

NRC Scent Work Trial

Pierce County Fairgrounds
364 N Maple St, Ellsworth,
WI 54011

May 29-31, 2026



Welcome!

We are so happy you and your sniffer are joining us for our scent work trial at the Pierce County Fairgrounds! Ellsworth is the Cheese Curd Capital of Wisconsin! Visit the creamery if you love cheese.

Apps:

- We will be using the **Remind** app to send out general announcements and information. This is the best way for you to stay informed on what is happening with classes, when results are ready, etc. To sign up, send a text message to 81010. In the message section enter **@May2026NRC**. If you are prompted to enter your birth date you may enter any date you wish so long as you confirm being at least 13 years old. You may be prompted to download the Remind app itself – but this is not necessary to receive the trial text messages. Class name is NRC SCWK 2026, class code @may2026nrc.
- We will also be using **Agility Gate** as our method of check-in for each class and to keep you apprised of where we are in the running order. You will need to download this app from your app store if you do not already have it. When you arrive each day of the trial, you must open the Agility Gate app, find our scent work trial in Ellsworth, Wi. If it requires a password, that will be the month and day of the first day of the trial weekend (**Code - 0529**). Next you will see a list of all the classes being run that day. The order of the list will approximate the class running order of the trial. You will need to find one of your classes and open up that class. When you have that open, you will see a list of all the dogs running in your class. To Check-In your dog, put your finger on your dog's name and swipe to the left. That will then allow you a few choices, one of them being "Check-In" your dog. Tap that, and you are done for just that class. **Now repeat for all the classes you are in that day.** You must do this every day you come to the trial.

Judging Schedule, Running Order, and Fairground map:

- A copy of the Judging Schedule is attached. A map of the Pierce County Fairgrounds (next page) and the Running Order (subject to change, of course) are also attached.
- The order of the elements in the Judging Schedule approximates the class running order of the trial. The running order has been arranged to minimize conflicts. We plan to adhere to the order of handlers/dogs on the Agility Gate check-in sheets as much as possible. Volunteers are at the front, or/or will be allowed to cut the line if needed so they can get back to their jobs. Please indicate conflicts you may have on Agility Gate or with the Gate Steward.

Crating, Check-in, Briefings:

- Crating will be out of your car (except volunteers). Parking is in open lots with only a few small trees for cover. Exhibitors will have indoor crating access in the Arena barn beyond the ribbon area on Saturday and Sunday. Be aware, this barn has a dirt floor. Be sure to check the weather forecast and come prepared with what you need to keep you and your dog comfortable. The current weather forecast is low 80's, partly cloudy with a low chance of rain but a high chance of Qs!
- Check-in begins at 7:15am.
- Check-in **each** day and for **each class** on Agility Gate. If for any reason you are not able to use the app, please check in with the gate steward in person.
- The Morning Briefing will be held around 8:00am near the east entrance to the Arena Building across from the parking area. The briefing will be outside unless inclement weather forces us indoors.
- Most levels will have multiple judges, making walk-throughs by level difficult. Walk-throughs will be grouped when possible, but most will be done either just prior to the class or at the line briefing, possibly with photos sent via the Remind app (particularly the Container and Buried elements).

Move-Ups:

- Move-up forms will be available at or near the ribbon table located in the Arena Building. Same day move-ups will be accommodated when possible. Some higher level classes may run before the lower levels which will preclude move-ups in those classes. Next day move-ups must be submitted within 30-mins after the final class has ran.

Site Details and Site Map:

- Please see the attached map of the Pierce County Fairgrounds with building identification and **parking noted near the east entrance**. **Please be sure to enter the fairgrounds via the east entrance only!** Look for the NRC scent work signs. Cones may be placed in certain parking areas denoting any parking limits due to line-of-sight concerns. Volunteers, please see your info from Penny regarding volunteer crating and parking.
- **DO NOT ARRIVE PRIOR TO 7:15AM** as judges will be setting up their courses.
- Overnight camping is available, however exhibitors may be asked to move to the parking area during the trial hours since most camping is in the middle of the fairgrounds.
- As always please clean up after your dog EVERYWHERE. With that said, please do not allow your dog to potty in any area other than the designated potty area. Please do not let your dog urinate on anything that someone will ever have to pick up and move. Waste buckets will be available in the potty area. Please help us preserve the opportunity to return to this trial site in the future.
- Keep an eye on the weather. Many search areas are covered, including Containers, Buried some Exteriors. We have ordered excellent weather, but please come prepared just in case Mother Nature doesn't follow directions!

Food & Lodging:

- There will be no food truck at the trial this year. There are a few restaurants in town as well as the Ellsworth Creamery.
- Reconsidering Commuting? The David Hotel and Lodge in Ellsworth still has a few rooms available. Please contact them at 715-273-3333. Mention **NRC** to receive a discounted rate.

TACO night:

- **Saturday Night TACO Pot Luck Dinner:** NRC is hosting a Saturday evening taco pot luck dinner. NRC will provide tacos and the fixins'. To be held in the camping area shortly after the conclusion of the trial. Watch the Remind App for the exact timing. Bring a side/dessert to share if you can. Those camping, staying at the hotel, judges, committee members, volunteers, and exhibitors commuting... everyone is invited to come by, play some cornhole, enjoy the best camaraderie, a delicious dinner, and relax around the campfire! Did I mention smores and hobo pies? Oh, BYOB if you want anything special.

Thank you for entering the NRC Scent Work Trial!

Have a great trial and most of all have fun!

Running Order

Friday May 29th, 2026						
JILL	WENDY	CHRIS	JOHNNETTE	AVA	CINDY	ROB
Det 2	Det 1	Exc/Mast HD 1&2	Mast Int 1			
Exc Ext 1&2	Exc Int 2	Exc Int 1	Exc Cont 1&2			
	Mast Ext 2	Mast Ext 1	Mast Cont 1&2			
		Mast Int 2				
Saturday May 30th, 2026						
JILL	WENDY	CHRIS	JOHNNETTE	AVA	CINDY	ROB
Nov Cont 1	Nov Ext 1&2	Exc Ext 2	Det 1	Nov Bur 1&2	Nov Cont 2	Nov HD 1&2
Adv Cont 1&2	Adv Ext 1&2	Mast Int 1	Exc Bur 1&2	Adv Bur 1&2	Nov Int 1&2	Adv HD 1&2
Exc Ext 1	Mast Ext 1	Det 2	Mast Bur 1&2	Adv Int 1&2	Exc Int 1	
Mast Int 2						
Sunday May 31st, 2026						
JILL	WENDY	CHRIS	JOHNNETTE	AVA	CINDY	ROB
Adv HD 1&2	Nov Cont 1&2	Nov Bur 1&2	Adv Int 1	Exc HD 1&2	Nov HD 1&2	
Mast Int 1	Adv Cont 1&2	Adv Bur 1&2	Nov Int 1&2	Mast HD 1&2	Nov Ext 1&2	
Mast Ext 1	Det 2	Adv Ext 1&2	Exc Bur 1&2	Det 1	Exc Int 1	
Exc Cont 1&2		Adv Int 2	Mast Bur 1&2			
Mast Cont 1&2						





Class Transfer (Move Up) Form

Please check off which day/trial you would like to move up in:

- Friday – Trial 2
- Saturday – Trial 1
- Saturday – Trial 2
- Sunday – Trial 1
- Sunday – Trial 2

Dog's Call Name: _____

AKC#: _____

Breed: _____

Owner's Name: _____

Class Originally Entered (i.e. Novice A Interior): _____

Class to be transferred to (i.e. Advanced Interior): _____

Signature: _____