

**2018 Greater Cincinnati  
Scout-O Camporee  
Leaders Guide**



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*The Blue Jacket District*

*Orienteering Cincinnati*

*Troop 888, Loveland, Ohio*

## Prologue

*March 14<sup>th</sup>, 1773 – A campsite near the Ohio River in Northern Kentucky*

*Simon Kenton and George Streader had just finished a day of hunting setting trap lines in the hills along the Ohio River in one of those hateful days, raw and blustery, with a light and dismal gray at best the rain a constant depressing drizzle. It was cold and the wind bored through their clothing, chilling them thoroughly. Their traplines lay in a wide semicircle around their camp, covering a distance of fourteen miles. Streader had three raccoons and two opossums, Simon just one small mink. As they trudged back to camp they jumped a large turkey gobbler with plumage so wet it elected to run rather than fly. Simon swiftly jerked away his cape and fired upon the bird. A small ball ripped a tuft of feather from the bird's back and ran through its neck. They would eat well tonight!*

*The fire was crackling cheerily as they reached camp their third companion Yeager grunted appreciatively at the sight of the bird, it had been nearly a month since one of them had brought in a turkey. He began plucking the bird as Simon and Streader removed all their clothing and hung it to dry from sticks stuck into the ground around the fire. With the coming of nightfall, the rain had finally ceased and it only grew colder.*

*Simon stared into the darkness at a slight noise and saw, ten yards away a half dozen Indians in a semi-circle, two with guns raising to fire. Simon blurted a sharp warning but it was lost in the crash of one of the guns and Yeager, his back to the intruders, stiffened unnaturally, dropped the bird and clawed for his back.*

*"Meet at the bear trap!" Simon shouted, at the same time diving toward the darkness on his side of the fire. Streader leaped away in the opposite direction just as rapidly, losing his own blanket to a low tree branch as he approached the woods. Yeager had no chance.*

*Simon knew the raiding party would be slowed as they gathered their supplies and took Yeager's scalp. He ran harder than he had ever run before, stumbling as branches lashed his naked body and sharp rocks and sticks gouged his bare feet. Not until he had run more than a mile did he stop. The rain began again, though he was thankful as it would help to hide his trail, though it created a horribly icy film upon his bare skin. He set off in the dark toward the bear trap, into the dark hoping his companion had succeeded in escaping.*

*Simon and Streader succeeded in meeting at the bear trap some five miles away running through the woods in the dark carrying no light, no map and no compass.*

*(The above excerpt is from Chapter 2 of The Frontiersman by Alan W. Eckert)*

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Loveland's Troop 888*

Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Venture Crews and American Heritage Girls are invited to spend the weekend discovering or rediscovering orienteering in a more interesting and exciting way. The Blue Jacket District in conjunction with Orienteering Cincinnati and Troop 888 presents the Second Dan Beard Council Scout Orienteering Camporee or "Scout-O."

Orienteering is as a sport is widely established in Europe and is experiencing tremendous growth in the United States. At the Scout-O scouts will learn the basic orienteering skills such as map orientation, using handrails, contour lines, attack points, catching features, rough and fine orienteering. Scouts will complete a number of electronically timed courses and will receive printed results. There will be various courses to challenge every scout or scout leader no matter the level of experience.

In addition, scouts will be able to experience night orienteering by completing a course in the dark. On Sunday, scouts and scouters will put their skills to the test by competing individually in the second **Greater Cincinnati Scout Orienteering Championships**. Awards will be provided for the top 3 competitors based upon age and everyone will receive a commemorative patch for participation.

## Event Details

**What:** Orienteering skill development and racing

**Why:**

To have fun and learn map-reading, navigational, critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Boy Scouts will also complete many requirements of the orienteering merit badge and rank advancement requirements.

**When:**

October 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Check-Ins begin at 5:00 PM of Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Camp Friedlander - 581 Ibold Rd., Loveland, OH 45140

**Event Coordinators:** (Please use e-mail as primary method of communication before event)

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**Who Can Attend:**

The event is open to all **Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Venture Scouts** regardless of the location of the troop. This is an open event and is not limited to Scouts in the Blue Jacket District or the Dan Beard Council. We can easily accommodate up to 600 people. Special accommodations will be made for mixed gender Venture Crews and Girl Scouts. This year we are also allowing second year Webelos that are crossing over to Boy Scouts. See the Q&A for important information.

**Cost:**

\$20 per person if registered before 10/01/2018  
\$30 per person if registered after 10/01/2018

**Gear List:**

Compass  
Whistle  
Head lamp or flashlight  
Shoes suitable for hiking and / or running  
Money for food & snacks

**Note:**

All events are suitable for Scouts and Scout Leaders. We ask that Scout Leaders that are not volunteering to participate in the events. Whether you walk, jog or run you'll have fun!

## What's New for 2018?

If you attended the first event in 2017 we're glad to have you back though not surprised based upon the feedback provided. We are making some changes in 2018 to enable everyone to continue to learn and improve their orienteering skills.

First and foremost, we need help! We need Scouters / adults that attended last year to help provide instruction or to serve as merit badge counselors this year. Troop 888 provided 45 volunteers last year and 70% of the volunteer man hours. We need at least one adult from each troop to help. You'll be asked on the registration page to provide volunteers and their assistance will be greatly appreciated. But please reach out to me or Paul Brailey ([paul.a.brailey@uc.edu](mailto:paul.a.brailey@uc.edu)) our volunteer coordinator with the names of volunteers or potential volunteers.

Second, we are requiring more details upon registration. This will greatly reduce the time delays in assigning and handing out electronic timing devices.

Third, there will be food for purchase for breakfast on Saturday and Sunday as well as lunch on Saturday. Snacks will be available throughout the camporee. This will allow troops to reduce the number of meals they cook to only dinner on Saturday if they choose.

Forth, we will shorten the introduction and orientation on Friday evening. We realize it went a little too long last year.

Fifth, we are adding "tracks" or different programs for participants for Saturday activities from 8:30am to 5:00pm. Last year everyone was new, so everyone completed the same activities. However, we recognize that many will not want to return to do the same five stations they did last year (though some may). Thus, we are adding the alumni and merit badge tracks for returning orienteers. Each Scout and their buddy must sign up for the same track.

**Rookie Track** – For those that have not attended the Scout-O and have not received the formal training provided. We recommend every Scout new to this event attend the rookie track even if they have the orienteering merit badge. We teach orienteering specific skills that must be known to orienteer successfully. Furthermore, our training builds upon itself.

**Alumni Track** – The instruction will build upon the techniques taught in the rookie track. More complex skills and concepts will be introduced and tested with exercises and on courses. More to come!

**Merit Badge Track** – We heard from many that they would like to have the opportunity to work on the merit badge as part of the curriculum. Participants in this track will have pre-work and will have the opportunity to complete the majority of the merit badge requirements. A path to completing the items not covered at the camporee will also be provide (this will apply to items 8, 9 & 10). This track requires significant time in a classroom setting as well as pre-work. Participants will still have the opportunity to complete orienteering courses during the day Saturday.

Sixth, the Score-O will be back as it was the most popular part of the 2017 event and we will get a video of everyone heading out into the darkness! However, we will not even try to have a campfire this year. Rather, we will give awards after the Score-O along with an

interfaith worship service. Every participant and their buddy will participate in the night Score-O regardless of the track they choose.

Seventh, once again we will have the orienteering championships on Sunday morning. This year we will ask participants to sign-up for the event so that we do not assign timing controls to those that are not competing. Sign-ups will be part of registration with changes possible up until Saturday evening.

Finally, while we will have door prizes in 2018 it will not take nearly as long to distribute them.

Below is the 2018 patch design which we also hope to make available in a tee shirt.



## Upon Arrival

When you arrive you will be greeted by our staff. They will provide you with maps of Camp Friedlander that you can use to navigate to your assigned campsite. You will be able to use your vehicle to take your trailer to your campsite. If you do not have a trailer you may take gear back in a single vehicle. Each troop will be permitted to have only one vehicle in the camp at a time. Camp staff will be in charge of this and they may require the use of the pull-carts to haul gear. *Please be flexible and know that if they limit vehicles it is for the safety of everyone.*

### Registration

The adult and youth leader(s) should come to the dining hall to check-in their troop. At that time, you will be required to provide a complete list of attendees (including adults) and the Score-O teams for Saturday evening. Please use the form in the back of this workbook.

## Agenda

### Friday

5:00 - 8:30 pm	Registration and set-up (Turn in Score-O teams)
8:30 - 9:00 pm	Welcome and orientation – Dining Hall
9:00 – 10:00 pm	Cracker barrel at campsite
10:00 pm	Quiet time

### Saturday

7:30 am	Reveille / raising of the colors @ Trailblazer Shelter
7:30 – 8:30 am	Breakfast at Trailblazer Shelter or campsites
8:30 – 11:30 am	Instructional stations each participant pre-registers for one; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rookie / first-year orienteering stations (anyone that hasn't been to the camporee before and hasn't been through this instruction)</li><li>• Merit Badge Class – Must pre-register and complete pre-work</li><li>• Alumni orienteering instruction</li></ul>
11:30 – 1:00 pm	Lunch at Trailblazer Shelter or campsites
1:00 – 5:00 pm	Orienteering courses – Run & Review Start @ Trailblazer Shelter Complete First Class 4a requirement – Troop Activity
5:00 – 7:00 pm	Dinner at campsites (Turn in registrations for Sunday championships)
7:00 – 8:30 pm	Night Score-Orienteering, start @ Trailblazer Shelter
8:30 - 8:45 pm	Interfaith Worship Service @ Trailblazer Shelter
8:45 – 9:30 pm	Awards @ Trailblazer Shelter
10:00 pm	Quiet time

### Sunday

7:00	Reveille / raising of the colors @ Trailblazer Shelter
7:00 – 8:30 am	Breakfast at Trailblazer Shelter or campsites
8:30 - 12:00 pm	Scout Orienteering Championships
12:00 - 12:30 pm	Closing ceremony, awards & wrap-up – Trailblazer Shelter
12:30	Vehicles permitted into camp for departure

## Questions & Answers

### **Do we have to have basic orienteering skills to attend?**

No, however, there will be pre-work that you can complete prior to the event to be better prepared and to enhance your experience.

### **Can our troop or crew attend Saturday only as opposed to the entire weekend?**

All groups must check-in and be present Friday for orientation. You are welcome to depart whenever is most convenient subject to passing camp inspection. However, this will be subject to restrictions of vehicles on the premises and we encourage everyone to stay the entire weekend. The scout orienteering championships will be Sunday morning.

### **Can we bring take our troop trailer to our campsite?**

Yes, each group will be allowed to use one vehicle to pull their trailer or haul there to their campsite. All vehicle traffic into the camp will be under the strict supervision of the Camp Friedlander staff. Call **(513) 659-9838** if someone is not at the gate.

### **Will we be permitted to keep a vehicle at camp?**

No, vehicles may only be used to transport trailers and gear. They must be removed as soon as possible and parked in the lot in the parking lot in front of camp.

### **Can we set-up our campsite early Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>?**

Special accommodations may be available for early set-up depending upon site availability. Contact Michael Stamat at (513) 518-3217 the week of October 8<sup>th</sup> to check.

### **When may we depart camp?**

Traffic flow will be limited due to the number of people that will be running around the camp. Times that vehicles will be permitted in camp will be announced at the event.

### **Which track should I sign-up for on Saturday morning?**

The instruction at the Scout-O is progressive. Thus, attending the rookie training is a pre-requisite for the alumni orienteering instruction. We strongly recommend you complete the rookie instruction even if you have the orienteering merit badge and have done some orienteering. Anyone is eligible to sign-up to work on the merit badge. However, there will be significantly more instruction and much less doing. Participation may also be limited based upon the number of orienteering merit badge counselors that are available to assist.

### **Will I be able to complete the Orienteering Merit Badge work?**

This year we are offering a "merit badge track." Those selecting to work on the orienteering merit badge will be given instruction by a qualified merit badge counselor. ***Pre-work will be required to enter the program. Those that do not come with the completed pre-work will not be admitted into the program. There will be no exceptions.*** Participants will have the opportunity to complete all requirement except #9 & #10. However, a path to enable these to be completed after the event will be provided.



**What is the required Pre-Work for those enrolling in the Orienteering Merit Badge Track?**

Complete the following sections 1, 2, 3a, 4a (first part of requirement), 4c, 6c of the [Orienteering Merit Badge Workbook](#) by typing or writing the answers. Participants must bring the workbook with the completed sections to the camporee.

**Can we invite Webelos we are recruiting to join our troop?**

Yes, this year we are allowing troops to extend an invitation to second year Webelos that are crossing over. Note – That is ONLY second year Webelos crossing over.

There are some conditions.

- First, they must be accompanied by their parent at all times during the camporee. Their parent will essentially be their buddy. This is NOT intended to discourage Webelos from working with another Webelo or Scout, only to ensure that their parent is present and providing supervision the entire time.
- Second, every parent must complete YPT. We will not “police” this but ask you to do so as it is extremely important that anyone camping with the Scouts understands the do’s and don’ts.
- You must register Webelos (and any other first-time participants) for the rookie track.
- Both the parent and the Scout must be registered and pay to attend the event.

**Recommended Troop Pre-Work (to complete in troop meetings before camporee)**

- Review parts of a compass & how a compass works (p.8)
- Describe the features of an orienteering compass (p.8)
- Review how to orient a map to North (p.18 & 19)
- Practice following a bearing using a compass (optional)
- Review international orienteering symbols (p.36)
- Review map and terrain features

\*Reference pages are to the Boy Scouts Orienteering Merit badge book