

50th Annual MD Scout *Orienteering* Day Balto. Area Cncl.

For the first time!...at Camp Saffran, BROAD CREEK Scout Res., 35 mi. NE of Balto., SAT. OCT 24, 2026 8:30-5:00

You must REGISTER (on line at BaltimoreScouting.org/orienteering) **BY SUN. OCT. 18 11:59 p.m.**

Especially for those new to orienteering. **New maps, new site this year. The event & camping (modern bathrooms) co-located.**

"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. **This event has 400-600 Scouts (+~150 leaders) from ~50 units attend, half camping one or both nights.**

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

Bring lots of scouts!... Troops with 5 or more pairs qualify for our main troop awards, 8 or more pairs get to drop their lowest score, 10 or more pairs their two lowest, etc.

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' 4a 1st part too.

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. A minimum of two youth is required.

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.

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; 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!



By Sun. Oct. 18 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: _____

Form one (only) "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:

_____ & _____	_____ & _____
_____ & _____	_____ & _____
_____ & _____	_____ & _____

Any scout that can go by themselves ("Super-advanced") and **why** (success at this or other **real** orienteering events) They don't miss *any* of the troop event.

You'll have **few or no** scouts in this category; **max. of 3:** _____ Why? _____ /
_____ Why? _____ / _____ Why? _____

Names of participating (paying) adults/parents/Venture 18 or over:** 1) Leader 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: \$ _____

Cash/check only on Oct. 24.