

To: Unit leaders for the 43rd Annual MD Scout Orienteering (O') Day, **8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.**, Nov. 2, 2019
From: Dave Linthicum, coordinator; *Contact him Thur. or before (DaveLinthicum@earthlink.net) if you have questions not answered below, or by our **attached event schedule & camping map**, both also at our website at <https://www.baltimorebsa.org/event/2019-orienteering-day/2510967>*

Thanks for registering. We are looking forward to another day of fun orienteering (O'), rain or shine, for Boy/Girl Scouts, Venturing Crews, adult leaders, CAP, & parents (no Cubs or Webelos) on Saturday, Nov. 2 at **Camp Finney**, Broad Creek Scout Res. Oh yes....we'll squeeze in 125 awards, patches for all, & a bit of navigation skills too!

There's no time to get back to campsites at lunch, so either bring bag lunches or buy in advance the great hot lunches from Troop 873's chefs: [PitBeefSale@gmail.com](mailto: PitBeefSale@gmail.com).** *We don't need to know the exact number of campers or participants until Nov. 2.* **Camping is at Camp Oest.** Quiet hours are 11 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. (sunrise 7:35 a.m.) Most sites are close to the pool's flush rest rooms, sinks; each site has water, campfire circle, & latrine; all but a couple have a pavilion w/tables. Cut only dead wood. Check in from 4 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Oest Admin. bldg. right by the parking lot where we will assign a campsite; we'll have 2-3 troops per site. **No vehicles in the campsites except a trailer, though one vehicle can drive carefully to transport troop gear (only at initial arrival, final departure.)**

You may arrive as early as 7:30 a.m. on Sat. at our HQ at **Camp Finney**, but registration- issuing of materials & maps starts at **8:30 a.m.** when you turn in a new form on which you may substitute registrants &/or increase your total (@\$5 each) &/or decrease it (no refund.) (*To save time, come to our HQ building's door as early as 7:30 a.m. to get that new form & copies of our self-guided Map Walk & maps to review & scout in advance.*) **If you arrive after 9 a.m. you won't have time** for all of the helpful pre-11 a.m. self-guided instruction for beginners (see our schedule.)

*With less than **10 Scouts** you'll still participate fully & will see where you place in the "smaller troop" list. Or, at our optional **10 a.m. meeting for leaders with questions**, **units with <10 scouts each can combine for the p.m. event to make it more fun** & be eligible for our main troop award. Min. 2 youth per unit. Max. 3 Super-Advanced per unit.*

The fun "Head to Head" O' that you might do (on your own) in the a.m. is cross-country O' & thus counts for one of the 3 merit badge Req. 7a courses; the other two we'll do later in the day. We don't "sign off" any requirement, but it's an ideal time to learn & earn, with some later follow up, requirements 4 a-b, 4 d-f, 6 c, 7a, & 10 of O' merit badge. The 1st half of First Class Req. 4a is also covered. No GPS use!...though some of our event is relevant to geocaching.

Parents and adult leaders usually have fun doing beginner or intermediate level courses too....but they need to be registered & paid (by Sat. a.m.) to receive maps (& patches.) Some adults make Score O' teams at 2:30 for fun.

At 10:45 a.m. we'll ask for help from adults (no skill needed) to "monitor" an O' course for ~1.5 hours... Thanks! BAC is responsible for the O' program only (Sat. 8:30-5 (the end of the awards ceremony.)) Otherwise unit leaders have responsibility. For general Broad Cr. camping info including paying more for a lodge site at Camp Saffran (1-1.3 mi. hike to our event HQ Sat. a.m., or a 1.4 to 2 mile drive), contact Chris W. at the BAC Office at 443-573-2523.

If camping Sat. nt. only, see Dave L. Sat. at 10:15 a.m. Daylight Savings time ends 2 a.m. Sunday Nov. 3.

My staff & I look forward to seeing you Nov. 2! (or if camping, at check-in Nov. 1.)

This memo & our schedule, campsites map, & pit beef lunch flyer are on our website; Our veteran 25-person staff will have paper copies for you of our schedule. Printing a copy of the Scout pairs from your registration is helpful.

Things to bring: **Each Scout, parent, and adult leader** should bring **3 zip lock bags (gallon-sized)**, to protect maps from rain/sweat), a pencil, a **red pen** (for marking on your map....ink or a sharp red pencil (felt tip is worst), a water bottle, snack, at least a Class B Scout uniform (wear it!) with a **spare dry pair of shoes, socks, & shirt** if cold-rainy, & **cold-rainy weather gear**. Each **pair of Scouts** should bring a **compass**, a watch or cell phone for time-keeping, & a whistle (used only in emergencies.) Each troop brings **at least 2 large trash bags**, one for trash, one for recycling. Bikes, GPS's, nav. apps, radios are not allowed in O'. Phones are optional, & are for emergency calls to adults only. **Troop leaders should have the cell numbers of their participants if you allow phones. Scouts should have a leader's # (though reception is not reliable.)** No pets, knives other than penknives, alcohol, or amplified devices.

***Driving Directions for Sat morning (our Orienteering Day at Camp Finney):**

North on I-95 through Baltimore to Exit 80 (where you go left at the end of ramp) onto MD 543 for 1.9 miles. At the light, turn right on Rt. 136 north. After 10.1 miles (that's 0.9 miles after crossing U.S. Rt. 1), turn right at the flashing light (the town of Dublin) on Rt. 440 for a block, then turn left on Castleton Rd. *After 2.3 miles (ignoring the Camp Oest sign along the way) at a 4-way jct., turn left onto Paddrick Rd. After 1.1 mile you reach a "T" jct. where you turn left onto Rt. 623 (Flintville Rd.) After 1.2 miles (just past our staff entrance at the Harford Sheriff's Range***), turn left at an orienteering sign onto the dirt Finney Rd. to parking in 1/3 mile. **DRIVE CAREFULLY on the last 1/3 mile as there will be numerous hikers following yellow streamers (ribbons) for a half mile, flattish WALK to our event HQ!!***

Your key turn (left onto Finney Rd.) is at **4450 Flintville Rd., Whiteford, MD; 39°42'18"N 76°15'22"W.**

****If you're dropping off (not staying), you can if you wish turn here at the "4440 Flintville Rd." sign.*

It's a total of forty miles & ~55 minutes from the I-95 tunnel in Baltimore to Broad Cr.

Driving Directions to our Camp Oest camping area (all Fri. night campers unless you've made separate Camp Saffran arrangements):

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Driving Directions from our Camp Oest campsites to Orienteering Day at Camp Finney Sat. a.m. (4.5 miles):

Exit Camp Oest the way you came in via Robinson Mill Rd., turning left at the "T" jct. onto Day Rd. for a block. Turn left onto Castleton Rd. for 0.8 miles to a 4-way jct.; *turn left onto Paddrick Rd. After 1.1 mile you reach a "T" jct. where you turn left onto Rt. 623 (Flintville Rd.) After 1.2 miles (just past our staff entrance at the Harford Sheriff's Range), turn left at an orienteering sign onto the dirt Finney Rd. to parking in 1/3 mile. **DRIVE CAREFULLY on the last 1/3 mile as there will be numerous hikers following yellow streamers (ribbons) for a half mile, flattish WALK to our event HQ!!***

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