

Tenth Annual Scout Orienteering Challenge

January 17, 2009 at Bastrop State Park, Bastrop, TX

Location: At the swimming pool area in Bastrop State Park, Bastrop, Texas, approximately 30 miles east of Austin on Hwy. 71. From Austin, travel east on Hwy. 71 thru the town of Bastrop to Hwy. 95, turn left, and then turn right at the first light, Hwy. 21, to the park entrance on the right.

REMINDER: Due to the growth of the event, an overflow parking area has been designated at the American Legion Hall across the street from the park. A shuttle bus will run all day between the event site and the parking lot. There is also a State Park activity use fee of \$5.00 per individual for every person who enters the park for this event regardless of age whether they are competing or not. This replaces the Youth Permit for general park admission for this event. Competitors will still pay \$8 for participation in the actual meet. All fees will be collected at registration not at the park gate (except for camping at the park). Those camping in the park will be required to stop at the gate to pay camping and admission fees (Youth Permits apply here) and to receive a vehicle pass. No one else will have to stop and go inside the park office. The State Park will count people entering the park and the Meet Registrar will pay the activity use fees from fees collected at registration.

Schedule: Friday Night, January 16, 2009 at the Refractory Building next to the swimming pool.

7 – 8 PM Check-in and early registration (maps will be distributed on Saturday morning)

8 – 9:30 PM Orientation Class on Rules, Map Reading & Compass

Saturday, January 17, 2009

7 - 9:30 AM Check-in and late registration

8:30 – 9:30 AM Orientation Class On Rules, Map Reading & Compass

10:00 AM Starting Time (This will be a group start)

2:00 PM Meet Finish Time

4:30 PM Awards Ceremony time

Fees/Registration: \$13.00 per meet participant (includes a patch, map & park activity use fee); or \$5 per visitor/leader if post-marked by Wed., Jan. 14, 2009. If post-marked after Jan. 14, fee is \$15 per meet participant. Checks payable to Scout O Challenge. All fees collected by one unit representative, please. Mail checks to 166 N. Eskew Lane, Cedar Creek, TX 78612. Pre-registration by email to snelson33@austin.rr.com (mail check) or regular mail. You can register on-site if necessary; expect lines.

Organizer: Scout O Committee; **Meet Director:** Steve Nelson, snelson33@austin.rr.com, 512-303-1812.

Safety: A First Aid Station is available at registration headquarters. Physician Assistant and EMT's on site. Each unit is responsible for their own medical/accident insurance.

Camping: Available at LCRA Parks, Bastrop or Buescher State Parks – call 512-389-8900 to reserve; and at Lost Pines Scout Reservation – call the Capital Area Council Office at 512-926-6363.

Equipment: A protractor style compass with a clear plastic base is preferred. Each team should have a watch (4 hour time limit) and a whistle to call for help if any team members are injured.

Categories: This is a score orienteering team competition with the teams limited in size from a **minimum of 2 to a maximum of 4 individuals**. Scouts will compete in one of the following eight categories based on that individual's rank or program. Be certain the desired category is circled on the entry form. No changes in category will be made after the start of the event.

Webelos

First Class Boy Scouts

Venturing Crew

Leaders/Adults

Scout/Tenderfoot/Second Class Boy Scouts

Star/Life/Eagle Boy Scouts

Mixed Rank (Boy Scouts Only)

Girl Scouts (age 9 & up)

Unit Competition: A unit must have at least three youth teams to be eligible for the unit competition. The total points from the top three teams of eligible units will be used to determine unit awards. Be certain every team from a unit has the same unit number in order to be considered in the unit competition.

Rules: Each team will be given one punch card and have four hours to find as many control markers (orange & white nylon bags) as possible with the markers having different point values based on distance and difficulty. Penalty points (five points per minute) will be deducted from each team's total score based on the number of minutes the team exceeds the four-hour time limit. Reasons to be disqualified: team caught tampering with control markers or blowing whistle carelessly; team discovered following another team resulting in a notable higher score; any team misrepresenting their team score; or a team using radios, cell phones, walkie-talkies or other electronic devices intended to improve their score.

Protests/Challenges: Any protest or challenge regarding any aspect of the meet must be registered with the Meet Director no later than 4 PM prior to the awards ceremony.

Awards: Individual medals will be presented to each member of each team placing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in each of the eight categories. Additionally, awards will be presented to each member of the youth teams with the top three overall scores and to the top three units excluding Webelos. Unit Awards will be given separately to the top three Webelos units.

Scouting Requirements: Boy Scouts participating in the instructional class will complete Second Class requirement 1a, First Class Requirement 2; Orienteering Merit Badge items: 1,2,3,4,5,6, and 7a (partial). Venturers' will complete item B and C of the #5 Core Requirements for the Ranger Award. Leaders will be issued a card for each participant that can be signed by the Leader in charge of the team validating their participation in the instructional class and meet.

ENTRY FORM FOR SCOUT "O" CHALLENGE, JANUARY 17, 2009

(Unit Leaders can send a list of Scouts in teams with unit information only listed once.)

ONE FORM PER TEAM

Unit _____ Team Name _____

Unit Leader at Meet _____ Cell Phone At Meet _____

Email address _____

Address _____ City/Zip _____

Category: Mark One - Webelos* Scout/Tenderfoot/Second Class First Class
 Star/Life/Eagle Mixed Rank (Boy Scouts Only) Ventures'
 Girl Scouts Leaders/Adults

*Webelos Teams & Junior Girl Scouts Must Participate With an Adult Leader

TEAM MEMBERS NAMES/RANK (Max 4 per team):

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

Total Fee Enclosed (\$13.00 / Team Member)(If late, \$15)\$ _____

Meet Visitors/Leaders with your unit @ \$5 per person\$ _____

Total.....\$ _____