48th Annual MD Scout Orienteering Day Balto. Area Cncl. BSA

Camp Oest, Broad Creek Scout Res., 35 mi. NE of Balto., on <u>SAT. NOV. 16, 2024</u> 8:30-5:00 <u>You must REGISTER</u> on line at <u>BaltimoreBSA.org/orienteering</u> BY SUN. NOV. 10! 11:59 p.m.; this includes camping.

Designed for Scouts BSA / Girl Scouts (including those new to orienteering (O')). Map skills instructional activities start the day.

A fun one-day event; however, camping/modern rest rooms available Fri-Sun. right at the event site, \$2.50.

"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 <u>good</u> orienteer needs strong legs, a subtle brain, and the ability to exert both at the same time, which is rare." In 2023 >600 Scouts (>100 girls) +leaders from 52 units orienteered at this event; <u>375 camped one or both nights.</u> --Pavilion @ea.site.

Troops/Venture units are invited to our annual day of orienteering instruction & fun! Just a **\$6.00 event fee!** (Girl Scouts 10-17 ok; no Cubs / Webelos. Parents welcome 8 to 5.

Beforehand, try the fun public beginner O' events at <u>qocweb.org</u> - instruction available. Also, Broad Creek's color camp map has permanent practice O' courses for all levels.

Our *self*-guided <u>instructional map hikes</u> & <u>"lost-proof"</u> Route O' start the day. This "*more map, less compass*" approach has proven to be very popular, more fun than compass courses, & valuable in developing self-reliance & map skills. We don't sign off anything, but the tougher O' merit badge ones (4 a-b,d-f, 6c, 7a, & 10) can be met, + 1st Class O'.

After the always-popular "free-form" *Score O'*, we have <u>awards at 4:30 to the top</u> <u>115 scouts</u> (+patches & color maps for all who pay (**below.)) After registering, you get our schedule, what-to-bring, etc. <u>OrienteeringUSA.org/resources/training</u> or the O' merit badge pamphlet have useful tips on skills!



JOHN'S FAMOUS PIT BEEF/BBQ Chicken Lunch Feed your Scouts!_Beef(\$12)/pulled chicken(\$10) sandwich/ chips/dessert/drink. *Mail checks by 11/6-"BSA Tr. 873" Biscoe*, 675 Cog Ct Millersville 21108 w/ your email, # of beef/ chicken, # of regular soda/diet soda/water. Info: pitbeefsale@gmail.com

Scouts orienteer in "younger" or "older" pairs. <u>"Older"</u>: Everyone 14 to 17, plus those 13 with the 1st Class O' requirement (#4a) passed. All others are in the "younger" category (all 10-12 year-olds regardless, + some 13 year-olds.) We add, drop, do switches easily at the event.

Bring lots of scouts!... Troops with more than 13 scouts get to drop their lowest score in the troop competition, 17 or more their two lowest, etc! At the event additions <u>over</u> your total registered can still be added for \$5 + 2.50/nt. camping. No refunds <u>at</u> the event. Patches, maps only to paying** participants with us all day. To earn a **troop** award in our <u>main</u> category, you need at least ten scouts, but with less you still do <u>all</u> events & compete for all 115 individual awards.... But it's more fun & challenging to combine with another unit for the p.m. (SM's of troops w/ <10 will do this Sat.) See <u>BaltimoreBSA.org/orienteering</u> or write vol. event chair <u>DaveLinthicum@earthlink.net</u>. Hope to see you there!

By Sun. Nov. 10 if you want to attend, YOU MUST go to online registration at BaltimoreBSA.org/orienteering; have all the info below ahead of time. It helps to bring a copy of this sheet to the event *when you'll fill in a new form with additions, drops, switches, & additional payments* (if any.)

 Troop/ Venture #_____Unit's town______District_____Council_____Leader at event:______

 His/her email:______& Cell phone______Street Address:______

Zip Interested in more info on the great lunches we love every year?: Yes____ No____ If yes, contact <u>pitbeefsale@gmail.com</u>. Special needs youth?...List only if to be accompanied in the woods by an adult: A minimum of two youth is required; Form a "triple" only if you have an odd number of total scouts. (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 "younger pairs**" of scouts (see above): _____&_____ _____ We keep the <u>same pairs all day</u>. Names of "older pairs" of scouts (see above.) _&_____&_____ 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'll have few or no scouts in this category; max. of 3: ______ Why? ______ _____ Names of participating (**paying) adults/parents/Venture 18 or over: 1) SM from above:_____ 2)_____ _____ 4)_____ 5)_____ 6)____ 7)____

Total names above:___at \$6 each = \$____ IF CAMPING, how many people Fri. nt.?___Sat. nt.?___at \$2.50 per person (adult+youth) per night =

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If buying hot lunches, send a check <u>by Nov. 6; More info at pitbeefsale@gmail.com</u>