

The Mystery of the Unknown with Kathy Pierce

October 12, 2026

9:00 to 5:00 CDT

Goodlettsville Fire Department, Goodlettsville, TN

Hosted by K-9 Scent Crew

About Kathy:

Many of you do not need an introduction to Kathy....you may have trained with Kathy (who is a CNWI), attended a nose work trial or dock diving trial that she hosted, competed at an NACSW trial where she was the Certifying Official or a Judge, attended Nose Work Camp where she was an instructor, or attended a trial and competed along with her. Kathy is all things nose work and we could not be more excited to have her help us solve the **Mystery of the Unknown!**

Kathy will help build our confidence in handling the mystery of unknown number of hides by helping us answer the following questions:

Finding Hides:

How do you know when your dog finds the only hide or just the first hide?

What do you do when a search area might have zero hides?

How many hides should you expect in a complex puzzle?

Reading Your Dog:

How does your dog act when odor is pooling or shifting in the air?

How does your dog signal that the search is completely finished?

Handling Your Emotions:

How do you stop influencing your dog when you feel lost?

What should you do when you want to call "finish" but you feel unsure?

How do you trust your dog's nose over your own brain?



Goodlettsville Fire Department:

The location for this seminar is an active Fire Hall. It is a wonderful location for gathering and searching. However, there will be firefighters on site who could be called into action, which would mean moving vehicles and sirens. Dogs have performed well at this location in the past. The firefighters were great to work with us. If you are concerned that this environment would be too much for your dog, you might want to consider an audit spot. All dogs will be crated from the vehicles.

Registration Details:

Dogs must be competing at the NW3, KSG Excellent, AKC Masters, or Level 5 CPE to participate. There will be 10 working spots (\$185). Working spots will be awarded based on time of receipt. There will be 5 audit spots (\$100) which will be awarded the same way. If interested in attending, complete the registration form by clicking [HERE](#) and submit it after 7:00 pm CDT on Tuesday, September 8. Registrations received earlier than this time will go to the end of the line of those that have been received. You will receive a notification that will give you info on payment options if you have a spot. A waitlist will be maintained. Refunds will only be provided if the spot can be filled.

Please contact us at k9scentcrew@yahoo.com with any questions.