

To: Unit leader for the 42nd Annual MD Scout Orienteering (O') Day, **8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Oct. 27, 2018**  
From: Dave Linthicum, coordinator *Contact him before Oct. 26 ([DaveLinthicum@earthlink.net](mailto:DaveLinthicum@earthlink.net)) if you have questions not answered below or by our **attached event schedule**, both also at [baltimorebsa.org/orienteering](http://baltimorebsa.org/orienteering).*

**Thanks** for registering. We look forward to the premier area orienteering event for Boy/Girl Scouts (no Cubs/Webelos), Venturing Crews, leaders, & parents on Sat., Oct. 27 at Patuxent River Park. These days, tests show youth declining in comfort & skill in off-trail exploring & navigation... We aim at both, having some fun while we're at it.

Has your troop signed up for the roast beef lunch deal offered each year?... Your troop will need to provide your own lunch, or buy in advance these great hot lunches.... Email [pitbeefsale@gmail.com](mailto:pitbeefsale@gmail.com) (before Oct. 20 for discount.)  
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*Don't worry about having a few more or less on Oct. 27 than you've registered...we'll sort that out then. With less than 10 Scouts you'll still participate fully & will see where you place in the "smaller troop" list. At our optional **10 a.m. meeting for leaders with questions**, **units with <10 scouts each can combine for the p.m. event to make it more fun** & to be eligible for our main troop award. Min. 2 youth per unit. Max. 3 Super-Advanced per unit.*

We're **rain or shine**, so bring raingear & zip lock bags! Big pavilion, barn. *At 10:45 a.m. we'll ask for help from adults (no skill required) willing to spend 1 1/2 hours in the woods helping us "monitor" an O' course... Thanks!*

**Arriving after 9 a.m. would be unhelpful:** little time for our self-guided beginner instruction, incl. Map Walks.  
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**IF CAMPING:** See **attached map showing campsites & where to park**, find picnic tables, water, rest rooms, etc. If you are **camping** you should have paid already; if you forgot, pay on Oct. 27. **No camping within 50 yards of the barn...** Anything along the big field's **edge** is ok. **Don't crowd other troops. Don't hog too much space!**

This year, at our gate, we'll stop your troop's first car (SM, we hope) where we'll assign a site; you can't sign up for a site early. Toilets & running water available. **Bring camp stoves &/or portable fire pits (pans) and saws**, as pre-cut wood is limited & all fire rings shared if you even get one. One picnic table per troop, if any. The Balto. Area Cncl. is responsible for the Sat. 8 to 5 program; otherwise unit leaders are in charge. **Quiet hours: 11 to 6. 24hr. park police: 301-459-9088.** Ask Dave for a map for a short (night?) hike to 3 overlooks including a fire tower!

The park supt. says: **No vehicles in the campsites except at initial arrival and final departure. All vehicles...this means all!** (after unloading) except one troop trailer must go back and head-in park on the right (west) side of the paved road leading to the barn. Exceptions: Sites A-D, CC (1/3 to 1/2 mi. away.) **Arrive on Fri. from 4 to 10:30 p.m.**  
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The fun "Head to Head" O' that you might do (on your own) in the a.m. is cross-country O' & thus counts for one of the 3 merit badge Req. 7a courses; the other two we'll do later in the day. We don't "sign off" any requirement, but it's an ideal time to learn & earn, with some later follow up, requirements 4 a-b, 4 d-f, 6 c, 7a, & 10 of O' merit badge. The 1<sup>st</sup> half of First Class Req. 4a is also covered. No GPS use!...though much of our event is relevant to geocaching.

**Our veteran 25-person staff will have paper copies for you of our schedule & campsites map, also posted at our website.**  
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**Things to bring:** **Each Scout, parent, and adult leader** should bring **3 gallon-sized zip lock bags** (to protect maps from rain/sweat), a pencil, a **red pen** (for marking on your map...ink is best, a sharp red pencil next best, & felt tip is worst...a water bottle, snack, at least a Class B Scout uniform (wear it!) with a spare dry pair of shoes, socks, & shirt, & rainy weather gear. Each **pair of Scouts** should bring a **compass**, a watch / cell phone for time-keeping, & a whistle (to use only in emergencies.) Each troop brings **at least 2 large trash bags**, one for carrying out trash, one for recycling. [Cars, bikes, GPS's, nav. apps, radios are not allowed in O'. Phones are optional, & are for emergency calls to adults only. **Troop leaders should have the cell numbers of their participants if you allow phones.** No pets, knives other than penknives, alcohol, or amplified devices.]

**Directions to Patuxent River Park's Jug Bay Natural Area in Prince George's County:** 16089 Croom Airport Rd., Upper Marlboro. Go 29 miles south of the Balto. Beltway via I-97/ Rt. 3/ US 301 south (**Or** go 8 miles east of the DC Beltway's Exit 11 on Rt. 4 East/South) **to the jct. of US 301 & Rt. 4 (PA Ave.) in Upper Marlboro.**

Then go south on US 301 3.5 miles to the traffic signal. Turn left (east) on **Croom Rd.** (Rt. 382) for 3 miles, then turn (at a big park sign) left (east) onto **Croom Airport Rd.** After 2 miles you **pass the next park entrance sign** and go straight another 0.9 mi. to where **Croom Airport Rd. ends at a "T" junction.**

**If dropping off, go no further than this "T" junction.** If staying, turn right at the "T" jct. & park in the field on the left side of the road (campers are on the right.) Lat-Long GPS coordinates for our event HQ are 38.7533N 76.7099W; UTM GPS coordinates are 35142E 429080N. Park is 301-627-6074. The 24 hour emergency park police number is 301-459-9088, or, for 24 hour DNR police, 410-260-8888. You are in a county park, & you are NOT in, and **you are NOT going to Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary**, which is in a different county across the river.

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**Directions to the nearest hospital: MedStar S. MD Hospital Ctr., 7503 Surratts Rd, Clinton:**

Follow Croom Airport Rd. 3.0 mi). to T jct., then

Turn left onto MD-382 south (Croom Rd.) for 0.7 mi., then

Turn right onto Duley Station Rd. After 2.6 mi., continue straight onto Cheltenham Rd. for 0.4 mi., then a slight left onto Old Indian Head Rd. After 0.9 mi. ...

....you reach the highway: Go left onto US-301 S for 0.4 mi., then

Turn right onto Frank Tippet Rd for 0.3 mi, then

Turn left onto Surratts Rd for 3.3 mi. winding miles....~200 yards before the Rt. 5 Branch Ave. highway, the hospital is on your left.

Total: 22 minutes, 12 miles.