



# NEWSLETTER - October 2008



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

## Coon Bluff Score-O October 12th

### \*\*\*\*\* Important - Parking Permits \*\*\*\*\*

You are now **required** to have a \$6 Tonto recreation pass to park at Coon Bluff. Parking passes aren't for sale on site so pick one up on your way there. The nearest stores to Coon Bluff that sell them: **Circle K (N.E. corner of Power Rd and McKellips)** and **Big 5 Sporting Goods** (!!!!! Opens at 10am on Sunday!!!! N.W. corner of Power Rd and McDowell Rd in the Bashas Center)

(NOTE: Tonto NF parking passes are available at any **Big 5 Sporting Goods** ) . For a list of other stores that sell the passes visit: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/tonto/tp/welcome.shtml>

For those of you a little rusty on the area, Power Road intersects U.S. 60 and heads North to become the Bush Highway, which 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 crosses Power Road. If you find yourself North of the 202 overpass without a Tonto pass, turn around and head back South on Power Road to the Circle K at McKellips Road.

Please join the Greater Phoenix Orienteering Club for our Coon Bluff Score-O on Sunday, October 12. 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.

### **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 October 11. If you help hang bags, you can do the score-O recreationally for free. Please contact Forest Brown (weakonrecon@yahoo.com) if you can help.

**Directions , schedule and cost on page 2**

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## **Coon Bluff (Continued)**

**Directions to Coon Bluff From Phoenix:**

**From US 60:** Take US 60 (Superstition Freeway) east to Power Road, exit #188. Head north on Power Road about 12.5 miles, past the 202 overpass where Power Road turns into the Bush Highway. An alternate route would be to take the 202 exit (about 2 miles east of the Power Road exit) and drive north to the McDowell exit. From the exit, travel 1 block west on McDowell to Power Road and turn right (north). Continue north and look for the turn off to Coon Bluff on the north (left) side of the road. It will be marked by an 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.

**From the westbound 202:** Take the 202 west to the Power Road exit, then head north on Power Road. Follow the above directions to Coon Bluff.

**What to bring:**

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

**Schedule:**

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

**Cost (member/non-member):**

Individual .....	\$5/\$10
Family / team rate .....	\$8/\$15

## **Semi-Annual Land Navigation Class October 23 & 25**

*You'll find our brochure with registration information on our website at [gphxo.org](http://gphxo.org)*

Master the use of topographic map and compass to travel through the wilderness with skill and confidence. This class is an evening in-town session then a full day in the field at a site near the town of Superior. It is designed for adults and is a very intensive, hands-on program.

Participants meet **Thursday, October 23rd** (6-9 PM) in the metro Phoenix area for a classroom session then **Saturday, October 25th** (7 AM until dark) near the town of Superior for a field session.

Primitive car camping is available Friday night at the field site for those who prefer not to get up really early Saturday and drive out to the desert.

Students will walk four to five miles, with day packs, learning and practicing land navigation methods and techniques.

We provide dinner at the classroom session, plus breakfast, lunch and snacks at the field session. Students must provide their own transportation to and from the site. Cost is \$100 (fully refundable until 10/17/2008). Members who have joined prior to Aug 1, 2008 get a \$20 discount.

**Class alumni, if it's been awhile since you've been practicing, you may take the class again for half price (\$50.00).**

## GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

October 11	Annual Meeting—Nello's Pizza, 1806 E Southern, Tempe, 6:30-9
October 12	Coon Bluff Score-O
October 23 and 25	Land Navigation Class
November 9	Lake Pleasant
December 14	Saguaro Lake
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January 11	near Buckeye
February 8	TBD
March 8	TBD

*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

Oct 19	Chimney Rock
Nov 16	Box Canyon
Dec 21	Silverbell

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](http://www.tucsonorienteering.org)

## 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.

Email [gphxoc@yahoo.com](mailto:gphxoc@yahoo.com) for dates and locations.

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