

49th Annual MD Scout *Orienteering* Day Balto. Area Cncl. BSA

PATUXENT RIVER PARK's Jug Bay-Columbia Air Ctr., near Upper Marlboro, **SAT. OCT 25, 2025 8:30-5:00**

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

For Scouts BSA/ Girl Scouts, especially if new to orienteering- **A fun day; camping/modern rest rooms Fri-Sun. onsite-\$2.50.**

"Orienteering (O') is meant to be a cross-country race with map & 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 50 units orienteered; 35 units camped one or both nights.

\$6.00 event fee. Venture <21 & Girl Scouts 10-17 ok; Parents too. No Cubs/Webelos.

Just 35 min. from Annap., 50 from Columbia, 20 from DC Beltway. We don't sign off any, but O' merit badge requirements 4 a-b,d-f, 6c, 7a, & 10 can be met, + 1st Class O'.

Beforehand, try the fun public beginner O' events at 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" step-by step approach has been very popular & more fun/useful than just compass courses, & valuable in developing self-reliance & map skills; see OrienteeringUSA.org/resources/training.

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'll get our schedule, what-to-bring, etc.



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. We **add, drop, do switches easily at the event** when you arrive.

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 or write vol. event chair 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; 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 _____

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) per night = \$** ____ **Fri. \$** ____ **Sat.**

Grand total: \$ _____