

NORTHEAST OHIO SCOUT ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS

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North Eastern Ohio Orienteering Club

All Scouts are invited to a weekend of Orienteering. It will be a great outdoor adventure. Webelos, Boy Scouts, Venture Scouts, Girl Scouts, and their adult leaders, will learn and practice map and compass skills, and can work on orienteering related badge requirements.

When: **Saturday, September 17 & Sunday, September 18, 2016**

Where: **Camp Manatoc & Camp Butler, 1075 Truxell Rd., Peninsula, Ohio**

Participants are welcome for both days, but each day is also set up as a stand-alone event, so participants can choose to come either Saturday or Sunday, or both days.

Please note however that the actual Championships are on Sunday.

Saturday's program will be skill development, training, and practice, and FUN. An expert orienteer can be available to work with your group to help your scouts learn skills (and pass some badge requirements). Scouts (and adults) will be able to learn orienteering skills that will enable even first-timers to participate in Sunday's competition. *Ample orienteering courses will be available for scouts to practice their orienteering skills, including cross country courses during the day, and an exciting short Night-O course.*

Sunday's program will be the **NORTHEAST OHIO SCOUT ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS**. Scouts (as well as adults!) will compete with other scouts of the same rank or age level. Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each class. As an added bonus, we will try to have an auction on Sunday that will allow troops, packs, & crews to bid on prizes using team points accumulated during the weekend.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: All scout groups must pre-register and pre-pay.

It is expected that scouts will participate in troops/packs/crews. However, to accommodate scouts who may want to participate without the benefit of a troop/pack/crew, we will accept pre-registration for scouts who have another youth scouting partner (pre-registering at the same time!), and also an *adult who will be in attendance for the entire activity*. Mark the appropriate box on the pre-registration form

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: **September 7, 2016, or 250 scouts**, whichever comes first. It is anticipated that this event will fill to capacity before the deadline. Early registration is encouraged. Registrations received after the deadline, or at capacity, may be declined and returned. *Registration &*

Pre-registration forms and payment information can be found at scoutsorienteering.weebly.com and through links at both www.NEOOC.com and from the Great Trail Council, or by directing inquiries to ScoutsOrienteering@gmail.com.

Timely pre-registration is needed so we have the time to print maps and assemble a packet of materials in advance.

COSTS: \$10.00 per person (Scouts and participating adults) **for one day**, or **\$15.00 per person** (Scouts and participating adults) **for both days**. Only adults who want a map and patch on Saturday, or who are competing in the Leader Class on Sunday, need to register and pay. Adults that want to do course(s) on Saturday, other than tagging along with their own troops, but who have not pre-registered, will need to pay regular NEOOC-event rates that day.

MEALS: Fixing breakfast and the clean-up afterwards can take up a lot of time, especially on Sunday morning. We offered the opportunity to purchase breakfasts last year, but very few troops accepted, so we are **NOT** planning any group meals. If enough troops indicate an interest this year in the pre-reg. form, we may reconsider.

PATCHES: Custom designed event patches will also be provided to all who pre-register and pre-pay.

REFUNDS: Low cost, minimal budget, maps, patches, and other prep...no refunds.

WE GO RAIN OR SHINE. Maps can be placed in plastic bags. Scouts can dress for the weather. It's up to the unit leader's discretion whether to participate or not when the weather is less than ideal.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY: Each participant must have his or her own signed Waiver of Liability form that can be downloaded from the website, or sent to you by requesting one from ScoutsOrienteering@gmail.com. **These must be brought to the event and handed in at check-in.**

CAMPING: Contact the Great Trail Council directly at **330-773-0415**. There are plenty of campsites available on a first-come basis. Those are separate fees.

HELP OUT: It takes many hands to do a quality event. Adults are always needed to help with the start and finish areas, and other tasks. There are other times & places where both youth and adult help is appreciated.

TRAINING:

1. **Leader Training:** For those who might want to brush up on either their navigation skills or their ability to teach orienteering to Scouts, they should consider attending the **Orienteering for Beginners** session open to the public scheduled for **August 27th at Kendall Lake**. This location is only a moderate hike from the location of the actual championships. **Registration starts at 11:30**, with instructions starting at noon.
2. **Large Group Training:** NEOOC will conduct large group trainings, lasting about an hour, for all your scouts & adults on either **Friday night** or **early Saturday** for those who pre-register. **(subject to change)**
3. **Small Group Training:** For those who attend the Large Group training, but who would like some individualized training, an experienced orienteer will be available for a session on **Saturday morning**, with your troop, pack, or crew. Pre-registration is required. **(subject to change)**

CONTACTS: for questions and additional information:

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Check on-line at scoutsorienteering.weebly.com

Also, links at www.NEOOC.com