

32nd Annual *Maryland Scout Orienteering Day* BAC, BSA

PATUXENT RIVER PARK's JUG BAY NATURAL AREA, near Upper Marlboro SAT., OCT 25, 2008

MAIL FORM BELOW BY OCT. 10! You must pre-register (postmarked) by Oct. 10!!

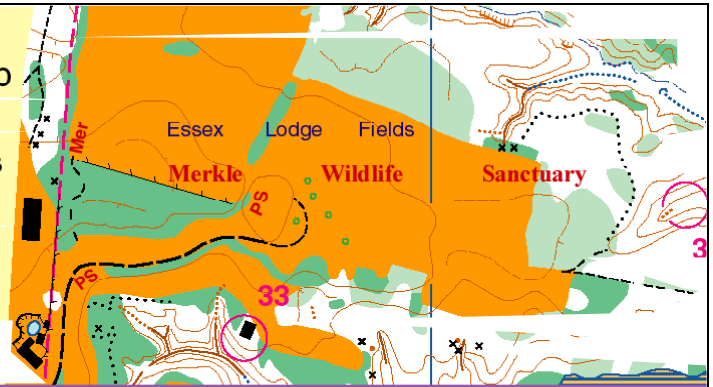
A one-day event; however, camping is available Fri-Sun. right at the event site. Register on attached form.
"Orienteering is meant to be a cross-country race with map and compass through unknown terrain, a kind of treasure hunt for strategically placed markers. A good orienteer needs strong legs, a subtle brain, and the ability to exert both at the same time, which is rare."-Outside Magazine.

This event is designed for those new to orienteering.

Your troop or Venture unit or post is invited to BAC's annual day of instruction and fun in orienteering ("O"). Cost is \$4.00 per participant. Last year we had about 500 orienteers and 200 campers. **Parents** & others over age 18 are encouraged to take part, but not Cubs or Webelos. Venture (<18) & Explorer members (<18) can compete as a unit or as part of their associated troop. *Troops/parents should try the fun public beginner O' events too at parks in Howard, Montg., A.A., & P.G. Counties; see <http://qoc.nova.org> (which has this form); arrive from 11:30 to 1:30 (10:30-12:30 in winter.) Broad Creek has O' courses/info on the camp map.....Both are good practice and use maps like this:*

This easy-to-use color map makes learning map skills on site fun and straightforward!

Our self-guided



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water & some summer marsh(w/ low tide line)

shallow water (or at low tide: mud in winter and mostly emergent marsh in summer)

perennial open tidal marsh

*forested swamp & shrub scrub marsh



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instructional map hikes and the "lost-proof" Route O' start the day. This "more map, less compass" event has proven to be so much more fun over the years than compass courses, and more valuable in developing self-reliance and O' skills.. You might not win in your first year, but you should learn plenty! We don't "sign off" O' merit badges, but some of the toughest requirements (3 courses) will be met as will others with some follow-up, plus the O' part of the First Class O' requirement.

Troops not camping may arrive at any time between 8 & 9:30 a.m., but by 8:30 to have time for the map hike and fun "head to head cross-country O'". At 1:45, troops receive maps for the grand finale, the ever-popular **Score O'**. Awards (4:20 to 4:45 p.m.) go to the top 55 pairs of scouts, with patches & color maps for all paying participants*. For info. on O', try the links at www.us.orienteering.org or, for nat'l Scout O' events, www.scoutorienteering.com.

If you stay for Sunday, the park offers 14 miles of trails (and by advance reservation ((301)627-6074) canoe-kayak rentals and nature programs.) An excellent five mile round trip hike or bike to Merkle Wildlife Sanctuary's Visitor Center includes a fire tower overlook and a long footbridge over wetlands with muskrats, beavers, wild turkey, ospreys, & eagles.

Scouts will orienteer in "younger" or "older" pairs. Anyone who is **any** of the following is "**older**": 1) 1st Class; 2) 14 as of the event; 3) 13 as of the event & has passed 1st Class req.#2 (O' part); 4) earned the O' merit badge. All others are in the "**younger**" category. Bring lots of scouts; troops with more than 14 scouts drop their lowest score in the troop competition, 18 or more their two lowest, etc. No charge for name changes below, and additions over the total below can be added at the event for **\$5.00**; For no-shows, there are no patches but partial refunds later.

To be eligible for a **troop** award, you must have at least ten scouts. But with less, you're still eligible for all 110 awards given out Sat. and get to fully participate in everything. For info on this event, watch www.baltimorebsa.org under "Activities;" after registering, you'll get, a few days before the event, directions, schedule, & what-to-bring info. Otherwise, try DaveLinthicum@earthlink.net or 6020 Pindell Rd., Bristol, MD 20711 if you have a question or problem.

Our event staff **hopes to see you there!**

Dave L.

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YOU MUST MAIL THIS by Oct. 10 if you want to attend to "Orienteering, BAC, BSA, 701 Wyman Park Dr., Balto., MD 21211" with \$4 per scout and adult* payable to Baltimore Area Council, BSA. It helps to bring a copy of this form with you to the event to re-register.

Troop/Post/Venture # _____ Unit's town _____ District _____ Council _____

Leader in charge (acting SM): _____ Home phone _____ Day phone _____

Address: _____ Zip _____

Interested in more info on the great roast beef sandwich lunches as provided every year by Troop 873?: Yes ___ No ___

Name(s) of any Scout(s) you feel can compete by themselves in the "super-advanced" group, and why (previous success at this or other orienteering events) (you will likely have few or no scouts in this category):
Why? _____

Names of "younger pairs" of scouts (see above). Form a "triple" only if you have a Scout left over after forming all pairs. (Do not mix "older" and "younger" in the same pair (except if necessary for that one left-over pair; list that mixed pair under "older".)):

_____ & _____
_____ & _____
_____ & _____

Names of "older pairs" of

scouts (see above):

_____ & _____
_____ & _____
_____ & _____

***Names of participating (paying) adults/parents:** SM _____

Total above: ___ at \$4 each = \$ _____ IF CAMPING: ___ campers x ___ night(s) at \$2/night = \$ _____

Grand total(incl.camping) enclosed:\$ _____