti  
75 Dalrymple Rd, Pinehurst NC  
28374 JZopatti@gmail.com  
561-722-7555

#### **TRIAL SECRETARY**

Tracy Rouch  
398 Kimzey Road, Mills River NC  
28759 searchalertfinish@gmail.com  
828-974-2360

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### **EVENT COMMITTEE**

Giselle Engleka, Tracy Rouch, Boo Donoho, John Zopatti , Marla Bowman and Emma Lambeth

### **CLASSES OFFERED AND JUDGES ASSIGNMENTS**

Kim Williams - Clemmons NC - #102718  
Saturday, March 28, 2026 Trial 1  
Novice & Advanced - Container & Interior  
Saturday, March 28, 2026 Trial 2  
Novice & Advanced - Buried & Exterior

Kim Williams - Clemmons NC #102718  
Sunday, March 29, 2026 Trial 1  
Excellent & Master - Container & Interior  
Sunday, March 29, 2026 Trial 2  
Excellent & Master- Buried & Exterior

Nina Brown - Harmony NC - #110510  
Saturday, March 28, 2026 Trial 1  
Novice & Advanced - Buried & Exterior  
Saturday, March 28, 2026 Trial 2  
Novice & Advanced - Container & Interior

Nina Brown - Harmony NC - #110510  
Sunday, March 29, 2026 Trial 1  
Excellent & Master - Buried & Exterior  
Sunday, March 29, 2026 Trial 2  
Excellent & Master - Container & Interior

## ENTRY FEES

**Mail entry** forms and fees to:

Tracy Rouch  
398 Kimzey Road  
Mills River NC 28759

Mail in entries ..... \$29/ Novice & Adv \$36/Excellent & Master

**Online Entry** - [Bit.ly/455LsGA](https://bit.ly/455LsGA)

Online entries .....\$30/Novice & Adv \$37/Excellent & Master

A \$35 fee will be collected for insufficient funds

No entries will be accepted by phone, email, fax, or hand delivery. Express mail entries must include the signature waiver allowing them to be left at the secretary's address. Inquiries may be directed to Tracy Rouch [searchalertfinish@gmail.com](mailto:searchalertfinish@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.

## WAIT LIST INFORMATION & BEFORE CLOSING WITHDRAWAL

Moore County Kennel Club is offering a wait list to fill openings created by move-ups or withdrawn entries after the trial's closing date/time. A maximum of 25 entries per trial day will be placed on the Club's wait list. There are no refunds for entries withdrawn after closing UNLESS the withdrawn entry is replaced by a wait-listed entry and notice of withdrawal is made by email to [searchalertfinish@gmail.com](mailto:searchalertfinish@gmail.com). Any online entries withdrawn prior to closing will be refunded less \$1 service fee. Any wait-listed entry that does not move off the wait list into the trial will receive a refund of the entry fee(s), online entries will have \$1 service fee per entry fee(s), mail in entries will have checks shredded. Withdrawals from the waitlist must be made strictly by email to [searchalertfinish@gmail.com](mailto:searchalertfinish@gmail.com) no later than 10 am March 23, 2026. Same day move ups will not be available. Move up requests will be accepted until 10am March 23, 2026 by email to the trial secretary. A move down transfer may be requested if the owner mistakenly entered the dog in a higher level class for which the dog is not eligible. A lateral transfer may be requested if the owner mistakenly entered the dog in Novice A and the dog is not eligible. Requests will be processed if there is adequate judging time available.

## 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, waiting area, as well as check-ins and posting of running order and results.

The Handler's Briefing will be a general combined briefing. There will be no group element briefings or walk-throughs. Each competitor will receive a brief description of their search from the judge prior to their run and be given a moment at the start line to view the area and ask questions.

A warm-up area will be available consisting of one marked container of each odor being tested at the trial and may also consist of blank 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 to their run, or for recovery after the run. The warm-up area is not for training or relieving the dog.

## ADDITIONAL SITE INFORMATION

It is not appropriate to scout the trial location prior to the trial date. Many search locations are real-life environments and such visits may risk the host losing the opportunity to use the location in the future.

Possession of Odors and Training. 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".

Spectator Area - Spectator access may be restricted at the judge's discretion based on the size of the search area.

Crating space will not be available. Exhibitors will be crating from their vehicles.

**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 grounds.

**VETERINARIAN ON CALL** Small Animal Emergency Services, 5091 US-1, Vass NC 28394 910-246-0405

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES Call 911 For Fire/Ambulance/Police**

First Health Moore Regional 155 Memorial Drive Pinehurst NC 910-715-1000

## RIBBONS, AWARDS, AND PRIZES

Placement ribbons will be awarded in each class as follows:

First Place.....Blue  
Second Place.....Red  
Third Place.....Yellow  
Fourth Place.....White  
Qualifying Score.....Dark Green

## 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; there is no separate High In Trial for the Novice A and Novice B sections. 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.

## NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

**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 Moore County 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 Moore County 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 Moore County 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.

**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 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(s) less \$5 service fee. Notification in writing must be given to the Trial Secretary no later than 30 minutes to the start of the trial.

**Ringside.** Judges are not required to wait for dogs. The Owner of each dog is solely responsible for having their dog ready at the search area when it is to be judged. The Club has no responsibility to provide service through a public address system, 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 armband number. Once the time and location for check-in is determined all exhibitors will be notified by email. Exhibitors MUST check-in EACH day they are entered.

Claims will be arbitrated as set forth on the Official AKC Entry Form for this event.

Exhibitors should follow their veterinarian's recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases and have appropriate vaccinations.

## HOTEL INFORMATION

Econo Lodge Southern Pines  
406 West Morganton Road  
Southern Pines NC 28387

Hampton Inn & Suites Southern  
Pines -Pinehurst  
200 Columbus Drive  
Aberdeen NC 28315

Hilton Garden Inn Southern Pines  
- Pinehurst  
155 South Hill Road  
Aberdeen NC 28315

Residence Inn by Marriott  
Southern Pines/Pinehurst  
105 Brucewood Road  
Southern Pines NC 28387

## RV/CAMPING INFORMATION

Contact John Zopatti for information/reservations for RV parking and dry camping JZopatti@gmail.com **\*\*Reservations must be made in advance\*\***

## DIRECTIONS TO THE TRIAL SITE

**From Raleigh** - Take US1 South to US-15S/US-501S. Turn left onto NC-225. Turn right onto Airport Road

**From Charlotte**- From US-74E/Independence Fwy. Take exit 246 for NC-27E/Albemarle Rd. Stay on NC-24/NC-27. Turn right onto ramp for 1-73/1-74. Take exit 44 toward NC-211S. Turn left onto NC-211S. At the traffic circle take the third exit onto NC-2E. Turn left onto Airport Rd

**From Durham** - From NC-147S- keep right to stay on 1-885. Take NC-540S/Triangle Expwy exit toward US-1/Sanford. Merge onto NC-540E. Take exit 56B toward Sanford and merge onto US-1S. Slight right onto US-15S/US-501S. Left turn onto NC-22S. Turn right onto Airport Road

**ONCE YOU ARRIVE AT AIRPORT ROAD - LOOK FOR THE FLAGPOLE (MAIN ENTRANCE TO SANDHILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE). ONCE YOU HAVE TURNED INTO THE MAIN CAMPUS ENTRANCE, AT THE FLAG POLE TURN RIGHT AND FOLLOW SIGNS**



## OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

### Mail entries to:

Tracy Rouch  
398 Kimzey Road  
Mills River NC 28759

	Cont.	Int.	Ext.	Buried
Trial 1 Sat 3/28/26	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A / B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A / B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A / B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A / B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
Trial 2 Sat 3/28/26	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A / B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A / B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A / B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A / B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
Trial 1 Sun 3/29/26	<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
Trial 2 Sun 3/29/26	<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

### INSTRUCTIONS

Please check the box for each class desired to be entered. Dogs may enter two different levels within each element, at each trial. Dogs entering the Advanced, Excellent, Master classes must have earned the required title, as stipulated in the AKC Scent Work Regulations. Dogs may enter either the Novice "A" class or the Novice "B" class—not both. Circle either A or B

**\*\*Entry fees include a \$4.50 per run AKC recording fee\*\***

Make checks payable to **Moore County Kennel Club** Each Entry \$28/\$35 x # of entries = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

AKC Registered Name		Registration Number
		<input type="checkbox"/> AKC/PAL/ILP/CP <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign
Call name	Date of birth	Sex
Breed	Variety	
Breeder		
Sire		
Dam		
Owner		
Owner's Address		
City	State	Zip
Telephone	Email	

Handler name (if different from owner):

Junior Handler # (if applicable):

Fields marked in blue are **REQUIRED**.

Fields marked in gray must be completed if the information is known.

**\*\*\*Be sure to read the Agreement and sign on the bottom. No form will be processed without your signature!\*\*\***

**AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club Web site,**

[www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)

### 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 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.

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of Emergency – Name/phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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

**SIGN HERE X:** \_\_\_\_\_