



NEWSLETTER - JULY 2004



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

Night-O/Score-O at Lake Mary July 17-18, 2004

(Editor's Note: If you hear of forest closures near Flagstaff around these dates, check the Tucson website for updated information). Come to Lake Mary July 17-18 for a weekend of camping, orienteering, and map-walking in the beautiful Ponderosa Pine forest of northern Arizona. The forest is open with beautiful meadows in the valleys and no nasty vegetation over most of the area. Lake Mary is at 7000' elevation, 30+ degrees cooler than Phoenix and perfect camping temperature. Be sure to bring a jacket and warm hat for the evenings.

On Saturday evening there will be a 90 minute Night-O with a mass-start at 7:30pm. On Sunday morning, there will be a 3-hour Score-O with a mass-start at 8:30am. Both events will have a variety of control points suitable for beginners, intermediates and advanced. Or if you would like some orienteering instruction, Jeff Brucker will conduct clinics/mapwalks for beginners and intermediates while both events are in progress. Registration and fees for the clinics/mapwalks will be the same as for the courses.

It takes about 3 hours from Phoenix to the site, more or less depending on which side of the valley you live on and if you hit rush-hour traffic. Flagstaff is only 30 minutes from the site, so you could even stay in a motel if you wish. Jeff Berringer will set out the road signs when he arrives on site sometime in the late afternoon on Friday, so you can arrive anytime after about 6pm.

What to do on Saturday before the Night-O? Historic FlagstaffSnow-Bowl Ski Area.....Mt. Humphries....Sunset Crater.....Mormon Lake.....Etc.Etc....or, just hang out in the forest, it is a really pretty area.

Directions:

From I17 northbound, just before I40 junction at Flagstaff, take exit 339, Lake Mary Road. Go south and then southeast about 5 miles to FR132. Take a right at FR132 and go south and southwest about 3 Miles to FR132D. Take a left at FR132D and go south and southeast about 2 miles to site. Look for orange O-signs along 132 and 132D.

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JULY EVENT INFO CONTINUED

Schedule:

Friday

6:00pm Camping Site opens, road signs will be in place.

Saturday

5:00pm. Registration opens for both events.

7:30pm Mass-start Night-O and Clinic/Mapwalk begins.

9:00pm Night-O and Clinic/Mapwalk end.

9:15pm Campfire if allowed, otherwise lantern.

Sunday

8:00am Late Registration if you didn't register on Saturday.

8:30am Mass-start Score-O and Clinic/Mapwalk begins.

11:30am Score-O and Clinic/Mapwalk end.

11:30am Route choice reviews.

12:00pm Control Retrieval begins

1:30pm Control Retrieval ends.

Fees:

\$5/individual, \$8/team for members of any recognized orienteering club.

\$10/individual, \$15/team for nonmembers.

Compasses rent for \$1. Safety whistles sell for \$1. Every person, all courses, all meets is required to carry some type of safety whistle.

Check-In:

To insure that all are safe, everyone, whether finished with the course or not, must check in formally at Start/Finish before leaving the meet site.

Newcomers:

Go directly to Registration. Ask for instructions and introductory information.

Fee Changes Began June 1, 2004

Our new fee structure began June 1, 2004. As we mentioned in a previous newsletter, it costs us about \$20 a year per member for printing and mailing, insurance, USOF dues, etc. One way to cut costs is to allow you to print your own newsletter from the website. The new fees will show an increase of \$3 if you want to continue receiving your newsletter in the mail or a **decrease of \$2 if you prefer to receive an email letting you know when the new newsletter is available on the website.** We are intentionally avoiding attaching the newsletter to email as many spam filters and firewalls will prevent some of you from seeing it.

Individual Membership/year (was \$12):

newsletter via USPS	\$15
newsletter on the web	\$10

Family Membership/year (was \$14):

newsletter via USPS	\$17
newsletter on the web	\$12

Need Club Secretary—Can You Help?

Being a club, we rely on our member volunteers to help in all capacities, and right now, we really need a volunteer to step forward and take on the role of club secretary. The (all volunteer) board meets on the 3rd Tuesday evening of the month at the Tempe library. The secretary takes down the minutes of the meeting, makes copies of them and distributes them to all attendees before the next meeting. Distribution can be done via email (or snail mail if you don't have access to a computer). The secretary also creates an agenda for the meeting from input from the board members and others. Please volunteer for this very important club function.

GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

July 17-18	Lake Mary
August 14-15	Family Campout Mormon Mtn
Oct 21&23	Land Navigation Class
Oct 30	Bomboy Mine (Joint JROTC)
Dec 11	Saguaro Lake (Joint JROTC)
Jan 15, 2005	Lake Pleasant
Feb 12, 2005	First Water (Joint JROTC)
Mar 5, 2005	TBD (Joint JROTC)

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

July 18	Lake Mary
Aug 15	Lincoln Park Night-O
Sep 19	Greasewood City Park
Oct 17	Down Route 83
Nov 21	Kentucky Camp
Dec 19	Cat Mountain

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.

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 www.tucsonorienteering.org

GPHXO Board Meetings:

Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month 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 Richard Dewey's home: 6108 S. Clark Dr., Tempe. Richard's contact info: 480-831-0331 (Home) and 480-236-5706 (Cell).

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NEW MEMBER RENEWAL

CHOOSE: *mail me the monthly newsletter:*

FAMILY (\$17) INDIVIDUAL (\$15)

OR: *download/view newsletter on website:*

FAMILY (\$12) INDIVIDUAL (\$10)

Yes, I can help staff a club meet. Call me.

NAME

STREET ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

(AREA CODE) DAY TELEPHONE

(AREA CODE) EVENING TELEPHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS (*required for web membership discount; we will email you when the new newsletter is on the website*)

Phoenix Orienteering Car Camp Out (Aug 14-15) Mormon Mountain near Mormon Lake—no charge

Sponsored by Bob Kuhn

The camp's elevation is 7,578 feet. 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. For those who have been there before, Bob's plan is to use a site about one half mile further down the road from our previous location, on the right.

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. 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.

The club will provide BBQ meats, fixin's and non-alcoholic beverages for a Saturday afternoon picnic (about 2:00 PM). Side dishes and snacks are pot-luck. All other meals are on your own but cooking facilities will be available. There are large open areas for various game/activities, hiking or just kick back and enjoy the fresh smell of the pines, visiting or quiet time. There will be campfires Friday and Saturday evenings—you furnish the marshmallows, skits and entertainment. This is a family oriented event.

Directions: **From Phoenix** (last 9 miles 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 1.5 miles on the right.

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 1.5 miles to our camp. Follow the orange/white O signs.

