

DELAWARE VALLEY ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION

To: All Scouts, Venturers, Scout Masters, Advisors, Leaders, & Committee Members

Are you and your unit ready to test your map reading and problem solving abilities? Are you ready to work on the map and compass requirements for rank or award requirements or the Orienteering merit badge? Why not try **ORIENTEERING**, a cross country map and compass adventure designed to test the map reading ability, compass skills, and woodsman savvy of any unit regardless of size or experience.

On **May 5, 2012**, the 24th annual MASOC is being held through the efforts of the Delaware Valley Orienteering Association and French Creek State Park. **BOY SCOUTS, CUB SCOUTS, WEBELOS, GIRL SCOUTS, AND VENTURERS OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME.** Pre-event instruction will be offered prior to the event so that all youth, regardless of prior experience will be able to take part in the actual competition. There will be courses of four distinct levels of difficulty so that every scout should encounter a challenge suited to his or her capabilities. The event will be held on a map that has been mapped to International Orienteering Federation (IOF) standards. These maps will be returned to the teams after scoring so they will be useful for instruction at future meetings.

Pre-registration is required for the event. Additional information on registration is attached. Please be aware that the number of start times is limited, and thus so is the number of participants. Late registering troops place a large burden on the organizers thus are assessed a late fee as described on the Registration Form. They are likely to be put into a mass start around noon unless space and time is available for arranging normal start sequencing.

Camping is available at French Creek. We have group tenting Sites 1 through 7 reserved for scout orienteers both Friday and Saturday nights. **They are usually all filled by the end of March, so register early if your troop plans to camp on site. After March 30 call or email BEFORE sending in a camping reservation.** The total camping capacity is about 200 scouts. If you want to share a site in areas 1-7 with other troops, please check the line on the pre-registration form and include the camping fee of \$3.00 / person for the weekend. If you want to share a site with a particular unit, please register at the same time (not on the same form) and make a note of the requested arrangements. The Park has some other sites available on a first come first served basis. Larger troops can reserve these sites. I recommend you call 1-888-727-2757 and reserve one now if you want one of the private sites. Note: the Brush Hill Campground is designated for family camping, not for group use. This means that groups are limited to 5 people per site, and the regular family camping rates apply. Overflow camping may be available at the Daniel Boone Homestead or Hibernia Park. Call them for details.

French Creek State Park
843 Park Road
Elverson, PA.19520
(610) 582-9680

Hibernia Park
1 Park Road Box 124
Wagontown, PA
(610) 383-3812

Daniel Boone Homestead
400 Daniel Boone Road
19376 Birdsboro, PA 19508
(610) 582-4900

To register for the event send the MASOC24 registration form and payment payable to Ed Scott/DVOA to:

Ed Scott
1608 Cocalico Road
Birdsboro, PA 19508

**MID-ATLANTIC SCOUT
ORIENTEERING
CHAMPIONSHIPS
MAY 5, 2012**

This data is available at <http://scoutorienteeing.com>

Categories: Scouts will compete with other scouts of the same rank. Four courses will be offered.

- Course 1A** Cub Scout Dens, Webelo Dens, Brownie groups. Dens and Brownies can participate in groups of 2 or more with an adult advisor who should **follow** his or her group, not lead it.
- Course 1** Girl Scout Juniors and Boy Scouts (New Scouts & Tenderfoot Scouts) will do this course. Boys run in pairs *without adults*. Scouts on this course with adults will be listed as "NC", i.e. non-competitive and not eligible for awards or collecting troop points.
- Course 2** Second Class and/or First Class Boys with *no adults*; Girl Scout Cadets can have an adult trailing, but not communicating with the girls except in case of emergency or injury. All compete in pairs.
- Course 3** Star, Life, and/or Eagle Boy Scouts; younger Venturers; Girl Seniors: all compete in pairs.
- Course 4 (USOF Yellow):** Older Venturers who compete in pairs. This course is separate from course 3. Leaders may also compete on this course in groups or alone. Leaders should also pre-register to compete, pay the 6.00 fee, and will receive a patch for early registration. Leader results are for bragging rights only and will not affect the unit scoring. There is no charge for leaders that are not going out on a course.

Advanced Scout (USOF Orange) & Advanced Adult (USOF Brown). Advanced, experienced orienteers of any rank: **Scout, Venturer, or Scouter**, run *alone* on a typical USOF level course. Scouts, Venturers and all Leaders need to be skilled enough to compete alone to be eligible for prizes on this course. Registrations we receive showing pairs of youth on this course will be split up and assigned separate start times. Leaders in pairs will not be eligible for awards. The start interval on this course is usually 5 minutes, so very little "following" is possible. Girl Scouts may, if they choose, run this course in pairs to comply with GSUSA rules.

PLEASE BE SURE TO REGISTER YOUR YOUTH ON THE PROPER COURSE. IT IS EMBARRASSING AND CONFUSING AT AWARD TIME TO FIND YOUTH THAT HAVE COMPETED ON A COURSE DESIGNED FOR YOUNGER AND LESS EXPERIENCED COMPETITION.

Score event: All youth will compete in a score event in the afternoon. The teams will remain the same as in the morning event. All events will contribute to the troop total score to determine the troop championship. There are to be *no adults* competing or assisting in the woods during the score event. Adults can advise teams on their objectives, but the SPL is expected to do the bulk of the planning.

Registration Information: All participants must be **pre-registered** and **prepaid**. Free event patches are guaranteed for the first 1000 registered. **The cost of the event is 6.00/youth or participating leader with registrations postmarked on or before April 18. Leaders that are not doing a course do not need to register or pay a registration fee. The cost for Registrations postmarked after April 18, and received on or before April 30 is \$11 per participant.** Registration will **CLOSE** on April 30, 2012. The pre-registration form is the "mail-in" sheet attached. The full page registration form can be filled out when you are sure of the exact make up of all your teams and should be available at final registration on meet day. Choose the teams carefully because they must remain together all day. Each unit may have **one** three-person team per course to allow for odd numbers. The earliest entries get the earliest start times, thus more of a rest between events.

Timeline on the day of the event: **Instruction will begin at 9:00 AM.** The start times of each individual team on their course will be determined by the entry date of their troop. In general, start times will begin at 10:00 AM and go until about noon. There will be a short meeting to explain the afternoon event at approximately 1:30 PM. The Score Event will run from 2:00 to 3:00 PM. We are usually successful in having the Awards ceremony finished by 4:00 PM

***START TIMES:** are assigned in the order the entry is received. Early entries get the early starts.

***PRIZES:** Awards will be made to the best teams on each cross country course. We will order awards to cover 25% of the teams registered by April 8. Registering early will provide more awards for everyone. Championship Troops will be determined by the results in all categories including the score event. Awards for the morning courses are presented at the end of the event. *If your unit is unable to stay for the awards, please make arrangements for another unit to pick up and deliver any awards that your youth may receive. Troop awards are mailed when all results are checked and tallied.*

***REGISTRATION:** In order to help in your advance planning, we are asking for only the **number** of teams prior to the event. Pre-register using the mail-in form provided. The short lines should be checked indicating the number of teams on each course, or have a number indicating the number of boys on that team if it is other than two. Don't forget to tell us if you are a BSA, Crew, or GSUSA unit.

*AT THE ON-SITE REGISTRATION you will receive start tickets with unit information and start times listed. Youth should be at the start line at least 10 minutes prior to their assigned start time. We can't easily assign new start times as every time slot is likely to be filled. Please add your youth's names to that ticket stub for awards purposes. Do not make any other changes to the ticket unless they have been cleared at registration. Competing adults should indicate "Male" or "Female" for awards purposes.

*TWO UNIT REGISTRATIONS: Often two types of units are registered together such as a Webelos den and a Boy Scout troop, or Girl Scout Troops of Cadets and Juniors etc. Please use separate mail-in forms for each unit to avoid confusion.

*PAYMENT: Checks can be made payable to ED SCOTT - DVOA (Delaware Valley Orienteering Association)

*BEHAVIOR: The Delaware Valley Orienteering Association is responsible for providing good courses, accurate maps, and clear instructions. Leaders are responsible for proper discipline of the youth. The youth must not remove any of the control points or control card punches. Removal of meet equipment is unfair to other units and will result in the disqualification of the offending unit.

*PARKING AREA: There are signs within the park directing you to the parking. They are orange and white arrows, similar to an orienteering flag. The direction markers will start at both park entrances on PA Route 345.

*REFUNDS: Because the courses are preprinted on your maps, we cannot refund any registrations. However if you have teams that did not attend, be sure to pick up their maps after 12:00.

*EQUIPMENT: Each team should have a watch, a red pen, and a compass.

*QUESTIONS? You may email the director at Scottdvoa@dejazzd.com, but please read this document first. All of the frequently asked questions are answered here. Remember DVOA is in charge of the Orienteering. Questions regarding other activities and facilities at the park should be directed to them.

Electronic Equipment: The use of Cell phones and walkie-talkies for communicating with a group still on their course should be done only after they are unable to continue and have withdrawn from the competition.

WE GO RAIN OR SHINE ! The maps are in plastic bags; the scouts should dress for the weather.

TIME LINE:

By..... ASAPSecure a camping permit at French Creek if you desire a separate campsite for your troop. You probably will want to use group tenting sites, not general family camping sites. These are obtained by calling 1-888-727-2757. They are not done through the park.

March 15.....Patch order is placed.

March 28.....Send entry if you plan on reserving a campsite in Group Tenting through DVOA.

April 8Trophy order goes in. The more we have registered the more trophies we order. Any large multi troop groups must be fully registered in order to participate.

April 18 postmark: Last day for troops to register at the \$6.00 per scout fee. Tomorrow the price goes up to \$11.00 per youth and participating leader.

April 25 postmark: Last day to safely send entries at the \$10 rate. Late registrations get later start times, and less rest between the morning and afternoon events than those who have registered earlier. Late fees are applied.

April 30Registration is closed.

TROOP INFORMATION FORM

This form is for your use in planning your unit's teams. It is not the mail-in registration form. Be sure to pre-register by mail before APRIL 18, 2012 using the mail-in registration form MASOC 2012 to avoid late fees.

UNIT NO. _____ DISTRICT _____ COUNCIL _____

TOWN _____ STATE _____ TOTAL # of TEAMS COMPETING _____

ADULT LEADER _____

PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

E-Mail _____

Start time

Course 1 _____ Team 1 _____ & _____

_____ Team 2 _____ & _____

_____ Team 3 _____ & _____

_____ Team 4 _____ & _____

Course 2 _____ Team 1 _____ & _____

_____ Team 2 _____ & _____

_____ Team 3 _____ & _____

_____ Team 4 _____ & _____

Course 3 _____ Team 1 _____ & _____

_____ Team 2 _____ & _____

_____ Team 3 _____ & _____

_____ Team 4 _____ & _____

Course 4 _____ Scout 1 _____

_____ Scout 2 _____

Advanced _____ Adult 1 _____

_____ Adult 2 _____

Adults _____ 1 _____ & _____

regular _____ 2 _____ & _____

course _____ 3 _____ & _____