

DELAWARE VALLEY ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION

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

On Saturday **May 1st, 2021** or Sunday **May 2nd 2021**, the **32nd annual Scott - Mid-Atlantic Scout Orienteering Championships (S-MASOC)** is being held through the efforts of the Delaware Valley Orienteering Association and French Creek State Park. **GIRL SCOUTS, BOY SCOUTS, CUB SCOUTS, WEBELOS, AND VENTURERS and Scout Leaders OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME.** For those without any orienteering experience a pre-event instruction will be offered prior to the event so that all youth, regardless of prior experience will be able to take part in the actual competition. There will be courses of four distinct levels of difficulty so that every scout 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. These maps will be returned to the teams after scoring so they will be useful for instruction at future meetings.

Pre-registration is required for the event.
See registration definition and deadlines on Page 2 of this document.

Camping is available at French Creek. **Call 1-888-727-2757 7am-5pm Monday to Saturday** First come first served basis. We recommend you call 1-888-727-2757 and reserve one now if you want one of the private sites. 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.

To register for the event send the **S-MASOC32 registration form and full payment.**

REGISTER:

STEP 1 Register for the event by sending the S-MASOC32 finalized 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 c/o Mary Frank
14 Lake Drive
SPRING CITY, PA 19475-2721
Email: FrankDVOA@aol.com
Cell Phone: 610-310-4675

Make sure to enclose registration form and check.

**DVOA'S S-MASOC32 Team is looking forward to seeing
you all in the woods at French Creek State Park
On either Saturday May 1st or Sunday May 2nd, 2021!**

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Ed Scott
Event Director Emeritus

KEY DATES:

Registration Opens – March 1, 2021

ASAP If Camping then secure a camping permit at French Creek if you desire a separate campsite for your troop. You probably will want to use group tenting sites, not general family camping sites. These are obtained by calling 1-888-727-2757.

Note: Camping registration is not done through French Creek State Park.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

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

Friday March 26 Registration received by this email date will be included in Patch Order

Monday April 5th Registration received by this email date pay \$8.00 per participant fee. -> **NO PATCH**

Monday April 12th Registrations received by email after April 9th and on or before this date pay \$12 per participant fee. -> **NO PATCH**

12 AM Tuesday April 13th -Registration is closed

Registrations received after this date will be returned unless communication with the registrar Mary Frank 610-310-4675 has been completed by phone and a **return email authorization from Mary to accept the entry has been received.**

(Bring this authorization email with you to registration on day of event)

DVOA: Founded in 1967

Office: 14 Lake Drive, Spring City, PA 19475 Contact: Mary Frank Phone: 610.792.0502 Email: frankdvoa@aol.com

Member: OUSA (Orienteering USA – National Governing Body of Orienteering in the U.S. and USOC Group “C” Member)

OUSA is a member of the IOF (International Orienteering Federation)

READ BEFORE YOU REGISTER

COVID-19 S-MASOC EVENT CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS

- DVOA will not be coordinating camping with Scouts and French Creek State Park.
- DVOA will not be hosting the afternoon mass start Score event.
- DVOA will supply each competing scout/leader with a map. (previously one map per group) One epunch per group/individual
- **No additions or course changes can be made after 4/12/21 late registration deadline.**
- Check-in times for packet picket will be communicated to troops by email.
- Start time list will be issued prior to the event by email to all participating troops.
- Registration if accepted when funds are received.
- Troops will be notified by email if registration is accepted (form and funds received)
- Packet pick-up will begin at 8:45 am and should be done by only one scout leader.
- There will be no group general instructions prior to the event.
- **Faces masks will be required by everyone at registration, start, and finish. Optional on course.**
- Social distancing should be observed when possible.
- Port-O-Johns will be offered but will not be cleaned during the 2 days.
- Extended starts are expected to begin at **9:30am** and run through 1pm each day.
- DVOA will not supply refreshments before or after event and no water on the courses.
- **There will be no award ceremony.** Results will be issued by email after the 2 days.
- **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.**

THE 32nd ANNUAL SCOTT MID-ATLANTIC SCOUT ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday MAY 1 or Sunday May 2, 2021

This data is available at <http://scoutorienteering.com> or
through the event link on DVOA's site at www.dvoa.org

Categories: Scouts will compete with other scouts of the same rank. Four courses will be offered.

- Course 1A** Cub Scout Dens, Webelo Dens, Brownie groups. Dens and Brownies can participate in groups of 2 or more with an adult advisor who should **follow** his or her group, not lead it. **(OUSA-White course)**
- Course 1** Girl Scout Juniors and Boy Scouts (New Scouts & Tenderfoot Scouts) will do this course. Boys run in pairs *without adults*. Scouts on this course with adults will be listed as "NC", i.e. non-competitive and not eligible for awards or collecting troop points. **(OUSA-White course)**
- Course 2** Second Class and/or First Class Boys with *no adults*; Girl Scout Cadets can have an adult trailing, but not communicating with the girls except in case of emergency or injury. All compete in pairs **(OUSA- Long White course)**.
- Course 3** Star, Life, and/or Eagle Boy Scouts; younger Venturers; Girl Seniors: all compete in pairs. **(OUSA Yellow course)**
- Course 4** Older Venturers who compete in pairs and Leaders. This course is separate from course 3. Leaders may also compete on this course in groups or alone. Leaders should also pre-register to compete, pay the applicable participant fee, and may receive a patch for early registration. Leader will be eligible for awards and their results are for bragging rights only and will not affect the unit scoring. **(OUSA Yellow course)**
- Advanced Scout & Advanced Adult/Leader (OUSA Brown course).** Advanced, experienced orienteers of any rank: **Scout, Venturer, or Scouter, participate alone** on a typical OUSA Advance course. Scouts, Venturers and all Leaders need to be skilled enough to compete alone to be eligible for awards on this course. Registrations we receive showing pairs of youth on this course will be split up and assigned separate start times. Leaders in pairs will not be eligible for awards. The start interval on this course is usually 5 minutes, so very little "following" is possible. Girl Scouts may, if they choose, run this course in pairs to comply with GSUSA rules.

There is no charge for leaders that are not going out on a course. Non-competing leaders should be kept to a minimal so that we stay within the maximum 250 COVID19 event limit.

PLEASE BE SURE TO REGISTER YOUR YOUTH ON THE PROPER COURSE. IT IS EMBARRASSING AND CONFUSING AT AWARDS TIME TO FIND YOUTH THAT HAVE COMPETED ON A COURSE DESIGNED FOR YOUNGER AND LESS EXPERIENCED COMPETITION.

Registration Information:

- ✓ All participants must be **pre-registered** and **prepaid**.
- ✓ Free event patches are guaranteed for "Registered" by Friday March 26, 2021.
- ✓ **The cost of the event is \$8.00/youth or participating leader with registrations received by email on or before Monday April 5th, 2021.**
- ✓ **The cost for registrations received by email after April 5th and on or prior to Monday April 12th is \$12.00 per participant.**
- ✓ **Leaders that are not doing a course will need to register but not pay a fee. (COVID 19)**
- ✓ **If you missed the late registration deadline of Monday April 12th call Mary Frank 610-310-4675 before mailing payment and form. If you mail without calling and receiving a response your check will not be cashed and there will be no maps or start times available on event day for your group.**
- ✓ Each Troop may have one three-person team per course to allow for odd numbers.

Timeline on the day of the event:

- ✓ Access gates open at approximately 8 am to pool area of park.
- ✓ Registration opens at 8:45 am
- ✓ There will be no general beginner instruction prior to the event.
- ✓ The start times of each individual team on their course will be determined by the entry date of their troop and noted with the packet picked up at registration. Start times will also be emailed to troop.
- ✓ First starts times will begin at 9:30 AM and go until about 1pm. (social distancing)
- ✓ **All participants and supporting leaders must wear masks at registration, start and finish.**
- ✓ There will be no award ceremony either day.
- ✓ Results will be emailed a few days after the 2nd day event.
- ✓ Awards can be picked up at DVOA office or at a future DVOA event.

★ **START TIMES:** are assigned in the order the entry is received. .

★ **AWARDS:** Awards will be made to the best 1st through 3rd place teams on each cross-country course.

★ **REGISTRATION:** In order to help in our advance planning, we are asking for only the number of teams prior to the event. Pre-register using the mail-in form provided. Show the number indicating the number of girls/boys on that team (2 or if necessary 3). Only one team of 3 per course is allowed. **Don't forget to tell us if you are a BSA-B, BSA-G, Crew, or GSUSA unit by putting them as a prefix to your troop number in the form.**

★ **AT THE ON-SITE REGISTRATION PACKET PICKUP:** You will receive start "ticket" envelopes with unit information and start times listed. This envelope will include an electronic device that will be used to record each control visited. Each epunch device has a serial number and this is assign to the participating group. **Participants should neatly print their names to the back of the "ticket" and bring to the start at their designated start time on the ticket. Those reporting to the start without their ticket will not be started.**

Each epunch device has a string with a loop attached that should be worn around the wrist to avoid losing the device. **These epunches must be returned at the finish at the end of the morning's competition. Loss of an epunch will cost the participating group's troop an additional \$60 per unit.** Note: In the 2 years since DVOA fully adopted epunching we have not lost an epunch.

★ **TWO UNIT REGISTRATIONS:** Often two types of units are registered together such as a Webelo den and a Boy Scout troop, or Girl Scout Troop of Cadets and Juniors, etc. Please use separate registration forms.

★ **START:** Participating groups should be at the start line at least 10 minutes prior to their assigned start time. Walk to the start from registration will be less than 10 minutes. We **can't easily assign new start times** as start times will be filled allowing for social distancing. **Please add your youth's name(s) to their start ticket (envelope) stub for awards purposes.** Do not make any other changes to the ticket unless they have been cleared at registration. **Competing adults leaders should indicate "Male" or "Female" on their start ticket for awards.**

★ **PAYMENT:** Checks can be made payable to "**DVOA**" or "**Delaware Valley Orienteering Association**".

★ **BEHAVIOR:** The Delaware Valley Orienteering Association is responsible for providing good courses, accurate maps, and fair competition. Leaders are responsible for proper discipline of their youth. Participants must not remove any of the control markers or punching devices (manual or electronic) before, during or after the event. Participants should in no way hamper the completion of any course participant. Removal or destruction of event equipment or actions which hamper the completion of a course is unfair to other units and will result in the full disqualification of the offending unit's participating teams. A unit disqualification means forfeiture of all eligible awards for that unit.

Leaders should make this point absolutely clear to all participants before traveling to the event.

★ **PARKING AREA:** There are signs within the park directing you to the parking and registration area. The signs are orange and white with black arrows. The direction markers will start at both main park entrances on PA Route 345. There is plenty of parking for buses and cars within a minute or two of registration. Please space out appropriately.

★ **REFUNDS:** Because the courses are preprinted on the maps, we cannot refund any registrations. However if you have teams that did not attend, be sure to pick up their maps after 2pm at the registration area.

★ **EQUIPMENT to BRING WITH YOU:** **Each team or individual participant should have a compass for the event.**

★ **QUESTIONS?** You may email the registrar Mary Frank at frankdvoa@aol.com, but please read this document first. All of the frequently asked questions are answered here. Remember DVOA is in charge of the Orienteering. Questions regarding other activities and facilities (except camping) at the park should be directed to the park.

★ **Electronic Equipment by Participants:** The use of Electronic equipment for communicating with a group still on their course should be done only after they are unable to continue and have withdrawn from the competition. Use of electronic communications with groups on the course is grounds for disqualification except in the case of an emergency or withdrawal from course competition.

★ **WE GO RAIN OR SHINE !** The maps are in plastic bags; the scouts should dress for the weather.

REGISTRATION & PLANNING TIMELINE:

Registration Opens March 1, 2021. (DVOA cannot control mail delivery)
**On the registration form troops can select which day these wish to participate:
Saturday only / Sunday only / Either day. Due to participation day limits each day
the date of registration receipt will decide whether a troop gets accepted.**

ASAP .Secure a camping permit at French Creek if you desire a separate campsite for your troop. You probably will want to use group tenting sites, not general family camping sites. These are obtained by calling 1-888-727-2757. They are not done through the park.

Friday March 26 Paid registrations received at DVOA registration address will pay \$8/participant and receive an S-MASOC32 patch.

Monday **March 29th** Patch order is placed.

MONDAY **April 5 Paid Registration received by email at FRANKDVOA@aol.com will pay \$8/participant but will not receive an event patch..**

MONDAY **April 12th Paid registration received by email at FRANKDVOA@aol.com between Tuesday April 6 and Monday April 12th pay \$12/participant.**
DVOA reserves the right to return registrations received after April 12th, 2021.

12 AM Tuesday April 13th -Registration is closed

Registrations received on or after this date will be returned unless communication with the registrar has been completed by phoning 610-310-4675 and a return email authorization to accept the entry has been given by the registrar.

(Bring this authorization email with you to registration on day of event.)

PLEASE NOTE:

We have been using electronic "Epunches" on all courses since 2018. To do so requires final numbers a few weeks prior to the event so that additional competitor epunch devices can be made available and delivered to Event personnel in time for the event. We believe this method of timing is more accurate and expedites results.