



# NEWSLETTER - Sept 2016



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

## Sat. Sept. 10: Lowell Observatory (Flagstaff)

We're excited to offer a new event site for you to practice your navigation skills. In partnership with the Flagstaff Extreme Adventure Course, we're hosting two orienteering events on Saturday, August 27 at the Fort Tuthill County Park just south of Flagstaff.

### Beginner's Clinic

We'll use this clinic to teach basic navigation concepts that will help you navigate through any of our orienteering events. These same concepts are equally useful for any land navigation using a compass and topographic maps. .

### Two Sprint Events

A "sprint" event is a shorter orienteering event that typically includes less-difficult control locations. The sprint event is designed for quick navigation choices as opposed to more complex navigation found in longer events. Sprint events are excellent for both beginners and seasoned orienteers alike.

Pre-registration is recommended. While on-site, day-of-event registration is available, we will print a limited number of extra maps. We cannot guarantee that we'll have maps for everyone who registers on the day of the event. We strongly suggest that you pre-register to ensure you get a map.

To pre-register, go to the event page:

[http://gphxo.org/Events/2016/20160910\\_LowellObservatory.htm](http://gphxo.org/Events/2016/20160910_LowellObservatory.htm)

...and follow the link to the pre-registration page (on google docs).

### Schedule & Costs

Registration Begins ..... 8:30 am  
Beginner's Clinic, First Sprint start time .... 9 am  
Last Sprint Start Time ..... noon  
Sprint course closes..... 1 pm  
Last Score-O finish time ..... 1:30 pm

Beginner's Clinic ..... \$5 / participant

Sprints (one or both):

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

### Participants under age 18 (all events):

*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.*

## What to Bring (all events):

- Whistle (Mandatory for all. Available for purchase at Phoenix events for \$1)
- Compass (Mandatory for all. Available for rent at Phoenix events for \$1)
- Water. There will be water at the start/finish .
- Sun screen.

Sturdy hiking shoes and long pants are recommended. You may encounter cactus, cat claw, and loose terrain.

## Directions to Lowell Observatory:

From the Flagstaff area:

- Travel to the intersection of South Milton Road and Santa Fe Avenue in Flagstaff. Coming from the south, this is where Historic Route 66 headed northbound turns to the east. From the east, this is where Route 66 headed westbound turns to the south. Signs pointing to the Lowell Observatory are found both northbound on South Milton Road and westbound on Santa Fe Avenue.
- From the intersection, travel west on Santa Fe approximately 0.4 miles to the point where Santa Fe Avenue turns into West Mars Hill Road. The road makes a slight jog to the right as it turns into West Mars Hill Road and continues up the hill to the observatory.
- Continue approximately 0.6 miles to the Lowell Observatory.

Parking is located on your left as you arrive at the Lowell Observatory, on the south side of the Observatory grounds. Look for the orange and white orienteering signs.

*Please see the GPHXO website for more detailed directions, including Google Maps coordinates and maps.*

## Recent Event Results

### August 27 - Fort Tuthill (Flagstaff)

We had a wonderful opportunity to team with Paul Kent of the Flagstaff Extreme Adventure Course to run an event at Fort Tuthill in Flagstaff. This is another new map for us that we were excited to put together.

The morning of the event started off with a huge thunderstorm at around 4:30am. We thought it might be over when arriving at the course at 7am and it was sunny. While hanging the beginner course it started to dump rain again.

The rain finally slowed down around 10am and we had an amazing 52 person turnout! The winner overall was Ron Birks who cleared the course with a time of 1:31! Others who also cleared the course in under the 2-hour time limit included Forest Brown, Erik Ringnes, and Andy Wentzel. The top team finishers were Team Slurm and Team Gold Cobra.

We'd like to thank everyone who helped with setup and tear down of the Tents and tables. A special thanks to Paul Kent for securing the location and inviting us to do a race at Fort Tuthill. We'd also like to thank Kevin Adams and Matt Zeilman for their work creating the map and scouting the course. Additional thanks to Ron Birks for working registration and control retrieval, Gary Hickey for running the timing table, and Andy Wentzel and Alex Lyddane for control retrieval.

**Our next events will be Saturday and Sunday, October 15-16, in the Petrified Forest. Event details are already available on our website, [gphxo.org](http://gphxo.org) - these will be four hour Rogaine events - start getting in shape now!**

## GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

Sat - Sun October 15-16 - Petrified Forest  
Sat November 12 - Mesquite Library Beginner's Clinic & Practice Course  
Sunday November 13 - Lake Pleasant Score-O  
Saturday December 10 - Papago Park Beginner's Clinic and Sprint events  
Saturday December 10 - Coon Bluff Night-O  
Sunday December 11 - Saguaro Lake Score-O  
Saturday January 7, 2017 - Robbins Butte Score-O  
Saturday February 11 - Mesquite Library Clinic  
Saturday February 11 - Needle Vista Night-O  
Sunday February 12 - First Water Score-O  
Sat or Sun March 4 or 5 - new event location  
Saturday April 8 - Reach 11 Beginner's Clinic  
Saturday April 8 - Saguaro Lake Night-O  
Sunday April 9 - Coon Bluff Score-O  
Sat or Sun May 13 or 14 - Prescott Area event

Did you know that GPHXO O.C. members get the "member" rate for Tucson O.C. events? Next Tucson event is October 9 at Kentucky Camp.

Please visit the Tucson club's website:

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

And check out the GPHXO online store:

**[www.cafepress.com/  
greaterphoenixorienteeringclub](http://www.cafepress.com/greaterphoenixorienteeringclub)**

*We're also at:*

[www.meetup.com/Phoenix-Orienteering](http://www.meetup.com/Phoenix-Orienteering)

*and*

[www.facebook.com/GPHXO](http://www.facebook.com/GPHXO)

Please note that we have made some minor updates to the **club bylaws**, mostly to reflect some name changes and the way we currently run things. View the current bylaws at <http://gphxo.org/Business/Bylaws.htm>

### **2016-2017 CLUB OFFICERS:**

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

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