

47th Annual MD Scout *Orienteering Day* Balto. Area Cncl. BSA

PATUXENT RIVER PARK's JUG BAY NATURAL AREA, near Upper Marlboro, SAT. OCT 28, 2023 8:30-5:00

You must REGISTER (on line at BaltimoreBSA.org/orienteering BY SUN. OCT. 22! 11:59 p.m.

Designed for Scouts BSA/ Girl Scouts new to orienteering (O'). Map skills instructional activities start the day.

A one-day event; however, camping, modern rest rooms are available Fri-Sun. right at the event site.

"Orienteering is meant to be a cross-country race with map and compass through unknown terrain, a kind of treasure hunt for strategically placed markers. A good orienteer needs strong legs, a subtle brain, and the ability to exert both at the same time, which is rare."- Outside Magazine. In 2022 440 Scouts+leaders from 40 units orienteered; half of the attendees camped one or both nights.

Your troop / Venture unit is invited to BAC's annual day of orienteering instruction & fun!
\$4.00 cost. Girl Scouts 10 thru 17 & parents welcome; not Cubs / Webelos. Venture (<18) can come as a unit or merge w/ a troop. Beforehand, try the fun public beginner O' events at gocweb.org -arrive 10:30 -12:30; color maps like ours, instruction available, most Sundays.

Easy-to-use color O' map for everyone:
(Stan Turk photo)



Brand new color O' maps this year at Pax. R. Park. Also, Broad Creek Scout Res. has permanent practice O' courses: info on the color camp map (sold at camp for \$1; 75¢ for >20).

Our self-guided instructional map hikes & "lost-proof" Route O' start the day. This "more map, less compass" approach has proven to be very popular, much more fun than compass courses, valuable in developing self-reliance & map skills. We don't sign off requirements, but some of the tougher O' merit badge ones (4 a-b,d-f, 6c, 7a, & 10) can be met, + the 1st Class O' requirement. After the ever-popular Score O' we have at 4:30 pm awards to the top 115 scouts (+patches & color maps for all who pay (**below.)) After registering, you'll get directions, our schedule, & what-to-bring. For tips on skills, try orienteeringusa.org/resources/training/ or the merit badge pamphlet.

Scouts orienteer in "younger" or "older" pairs. "Older": Everyone 14 to 17, plus those 13 with the 1st Class O' requirement (#4a) passed. All others are in the "younger" category (all 10 to 12 year-olds regardless, plus some 13 year-olds.) We can make switches easily on Sat.

Bring lots of scouts; troops with more than 13 scouts get to drop their lowest score in the troop competition, 17 or more their two lowest, etc! At the event additions over your total registered can still be added for \$5 +\$2/nt. camping. No refunds at the event. Patches, maps only to paying** participants with us all day. To earn a troop award in our main category, you need at least ten scouts, but with less you still do all events & compete for all 115 individual awards.... But it's more fun & challenging to combine with another unit for the p.m. (SM's of troops w/ <10 will do this Sat.) See BaltimoreBSA.org/orienteering for info or write volunteer event chair DaveLinthicum@earthlink.net. See you there!

It's a fun event, especially late-a.m. "lost-proof" courses (100+ awards) & the p.m. "free-for-all" Score O'!

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By Sun. Oct. 22 if you want to attend, YOU MUST go to on line registration at BaltimoreBSA.org/orienteering; have all the info below ahead of time.

It helps to bring a copy of this sheet to the event when you'll fill in a new form with your changes & will make additional payments (if any.)

Troop/ Venture # _____ Unit's town _____ District _____ Council _____ Leader at event: _____
His/her email: _____ & Cell phone _____ Street Address: _____ Zip _____

Interested in more info on the great bbq chicken sandwich lunches we love every year?: Yes ___ No ___ If yes, email by Oct.16 pitbeefsale@gmail.com

Special-needs youth? ...List only if to be accompanied in the woods by an adult: _____

A minimum of two youth is required; Form a "triple" only if you have an odd number of total scouts. (Do not mix "older" and "younger" in the same pair (except if necessary for that one left-over pair; list that mixed pair under "older".)) Names of "younger pairs" of scouts (see above):

_____ & _____
_____ & _____
_____ & _____

Names of "older pairs" of scouts (see above.) We keep the same pairs all day:
_____ & _____
_____ & _____
_____ & _____

Name(s) of any Scout(s) you feel can compete by themselves in the "Super-advanced" group, and why (previous success at this or other orienteering events)
You'll have few or no scouts in this category; max.: 3: _____ Why? _____
Why? _____ / _____ Why? _____

Names of participating (**paying) adults/parents/Venture 18 or over: 1) SM from above: _____ 2) _____
3) _____ 4) _____ 5) _____ 6) _____ 7) _____

Total names above: ___ at \$4 each = \$ _____ IF CAMPING, how many people Fri. nt.? ___ Sat. nt.? ___ at \$2 per person (adult+youth) per night = \$ _____

Grand total: \$ _____ If buying hot lunches, send a check by Oct. 19; contact by Oct. 16 pitbeefsale@gmail.com