General Event Announcement

The Scott 34th Annual Mid-Atlantic Scout Orienteering Championship

Saturday May 6, 2023

at French Creek State Park, Elverson, PA hosted by

The DELAWAREVALLEYORIENTEERINGASSOCIATION

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 badge/journey requirements or the Orienteering merit badge? Why not try **ORIENTEERING**, a cross-country map and compass adventure designed to test map reading ability, compass skills, fitness and outdoor savvy of any unit regardless of size or experience.

There will be seven courses of four distinct levels of difficulty so that every scout or scout leader 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. Each competitor will keep their map and may be useful for instruction at your future meetings.

French Creek State Park has approved DVOA's request for our annual Scout Orienteering Event.

<u>Pre-registration is required for the event by deadlines noted below.</u>

Registration is defined as DVOA having received properly completed registration forms and full payment. DVOA cannot control the mail. First received first fully registered.

Registrations Email received at FRANKDVOA@aol.com:

Friday March 24, 2023 Registration Deadline for Event Patch \$9/competitor
Monday April 3, 2023 Registration Deadline for regular fee entry (No patch) \$9/competitor
Friday April 14, 2023 Late Registration Deadline(No patch) \$13/competitor

S-MASOC EVENT CHANGES

- DVOA will not be coordinating camping with Scouts and French Creek State Park.
- DVOA will be hosting the afternoon mass start Score event. Starts at 1:30 at registration.
- DVOA will supply each competing scout/leader with a map. One epunch per group/individual
 - The afternoon score event will use manual pin-punch
- No additions or course changes can be made after 4/14/23 late registration deadline.
- Start time list will be issued prior to the event by email to all participating troops.
- Packet pick-up will begin at 8:45 am and should be done by only one scout leader.
- There will be group general instructions prior to the event starting at 9am near registration.
- Face masks will be required by everyone at registration.
- Port-O-Johns will be offered but will not be cleaned during day of event.
- Extended starts are expected to begin at 9:45am and run through Noon.
- Score event instructions at ~1:30pm at registration area and mass start at approximately 2pm.
- DVOA will not supply refreshments before or after event and no water on the courses. Please bring and carry what the scouts may need before, during and after event.
- Bring Pop-up tents in case of rain.
- Award ceremony starts at approximately 3:15pm. Full results will be announced by email after the event including the afternoon score event.
- 1st through 3rd place awards will be noted in the results. Awards will not be mailed but can be picked-up at the DVOA's office or by coordinating pick-up at a future DVOA event.

DVOA converted to the use of all electronic scoring for the morning event as of 2018 which requires participants to use special recording devices "epunch fingersticks". These will be supplied in the packet at registration for each group or individual registered.

Each epunch has a unique registration number that will agree with the start time and course on the start list supplied in the packet. All Troops are responsible for the return of each epunch. Epunches will be collected just after the finish. A fee of \$60 will be charged for a non-returned epunch. Please make sure scouts know they are responsible for the cost if not returned.

<u>Camping</u> is available at FrenchCreek. DVOA <u>will not</u> be coordinating camping.

<u>Call 1-888-727-2757</u>7am-5pm Monday to Saturday

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.

PDF Downloadable Event information and registration forms are available at: https://scoutorienteering.com or through the event link on DVOA's site www.dvoa.org

REGISTER:

STEP 1 Register for the event by sending the S-MASOC34 finalized PDF Registration form to FRANKDVOA@aol.com by registration date deadlines.

STEP 2 Send HARD COPY Registration form (no changes from emailed form) with full payment per below.

Make check payment payable to: DVOA

Mail Payment to:

DVOA S-MASOC34 c/o Mary Frank 14 Lake Drive SPRING CITY, PA 19475-2721

Make sure to enclose hard copy of registration form with check.

DVOA's S-MASOC34 Volunteer Team is looking forward to seeing you all in the woods at French Creek State Park on Saturday May6th, 2023!

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