

Re: Possible Orienteering at Lowell Observatory on Saturday, August 15

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Hi Ron,

I don't think I got back to you. You may proceed with the COVID-19 precautions you have. If something drastic happens (COVID) we can talk later on it. Since our construction will be done on campus you don't need to talk to Dave Sawyer about logistics.

Have fun. Glad your group can enjoy this activity here.

Regards,

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On Wed, Jun 24, 2020 at 8:14 PM Ron Birks <birks@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi Anne,

I hope you're doing as well as can be expected considering the pandemic lock down. It's been a difficult time for everyone.

I was wondering if we could consider holding an orienteering event on Lowell Observatory grounds on Saturday, August 15. Our events usually have between 10-20 participants and participants have staggered start times, so we never have more than 10 individuals together at the same time. In May and June, we held events in Prescott National Forest with special Covid-19 precautions (see below). In July, we've been given permission to hold a small event at Ft. Tuthill.

I realize Arizona is currently experiencing increasing numbers of Covid cases. If we could get a tentative approval for an event on Lowell property, I'd be happy to put it on our schedule with a special disclaimer, something like "pending final authorization based on Covid-19 restrictions". We would prepare for an event with the full understanding that we would cancel the event if required by restrictions at the time.

Let me know if you need any additional information. Thanks for your help.

Ron Birks

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

To make this event is as safe as reasonably possible in the current COVID-19 environment, we will be taking the following measures:

- A six foot distance will be maintained between all individuals (or family units) at all times.
- Team sizes will be held to 6 people or less.
- Controls markers will be "non-contact", that is, no punching. You will need a reliable pen to mark your score card at each control point. See below for details.
- The registration/pay station will be largely self-serve, and we highly recommend bringing exact change to minimize the exchange of money. There will be a Timer on-hand to issue maps and record timing.
- There will be a hand-washing station provided on a table adjacent to the registration table. Please wash hands before and after registering/signing waivers/paying/picking up score cards and clue sheets. Please also bring your own hand towel for that purpose.
- There will be no water on the courses. We also will NOT be providing our usual complementary snacks and drinks at the Start/Finish area. Bring your own snacks and water for a full day of orienteering. We also will not be providing the port-a-potty
- There will be no beginners' clinic.