



NEWSLETTER - October 2014



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

Oct. 11-12: Apache Wash Trailhead

PLEASE NOTE: THIS EVENT REQUIRES PREREGISTRATION ON THE CITY OF PHOENIX WEBSITE! NO ONSITE SIGNUPS!

Apache Wash Trailhead is a new site for the Orienteering Club, located in the Sonoran Desert Preserve, at the far north end of Phoenix, just southeast of the I-17 / Carefree Highway exit.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 11, 2014

On Saturday, we will have a Beginners' Clinic from 8-10 am, a Beginners' Practice Course open from 10 am - 1 pm, and a Sprint Event from 10 am - 1 pm.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 12, 2014

On Sunday, we will host a 2-Hour Score-O event; start any time between 9 am and 11 am, with the course closing at 1 pm. We also have the GPHXO Jackrabbit Adventure Race - a mandatory pre-race meeting at 7:45 am and a mass start at 8:00 am.

DIRECTIONS

Traveling on the Black Canyon Freeway (I-17) either northbound or southbound, exit at the Dove Valley Parkway (exit 222). The Dove Valley Parkway exit is one mile south of the Carefree Highway. Travel east on the Dove Valley Parkway 5.5 miles to the Apache Wash Trailhead. The trailhead is on the north side of the road (at this point, the road has magically turned into the East Sonoran Desert Drive).

Coming from the east, turn west off Cave Creek Rd. onto the Sonoran Desert Drive and go 5.7 miles to the trailhead.

REGISTRATION

You **MUST** preregister on the city site. Go to:

<https://online.activecommunities.com/Phoenix/Activities/ActivitiesAdvSearch.asp>

Use barcode 108272 to preregister for ALL Saturday events.

Use barcode 108264 to preregister for Sunday's Adventure Race.

Use barcode 108926 to preregister for Sunday's Score-O event

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.

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
- sturdy hiking shoes and long pants

Schedule:

Saturday October 11:

Beginners' Clinic..... 8 - 10 am
Practice Course open 10 am - 1pm
Sprint start times..... 10 am - noon
Sprint course closes 1 pm

Sunday October 12:

AR mandatory prerace meeting..... 7:45 am
AR mass start..... 8:00 am
AR course closes 1 pm
Score-O start times 9 - 11 am
Score-O course closes..... 1 pm

Costs (members/non-members):

Saturday, all events	\$10
Sunday Score-O event	\$10
Sunday Adventure race	\$20

Fees are payable when you preregister online. Sorry, no member or "team" discounts for these events.

For more details, please visit our website:

<http://www.gphxo.org>

New club tools for new course setters

As always, the club is looking to add to the staff of volunteers for holding events, setting courses, and making new maps. Course setting (creating the competitive courses and hanging the controls) is a fun and interesting part of creating an event.

Thanks to the era of GPS receivers, you don't have to be an expert orienteer to set a course. Most of our maps are "georeferenced" so that a GPS receiver will take you to within 4-5 meters of where you placed the control in the OCAD software. For anyone who is interested in course design, GPHXO can provide you with a copy of the OCAD software we use!

This is an ideal way to build your orienteering skills, since you can use the GPS receiver as a backup. The club has created a course setter's learning package, which has instructions on how to use free software to set a course. If you are interested in helping, contact Glenn Haselfeld at glennoutdoor@cablone.net, and we will try and have you assist with one or more events on the 2014-2015 calendar.

Rio Salado Event Results

Kyle Seifullin came in first and Gary Hickey came in second in both Sprint Events at Rio Salado. Top times for "Recreational" participants in Sprint 1 went to Jason Harris, Brent Simmons (team) and Brian Deavila (team)

Thank you to Ron Birks, Kathi Douglas, Forest Brown and Gary Hickey for helping with the event!

See the website (gphxo.org) for complete scores and lists of team members.

GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

Sun. Nov. 8 - Coon Bluff
Sun. Dec. 7 - Lake Pleasant
Sat. Jan 10 2015 - Robbins Butte
Sat-Sun, Feb. 14-15 - North Mountain
Sun March 15 - First Water
Sat April 11 - Reach 11 Clinic & Sprints
Sun April 12 - Saguaro Lake

Please visit our web site:

<http://www.gphxo.org>

...for the latest schedule and event details!

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

Please visit the Tucson club's website:

www.tucsonorienteeringclub.org

...for information on their fall schedule

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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Contact us at gphxoc@yahoo.com

(we no longer have a phone # - contact via email - thanks!)

NEW MEMBER RENEWAL

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FAMILY (\$17) INDIVIDUAL (\$15)

OR: *download/view newsletter on website:*

FAMILY (\$12) INDIVIDUAL (\$10)

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

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(AREA CODE) EVENING TELEPHONE

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