



NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2003



Greater Phoenix Orienteering Club - Getting There is ALL the Fun!

Family Camp-Out Aug 9-10

The forests are now open, fire restrictions lifted, and we can hold our annual family camp-out near the top of Mormon Mountain. Bob Kuhn, one of our most active club members, is hosting this event and he is doing all the work so let's show him our appreciation.

Bob will bring up a trailer, tables and canopies and will also have the portable toilets set up. Someone will be there all day Friday and Saturday so you can arrive whenever. Should we be temporarily gone, just park nearby and set up your camp. You'll know our site by the orange/white orienteering signs.

This is a social event for club members and their guests and there are **no charges** for any of the activities. (You Tucson club friends are considered our guests and are welcome to join us.) The club will provide BBQ meats, fixin's and non-alcoholic beverages for a Saturday afternoon picnic. Side dishes and snacks are pot-luck. All other meals are on your own but cooking facilities will be available. There will be donkey rides (175# weight limit) and an orienteering course near the camp. Prepare for rain.

There will be donkey rides (175# weight limit) and an easy orienteering course near the camp. Start times are when-you-get-there. Beginner's clinic will happen as needed. Bring along your favorite campfire stories to share at the evening campfire.

Bob needs to know how many are coming so he can buy enough food. To RSVP, call Bob at (623) 582-5899 or email ulazyk@cox.net or gphxoc@yahoo.com.

Directions: **From Phoenix** (9 miles of dirt road), take I-17 north to the Munds Park exit. Follow the main road (FR 240) through Munds Park for 10 miles then make a sharp left on FR 132A. Our site will be about 1 mile on the left.

From East Valley (3 miles of dirt road), use Hwy 87 (Beeline) then take Hwy #3 towards Clint's Well. Exit Hwy #3 at Mormon Village. Follow the main road through Mormon Village to mile marker 5 and exit on FR #240 towards Munds Park. Go 2 miles to FR #132A and bear right about 1 mile to our camp. Follow the orange/white O signs.

Keep in mind, these are public lands and it's possible that another group will have come even earlier and taken over our preferred site. In that case, we will move to a nearby site and leave someone or signs at the original site to guide you to the new place.

See inside for an insert with directions and map.

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Orienteering at Thumb Butte September 27

Come join us for a weekend of camping and Orienteering in the cool pines near Prescott. Temperatures will be mild, with a typical day being clear with highs in the mid-70's and lows in the mid-40's. Primitive camping sites are available near the start of the orienteering courses.

The terrain is mostly open Ponderosa pine forest, with only occasional regions of thick brush. This makes for fairly easy (and shady) cross-country travel. We will have orienteering courses for beginning, intermediate and advanced levels, **and will also be including a Night-O course**. This event is the next step in our club's progression toward a "B" meet this winter—we will be featuring the improved color orienteering maps and will run this event as a B meet. Of course, if you

prefer a more relaxed approach to orienteering, participants can register in the recreational class in lieu of the competitive class.

After the events, gather around the campfire and exchange stories about our adventures. The Night-O will be particularly interesting, since there will be no moon that night!

The meet director for this event is Glenn Haselfeld. Please call him at 623-939-8520 if you would like to volunteer for either the daytime or Night courses. All volunteers are greatly appreciated.

More information will be included with the September newsletter.

Additional Opportunities

PHOENIX

The Phoenix Urban Challenge is coming up Saturday October 18th. Take on a unique urban adventure! Two-person teams find and visit 12 checkpoints on the unrehearsed urban landscape using only clues, their feet, and public transit. No set course. Event begins with a Trivia Challenge — the sharpest teams get a head start. Details at <http://www.urbanchallenge.com/phoenix/>

WASHINGTON STATE

Cascade Orienteering Club is also pleased to announce Six Degrees of Navigation, an adventure race in the beautiful setting of St. Edward State Park. With a projected winning time of 4 hours, this is a great way to try your hand at the sport. The course will include flat water kayaking, trekking, orienteering, and mountain biking. Teams may consist of two or four members. Six Degrees of Navigation will take place Saturday, August 30, 2003. St. Edward State Park is a half hour's drive from Seattle, on the northeast shore

of Lake Washington. See the event web page, www.cascadeoc.org/Degrees/SixHome.html for details, or contact event director Debbie Newell at dnewel@verizon.net, 425-488-3691.

NEW MEXICO

Dick and Judy Opsahl have started an orienteering club in Los Alamos, New Mexico. They used a USOF map grant to produce a lovely, high quality map using a professional mapper. **Saturday, August 23**, Rendija West map, starts between 10 AM & 1 PM. White through Orange courses, including both regular and long Orange. **Saturday, Sept 20th**, Rendija West map, starts between 10 AM & 1 PM, White through Green courses, including both regular and long Orange. **Saturday, October 18**, a standard meet on Rendija East map, with white through green courses, and a mini rogaine in Nov, with participants going out for 1, 2 or 3 hours. For further details, contact them at: Opsahl@losalamos.com

GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

August 9-10	Camp-Out at Mormon Mtn
August 16-17	Lake Mary, AZ State Champs
September 27	Thumb Butte (Prescott NF)
October 16 & 18	Fall Land Navigation Class
November 1	Lake Pleasant (Joint JROTC)
December 13	Bomboy Mine (Joint JROTC)
January 10, 2004	some place new???
February 14, 2004	First Water (Joint JROTC)
March 6, 2004	Saguaro Lake (Joint JROTC)

Events can't happen without volunteers from the club. Volunteer today to help staff or set up for a meet. We'll be there to help you through your first, second, even tenth time so you don't have to go it alone.

We encourage our members to participate in the Tucson club events as well as our own. Not only is it an opportunity for more orienteering experience fairly close to home but they have some really great folks that we can learn a lot from while we enjoy their company.

Tucson Club Event Schedule

Aug 16-17	Lake Mary, AZ State Champs
Sept 21	Greasewood Park
Oct 19	Catalina State Park
Nov 16	Highway 83
Dec 21	Cat Mountain
Feb 15	Chimney Rock

Did you know that GPHXO O.C. members get the "member" rate for Tucson O.C. events? For details about the Tucson Club events, check their web page at <http://go.to/tucsonorienteering>

GPHXO Board Meetings:

Board meetings are held monthly to discuss the business operations of the club and to plan for upcoming events. They are open to all members. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are at 7:00 PM at the Tempe Library, downstairs in one of the study rooms.

Tuesday, September 16

Tuesday, October 21

Tuesday, November 18

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- NEW MEMBER INDIVIDUAL (\$12)
 RENEWAL FAMILY (\$14)
 Yes, I can help staff a club meet. Call me.

Members receive a bi-monthly (or more) newsletter, have voting privileges, and receive a discount on club events and the Land Navigation class.

NAME

STREET ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

(AREA CODE) DAY TELEPHONE

(AREA CODE) EVENING TELEPHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS

Phoenix Orienteering Car Camp Out (Aug 9-10) Mormon Mountain near Mormon Lake—no charge

Sponsored by Bob Kuhn

The camp's elevation is 7,578 feet: the GPS location is: N34 degrees 57' 08.3" and W 111 degrees 32' 09.9". Expect afternoon summer showers—50 degrees at night and 80 degrees daytime. The mountain dirt roads are relatively flat, pot-holes or rocks in some areas, and will accommodate almost all cars.

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