# 51st Annual *MD Scout* **Orienteering** *Day* Balto. Area Cncl.

***PATUXENT RIVER PARK's JUG BAY NATURAL AREA, near Upper Marlboro, SAT. OCT 23, 2027 8:30-5:00***

***You must REGISTER*** online at BaltimoreScouting.org/orienteering ***BY SUN. OCT. 17*** 11:59 p.m.

This fun, 1-day event is especially designed for those new to orienteering. **The event & camping (modern bathrooms) are 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."* **We'll have 400-500 Scouts (+~150 leaders), ~50 units, from VA, PA, DC, DE... 1/2 camping one or both nights.**

**$6.00 event fee**. Venture <21 & Girl Scouts 10-17 welcome. No Cubs/ Webelos.

Bring lots of scouts! Troops w/ 5+ pairs are in our main troop award class, 8+ pairs drop their lowest score, 10+ 2-lowest, etc. *A min. of two youth + 2 adults is required.*

We don't sign off, but O' merit badge 4 a-b, d-f, 6c, 7a, 10, & 1st Class 4a's 1st part *can* be met.

*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, leadership, & map skills. OrienteeringUSA.org/resources/training & the O' merit badge pamphlet have useful tips.

After ever-popular "free-form" *Score O'*, we have awards (4:30) for the top 115, + patches & color maps for all who pay (**below.) After registering, we'll email you our schedule, the instructional map with beginner tips, a list of what-to-bring, etc.



2026 Route Orienteering photo: Stan Turk

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 "**younger**". Parents are welcome 8 to 5 (+ camping if registered.)

To earn a **troop** award in our main category, you need at least 10 scouts; with less you still do all events.... *But it's more fun & challenging to **combine** 2 units **for the p.m.** (SM's of troops w/ <10 will do this at our 10 a.m. Sat. leaders' meeting.)*

More info: BaltimoreScouting.org/orienteering or vol. event chair DaveLinthicum@earthlink.net. Hope to see you there!

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**By Sun. Oct. 17 if you want to attend, YOU MUST** go to **online registration** at BaltimoreScouting.org/orienteering. **Have all the info below beforehand.**

Unit #_____ Unit's town_____ Leader at event:_____ Email:_____Cell _____
Special-needs youth?…List here only if to be accompanied in the woods by an adult:_____ _____

Only **1** triple, only if you have an odd total # of scouts. Don't mix older/younger in a pair (unless needed for **1** 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:**
_____&_____ _____&_____
_____&_____ _____&_____
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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 two adults (**paying)** 1) Leader on site:_____ 2)_____ Names of additional (**paying) adults:
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 payment total: $_____** Additions can be made to your grand total at the event ($7, + $2.50 camping per night, cash/ check only.) No refunds.