

# 49<sup>th</sup> Annual *MD Scout* **Orienteering** Day Balto. Area Cncl. BSA

**PATUXENT RIVER PARK's JUG BAY NATURAL AREA, near Upper Marlboro, SAT. OCT 25, 2025 8:30-5:00**

**You must REGISTER** (on line at [BaltimoreScouting.org/orienteering](https://BaltimoreScouting.org/orienteering) **BY SUN. OCT. 19!** 11:59 p.m.

Designed for **Scouting America & Girl Scout** youth--especially those new to orienteering (O'): map skills instructional activities.

**A fun one-day event; however, camping/modern rest rooms available Fri-Sun. right at the event site, \$2.50.**

*"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 2024, over 440 Scouts (+ 150 leaders) from 49 units orienteered; 35 units camped one or both nights.

Troops/Venture units are invited to our annual day of orienteering instruction & fun! Just a **\$6.00 event fee!** (Girl Scouts 10-17 ok; no Cubs / Webelos. Parents welcome 8 to 5.

Beforehand, try the fun public beginner O' events at [gocweb.org](https://gocweb.org) - instruction available. Also, Broad Creek's color camp map has permanent practice O' courses for all levels.

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, more fun than compass courses, & valuable in developing self-reliance & map skills.

We don't sign off anything, but the tougher O' merit badge ones (4 a-b,d-f, 6c, 7a, & 10) can be met, + 1st Class O'. The O' merit badge pamphlet has useful tips on skills!

After the always-popular "free-form" Score O', we have awards at 4:30 to the top 115 scouts (+patches & color maps for all who pay (\*\*below.)) After registering, you get our schedule, what-to-bring, etc. See [OrienteeringUSA.org/resources/training](https://OrienteeringUSA.org/resources/training)



**JOHN'S FAMOUS PIT BEEF/BBQ Chicken Lunch**  
Feed your Scouts! - Beef (\$12)/pulled chicken (\$10) sandwich/ chips/dessert/drink. **Mail checks to "BSA Tr. 873" Janet Biscoe,** 675 Cog Ct Millersville 21108 w/ your email, # of beef/ chicken, # of regular soda/diet soda/water. - Info: [pitbeefsale@gmail.com](mailto:pitbeefsale@gmail.com)

Scouts orienteer in "younger" or "older" pairs. **"Older":** Everyone 14 to 17, plus those 13 with the 1<sup>st</sup> Class O' requirement (#4a) passed. All others are in the **"younger"** category (all 10-12 year-olds regardless, + some 13 year-olds.) We add, drop, do switches easily at the event.

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 \$7 +\$2.50/nt. camping. No refunds. 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 [BaltimoreScouting.org/orienteering](https://BaltimoreScouting.org/orienteering) or write vol. event chair [Davelinthicum@earthlink.net](mailto:Davelinthicum@earthlink.net). Hope to see you there!

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**By Sun. Oct. 19 if you want to attend, YOU MUST go to on line registration at [BaltimoreScouting.org/orienteering](https://BaltimoreScouting.org/orienteering); have all the info below beforehand.**

It helps to bring a copy of this sheet to the event when you'll fill in a new form **with additions, drops, switches, & 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 lunches we all love every year?: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, contact before Oct. 15 [pitbeefsale@gmail.com](mailto: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 \$6 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **IF CAMPING, how many people Fri. nt.? \_\_\_\_\_ Sat. nt.? \_\_\_\_\_ at \$2.50 per person (adult+youth) per night = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Grand total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **If buying hot lunches, send a check by Oct. 15; More info at [pitbeefsale@gmail.com](mailto:pitbeefsale@gmail.com)**