



NEWSLETTER - March 2014



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

March 9: First Water Score-O

Please join us on **Sunday March 9** at the First Water event site just north of Apache Junction for a **three-hour Score-O**.

Enjoy springtime in the foothills of the Superstition Mountains and explore some of the most beautiful scenery in the Phoenix area. The terrain is hilly and somewhat rugged with some loose rocks and sporadic cactus.

The three hour Score-O will have about 25 controls scattered throughout the area. The course opens at 8:00. There is a 3-hour time limit for the Score-O and a 10 point penalty for every minute over the limit (all times rounded up to the next minute).

A **free beginner's clinic** will be held at 8:00 to go over compass skills and map reading basics. It's really worth the time to attend the clinic.

Schedule

Registration begins 7:30 am
Score-O Course opens 8:00 am
Beginners' Clinic 8:00 am
Registration closes 10:00 am
Score-O Course closes 1:00 pm
Last arrival time (DNF time) 1:15 pm

Event Cost

Individual (member) \$5
(non-member) \$10
Family/team (member) \$8
(non-member) \$15

Non-members may join at the meet and get the member event rates. See the last page of this newsletter for membership rates.

Directions to the site and additional information inside!

Participants under age 18:

All participants under age 18 are now required to have a signed parental consent form on file with the club. You can complete the form (available on the gphxo.org website) before the event and either scan it and send it to us by e-mail or bring it with you to the event.

Directions to the Event:

From Phoenix, take US 60 (Superstition Freeway) east to Apache Junction. Take the Idaho Rd. exit (SR 88) and turn left (north). In a few miles, SR 88 will turn right onto N Apache Trail. Turn right and continue on SR 88. In about 5 miles, and ¼ mile past the entrance to Lost Dutchman State Park, turn right onto FR 78, First Water Trailhead Road, which is an all-weather dirt road. Proceed about 2½ miles to the horse staging area (the overflow parking area). If you get to the trailhead, go back about ½ mile to the meet site. There is no Forest Service parking fee for this area.

What to Bring

- water bottles & water. There will be water at the start/finish, and one or two water stations out on the course.
- whistle - required, can purchase for \$1
- compass - can rent for \$1
- sunscreen - no shade on the course
- sturdy hiking shoes and long pants

Note on Registration:

Since this event is not at a City of Phoenix site, you will not need to register through their site. Just show up and sign in at the registration table!

Results of our February events:

Congratulations to the top finishers in our February events at Rio Salado:

Sprint 1 event:

1. Bret Sarnquist
2. Andy Wentzel
3. Amber Naughton
4. Pink Dynamites (team)
5. Todd Park

Sprint 2 event:

1. Andy Wentzel
2. Brent Sarnquist
3. Amber Naughton

Score-O event:

1. Brent Sarnquist
2. Derrick Beracy
3. Brian Durrell
4. Team Plunkett
5. Kyle Seifullin

Adventure Race:

1. Andy Wentzel
2. Dave and Windy
3. Orange Mud
4. Under the Wire
5. Storming the Castle

Visit our website at gphxo.org for full results and scores. Thank you to everyone who helped set up a full weekend with multiple events!

GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

March 8-9 First Water
April 12-13 Saguaro Lake
May 3-4 Prescott area

Please visit our web site:

<http://www.gphxo.org>

...for the latest schedule and event details!

Our season ends with the May event in the Prescott area, but check the Tucson club's schedule for more events!

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

Tucson Club Event Schedule

2014

March 16 Cave Creek Score-O
April 19-20 Slavin Gulch
May 18 Chimney Rock
June 15 Greasewood Park
July 20 Palisades

Maryvale HS JROTC is invited to a national meet next April in Ohio and they could use some financial help getting there. They have arranged for a discount / donation program from a local restaurant and may also be able to accept Tuition Tax Credit donations. Contact Daryl Yost, dyost@phoenixunion.org !

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.

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OR: *download/view newsletter on website:*

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

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(AREA CODE) EVENING TELEPHONE

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