

From: Dave Linthicum, O' Day coordinator *Contact me **before Oct. 24** (DaveLinthicum@earthlink.net) if you have questions not answered below or by our **attached event schedule** (both also at BaltimoreScouting.org/orienteering.)*

Thanks for registering. We're looking forward to another day of fun orienteering (O'), **rain or shine**--we have a big pavilion & big barn--for ScoutsBSA, Girl Scouts, Venturing Crews, adult leaders, CAP, parents--an all-outdoor event.

Oh yes....on **Sat., Oct. 25** we'll squeeze in 125 awards, patches for all, & a bit of learning navigation skills too!

Unfortunately, after 30 consecutive years of support at this event and more years serving scouts in the Ferndale- Glen Burnie area, Troop 873 folded, and we'll **not have lunches available** for purchase this year.

Sack lunches are suggested, as some will have limited time at lunch (and the half dozen largest camping troops will have very nice sites with road access... but 0.5 to 0.7 mile away.)

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We don't need to know the names or exact #'s of attendees until Oct. 25 when we'll sort that & the \$ out.

At 10:30 a.m. Sat. we'll ask for help from adults (no skill needed) to "monitor" an O' course for 1 to 1.5 hours-Thanks

Arriving after 9 a.m. Sat. is unhelpful (less time for the self-guided beginner instruction/Map Walks (tips/text & the map already at BaltimoreScouting.org/orienteering.) Registration/ getting maps starts at **8:30 a.m.** when you **turn in a new paper form** to delete or substitute attendees (or increase your total @\$7 each) (no refunds.)) (*To save time, come to our barn door as early as 7:30 a.m. (sunrise) to get that new form if you didn't get one Fri. night (campers.)*)

With less than 10 Scouts you'll still participate fully & will place in the "smaller troop" list. Or, at our optional 10 a.m. meeting for leaders with questions, most **units with <10 scouts combine with another unit, just for the afternoon Score O' p.m. event to make it more fun, challenging, & be eligible for our main troop award.** Min. 2 youth per unit.

Max. 3 **Super-Advanced** per unit; if you have any, email me their resume (success at real color map O', so most units have none). **Parents and adult leaders** usually have fun doing beginner or intermediate level courses too....but they need to be registered & paid (by Sat. a.m.) to receive maps & patches. Some adult groups make non-official Score O' teams at 2:15 p.m. for fun, and most adults go out then to try to find some markers.

The fun a.m. "Head to Head" O' that you might do (on your own) is cross-country O', counting for 1 of the 3 Req. 7a O' merit badge courses; the other two we'll do later in the day. We don't "sign off" requirements, but it's an ideal time to learn & earn, with some later follow up, requirements 4a-b, d-f, 6c, 7a, & 10 of O' merit badge + 1st Class O'.

All injuries can and should be reported to our first aid--search/rescue experts, the Civil Air Patrol leaders (& cadets) providing critical support to this event for decades. They are on the south side of the barn.

Our staff looks forward to seeing you Oct. 25! (or if camping Fri., at check-in Oct. 24.)

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Things to bring: **Each Scout, parent, and adult leader** should bring **3 zip lock bags (gallon-sized**, to protect maps from rain/sweat), a pencil, a **red pen** (for marking on your map....ink or a sharp red pencil (felt tip is worst)), a water bottle, snack, and a **spare dry pair of shoes, socks, & shirt & cold-rainy weather gear.** Each **pair of Scouts** should have some combination of **compass** / watch / cell phone for time & directions, & a whistle (used only in emergencies.) Each troop brings at least 2 large trash bags, one for trash, one for recycling; dumpsters on site. Bikes, GPS's, nav. apps, radios are not allowed in O'. Phones are for emergency calls to adults only. Troop leaders should have the cell numbers of scouts if you allow phones; scouts should have a leader's #. Reception is mostly ok.

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Directions to Patuxent River Park's Jug Bay Natural Area in Prince George's County: **16091 Croom Airport Rd., Upper Marlboro.** Go 29 miles south of the Balto. Beltway via I-97/ Rt. 3/ US 301 south (**Or** go 8 miles east of the DC Beltway's Exit 11 on Rt. 4 East/South) **to the jct. of US 301 & Rt. 4 (PA Ave.) in Upper Marlboro.**

Then go south on US 301 for 3.5 miles to the stop light. Turn left (east) on **Croom Rd.** (Rt. 382) for 3 miles, then left (east) (at a big park sign) left onto **Croom Airport Rd.** After 2 miles **go straight past the next park entrance signs, toward "Group Camp & Picnic Area"** for 0.9 mi. to where **Croom Airport Rd. ends at a "T" junction at the "Columbia Air Center" monument.**

If dropping off, go no further than this "T" junction. If staying, turn right at the "T" jct. & park on Sat. in the field on the **left** side of the road (campers park on the right.) Lat-Long GPS coordinates for our main event area are 38.7533N 76.7099W; UTM GPS coordinates are 35142E 429080N. For the park: 301-627-6074. You are in a Prince George's County park--you are **NOT going to Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary**, which is in Anne Arundel County.

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INFO FOR CAMPERS ONLY:

If camping **Fri:** Arrive from **5 to 10 p.m.** All **gate combinations: 1738.** See **attached map** (we'll give you copies on arrival) showing sites & where to park, water (only at our main area's pavilions so bring big jugs), modern toilets, pavilion. If you are **camping** you should have paid already; if not, pay on Sat. **No camping** within 50 yds. of the barn...but ok on the big field's **edge.** **Don't crowd other troops or hog space!**

On **Fri.**, we'll stop your first car (SM, we hope) & **assign a site**; you can't sign up for a site early. **Bring camp stoves &/or a portable fire pit (pan) & saws**, as pre-cut wood is limited & fire rings are scarce. No **picnic tables** at most sites unless you carry one from the pavilion & **return it before you leave.** (There will be lots of room if camping **Sat. night** only; see Dave Sat. noon.) **Quiet hours: 11 to 6. 24hr. park police: 301-459-9088/ 3232.**

Ask me for a map of a 3-mile round-trip Sunday hike to cool river overlooks (climbing a really tall fire tower!) BAC is responsible for O' Sat. 8:30-5 (awards ceremony ends at 5.) Otherwise 2-deep unit leadership is responsible.

Our hosts since 2004, the park chief says: **No vehicles in the sites except initial arrival drop-off & final departure!** **All vehicles...this means all!...** must go back & head-in park on the **right side** of the paved road leading **toward the barn.** Exceptions: one troop trailer, & at Sites A-D/ CC (0.5/ 0.7mi. away, car access, reserved for largest troops.)

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Directions to the nearest hospital: MedStar S. MD Hospital Ctr., 7503 Surratts Rd, Clinton, MD:

Follow Croom Airport Rd. back the way you came (3.0 mi). to T jct., then

Turn left onto MD-382 south (Croom Rd.) for 0.7 mi., then

Turn right onto Duley Station Rd. After 2.6 mi., continue straight onto Cheltenham Rd. for 0.4 mi., then a slight left onto Old Indian Head Rd. After 0.9 mi. ...

....you reach the highway: Go left onto US-301 S for just 0.4 mi., then

Turn right onto Frank Tippet Rd for just 0.3 mi, then

Turn left onto Surratts Rd for 3.3 mi. winding miles....~200 yards before the Rt. 5 Branch Ave. highway, the hospital is on your left.

Total: 22 minutes, 12 miles.