

**Greater Cincinnati**  
**Scout Orienteering Camporee**  
**Leaders Guide**

***Brought to you by:***

*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)*

## Greater Cincinnati Scout-O Leader's Guide

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The Blue Jacket District,  
Orienteering Cincinnati and  
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 first 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 first ever **Greater Cincinnati Scout Orienteering Championships**. Awards will be provided for the top 3 competitors based upon rank 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 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Check-Ins begin at 5:00 PM of Friday, October 13<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 location. 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.

**Cost:**

\$20 per person if registered before 10/01/2017

\$25 per person if registered after 10/01/2017

**Gear List:**

Compass

Whistle

Head lamp or flashlight

Shoes suitable for hiking and / or running

**Note:**

All events are suitable for Scouts and Scout Leaders. We ask that Scout Leaders participate in the events with your troops or separate as a group of leaders.

## 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 leaders should come to the dining hall to check-in their troop. At that time, you will be required to provide the name and age of all the youth and adults in attendance. Please use the form in the back of this workbook.

Each troop will be asked to conduct at least one skit and to lead the group in one song at the campfire on Saturday evening. Please take the time and effort to put your best foot forward by rehearsing your skit and consider performing a skit or song that you haven't seen or heard before.

## Agenda

### Friday

5:00 - 8:30 pm	Registration and set-up
8:30 - 9:15 pm	Welcome and orientation – Dining Hall
9:15 – 10:00 pm	Cracker barrel at campsite
10:00 pm	Quiet time

### Saturday

7:30 am	Reveille / raising of the colors @ parade ground
7:30 – 8:30 am	Breakfast at campsites
8:30 – 11:30 am	Orienteering stations – See leaders packet for details
11:30 – 1:00 pm	Lunch at campsites
1:00 – 5:00 pm	Orienteering courses – Run & Review with merit badge counselor Start @ Trailblazer Shelter
5:00 – 7:00 pm	Dinner at campsites (Turn in Score-O teams as Trailblazer shelter)
7:00 – 7:30 pm	Interfaith Worship Service @ Outdoor Amphitheater
7:30 – 8:30 pm	Campfire @ Outdoor Amphitheater
8:30 – 10:00 pm	Night Score-Orienteering, start @ Trailblazer Shelter
10:00 pm	Quiet time

### Sunday

7:00	Reveille / raising of the colors @ parade grounds
7:00 – 8:00 am	Breakfast @ campsites or dining hall (must pre-register)
8:00 - 12:00 pm	Scout Orienteering Championships
12:00 - 12:30 pm	Closing ceremony, awards & wrap-up – Pavilion
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 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.

## **Pre-Work**

- 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
- Identify, select and rehearse skits and songs for Saturday night campfire

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

# Scout-O

Troop \_\_\_\_\_, City / State \_\_\_\_\_

## Adult Leader

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

## Senior Patrol Leader for Campout

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

## Attendees Name & Age (Including Adults)

1	_____	21	_____
2	_____	22	_____
3	_____	23	_____
4	_____	24	_____
5	_____	25	_____
6	_____	26	_____
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