



NEWSLETTER - Dec 2006



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

Coon Bluff - Dec 10, 2006

(Please Read about Parking Permits)

Please join the Greater Phoenix Orienteering Club for our Coon Bluff Score-O on Sunday, December 10. The terrain is somewhat rugged hills with sparse to moderate desert vegetation throughout. People of all skill levels can participate. You'll have 2 hours to find as many controls as you can. We'll also have a White course for beginners and folks who want something a little milder.

Important - Parking Permits:

As of October 6 of this year, the on-site machines for parking passes are gone, and you are now **required** to have a \$6 Tonto recreation pass. The new parking passes aren't for sale at the parking area, so you'll need to pick one up on your way there. These are the two stores closest to Coon Bluff that sell them:

Circle K (N.E. corner of Power Rd and McKellips)

Big 5 Sporting Goods (!!!!! *Does not open until 10am on Sunday!!!!*) N.W. corner of Power Road and McDowell Road in the Bashas Shopping Center)

(NOTE: Tonto NF parking passes are available at any Big 5 Sporting Goods store in the Phoenix area.)

For those of you a little rusty on the area, Power Road intersects U.S. 60 and heads North to become the Bush

Highway. The Bush Highway then leads to the Coon Bluff area. The two stores listed above are on Power Road just about a mile South of where the 202 Freeway ends at Power Road. There's some construction going on there where they're building some overpasses, so if you find yourself North of the construction without a Tonto pass, turn around and head back South on Power Road to the Circle K.

Volunteers:

We need volunteers to help out at the registration and timing tables, with bag pick up after the meet, and with bag hanging on December 9. If you help hang bags, you can do the score-O recreationally for free. Please contact Forest Brown or Peter Neubauer (pneubauer@bluerwhite.org) if you can help.

What to bring:

water bottle(s)
whistle (**required for all**; available for \$1)
Tonto National Forest recreation pass (parking permit)

Directions and Schedule Inside

Greater Phoenix Orienteering Club
<http://www.phoenixorienteering.org>

c/o Rockledge Services / P.O. Box 51114
Phoenix, AZ 85076-1114

Coon Bluff Directions, Schedule and Cost

Directions to Coon Bluff From Phoenix:

Take US 60 (Superstition Freeway) east to Power Road, exit #188. Turn north onto Power Road. The turnoff to Coon Bluff is on the north side of the road about 12 3/4 miles from US 60. Look for the orange/white orienteering sign on the south side (about 1 mile past the Phon D. Sutton Recreation area turnoff). Turn left and drive about 1.25 miles to the parking area. If you get to Usery Pass Road, turn around and go back 1.25 miles and turn right.

Schedule:

Registration Starts..... 9:00
 Beginner's Clinic 9:30
 Course opens..... 9:30
 Course closes 1:00

Cost(member/non-member):

Individual \$4/\$6
 Family / team rate \$6/\$8

Kentucky Camp Score-O Dec. 17, 2006

This month's course for the Tucson Orienteering Club will be in the scenic grassy, oak-juniper studded eastern foothills of the Santa Rita Mountains. Expect high, dry grass with plenty of seeds. Throw-away socks are recommended. The event will be a Score-O, with about 30 controls of varying point value spread over the Kentucky Camp map area.

There will be a mass start at 10 a.m. with maps handed out at 9:45 a.m. to allow for route planning to maximize the number of points collected. You may compete for one, two or three hours. There is no need to declare before the start (e.g., if you are out for 1 hour and 15 minutes, you will be counted as doing the 2-hour event). The meet director will allow 1 and 2 hour runners to start after 10:00 a.m., if needed.

There will be a 5-point penalty for every minute late after 1 p.m. Courses close at 1 p.m. Remember, volunteer help is always needed and appreciated. Let the meet director know before the meet if you would like to help retrieve controls.

Fees: \$5/individual, \$8 team for members of any recognized orienteering club, \$10/individual, \$15/team for nonmembers.

Schedule:

9:00 a.m. Registration opens.
 9:45 a.m. Maps are handed out.
 10:00 a.m. Mass start
 1:00 p.m. Course closes, begin control retrieval.
 Volunteer before 1 p.m. with the meet director.

Check-In: To ensure 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. To attend the beginner's clinic, arrive between 9:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.

Route Choice Reviews: After 1:00 p.m., an advanced orienteer will be available near the Start/Finish area to discuss route choices with returning participants.

GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

Dec 10	Coon Bluff
Jan 7, 2007	Lake Pleasant
Jan 13-15, 2007	San Diego OC Anza Borrego B-Meet
Feb 11, 2007	mini-ROGAINE at Bomboy Mine
Mar 11, 2007	Saguaro Lake

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

Dec 17	Kentucky Camp West
Jan 21	Cat Mountain
Feb 18	Kentucky Camp/Greaterville

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 in the **Scottsdale Community College library**. Call **Peter** for specifics or to confirm meeting: **480-734-0733**.

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

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

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