



NEWSLETTER - March 2015



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

March 14-15: Black Canyon City

Please join the Greater Phoenix Orienteering Club as we present a weekend of navigation fun at a new location for the club. We start the weekend at the High Desert Park in Black Canyon City (off I-17 north of Phoenix). Sunday's events take place in the rugged terrain of the Black Canyon surrounding the Agua Fria River.

Saturday, March 14, Saturday's events include a **beginner's clinic**, a **beginner's practice course**, and two shorter **"sprint" orienteering events**.

High Desert Park, part of the Yavapai County Park System, contains a nice taste of rolling hills and desert washes at the south end of Black Canyon City. This area provides a chance to experience a thicker covering of desert vegetation than is available at lower altitudes. We strongly recommended you wear sturdy pants for the events. You'll experience a higher concentration of prickly plants in the area.

Sunday March 15, we'll continue the fun by offering a **2-Hour Score-O** and a **5-Hour Adventure Race**. Sunday's events start in the gravel parking area just north of the Rock Springs Café, also close by I-17 exit 242.

See inside the newsletter for directions, schedule, costs, and other details. Information is also available at gphxo.org

We do apologize for having to postpone and then cancel the February events, but we chose to err on the side of enjoyment and safety. It's always a good idea to check our website, gphxo.org, for last minute updates to events.

Saturday, March 14**Schedule**

7:30 amClinic Registration
 8 - 10 amBeginner's Clinic
 10 am - 1 pm Practice Course Open

9:30Sprint Registration
 10 am - noonSprint Start Times
 1 pm Sprint Course Closes

Directions

Travel on Interstate 17 to exit 242 (Rock Springs). Travel west 0.1 miles to the Old Black Canyon Highway. Travel north 0.3 miles to Jacie Lane - there is a sign to High Desert Park. Turn west and travel 0.6 miles to the parking lot south of the baseball field.

Cost

Individual..... \$5 member, \$10 non-member
 Family / Team.....\$8 member, \$15 non

Notes

In the beginner's clinic, we'll introduce participants to concepts of navigation using only a map and compass. We'll then apply the concepts to navigate a course on an orienteering map. The Clinic is open to participants of all ages and at all levels of skill and fitness.

Sunday, March 15**Schedule**

7 am..... AR Transition Area Open
 7:45 am**mandatory** pre-race meeting
 8 am - 1 pm5 Hour Adventure Race
 1 pm AR Course Closes

9 am.....Score-O Registration
 9 - 11 am Start 2-Hour Score-O
 1 pm Score-O Course Closes

Directions

Travel on Interstate 17 to exit 242 (Rock Springs). Travel west 0.1 miles to the Old Black Canyon Highway. Travel south 0.2 miles to the parking area just north of Rock Springs Café on the west side of the road.

Cost

Score-O registration fee is \$5/10 individual, \$8/15 team (separate from Saturday's event). The Adventure Race fee is \$20 per person.

Notes

During a Score-O, participants take up to a designated time limit to search for controls indicated on a pre-printed orienteering map. Controls are assigned different point values based on the distance they are located from the starting point and on the navigation difficulty. Participants are not required to follow a set course but instead try to maximize their point total through their own route choice.

GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

Sat-Sun March 14-15 - High Desert Park
 Sat April 11 - Reach 11 Clinic & Sprints
 Sun April 12 - Saguaro Lake
 May 9 and/or 10 - Prescott

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?

Please visit the Tucson club’s website:

www.tucsonorienteringclub.org

JROTC programs training a new generation of Orienteers

Two of our club members, Daryl Yost and Glenn Haselfeld, are coaching young orienteers as part of the High School JROTC program. Several of these young athletes can be seen regularly honing their skills at our regular meets. One of the cadets, Nakai Lake, has recently been named as part of the OUSA Junior National team.

These orienteering programs can benefit greatly from Arizona Tax Credit donations, which will assist in travel budgets to get to various meets. For more information, see:

http://gphxo.org/Events/2015_JROTC_Programs.htm

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.

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