



NEWSLETTER - October 2010



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

October 10th Score-O at First Water

Fall is finally here and it's time to start running around in the desert again. Join the Phoenix Orienteering Club at the First Water area at the foot of the Superstition wilderness on October 10th for a 3-hour Score-O. In this event you'll have 3 hours to find as many controls as you can to rack up points. You can visit the controls in any order you choose, and points are awarded for each depending on their difficulty level. The more remote and difficult to find the more points a control is worth. We'll also provide a beginner-level White course for those new to the sport or just wanting something a bit more laid back.

Registration begins at 8:30am and runs until 10am. Both the Score-O and White courses open at 9am. A free beginner's clinic will start at 9am to go over compass skills and map reading basics. There is a 3 hour time limit for the Score-O and a 10 point penalty for every minute over (all times rounded up to the next minute). The White course has no time limit. All participants of both courses must return from the course and check-in with the timer's table by 1pm. Anyone returning after 1pm will be scolded, lose any points they collected, and be marked as DNF ("Did Not Finish").

This event is open to everyone. You do not need to be a club member or have any previous experience

with orienteering. Participants of all skill levels and ages are welcome, though the younger kids should be accompanied by an adult. The White course is all on trail so it's perfect for families with small kids.

Schedule:

Registration starts:	8:30am
Beginner's clinic:	9:00am
Course opens:	9:00am
Registration closes:	10:00am
Course closes:	1:00pm

Directions:

From Phoenix take US 60 (Superstition Freeway) east to Apache Junction. Take the Idaho Road exit (SR 88) and turn left. Head north on Idaho Road (SR 88) for about 5 miles. !!!!!!! Head toward Canyon Lake !!!!!!!

What to Bring:

- Whistle** (Mandatory for all; may purchase for \$1)
- Compass** (Mandatory for all; may rent for \$1)
- Water.** There will be a couple water stations on the course but you are strongly encouraged to bring your own water bottles or a camelback.
- Sun screen.** There will be little or no shade on the course.
- Sturdy hiking shoes and long pants** are recommended. You may encounter cactus, cat claw, and loose terrain, especially on the Score-O.

Local Engineering Firm Involved in Community Outreach - Looking for Volunteers From Within GPHXO

Hubbard Engineering and its employees are currently working on a community outreach project to help youth leaders (Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Girl Scout, Church etc.) teach the youth they work with the introductory principles of Orienteering, Surveying, GPS and Geocaching.

In an effort to do this, arrangements have been made with the HOA of a subdivision in the southeast valley to set 31 permanent monuments throughout its greenbelts. Two of the points will be set up as “caches” and registered on-line for geocachers worldwide to visit. At the conclusion of this project, all 31 points will have published latitude and longitude coordinates. Youth Leaders will have the ability to create their own courses for use with youth as they teach them how to use GPS.

A small 5 sided traverse will also be included in the 31 points that are set. This will aid youth who want to learn a little more about surveying the ability to do so and also provide those that assist them an easy method of helping them. Bearings and distances of the traverse, along with closure reports and information will also be available for download upon the completion of the project.

Also as part of this project, Hubbard Engineering is going to create 4 orienteering courses that utilize the 31 monuments. The

courses will range in distance from ½ mile to 2 ¾ miles. Each monument that is set will be stamped with a control number and a control code.

Another goal of the project is to be able to provide orienteering maps utilizing general International Specifications for Orienteering Maps (ISOM) standards as well as control sheets of each course to leaders. This will enable leaders an easy resource of teaching youth that orienteering is much more than following a sheet full of bearing and distances. We hope it will create an enthusiasm on the part of youth to create their own courses that utilize some of these same 31 monuments.

In an effort to ensure that these courses follow proper “orienteering protocol” we are looking for a volunteer or two who would be willing to sit down with Hubbard Engineering and listen to the ideas we have and also offer suggestions as to things we might do to enhance those ideas and make them even more user friendly for the youth and their leaders who will be using them.

If you are interested, please contact Jeremy Haws by e-mail at jhaws@hubbardengineering.com or by calling Hubbard Engineering during business hours at 480-892-3313. He can also be reached on his cell phone at 480-205-2055

GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

Oct 10	First Water Score-O
Nov 7	Lake Pleasant
Dec 5	Saguaro Lake Score-O
Jan 8, 2011	Robbin's Butte Classic-O
Feb 13	Coon Bluff Score-O
Mar 13	First Water
Apr 2	Land Navigation Class
Apr 10	Bomboy Mine
May 21	Prescott Bike-O

Ready to get involved and help this season?

You'll find contact information below.

Volunteers make it happen!

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 17	Mark's Old Bisbee Street-O
Nov 21	Catalina State Park Classic-O
Dec 19	Arthur Pack Regional Park Classic-O
Jan 15-18, 2011	Anza Borrego (San Diego)
Jan 23	Cat Mountain Classic-O
Feb 19-20	Box Canyon 2-Day Classic B Meet
Mar 6	Univ of Arizona Sprint
Mar 20	Kentucky Camp Score-O
Apr 17	Sweetwater Photo-O
May 15	Greaterville Classic-O
Jun 19	Tucson Street-O

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.tucsonorienteeringclub.org

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