

NORTHEAST OHIO SCOUT ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Presented by

Great Trail Council & North Eastern Ohio Orienteering Club

ORIENTEERING SCHEDULE

Scout Orienteering Training and Skill Building on Friday, September 22, 2017

1. **Large Group Training:** If there is enough interest noted in the Pre-reg. forms, one session will be held, lasting approximately one-hour. All are invited, but *pre-registration is required*. Start-time will be approximately 8:00 p.m. This training will cover the basics of orienteering.
2. **Crackerbarrel** – **Only if enough troops staying in Camp Friday night.** If so...9:00 p.m. Send 1 adult and the SPL (or equivalent) to review the weekend's activities.

Scout Orienteering Training, Skill Building, and FUN on Saturday, September 23, 2017

1. **Small Group Training:** Your group will be assigned an experienced orienteer, who will spend approximately 30 minutes with your scouts in the class and in the field helping them with the basic mechanics of using your map to understand where you are, and how to find specific locations. Sessions will be available beginning at 8:30, with the last sessions starting at 10:45. *Pre-registration is required*.
2. **Courses:** The Start times for the actual White, Yellow, and Orange orienteering courses will begin at 9:30 a.m., and will run continuously after that, with the last start times at 1:00 p.m. Anyone still on a course at 2:45 must end their course and head directly to Finish.
3. **Skull Session:** Want to get the most from this opportunity...join us to review the day's courses and see how others, both veterans and novices, chose their routes of attack. **3:30 p.m.**
4. **Short Night-O Score Course:** For those equipped with a flashlight, a compass, and a whistle, come join us at dusk (**approximately 7:15 p.m.** mass start) for a 30 minute score course, challenging not only your orienteering skills, but your vision too. Don't miss out on this last chance to fine-tune your orienteering skills before Sunday's Championships.
5. **Camp-wide Campfire:** The Night-O will end at the Council Ring. After we announce the results, all are welcome to stay and listen, or better yet, participate, in a good old fashioned campfire. Bring you funniest skits, corniest jokes, and silliest (or most sentimental) songs.

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1. All Scouts must **compete in pairs** (or a threesome, if an odd number) without adults accompanying them, unless they're "younger Scouts".
2. While it is preferable that younger Scouts (*such a Webelos and Junior Girl Scouts, or younger*) also compete in pairs, they may compete in small groups (3 to 4). Younger Scouts must have an adult "**shadowing**" them (following, but not helping!).
3. **Adults** should compete individually. Leaders with orienteering experience should compete on Orange. Leaders who have do not have orienteering experience should compete on Yellow.
4. **Course selection:** There's no perfect way to try to match up participants into competition categories, but the fairest and simplest way is based on the highest rank or level in each pair or threesome. Scouts can choose to participate in a higher/harder category. Scouts who think their designated category may be too hard, can participate in the "Open" category, and while auction points will still be earned, no awards will be given in the "Open" category :

Webelos	White Course
Scouts & Tenderfoots	White Course
Junior Girl Scouts	White Course
Open (non-competitive) - anyone ranked above TF or Juniors	White Course

Second and First Class Boy Scouts	Yellow Course
Cadette Girl Scouts	Yellow Course
Open (non-competitive) - anyone ranked above 1stC or Cad.	Yellow Course
Male Adults without orienteering experience	Yellow Course
Female Adults without orienteering experience	Yellow Course

Star and Life Boy Scouts	Orange Course
Senior Girl Scouts	Orange Course
Venturers	Orange Course
Male Leaders with orienteering experience	Orange Course
Female Leaders with orienteering experience	Orange Course

5. Scouts compete only once.
6. **Sunday registration** opens at 8:30. First teams start at 9:00. Last starts no later than 11:00.
7. **Course completion:** Whether finished or not, all competitors must stop their course and return to Finish, if still on a course at 12:45.
8. **Awards ceremony** will be as soon as results are tabulated, hopefully no later than 1:00.
9. **Auction:** After the Awards ceremony. The troop/pack/crew must have a rep. present to bid.

