

**THE 31ST ANNUAL
SCOTT'S MID-ATLANTIC SCOUT
ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS
S-MASOC2019 Saturday MAY 4, 2019**

This data is available at <http://scoutorienteering.com> or
through the event link on DVOA's site at www.dvoa.org

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

- Course 1A** Cub Scout Dens, Webelo, Dens, Daisy or Brownie groups. Dens, Daisies 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 Senior Ambassadors: all compete in pairs.
- Course 4 (OUSA Yellow):** Older Venturers who compete in pairs and Leaders. 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 applicable participant fee, and may receive a patch for early registration. Leader will be eligible for awards and their results are for bragging rights only and will not affect the unit scoring.
- Advanced Scout (USOF Orange) & Advanced Adult/Leader (OUSA Brown course).** Advanced, experienced orienteers of any rank: **Scout, Venturer, or Scouter**, participate alone on a typical OUSA level course. Scouts, Venturers and all Leaders need to be skilled enough to compete alone to be eligible for awards 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.

There is no charge for leaders that are not going out on a course.

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

Afternoon Score Event: All youth are ELIGIBLE to compete in a score event in the afternoon. The teams must remain the same as in the morning event. The score points will contribute to the troop total score to help determine the troop championship. There are to be *no adults* competing or assisting in the woods during the score event except on Cub and Brownie teams. Adults can advise teams on their objectives, but the SPL is expected to do the bulk of the planning. In Score Orienteering the objective is to find as many controls as possible during a set time limit. Each control has a point value based on difficulty and distance from the start area. The troop needs to plan the most efficient way to get as many points as possible, keeping in mind that the troop can only receive points from a control once. Duplicate visits from another team on that troop will not count. Troop score points are based on points/team. Each troop gets a point for every troop ranked below them in points / team.

Registration Information:

- ✓ All participants must be **pre-registered** and **prepaid**.
- ✓ Free event patches are guaranteed for the first 600 registered.
- ✓ **The cost of the event is \$8.00/youth or participating leader with registrations postmarked on or before Monday April 8th, 2019.**
- ✓ **The cost for registrations postmarked after April 8th and on or prior to Friday April 19th is \$12 per participant.**
- ✓ **Leaders that are not doing a course do not need to register or pay a registration fee.**
- ✓ **If you wish to register after Friday April 19th call or email Ed Scott before mailing payment and form to make sure both maps and electronic equipment are available. If you mail without calling or sending an email and receiving a response your check will not be cashed and there will be no maps or start times available on event day for your group.**

The pre-registration form is the "mail-in" sheet attached. The full page Troop Information 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 event day. Choose the teams carefully because they must remain together all day. Each Troop 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:

- ✓ Access gates open at approximately 8am to pool area of park.
- ✓ Registration opens at 8:45am
- ✓ **Instruction will begin at 9:00 AM close to registration.**
- ✓ The start times of each individual team on their course will be determined by the entry date of their troop and noted with the packet picked up at registration.
- ✓ First starts 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 near registration.
- ✓ The Score Event will run from approximately 2PM to 3PM.
- ✓ Award ceremony begins around 3:15pm. We are usually successful in having the Award ceremony finished by 4PM.
- ✓ 4:10 Award Group photo on bank next to award ceremony
- ✓ 4:15pm –Depart for camp sites or home.

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

★ **AWARDS:** Awards will be made to the best teams on each cross country course. We will order awards to cover 25% of the teams registered and **received by April 8th**. 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. Individual awards need to be picked up at the awards ceremony.

★ **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 girls/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 PACKET PICKUP:** You will receive start "ticket" envelopes with unit information and start times listed. This envelope will include an electronic device that will be used to record each control visited. Each epunch device has a serial number and this is assign to the participating group. **These must be returned at the finish at the end of the morning's competition. Loss of an epunch will cost the participant an additional \$60 per unit not returned.**

★ **TWO UNIT REGISTRATIONS:** Often two types of units are registered together such as a Webelo den and a Boy Scout troop, or Girl Scout Troop of Cadets and Juniors, etc. **They will be scored separately so please use separate mail-in forms for each unit to avoid confusion.**

★ **START:** Youth should be at the start line at least 10 minutes prior to their assigned start time. Walk to the start from registration will be less than 10 minutes. We **can't easily assign new start times** as every time slot is likely filled. **Please add your youth's names to that ticket (envelope) 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.

★ **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 fair competition. Leaders are responsible for proper discipline of their youth. Participants must not remove any of the control markers or control card punching devices (manual or electronic) before, during or after the event. Participants should in no way hamper the completion of any course participant. Removal or destruction of event equipment or actions which hamper the completion of a course is unfair to other units and will result in the full disqualification of the offending unit's participating teams. A unit disqualification means forfeiture of all eligible awards for that unit. **Leaders should make this absolutely clear to all participants before traveling to the event.**

★ **PARKING AREA:** There are signs within the park directing you to the parking and registration area. The signs are orange and white with black arrows. The direction markers will start at both main park entrances on PA Route 345.

There is plenty of parking for buses and cars within a minute or two of registration.

★ **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 1pm at the registration area.

★ **EQUIPMENT to BRING WITH YOU:** Each team should have a compass for the morning plus a watch for the afternoon event.

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

★ **Electronic Equipment by Participants:** The use of Electronic equipment 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. Use of electronic communications with groups on the course is grounds for disqualification except in the case of an emergency or withdrawal from course competition.

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

★ **EMERGENCY CELL PHONE USE:** Please note that cell service is not reliable within French Creek State Park.

REGISTRATION & PLANNING TIMELINE:

Registration Opens January 12th, 2019

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 23Patch order is placed.

Before March 31...Send entry if you plan on reserving a campsite in Group Tenting through DVOA.

MONDAY April 8 postmark: Last day for troops to register at the \$8.00 per participant fee.

Tuesday April 9th the price goes up to \$12.00 per youth and participating leader.

April 9.....Trophy order goes in. The more registrations we have **received** by that date the more trophies we order. Any large multi troop groups must be fully registered in order to participate. Campsites are probably getting scarce by this date.

FRIDAY April 19th postmark: Last day to send entries at the \$12 per participant fee.

Late registrations get later start times, and less rest between the morning and afternoon events than those who have registered earlier. **Registrations received with postmarks after April 9, 2019 in which the late fee has not been paid will be returned.**

12:00 AM Saturday April 21st -Registration is closed

postmark on or after this date will be returned unless communication with the registrar has been completed by phone or email and authorization to accept the entry has been given by the registrar in a return email.

(Bring this authorization email with you to registration on day of event.)

PLEASE NOTE: Registration deadline dates have been moved earlier from previous years and we don't generally accept late registrations anymore. This is because we are now using competitor electronic "Epunches" on all courses since 2018. To do so requires final numbers a few weeks prior to the event so that additional competitor epunch devices can be rented and delivered to DVOA in time for the event. We believe this method of timing is more accurate and expedites results and therefore the scheduling of the afternoon awards ceremony. DVOA is also now using a professional printer for the course maps so that all maps are of equal quality and the afternoon score maps are pre-marked for all teams.

TROOP INFORMATION FORM

This form is for your use in planning your unit's teams. This **is not the mail-in registration form**. Be sure to pre-register by mail on or before TUESDAY APRIL 9th, 2019 (standard participant fee) but no later than Friday April 19, 2019 (late fee per participant) using the mail-in registration form MASOC2019. Applicable late fees must accompany registration in order for the registration to be accepted.

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 _____ & _____

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_____ 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 _____ & _____