



# NEWSLETTER - April 2014



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

## April 13: Saguaro Lake 3-Hour Score-O

Please join us on **Sunday April 13, northeast of Phoenix**, north of Saguaro Lake, for a **three-hour Score-O**.

The terrain is rolling hills with patches of rocky ground on mostly open grassland. The majority affords clear running, but watch for loose rock and the occasional cactus. There will be two water stations on the course and water will be available at the timer's table.

The three hour Score-O will have about 25 controls scattered throughout the area. The course opens at 9:00. There is a 3-hour time limit for the Score-O, The penalty for being over the 3-hour limit is 10 points per minute. Anyone not off the course and checked into the timer's table by 1:30 pm will be scored a DNF (Did Not Finish).

A **free beginner's clinic** will be held at 9:00 to go over compass skills and map reading basics. It's really worth the time to attend the clinic.

### Schedule

Registration begins .....	8:30 am
Score-O Course opens .....	9:00 am
Beginners' Clinic.....	9:00 am
Last Start Time .....	10:30 am
Score-O Course closes .....	1:30 pm
DNF any time after.....	1:30 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](http://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:**

**Beeline Highway:** From the Loop 202 head northeast on Country Club Road (in Mesa), which turns into the Beeline Highway (87). Continue on the Beeline Highway 22 miles (past Fountain Hills) to the Saguaro Lake/ Bush Highway turnoff. Turn right and follow the Bush Highway 0.2 miles to the event site on the right side of the road. Look for the orange and white orienteering signs marking the pull off to the parking area.

**Bush Highway:** From Power Road and the Superstition Freeway (US60), go north 22 miles (Power Road turns into the Bush Highway). You'll pass the Usery Pass junction in 13.5 miles, but continue heading north on the Bush Highway. When you see the sign that says "Junction 87 - 1/2 mile", look for the orange and white orienteering "sandwich boards" marking the parking area on the left.

**What to Bring**

- water bottles & water. There will be water at the start/finish, and 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 March events:**

Congratulations to the top finishers in our March event at First Water - Max Suter, Ludwig Hill, Erik Ringnes, Todd Park, and the "Orange Mud" team. Thank you to everyone (especially Forest Brown) who helped set up a full weekend with multiple events!

**Course Setting Software available**

Glenn Haselfeld has spent quite a bit of time developing a software package for JROTC so that they can create new courses without having to come back to us for OCAD. He has yet to test it out, and thought that maybe we can use it to encourage some new folks to become course setters. Anyone who would be interested in testing this out for us, here is the draft package (zip file):

[http://gphxo.org/Business/Resource\\_files/GPS-aided\\_Course\\_setting\\_rev0.zip](http://gphxo.org/Business/Resource_files/GPS-aided_Course_setting_rev0.zip)

The .zip file includes an installer for the program and all the files you need to run the tool.

## GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

April 13                      Saguaro Lake  
May 3-4                      Thumb Butte

Please visit our web site:

<http://www.gphxo.org>

...for the latest schedule and event details!

Our season ends with the May event at Thumb Butte, but check the Tucson club's schedule for more events during the summer!

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

## Tucson Club Event Schedule

### 2014

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](mailto: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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