

**34th Annual *Maryland Scout Orienteering Day* BAC, BSA
 PATUXENT RIVER PARK's *JUG BAY NATURAL AREA*, near *Upper Marlboro*, SAT., OCT 30, 2010
 MAIL FORM BELOW BY OCT. 15! You must pre-register (postmarked) by Oct. 15!/
 Register by surface mail: use the form below or download it (see below)****

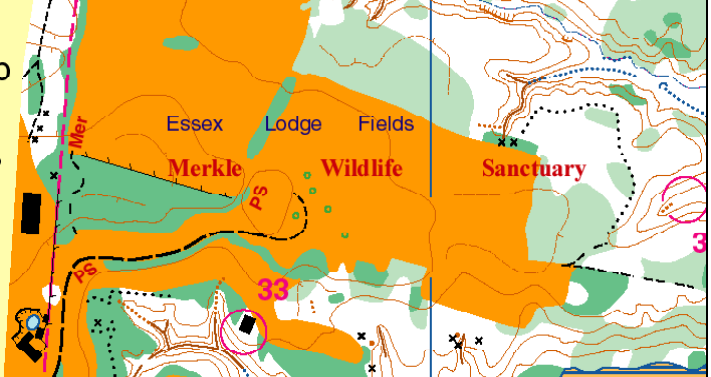
A one-day event; however, camping is available Fri-Sun. right at the event site. Register on attached form.

We're proud to join in Baltimore Area Council's fall celebration of Scouting's 100th anniversary, highlighted by the Star Spangled Camporee & Celebration at Ft. McHenry, Balto. Oct. 1-3 ("100th anniv." at www.baltimorebsa.org)





"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 good orienteer needs strong legs, a subtle brain, and the ability to exert both at the same time, which is rare."-Outside Magazine.
This event is designed for those new to orienteering.

Your troop or Venture unit is invited to BAC's annual day of instruction and fun in orienteering ("O"). Cost is \$4.00 per participant. Last year we had about 750 orienteers and 325 campers. **Girl Scouts** age 10 thru 17 & BSA or GSUSA leaders & parents are encouraged to take part; not Cubs or Webelos. Venture (<18) can compete as a unit or as part of their associated troop. Troops/parents should try the fun public beginner O' events too in Howard, Montg., Balto., A.A., & P.G. Co.; see <http://qoc.nova.org> (** which has this form); arrive from 11:30 to 1:30. Broad Creek has O' courses/info on the camp map.....Both are good practice and fun, & use maps exactly like this one:

This easy-to-use color map makes learning map skills on site fun and straight-forward!



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-  water & some summer marsh(w/ low tide line)
-  shallow water (or at low tide: mud in winter and mostly emergent marsh in summer)
-  perennial open tidal marsh
-  *forested swamp & shrub scrub marsh

instructional map hikes and the "lost-proof" Route O' start the day. This "more map, less compass" event has proven to be so much more fun over the years than compass courses, and more valuable in developing self-reliance and O' skills.. You might not win in your first year, but you should learn plenty! We don't "sign off" O' merit badges, but some of the toughest requirements (3 courses, fox ex.) will be met as will others with some follow-up, plus the O' part of the First Class O' requirement.

Troops not camping may arrive at any time between 8 & 9:30 a.m., but by 9:00 to have time for the map hike and fun "head to head cross-country O". At 1:30, troops receive maps for the grand finale, the ever-popular **Score O'**. Awards (4:20 to 4:45 p.m.) go to the top 55 pairs of scouts, with patches & color maps for all paying participants*. For info. on O', try the links at www.us.orienteering.org or, for nat'l Scout O' events, www.scoutorienteering.com.

If you stay for Sunday, the park offers 14 miles of trails (and by advance reservation ((301)627-6074) canoe-kayak rentals and nature programs.) An excellent five mile round trip hike or bike to Merkle Wildlife Sanctuary's Visitor Center includes a fire tower overlook and a long footbridge over wetlands with muskrats, beavers, wild turkey, ospreys, & eagles.

Scouts will orienteer in "younger" or "older" pairs. Anyone who is **any** of the following is "**older**": 1) 1st Class; 2) 14 as of the event; 3) 13 as of the event & has passed 1st Class req.#2 (O' part); 4) earned the O' merit badge.

All others are in the "**younger**" category. Bring lots of scouts; troops with more than 14 scouts drop their lowest score in the troop competition, 18 or more their two lowest, etc. No charge for name changes below, and additions over the total below can be added at the event for **\$5.00**; For no-shows, there are no patches but partial refunds later.

To be eligible for a **troop** award in our main category you must have at least ten scouts. But with less, you're still in the "smaller troop list," & all scouts get to participate fully in everything & are eligible for all 110 awards given out Sat.

For info on this event, watch ** www.baltimorebsa.org under "Activities;" after registering, you'll get, a few days before the event, directions, schedule, & what-to-bring info. Otherwise, try DaveLinthicum@earthlink.net or 6020 Pindell Rd., Bristol, MD 20711 if you have a question or problem.

Our event staff **hopes to see you there!**....Dave L.

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YOU MUST MAIL THIS by Oct. 15 if you want to attend to "Orienteering, BAC, BSA, 701 Wyman Park Dr., Balto., MD 21211" with \$4 per scout and adult* payable to Baltimore Area Council, BSA. It helps to bring a copy of this form with you to the event to re-register.

Troop/Venture # _____ Unit's town _____ District _____ Council _____

Leader in charge (acting SM): _____ Home phone _____ Email _____

Address: _____ Zip _____

Are you interested in more info on the reasonably priced, famous roast beef sandwich lunches as provided every year? Yes ___ No ___

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 will likely have few or no scouts in this category): 1)-Why?: _____

2)-Why?: _____

Names of "younger pairs" of scouts (see above). Form a "triple" only if you have a Scout left over after forming all pairs. (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").):

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scouts (see above):	Names of " older pairs " of
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*Names of **participating (paying) adults/parents** (no pay= no map, no patch, no learning of navigation skills!): SM _____

Total above: __\$4 each=\$__ IF CAMPING: \$2 x __campers x __night(s)@\$2/person per night =\$__

Grand total (including camping) enclosed:\$__