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Annual Mid-Atlantic Scout Orienteering Championship Saturday May 1, 2021 or Sunday May 2, 2021 at French Creek State Park, Elverson, PA hosted by The 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 badge/journey requirements or the Orienteering merit badge? Why not try **ORIENTEERING**, a cross-country map and compass adventure designed to test their map reading ability, compass skills, fitness and outdoor savvy of any unit regardless of size or experience.

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. 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 with a limit of 250 participants and support personnel. Therefore, to allow the greatest number of participants DVOA is cancelling its public local event on Sunday May 2, 2021 and offering Scout groups to participate on either Saturday 5/1/21 or Sunday 5/2/21.

Pre-registration is required for the event.

Competitors (scouts or leaders competing) will be capped at 200 a day. Once the registration limit has been reached for that day registration will close for that day. Registration is defined as DVOA having received registration forms and payment. DVOA cannot control the mail. First received first fully registered.

Registrations Email received at FRANKDVOA@aol.com:

Friday March 26, 2021 Registration Deadline for Event Patch \$8/competitor

Monday April 5, 2021 Registration Deadline for regular fee entry (No patch) \$8/competitor

Monday April 12, 2021 Late Registration Deadline (No patch) \$12/competitor

COVID-19 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. One epunch per group/individual
- No additions or course changes can be made after 4/12/21 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 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.

DVOA converted to the use of all electronic scoring as of 2018 which requires participants to use special recording devices "epunch finger sticks". These will be supplied in the packet at registration. There should be no issue with finger stick availability this year with the limit of 200 participants a day. 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 non-returned epunches. Please make sure scouts know they are responsible for the cost.

Camping is available at French Creek. DVOA will not be coordinating camping this year.

<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-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:

S-MASOC32 c/o Mary Frank 14 Lake Drive SPRING CITY, PA 19475-2721

Make sure to enclose registration form with check.

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

Registrar:

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