

GRITS'2004 *Gold Rush in the South*

2004 USOF Orienteering Convention
June 26 - July 4, 2004

Meet Guide

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participants will only receive the
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events they are registered to attend.



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FRIDAY, June 25 - Henderson NC

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| 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | Packet Pickup Quality Inn Hotel, Hendersonville |
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SATURDAY, June 26 - DuPont State Forest, Guion Farm Picnic Shelter

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| 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. | Packet Pickup at Guion Farm Picnic Shelter, DuPont State Forest | |
| 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | Blue Ridge Challenge Starts | Recreational Orienteering Starts |

SUNDAY, June 27 - DuPont State Forest, Guion Farm Picnic Shelter

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| 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. | Blue Ridge Challenge Starts | Recreational Orienteering Starts |
| 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Awards Ceremony | |

MONDAY, June 28

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| 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | Mountain Bike-O Starts (DuPont State Forest, Guion Farm Picnic Shelter) |
| U n t i m e d E v e n t | Car-O (from NC to GA) |
| 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. | Packet Pickup/Check-In - TMAC Student Center [11] Cleveland, GA |
| 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Fun-O (Photo-O on your own. See packet) |
| 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. | Dinner - Chandler Center [17] |
| 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | Evening Program - Chapel [8] Main area |
| 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | Otwell Hall [3] Virtual Haven |

TUESDAY, June 29 - TMAC

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| 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. | Breakfast - Chandler Center [17] | | |
| 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Kids Camp Student Center [11] Rm 216 | Junior Camp Education Annex A [27] | Mapping Clinic Otwell Hall [3] Virtual Haven |
| 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Optional USOF Committee Meetings Student Center [11] Use sign up sheet in Student Center [11] | | Optional USOF Committee Meetings Garrison Hall [6] common area Use sign up sheet in Student Center [11] |
| 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. | Trail-O Strategies Chapel [8] Main area | | Course Setting/lower level Miller [1] Rm 206 |
| 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Geology Grab Bag Chapel [8] Classroom | | Course Setting/Upper Level Miller [1] Rm 206 |
| 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. | Lunch - Chandler Center [17] | | |
| 1:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Promoting Your O-Events Chapel [8] Main area | | Using Radios in Meets Chapel [8] Classroom |
| 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | US Trail-O Champs - Chandler Center [17] | | |
| 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Visit the Vendors / Silent Auction - Chandler Center [17] lower level | | |
| 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. | Dinner - Chandler Center [17] | | |
| 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | Fun-O (Poker-O) - Fountain [5] | | |

WEDNESDAY, June 30 (TMAC)

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| 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. | Breakfast / Pick up box lunches - Chandler Center [17] |
| 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Optional Recreational Activities (Day Off) |
| 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Fun-O (Un-Extreme-O) - Fountain [5] |
| 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. | Dinner - Chandler Center [17] |
| 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | Evening Program - Chapel [8] Main area |

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THURSDAY, July 1 (TMAC)

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| 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. | Breakfast - Chandler Center [17] | | |
| 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Bubba Goat Start in Helen, GA | | Treasure Hunt TMAC Campus |
| 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Kids Camp Student Center [11] Rm 216 | | Junior Camp Education Annex A [27] |
| 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. | Lunch - Chandler Center [17] | | |
| 1:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Mapping Clinic Miller [1] Rm 114 | | USOF Board Meeting Chapel [8] Classroom |
| 1:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Capitalizing on O-skills Miller [1] Rm 108 | E-Punching Miller [1] Rm 208 | Setting Specialty Courses Miller [1] Rm 206 |
| 3:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Newsletters & Websites Miller [1] Rm 108 | Geocaching & Letterboxing Miller [1] Rm 208 | Course Setting Hands-On Meet at Fountain [5] |
| 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. | Dinner - Chandler Center [17] | | |
| 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | Visit the Vendors / Silent Auction - Chandler Center [17] lower level | | |
| 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | Meet the USOF Candidates / Ice Cream Social - Chandler Center [17] | | |
| 8:45 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. | Vampire-O - Fountain [5] | | |

FRIDAY, July 2 (TMAC)

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| 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. | Breakfast - Chandler Center [17] | | |
| 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Kids Camp Student Center [11] Rm 216 | | Junior Camp Education Annex A [27] |
| 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. | Park-O - Fountain [5] | | |
| 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Mapping Clinic - Otwell Hall [3] Virtual Haven | | |
| 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. | Lunch - Chandler Center [17] | | |
| 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. | USOF Delegate Check-in - Chapel [8] lobby | | |
| 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | USOF Annual General Meeting - Chapel [8] Main area | | |
| 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. | USOF Board Meeting - Chapel [8] classroom | | |
| 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. | Dinner - Chandler Center [17] Vote on Course Designs | | |
| 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | Evening Program - Chapel [8] Main area | | |
| 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. | GAOC A-Meet Packet Pickup /Convention Early Check-out - Student Center [11] | | |

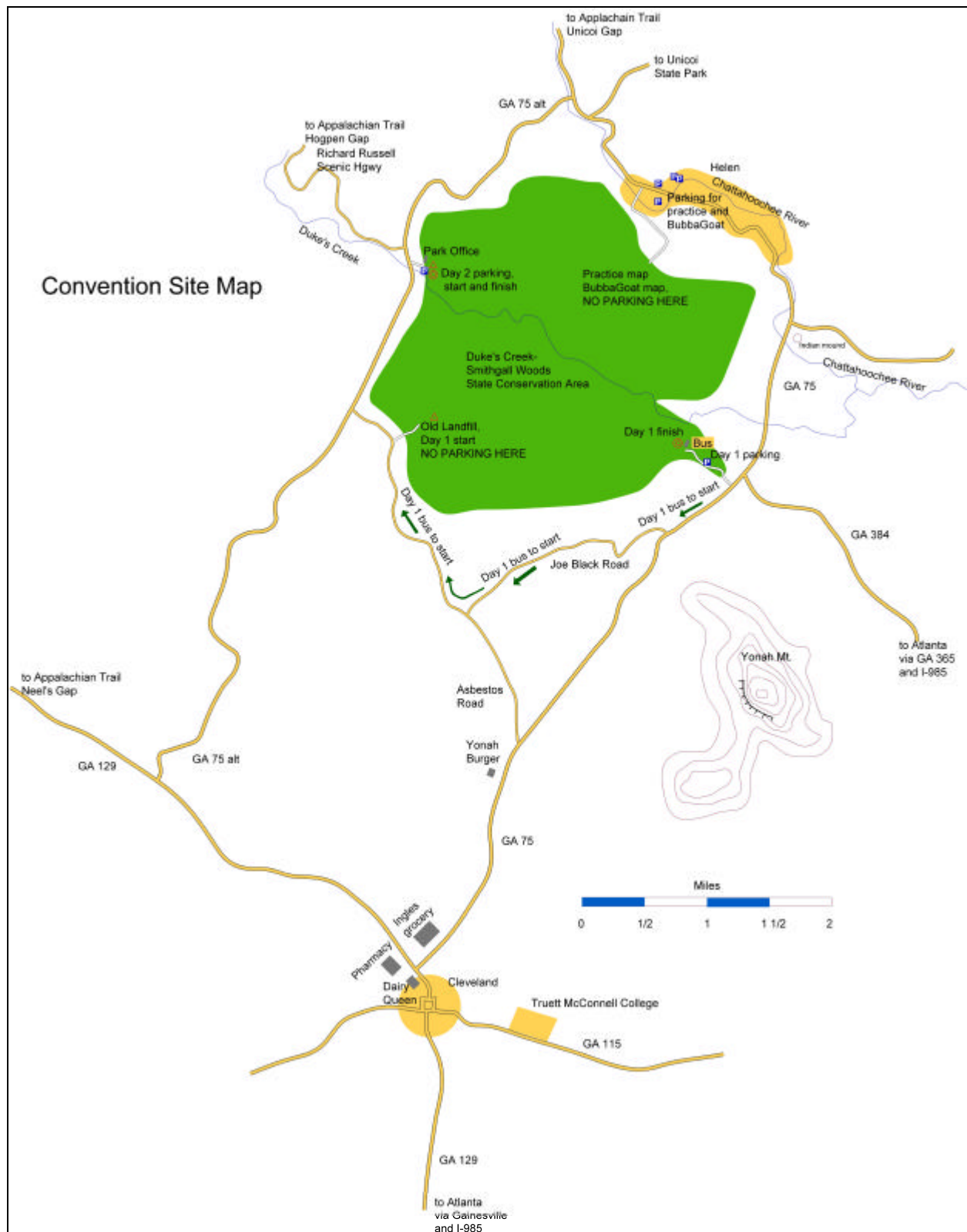
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| 6 : 0 0 a m - 7 : 0 0 a m | Breakfast - Chandler Center [17] | |
| 6 : 3 0 a m - 8 : 0 0 a m | GA Navigator Cup Packet Pickup - Remote start at Smithgall Woods (see Convention Site Map) | |
| 7 : 0 0 a m - 8 : 3 0 a m | Shuttle bus from remote parking area to start (See Convention Site Map) | |
| 8 : 0 0 a m - 9 : 0 0 a m | GA Navigator Cup Starts | Recreational Orienteering Starts |
| 1 2 : 3 0 p m - 1 : 3 0 p m | Lunch - Chandler Center [17] (convention meal plans only) | |
| 5 : 3 0 p m - 6 : 3 0 p m | Dinner - Chandler Center [17] (convention meal plans and prepaid meal tickets only) | |
| 7 : 0 0 p m - 9 : 0 0 p m | Evening Program - Chapel [8] Main area | |

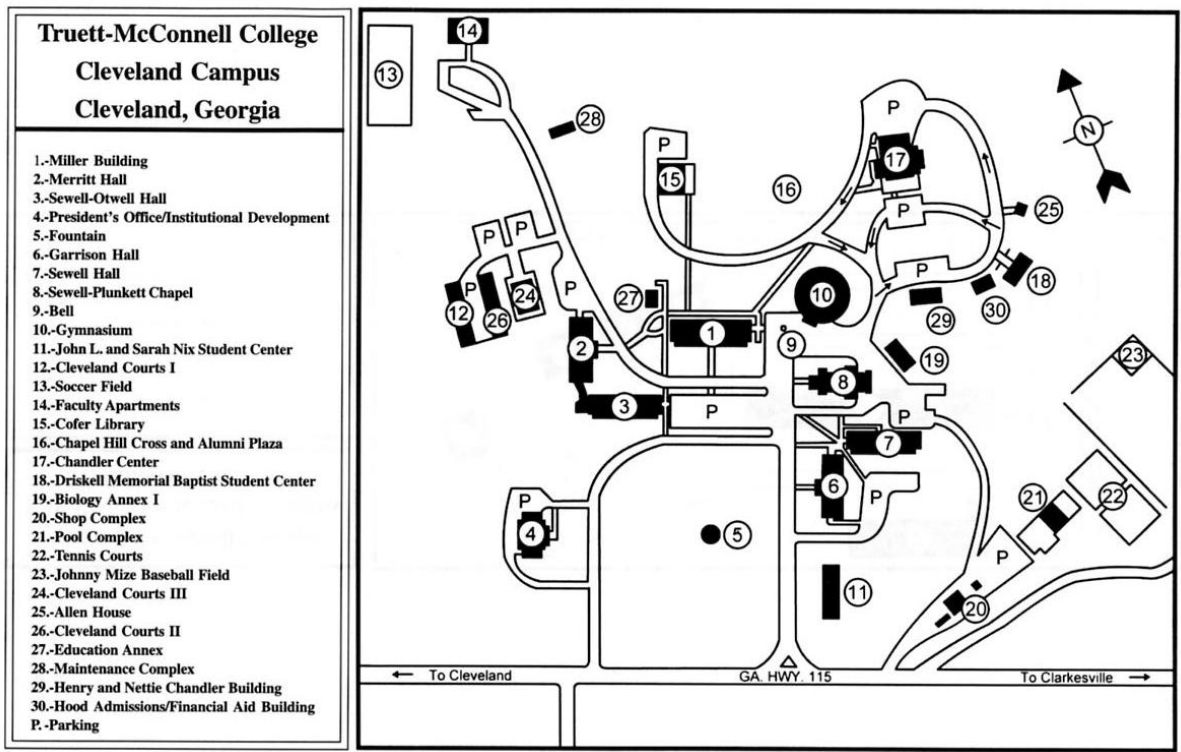
SUNDAY, July 4

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| 6 : 3 0 a m - 7 : 3 0 a m | Continental breakfast - Student Center [11] | |
| 6 : 3 0 a m - 8 : 0 0 a m | Early Checkout - Student Center [11] | |
| 8 : 0 0 a m - 9 : 0 0 a m | GA Navigator Cup Starts | Recreational Orienteering starts |
| 11 : 3 0 a m - 12 : 0 0 p m | Awards | |
| 12 : 3 0 p m - 1 : 3 0 p m | Checkout TMAC - Student Center [11] | |

Convention Site Map



Truett-McConnell (TMAC) MAP



Throughout this meet guide, TMAC locations are identified in numbered brackets, which correspond to the numbered circles on this campus map.

Laurie Searle (convention director) is staying in Garrison Hall [6], room 101.
Her cell phone number is (770) 463-5169, though reception is a bit spotty in areas.

Welcome



The Carolina Orienteering Klubb is happy to have you at the Blue Ridge Challenge.

COK is excited to be orienteering in a new site and hosting our first A-meet using electronic punching. We will be sharing the woods with horseback riders so please be careful and courteous around any horses. Meet parking will be in an open field near the cabin at the Guion farm access area. Please do not park in the regular gravel lot parking area. For people staying in Brevard and Hendersonville, plan for 45 to 60-minute travel time to the meet site.

Everyone starting on the competitive courses must have a functioning SI card (Epunch). Once started, if you have to punch your map because of a lost card or missing/malfunctioning control box let the Finish line staff know. If your SI card number does not match what we have on file, inform the staff as soon as possible, or at the latest, before your results are downloaded.

We hope you have a great run and an enjoyable experience. If there is anything that we can do to help you, please let us know.

Charles McComas, COK Meet Director

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Meet Headquarters

Meet Headquarters will be at the Guion Farm picnic shelter at DuPont State Forest, Cedar Mountain, NC.

Packet Pickup

Friday night: Packet pickup is from 7pm–9pm at the Quality Inn & Suites, 201 Sugarloaf Road, Hendersonville, NC, 28793 phone (828) 692-7231.

Saturday morning: Packet pickup is from 8:00-10:00am at Guion Farm picnic shelter. Packets include meet guide, bib number, punch card, clues, and safety pins.

Parking

DuPont State Forest does not require parking passes. Meet parking is at the open field near the cabin at the Guion farm access area. Please do not park in the regular gravel lot parking area.

Medical Facility

Transylvania Community Hospital is located just minutes from the downtown Brevard area and the entrance to the Pisgah National Forest, on Hospital Drive off of Hwy 64. For general information call (828) 884-9111.

Babysitting

Child-sitting is available *only* while you're competing. Charge is \$2/hour. Sign up at meet headquarters. Please bring toys, and snacks for your kids.

Park Rules

As a courtesy to our volunteers and competitors, please do not smoke near common areas such as packet pickup, the start and finish areas, or near the results posting area.

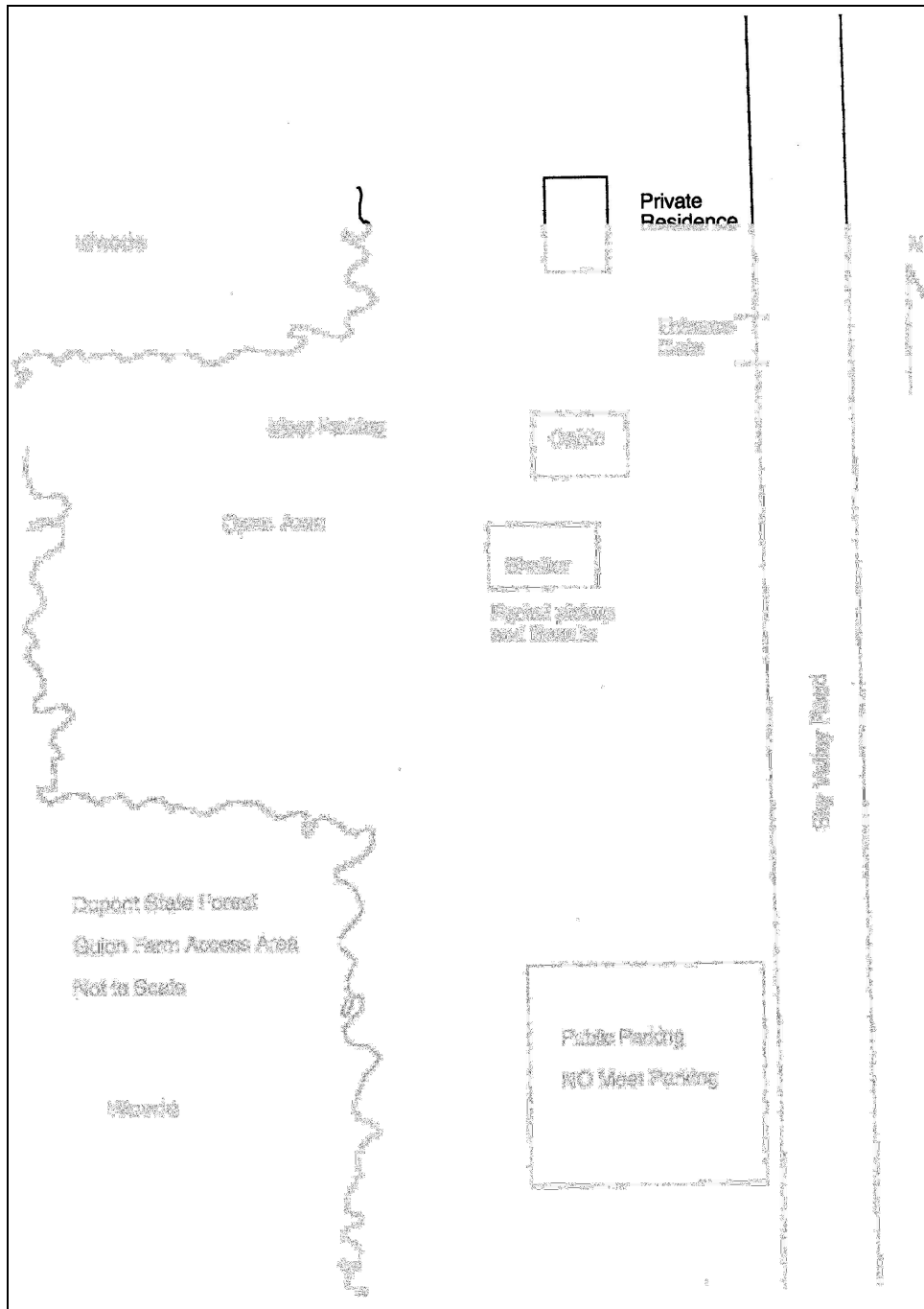
DuPont State Forest prohibits the public display or use of alcohol within the park boundaries.

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DuPont State Forest Site Map



Blue Ridge Challenge A-Meet

About the Event

The Blue Ridge Challenge (**BRC**) is a two-day, US Orienteering Federation (USOF) sanctioned A-meet. Competitors compete individually in categories based on gender, age, and course, according to USOF rules. Awards are presented to the top three finishers in each category and results are applied to national rankings for USOF members. Non-competitive recreational orienteering is available on white, yellow, and orange courses.

Competitive Rules

BRC is governed by the USOF Rules for Orienteering. The rules are available from the meet director. Some important things to remember are:

1. The competition area is off limits until you officially start each day.
2. Do not follow or assist competitors unless rendering first aid.
3. You may only use a compass and watch for aids – no radios or GPS.
4. BRC is using e-punching. See the meet director prior to your start if you are unfamiliar with e-punching.
5. There is a mandatory 3-hour time limit.
6. Read the course setter's notes for important information.
7. If you get injured, blow your whistle three times. This signals anyone who hears it to stop orienteering and render aid.
8. You must check in at the finish whether you complete your course or not.

Filing Protests

Protests against infringement of the Rules shall be made in writing to the Meet Director (or another meet official if the Meet Director is not available) within one hour of the previously announced time of closure of the finish, or of the actual closure of the finish, whichever is later. If a protest is against a result in the provisional lists it shall be raised within one hour of those lists being displayed.

Start Procedures- Guion Farm Area

1. Proceed to the Guion Farm picnic shelter for Day 1 and Day 2 starts.
2. Wear your bib number on your chest on your outer clothing.
3. Bring your SI finger stick, compass and whistle to the start. Maps with pre-printed courses and clues will be provided at the start.
4. Arrive at the start at least 15 minutes prior to your official start time to accommodate the start sequence.

Do not miss your start time! If an emergency or illness occurs, report to a meet official at headquarters. They will determine if a new start time can be assigned.

Blue Ridge Challenge A-Meet

Course Setter's Notes

DuPont State Forest, originally acquired by the DuPont Corporation as a source of ultra pure water necessary for the manufacture of one of its products, consists of over 10,000 acres of forestland known locally for its many waterfalls. With 98 named trails, it is very popular with horseback riders, hikers, runners and mountain bikers. It is important that we keep this in mind should we encounter them while running our courses. I understand that our event will be posted on the forest Web site, and we will post signs as well, especially for the people with horses.

We have mapped an area in the northeast quadrant of the forest called the flatlands. Our competitions will center around an area called Guion Farm.

The terrain is somewhat broad, with elevated saddle and higher ground to the east and northwest. It has two principle drainages of crossable streams. The northeast portion of the map drains to the north, and the remainder of the area drains to the southwest via several streams.

Safety bearings are west to Staton Rd. (paved) and northeast to Sky Valley Rd. (gravel). The mapped area ranges from just over 2500 feet to 3000 feet elevation. There is some poison ivy though not extensive. If you are sensitive to it, come prepared to wash off at the water source near the finish area. Ticks may also be present although none have been observed.

The topography ranges from some very flat areas near the center of the map to steeper slopes nearer the edges and along streams. There are areas with stone features such as cliffs and boulder fields. Another characteristic of this area is large expanses of exposed rock. ***Because these expanses of stone support very fragile lichen/moss communities that literally take hundreds of years to evolve, do not cross them!*** None of the courses will have an optimum route crossing these areas which will be marked as out of bounds on the map. There is also a small primary preservation area in the middle of the map that will be marked out of bounds as well. There are many dot knolls varying in size. The ones on the map tend to be larger or very distinct. Many years ago this area was logged and the remaining evidence is logging trails that are clearly visible as old roadbeds in some areas (mapped as indistinct trails). In steeper areas they appear as dry ditches or in some cases gullies due to erosion over the years and are mapped as such. They tend to appear and disappear although they generally follow contours, so be alert!

The vegetation is typical mixed hardwood/pine forest. Clearings are few and far between. The hardwoods tend to be along ridge tops and south facing slopes. There are areas in the pine forest that are open and very fast, while there are other areas in the pines that are very slow due to smaller pine seedlings. These areas are mapped as dark green. Along the streams you will encounter rhododendron growth that is mapped dark green as well. You will find that in most places the rhododendron growth generally extends only a few meters away from the streambed and that there is absolutely no small undergrowth beneath them.

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Crossing dark green areas will be necessary on some courses. Pay close attention if you must cross these areas as they are accurately mapped. The light green areas are generally runnable, and the medium green areas are runnable at a slower pace. They are consistently mapped and can be a significant aid to navigation. In general, avoid the dark green areas as much as possible.

Due to the extensive trail network, trails will generally be an option on all courses.

Taking into consideration the elevation, the vegetation and the expected temperatures, many courses will be on the shorter end of USOF recommended lengths in order to aim for the suggested winning time windows.

BRC Schedule

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| Fri, Jun 25 | 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm | Packet pick-up at Quality Inn & Suites |
| Sat, Jun 26 | 7:00 am – 10:00 am | Packet pick-up/Guion Farm picnic shelter |
| | 10:00 am – 11:00 am | A-Meet & Recreational-O Starts Guion Farm picnic shelter |
| Sun, Jun 27 | 9:00 am – 10:00 am | A-Meet & Recreational-O Starts Guion Farm picnic shelter |
| | 11:30 am | Awards Ceremony Guion Farm picnic shelter |
| Mon, Jun 28 | 9:00 am – 11:00 am | Mountain Bike-O Starts Car-O un-timed event |

BRC Course Length/Climb

| Saturday Courses | | | Sunday Courses | | |
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| Course | Length | Climb | Course | Length | Climb |
| White | 2.3k | 60m | White | 2.8k | 45m |
| Yellow | 3.1k | 100m | Yellow | 3.5k | 55m |
| Orange | 4.5k | 110m | Orange | 4.5k | 135m |
| Brown | 4.3k | 100m | Brown | 3.8k | 100m |
| Green | 5.2k | 130m | Green | 5.1k | 195m |
| Red | 6.2k | 250m | Red | 6.5k | 235m |
| Blue | 9.2k | 295m | Blue | 8.2k | 230m |

Mountain Bike-O

About the Event

The Mountain Bike-O is a non-sanctioned event open to everyone (pre-registration is required). The event is in a standard orienteering format done on mountain bikes with Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced courses. Awards will be given for the top three finishers on each course in the following categories: Male and Female adult (20 and up) and Male and Female Juniors (19 and under).

Rules

Mountain Bike-O is governed by COK rules and usage rules set by the park. The format for all three bike courses will require you to punch the controls in order with forked and /or skipped control options a possibility.

1. Competitors must keep their bikes on the trails; Off-trail riding is not permitted.
2. Standard controls with pin punches will be located on or very near the trails.
In order to punch off-trail controls, you must leave your bike on the trail. These controls will be near some clear feature along the trail, and you will be able to get to them easily dressed in biking attire.
3. There is a mandatory 3-hour time limit.
4. If you get injured, blow your whistle three times. This signals anyone who hears it to stop orienteering and render aid.
5. You must check in at the finish whether you complete your course or not.
6. A CPSC or Snell Memorial Foundation approved bicycling helmet will be worn at all times while on the course. Rental bikes and helmets are available.

Start Procedures

1. Proceed to the Guion Farm picnic shelter for the start.
2. Wear your bib number on your chest on your outer clothing.
3. Bring your punch card, compass and whistle to the start. Maps with pre-printed courses and clues will be provided at the start.
4. Starts will be staggered with no pre-assigned times, from 9:00 am – 11:00 am.

Car-O

About the Event

Car-O is a non-sanctioned, un-timed event designed to show you a bit of the local color as you travel from NC to GA. Points are awarded for each circle on the highway map, and like a score-o, you decide which points you want to find and in which order. For every 50 points you accumulate, you'll receive one chance in our grand prize drawing. Turn in your Car-O Answer Sheet at TMAC Packet Pickup.

Welcome

On behalf of the Carolina Orienteering Klubb (COK) and the Georgia Orienteering Club, welcome to the 2004 USOF Convention. GAOC and COK are excited to host the first USOF convention in the Southeast and we hope that you enjoy your stay in Cleveland, GA.

We've planned plenty of fun activities for you this week including workshops and special sessions, orienteering events, USOF meetings, and entertainment featuring a bit of Southern culture. We've even scheduled a day off in the middle of the week so you'll have a chance to enjoy the many recreational activities in and around Helen, Ga.

Speaking of Helen, traffic shouldn't be too bad early in the morning, but if you're planning any trips into the town in the afternoon, give yourself an extra 30 minutes; Helen is a very popular tourist city in the summer.

We hope you have a wonderful time and enjoy your convention experience. If there is anything you need during your stay, please let us know. I will be staying at Truett-McConnell, in the Garrison Building, room 101. I'll also have my cell phone handy (770) 463-5169, though the reception is a bit spotty in areas.

Laurie Searle, Convention Director

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Welcome from USOF



On behalf of the United States Orienteering Federation, welcome to GRITS' 2004, "Gold Rush in the South," the 2004 USOF Convention.

Whet your appetite for seven action-packed days in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains by enjoying lodging, camping, playing, and supping at Truett-McConnell College with new friends and old. For your entree, orienteer to your heart's content! Try everything! AND for dessert talk about orienteering with your fellow navigators.

Please say "Thank you" to Laurie Searle, indomitable and indefatigable convention director, and to all the Carolina Orienteering Klubb and Georgia Orienteering Club members who have worked so hard to make GRITS' 2004 the best convention ever. Say hello to your board members and come to the AGM on July 2nd, and tell us what's on your mind.

USOF is YOU, but for now, "kick back." Many orienteers have worked very hard, dedicating their efforts to your enjoyment at your convention.

Sincerely,

Chuck Ferguson, USOF President

US Orienteering Federation clubs have hosted annual conventions for almost all of the federation's existence. This year the Annual Convention tradition continues in great style, thanks to our hosts, the Georgia Orienteering Club and the Carolina Orienteering Klubb.

Convention director Laurie Searle and A-Meet directors Bob Domine and Charles McComas have led the efforts of the GAOC and COK for the past two years. You will experience plenty of learning and orienteering, and lots of fun and socializing, all in the beautiful setting here at Truett-McConnell College. COK starts your fun with its 2-day Blue Ridge Challenge, Mountain Bike-O, and Car-O. GAOC continues with the convention workshops and fun-O, local sightseeing in its southern gold rush country, and its 2-day Navigator Cup the next weekend.

A Mapping Training Camp headed by Jean-Joseph (J-J) Cote will help improve mapping skills of those taking part in it, arrangements made by Sam Smith.

Also, the host clubs both will share the \$2000 incentive grant from the federation to help each make a Park-O map.

This family-friendly convention has childcare and activities for all age children. The traditional Junior Training Camp for teens is led by Bob Turbyfill, with many years of experience as an orienteering coach.

So have fun, learn a lot, and meet great O-folks from all over.

Sara Mae Berman, USOF Convention Committee chair

Logistics

Truett-McConnell College

Truett-McConnell College (TMAC) is the site for all convention activities, with the exception of the optional Bubba Goat. The campus is fairly compact and all activities are well within walking distance. To find the location of any activity, check the bracketed numbers on the schedule—they correspond to the circled numbers on the TMAC Site Map, for example, everyone who signed up to stay on campus will be staying in Garrison Hall [6].

Campus Rules

TMAC is a Baptist college and morning classes will be in session during our stay, so it's very important that we abide by the campus rules.

1. Smoking is not permitted in any building on the campus or within 10 yards of buildings.
2. Alcoholic beverages and illicit drugs may not be possessed, distributed, or consumed.
3. Do not change clothes in public areas, such as parking lots or hallways.
4. Illegal, indecent, obscene, profane, or immoral language or conduct is prohibited.
5. Quiet hours are between the hours from 9 pm – 9 am each day.
6. Adult supervision is required of children 17 and under at all times.
7. The baseball field is off limits.
8. Game Room in the Student Center may be used with adult supervision.
9. No eating or drinking in any classrooms; Bottled water is permitted.
10. Individuals who receive dorms key shall return the keys to the registrar prior to leaving, or forfeit your \$50 key deposit.

Staying in the TMAC Dorms

For those of you staying in the TMAC dorms, remember to bring bedding, pillows, and towels. Each dorm has a laundry room, bathroom facilities, and public phone. If you need to purchase anything during your stay, there is a Wal-Mart in Cornelia, GA (about 18 miles southeast), a Super Wal-Mart in Dahlonega, GA (about 18 miles southwest), and a 24-hour Ingles grocery store in Cleveland, GA on Hwy 75.

Meals

For those who purchased a meal option, all meals will be served in the Chandler Center [17] Dining Hall. We are sorry that we cannot sell additional meal tickets during the event, but there are many nearby places to eat in Cleveland and Helen.

Update – The TMAC Dining Hall will be closed on Sunday, July 4. We will provide a continental breakfast in the Student Center for those who purchased the meal package.

Playing at TMAC

Feel free to enjoy the recreational facilities at TMAC. The swimming pool is open Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-8pm, Sun 1-6pm; the student center has a pool table and ping pong table; and there are tennis courts and horse shoe pits. But remember, the baseball field is off limits. So are the skunks – if you see one, give it lots of space.

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Name Tags & Keys

Please wear your name tags at all times while on the TMAC campus. It will be your ticket to workshops, meals, and entertainment. And please don't lose your dorm room keys. Due to security, the college charges \$50 for each lost key in order to change the locks.

Parking

You will receive a parking pass in your meet packet. Please display this pass on your dash during your stay. You may park in any parking lot around campus. Please do not park in faculty parking spaces, along yellow curbs, or in the grass.

Meet Headquarters

Meet Headquarters will be at the Student Center [11] in the main lobby. Please feel free to use the lobby for socializing during your stay and be sure to check the bulletin board for updates and messages. Check the sign-up sheet to use the area for group meetings.

Packet Pickup

Packet pickup is on Monday from 3pm–5:30pm in the Student Center [11] lobby. Check the bulletin board for additional pickup times.

Medical Facility

The closest medical facility is the Habersham County Medical Center on Highway 441 North in Demorest, GA (706) 754-2161.

Convention Format

Special Sessions

The Kids Camp, Junior Camp, and Mapping Clinic are special sessions. You must be registered for these events in order to attend.

Workshop Sessions

All of the workshop sessions are open to convention attendees. If you miss one that you'd like to attend, contact the instructor to see if he or she will share their handouts.

Orienteering Events

The U.S. Trail-O Champs, BubbaGoat, and Park-O are optional events that require pre-registration. We hope that you enjoy the variety of events offered.

Fun-O, Entertainment, and More

Robin and Stephen Shannonhouse have designed several Fun-O events as diversions during your down time. We've also scheduled some entertainment for you to give you a taste of the local color. And last but not least, please participate in the Course Setting Competition and use the Practice Map to get the feel of the land. (See maps in packet.)

Convention Events

B-5

Monday, June 28, 2004

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| 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm | Packet Pickup/Check-inStudent Center [11] |
| 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm | Fun-O (Photo-O see packet) TMAC Campus |
| 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm | Dinner Chandler Center [17] |
| 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm | Evening ProgramChapel [8] Orientation The essentials for the week (eating, sleeping, and meeting) The lay of the land (where the heck are we?) Meet the workshop leaders (your buddies for the week) Guest Speaker - Pete Griffin, Smithgall Woods Park Naturalist Pete is one of the lucky few who gets paid to play. Almost daily, he leads short hikes along Duke's Creek and its tributaries or on nearby ridges to reach remnants of logging camps and other finds. |
| 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm | Mapping ClinicOtwell Hall [3] Virtual Haven None of this "toe in first" stuff. Be prepared to dive right into your mapping clinic with your first session tonight. |



Visit our Vendors throughout the Week for the newest and latest in orienteering gear.

And don't forget the silent auction. Proceeds go to the Junior Team.

Convention Events

B-6

Tuesday, June 29, 2004

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| 7:30 am – 8:30 am | Breakfast Chandler Center [17] |
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| 9:00 am – 5:00 am Special Sessions | Kids Camp Student Center [11] Rm 216 Pam & Nancy Ferguson have reserved the coolest room on the campus for our Kids Camp activities – Danes Domain. Kids will enjoy games, videos, arts & crafts, and more. Junior Camp Education Annex A [27] Bob Turbyfill, best known for his workshop, “Zero to Orange in Three Days,” has planned a program full of classroom instruction and orienteering activities geared to jumpstarting our juniors’ orienteering skills. Mapping Clinic Otwell Hall [3] Virtual Haven J.J. Cote Students will practice field checking techniques during the morning on campus and during the afternoon at Duke’s Creek. Meet at Otwell Hall [3] Virtual Haven. |
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| 9:00 am – 5:00 am Optional Meeting Time | USOF Committee Meetings Student Center [11] Garrison Hall [6] common area We’ve got plenty of space, in case your USOF Committee needs to meet. Just use the sign up sheet in the Student Center by packet pickup. |
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| 9:00 am – 10:30 am Workshops | Trail-O Strategies Chapel [8] main area Bill Farrell has been instrumental in bringing trail-o to the Southeast. Learn trail-o rules, mapping, course setting, and winning strategies. Then practice what you learned at the US Trail-O Champs on Tuesday afternoon. Course Setting Lower Level Courses Miller [1] Rm 206 Robin Shannonhouse has a particular expertise in designing and teaching lower level course setting. Whether you're new to course setting or want to improve your knowledge of setting lower level courses, this workshop is for you. The classroom instruction includes: - Site selection, facilities, start, finish - Control descriptions - Course setting techniques for white, yellow and orange |
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Convention Events

B-7

Tuesday, June 29, 2004

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| 10:45 am – 12:00 pm Workshops | Geology Grab Bag Chapel [8] classroom Martha Carr, GAOC's resident geologist, has promised to teach you one or two things about the geology of the area. This might be your only chance to bring in that interesting rock you found to see if it's fools gold or the real thing. Upper Level Course Setting Miller [1] Rm 206 Larry Berman will share some practical advice including: What are the do's and don'ts of advanced course setting? Are there differences between Blue, Red, Green and Brown? Since you can't always achieve all the goals of a perfect course, what priorities should you follow? How does the terrain affect your design? How do you estimate correct lengths? |
| 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm | Lunch Chandler Center [17] |
| 1:45 pm – 3:00 pm Workshops | Promoting Your O-Events Chapel [8] main area Sara Mae Berman – Club O-promotion needs planning, facts, and a dash of spice: Figure out who you want to reach; identify and use your resources; cooperate with local groups; figure what a good plan might look like and how to get there. Also, learn the practical and promotional benefits of hosting a USOF convention. Using Radios for Meet Logistics Chapel [8] classroom Mike Urich is among the growing number of orienteers who use amateur radio to improve meet organization, communications, and search and rescue. Learn about the different types of radios, their operational requirements, and ways you can start using radio communication at your o-meets today. |
| 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm | U.S. Trail-O Champs Chandler Center [17] Meet Director Bill Farrell will provide what you need for the Trail-O (bring your own compass). You may start anytime after 2:30 but you must be done by 5pm. Competitors must check in and out with Bill. |
| 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm | Visit the Vendors & Silent Auction Chandler Center [17] |
| 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm | Dinner Chandler Center [17] |
| 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm | Fun-O (Poker-O) Fountain [5] |

Convention Events

B-8

Wednesday, June 30, 2004

Don't forget to work on your courses for the Course Design Competition. Entries are due by Thursday evening.



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| 7:30 am – 8:30 am | Breakfast Chandler Center [17] |
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| 9:00 am – 5:00 am | Optional Recreational Activities You Decide Here's a list of our favorite things to do and see in North GA. |
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Hike the Appalachian Trail

Bring your hiking shoes and a feather for your cap. This may be your once in a lifetime opportunity to hike the Appalachian Trail. Check out our favorite hikes in your meet packet.

Tube the Hooch

Take a river tubing trip down the scenic Chattahoochee, or play all day on wonderful waterslides. Arrange your tubing trips in advance through any of the following companies:

- Cool River Tubing (706) 878-2665, (800) 896-4595
- Flea Market Tubing (706) 878-1082
- Wildwood Outfitters (800) 553-2715

Visit Helen GA (8 miles from convention site)

Helen, nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains on the Chattahoochee River, is a re-creation of an alpine village complete with cobblestone alleys and old-world towers.

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| 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm | Fun-O (Un-Extreme-O) Fountain [5] |
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| 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm | Dinner Chandler Center [17] |
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| 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm | Evening Program Chapel [8] |
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Butternut Creek and Friends is a folk group from the North GA Mountains. The group's brand of music is eclectic—blues, old standards, and popular songs as well as traditional folk songs from the mountain region—but each tune bears its happy stamp.

Sue B. Canady is a member of the Blue Ridge Mountains Storytellers, Southern Order of Storytellers and the National Storytelling Network. She tells a variety of stories appealing to all ages, from those with a moral or religious message to non-sensical fairytales using spoonerisms.

Convention Events

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Thursday, July 1, 2004

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| 7:00 am – 8:00 am | Breakfast Chandler Center [17] |
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| 8:00 am – 12:00 pm | BubbaGoat Remote start in Helen Meet Director Sam Smith Parking for this event is in downtown Helen. The last time we checked it cost \$3. Allow at least 45 minutes to travel from TMAC to the parking, and then walk to the start. See the Main Site Map for directions. (There is no parking in the park and no facilities other than a port-o-let.) The BubbaGoat is a laid-back Southern version of the goat. Our version offers two length options and has a mass start with following allowed. The BubbaGoat will be about 9km, and you may skip two controls of your own choosing. The Short BubbaGoat will skip up to seven controls. You must visit the controls that you do not skip in order. Results for the short event will be sorted by most controls in the least time. You do not have to decide if you are doing the BubbaGoat or the short BubbaGoat until after you start – we'll figure it out at the finish line. Everyone who finishes the BubbaGoat or the short BubbaGoat in less than three hours will receive a distinctive, unique memento. Hazards: There are bears on the Duke's Creek maps. Recent signs are near BubbaGoat #7. There is some poison ivy as well. Letterboxing TMAC For those not up to a BubbaGoat, now would be a perfect time to locate the letterbox on the TMAC campus. See meet packet for info. |
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| 9:00 am – 5:00 pm | Kids Camp <i>continued</i> Student Center [11] Rm 216 Junior Camp <i>continued</i> Education Annex A [27] Mapping Clinic <i>timeout for the BubbaGoat</i> |
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| 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm | Lunch Chandler Center [17] |
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| 1:45 pm – 5:00 pm | Mapping Clinic Miller [1] Rm 114 Mapping clinic will report to the computer lab for their session in OCAD map drafting. |
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Convention Events

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Thursday, July 1, 2004

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| 1:45 pm – 5:00 pm | USOF Board MeetingChapel [8] classroom |
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| 1:45 pm – 3:00 pm Workshops | <p>Capitalizing on Your O-skills Miller [1] Rm 108 Laurie Searle and Shawn Callahan both took advantage of their orienteering skills to survive job layoffs. Learn how they turned their o-hobby into profitable and meaningful new careers.</p> <p>E-Punching Miller [1] Rm 208 Valerie Meyer will teach the basics of electronic punching (epunching) as it applies to putting on a local meet: equipment required, event software setup, programming controls, and results download.</p> <p>After the workshop, put your new knowledge to practical use by providing epunching services for the Park-O event. Don't worry; there will be plenty of time to compete as well. Color manual provided to participants.</p> <p>Course Setting Specialty Courses..... Miller [1] Rm 206 Bill Farrell Now that you've aced lower level and upper level course design, it's time for the fun stuff! Learn how to set "fast and dirty" courses, score-O courses, Goat courses, and Rogaines.</p> |
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| 3:15 pm – 5:00 pm | <p>Newsletters & Websites Miller [1] Rm 108 Laurie Searle and Caroline Ringo Have you ever seen another club's newsletter or Web site and thought, "Gee that's cool!" In this workshop, we'll look at what other clubs are doing and give you some tips of the trade to improve your content and design.</p> <p>Geocaching & Letterboxing Miller [1] Rm 208 Mike Ferguson, Ron Tansill, and Mark Britt If you have a GPS, bring it to this workshop and Mike will show you how to Geocache. Ron will show you how to find caches with only a USGS quad. And Mark will show you a "low tech" version of this sport called Letterboxing, which he describes as the perfect blend of hiking, artistic skills, and scavenger hunts.</p> <p>Course Setting Hands-On PracticeMeet at Fountain [5] Stephen Shannonhouse -- Are you "itchin" to put your new course design skills to work? In this workshop, you'll design and set a short course on the TMAC map, check the accuracy of your partner's course, then provide constructive feedback.</p> |
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Convention Events

B-11

Thursday, July 1, 2004



Don't forget to submit your entries for the Course Design Clinic during dinner.

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm **Dinner Chandler Center [17]**

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm **Visit the Vendors Chandler Center [17] lower level
And Silent Auction**

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm **Meet the USOF Candidates Chandler Center [17]
And Ice Cream Social sponsored by ONA**

Let's give a big thanks to ONA for sponsoring the Ice Cream Social.

Here's your chance to meet the USOF Candidates and Board Members, learn a little about their USOF positions, and enjoy a scoop of ice cream, sponsored by ONA.

USOF Candidates include:

Administration VP – 2 year term
Frank H. Kuhn, DVOA (incumbent)

Marketing & Public Relations VP – 2 year term
Steve Hughes

Club Services VP – 2 year term
Gary Kraght, BAOC (current alternate representative Pacific Region)

Board Member – 3 year term
Randy Hall, DVOA (At-Large for Competition)

Board Member – 3 year term
Walter Siegenthaler, COK (At-Large incumbent)

8:45 pm – 10:00 pm **Vampire-O Fountain [5]**

Bring your flashlights and your fangs—Walter's out for blood. Participants line up for the mass start and receive their punch card, which they can't look at until the start. At the mass start, those with a red v on their cards (the vampires) are given a red flash light then they go out into the woods to wait for their victims. When a vampire shines the red light onto a participant, the participant has to give the punch card to the vampire and the vampire gives the vampire card and red flash light to the victim. Of course, the victim is now turning into a vampire and has to go and look for another victim. (Please put your names on your flashlights.)

Convention Events

B-12

Friday, July 2, 2004

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| 7:00 am – 8:00 am | Breakfast Chandler Center [17] Vote on Course Designs |
| 8:00 am – 5:00 pm | Kids Camp <i>continued</i> Student Center [11] Rm 216 Junior Camp <i>continued</i> Education Annex A [27] |
| 8:00 am – 10:00 am | Park-O Fountain [5] Meet Director Kevin Haywood created the new TMAC Park-O map and set the courses. Park-O is an urban version of orienteering that allows spectators to view the competition as competitors race around a short course that takes them through wooded areas and urban settings. Kevin's Park-O offers one course with three classes – male, female, and mixed groups. Staggered starts run from 8am-9am. |
| 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | Mapping Clinic wrap up Otwell Hall [3] Virtual Haven |
| 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm | Lunch Chandler Center [17] Vote on Course Designs |
| 1:30 pm – 2:00 pm | USOF Delegate Check in Chapel [8] lobby |
| 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm | USOF Annual General Meeting Chapel [8] main area |
| 5:00 pm – 5:30 pm | USOF Board Meeting Chapel [8] classroom |
| 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm | Dinner Chandler Center [17] Vote on the Course Designs |
| 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm | Evening Program Chapel [8] Awards Ceremony Information about checking out Information about the GA Navigator Cup |
| 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm | GA Navigator Cup Packet Pickup Student Center [11] Convention Early Check-out |

The Convention officially ends on Friday, however, for those who paid for room and board and plan on staying for the GA Navigator cup, TMAC checkout is Sunday at 1:30 pm. See the GA Navigator Cup schedule for TMAC meal schedules on Saturday and Sunday. Note that TMAC will not be serving meals on Sunday, July 3, but we will provide a continental breakfast in the Student Center.

Post-Convention Event

C-1

Welcome



We are so glad you have joined us in this unique and wonderful part of our country.

A super team of volunteers have made a great effort to assure your enjoyment during your time with us. All of the volunteers are eager to please, so don't hesitate to let us know if we can do anything to make your stay with us even better.

This area of Georgia is rich with history, particularly from the great Gold Rush era in the South that started over two centuries ago. It is generally accepted that the first recorded discovery of gold by the white man occurred in 1799, in Cabarrus County, North Carolina. Conrad Reed, a boy at the time, found a 17-pound nugget in a creek on his father's farm. Incredibly, the family used the huge nugget as a doorstep until 1802, when it was sold to a jeweler for \$3.50. Eventually word got out about the true worth of the gold doorstep, initiating the nation's first gold rush.

J.R Dean, a New England school teacher, moved south in the 1850s, seeking a gentler climate when his health declined. After living for a time in Tennessee, he traveled down the Unicoi Road to see if a Georgia location would be more favorable. When his mule refused to cross another creek, he found himself stranded in the Helen-Nacoochee area where a passing mountaineer suggested that he consider gold-mining. Realizing that water was the key to profitable mining, this unlikely miner built a high ditch which captured the headwaters of Duke's Creek. The "Hamby Ditch" ran for 8 miles to reach the Helen valley through Whitehorse Gap high on the Hamby Mountain Ridge. He became the area's most successful miner.

Though the mines of the area were said to have "petered out" as the gold cry came from California, our suspicion is that some was left behind. Our mapper, Sam Smith, has taken great effort over the past two years to put this unique terrain in the orienteering map format. Maybe you will be "lucky" and find some gold in "them there hills!"

Enjoy yourself and again, if there is any way we can make your time with us more pleasurable, please, let us know.

Regards,

Bob Domine
GAOC President

Logistics

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GA Navigator Cup A-Meet

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Meet Headquarters

Meet Headquarters will be at the Student Center [11] in the main lobby. Please feel free to use the lobby for socializing during your stay and be sure to check the bulletin board for updates and messages.

Packet Pickup

Friday night: Packet pickup is from 7pm–10pm at the TMAC Student Center [11].

Saturday morning: Packet pickup is from 6:30 – 8am at the remote parking location at Smithgall Woods. (See Convention Site Map.) Packets include meet guide, bib number, punch card, clues, and safety pins.

Parking

TMAC Parking: You will receive a parking pass in your meet packet. Please display this pass on your dash during your stay. You may park in any parking lot around campus. Please do not park in faculty parking spaces, along yellow curbs, or in the grass.

Smithgall Woods/Duke's Creek Parking: A Georgia State Parking Pass is required while on park property. You may purchase parking passes from Robin during packet pickup (\$2/day).

Day 1 Parking: Follow the Site Map for directions to Day 1 parking—allow 15 minutes to drive. From the Day 1 parking location, catch the shuttle bus to the start – allow 20 minutes for the shuttle bus. Then allow enough time for a 1km walk to the start. Give yourself an hour total to be safe. (See Map & Course notes.)

Day 2 Parking: Follow the Site Map for directions to Day 2 parking—allow 20 minutes. (See Map & Course notes.)

Logistics

Medical Facility

In the event you need a medical attention, the following facilities are close by:

Habersham County Medical Center
Highway 441 North
Demorest, GA 30535
(706) 754-2161

*This is the closest facility

Northeast Georgia Medical Center
743 Spring Street
Gainesville, GA 30501
770/535-3553

* This is the largest and most specialized

First Aid Station

A White County EMC will be on site near the finish area, as his schedule permits. If you are injured or need medical attention, please visit the first aid station near the finish.

Emergency Communications

GAOC amateur radio operators will provide radio communications throughout the event. They will be stationed at the start, finish, and meet headquarters.

Babysitting

Child-sitting is available *only* while you're competing. Charge is \$2/hour. Sign up at meet headquarters. Please bring toys, and snacks for your kids.

Park Rules

As a courtesy to our volunteers and competitors, please do not smoke near common areas such as packet pickup, the start and finish areas, or near the results posting area.

Smithgall Woods prohibits the public display or use of alcohol within the park boundaries.

Smithgall Woods prohibits driving inside the park. You must park in designated areas and use a shuttle bus.

Need a Shower After the Event?

For our guests who are not staying at the Truett-McConnell dorms, you may use the shower facilities in Sewell Hall [7], which is the third building on the right as you enter the campus, in between Garrison Hall and the Chapel. You must bring your own towels and soap. Shower tickets may be purchased during packet pickup for \$3, which covers Saturday and Sunday.

Stay and Play

TMAC also invites our Saturday and Sunday only participants to enjoy their campus facilities, so come on over and socialize with the rest of us.

Post-Convention Event

Georgia Navigator Cup A-Meet

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About the Event

The Georgia Navigator Cup (**GNC**) is a two-day, US Orienteering Federation (USOF) sanctioned A-meet. Competitors compete individually in categories based on gender, age, and course, according to USOF rules. Awards are presented to the top three finishers in each category and results are applied to national rankings for USOF members. Non-competitive recreational orienteering is available on white, yellow, and orange courses.

Competitive Rules

GNC is governed by the USOF Rules for Orienteering. The rules are available from the meet director. Some important things to remember are:

1. The competition area is off limits until you officially start each day.
2. Do not follow or assist competitors unless rendering first aid.
3. You may only use a compass and watch for aids – no radios or GPS.
4. You must punch in the appropriate box on your punch card.
5. There is a mandatory 3-hour time limit.
6. Read the map and course notes for important information.
7. If you get injured, blow your whistle three times. This signals anyone who hears it to stop orienteering and render aid.
8. You must check in at the finish whether you complete your course or not.

Filing Protests

Protests against infringement of the Rules shall be made in writing to the Meet Director (or another meet official if the Meet Director is not available) within one hour of the previously announced time of closure of the finish, or of the actual closure of the finish, whichever is later. If a protest is against a result in the provisional lists it shall be raised within one hour of those lists being displayed.

Start Procedures

1. Allow enough time to get to the start (See Map & Course Notes).
2. Wear your bib number on your chest on your outer clothing.
3. Bring your punch card, compass and whistle to the start. Maps with pre-printed courses and clues will be provided at the start.

Do not miss your start time! If an emergency or illness occurs, report to a meet official at headquarters. They will determine if a new start time can be assigned.

Georgia Navigator Cup A-Meet

Map & Course Notes - Duke's Creek/Smithgall Woods

By Sam Smith

Many times over the years I have been asked why we did not have any maps in the north Georgia Mountains. My standard answer was that they are too steep and too green for orienteering. In the Duke's Creek valley I think I have found a good compromise. It is located just southeast of the crest of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Georgia, between the steeper mountains to the west and Yonah Mountain to the east. Some areas are steep, but overall it is very manageable for orienteering. It averages 76 inches of rain a year, which supports a wide variety of vegetation. While some areas are very green, we have worked hard on the design of the orienteering courses to work around them.

There is another factor that makes this forest attractive for orienteering. This was the site of the first gold rush in Georgia, around 1830, which eventually led to the removal of the Cherokee Indians to Oklahoma. This mining left lasting scars on the topography, which contributes greatly to the orienteering difficulty.

The terrain is ridge and reentrant, with mining confined to areas below the "Hamby Ditch". The ditch was really a complex network of ditches, wooden flumes and pipe that delivered water from Duke's Creek Falls downstream into the valley. The water was used for hydraulic mining, washing the sides of the mountain, and leaving the tailings behind.

In places, entire spurs were washed away, leaving a maze of gullies, hills and knolls. Other spots are much less severe, with small ditches and gullies, and dot knolls scattered in the stream bottoms.

The vegetation is a mix of hardwood and evergreen forest. The understory varies from extremely open to very thick. Mountain laurel and rhododendron are the main problems, with some holly, young pines, and doghobble.

Rhododendron is restricted to the stream bottoms, and is almost always mapped light green. Mountain laurel grows almost exclusively on the northern and western slopes where it is cooler and wetter. It is mapped from light green to medium green, and is always thicker on the crest of the spur. Medium green should be considered a "laurel hell", a local name for a thicket. The dark green is reserved for briers, pine beetle damaged trees over laurel, doghobble, or obvious thickets.

The mining and logging activities left many old roads, which are mapped with the "narrow ride" symbol, the long black dash with a short gap between the dashes. These are very useful, and usually offer a much easier route through the mine areas.

Post-Convention Event

Georgia Navigator Cup A-Meet

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White Horse Gap Map

The original destination of the Hamby Ditch was White Horse gap, where the water was able to cross the divide between Duke's Creek and the Chattahoochee River. The water was used at the Dean Cut above Helen. The practice map includes this cut (mine), as well as some of the BubbaGoat area. Further south on this map is Martin's Mine, an area where an entire spur was washed away. The BubbaGoat will visit this area.

Chunannee Falls Map (Day 1 Map)

This map is drier and less green than the others, and offers the best opportunity to run. Mining is limited to areas just 5 contours above the creek.

Hamby Ditch Map (Day 2 Map)

Two sizeable hills dominate this map, an unnamed one just east of the park office, and Hamby Mountain, which is 20 contours higher. The Hamby Ditch runs along the upper contour of this map as it circles Hamby Mountain. As a result, the stream bottoms are full of small mining areas.

Hazards

There are bears on the Duke's Creek maps. Recent signs are near the A-Meet start Day 1 and the BubbaGoat #7. There is some poison ivy as well.

Tips

Spend some time on the practice map! Avoid the green if you can. Use the roads, old roads, trails, as much as possible. The green bar over white forest (logged areas) is not bad, and you can usually follow the track of the logging equipment. The green bar over rough open is not so nice.

A-Meet Day 1

Allow at least 45 minutes to the start. Don't miss the bus! We will park at the finish, just inside the GA 75 entrance to the park. Park single file along the paved section of the road. The bus will leave from the picnic shelter and take you to the start from 7 am – 8:30 am. If you're just arriving for the A-Meet and need to pick up your packet, check the Convention Site Map for the remote Day 1 Parking. Saturday packet pickup will be at the remote parking area from 6:30 am – 8:00 am.

When the bus drops you off, follow the gravel road to the old White County Landfill, about one kilometer. Yes, we are starting at the dump. This is near the highest point on this map, so it's all downhill from here... You will run back to your car at the finish.

Only red and blue will visit gold mines on this map, although all courses go down Alabama Branch at some point, which is where gold was first discovered. Don't stop to pick up any nuggets.

Post-Convention Event

Georgia Navigator Cup A-Meet

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A-Meet Day 2

We will park at the start and finish. All the courses climb up the first big hill by the park office, so if you can survive that you should be OK. The upper level courses spend their first third crossing that hill, then a third in various mild gold mine terrain, then come back through the creek bottomland. Save something for the downhill finish.

Practice Area

Parking for the practice map is in downtown Helen and cost \$3 – there is no parking on this map, and no facilities of any kind. Follow the directions on the map to parking and from parking to the gate.

West of Shackleford Road is the J.R. Dean Mine, on the side of Hamby Mountain. It is steeper here than any of the A-meet courses, except maybe Blue Day 2, so don't get scared!

East of Shackleford Road is a long reentrant, dotted with some small mining activity, very similar to the A-meet courses. Be sure to look at the light and medium green, and the green bar in the logged areas.

GNC Schedule

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| Fri, Jul 2 | 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm | Packet pick-up at TMAC Student Center |
| Sat, Jul 3 | 6:30 am – 8:00 am | Packet pick-up at the remote parking. |
| | 7:00 am – 8:30 am | Shuttle to the start from remote parking area |
| | 8:00 am – 9:00 am | A-Meet & Recreational-O Starts |
| Meal pkg only | 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm | Lunch – TMAC Chandler Center Dining Hall |
| Prepaid/meal pkg | 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm | Dinner – TMAC Chandler Center Dining Hall |
| Y'all come | 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm | Evening Program – TMAC Chapel |
| Sun, Jul 4 | 6:30 am – 8:00 am | Early Checkout at TMAC |
| Meal pkg only | 6:30 am – 7:30 am | Continental breakfast – TMAC Student Center |
| | 8:00 am – 9:00 am | A-Meet & Recreational-O Starts |
| | 11:30 am | Awards Ceremony |
| | 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm | TMAC checkout |

GNC Course Length/Climb

| Saturday Courses | | | Sunday Courses | | |
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| Course | Length | Climb | Course | Length | Climb |
| White | 3.6km | 50m | White | 2.0km | 75m |
| Yellow | 3.7km | 70m | Yellow | 3.3km | 90m |
| Orange | 3.8km | 85m | Orange | 4.4km | 105m |
| Brown | 3.8km | 80m | Brown | 3.7km | 100m |
| Green | 5.3km | 190m | Green | 4.5km | 140m |
| Red | 6.4km | 220m | Red | 5.5km | 200m |
| Blue | 7.3km | 260m | Blue | 6.8km | 270m |

Before You Leave

D-1

Please take a moment to ...

Appreciate our Support Staff and Volunteers for their hard work

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| <p>Truett-McConnell College Treva Sexton, Director of Student Activities Peter Harvin, IT Support Kelvin Harris, Dining Hall Director</p> <p>Smithgall Woods/Duke's Creek John Erbele, Park Manager Pete Griffin, Naturalist</p> <p>DuPont State Forest David R. Brown.</p> | <p>USOF Chuck Ferguson, President Sara Mae Berman, Convention Committee Chair Frank Khun, VP of Administration and Trail-O Program</p> <p>Vendors and Sponsors Go Orienteering Berman's Orienteering Supply Orienteering North America</p> |
| <p>GAOC Glen Cafferty, Construction Martha Carr, Start Joey Ciza, GNC Jury Liz Curcura, Snacks Bob Domine, A-Meet Director Linda Domine, A-Meet Director, Finish John Fairley, Construction Bill Farrell, A-Meet Course Setter Mike Ferguson, Vetter, Finish Nancy Ferguson, Kids Camp Pam Ferguson, Kids Camp Nancy Griffith, Snacks Kevin Haywood, Park-O Mapper, Finish Valerie Meyer, Punch Ck, GNC Jury Rita Mulligan, Finish Guido Nordman, Results Daniel Pittman, Construction Jay Pittman, Construction Laurie Searle, Convention Director Rick Shane, Results Robin Shannonhouse, Registrar, Punch Ck Stephen Shannonhouse, Field Supervisor Sam Smith, Duke's Creek Mapper Donna Wood, Start George Wood, Finish Vinton Wolfe, Start Glen Cafferty, Volunteer Nancy Griffin</p> | <p>COK David Alexander, Recreational-O Leslie Carlson, Recreational-O Don Christensen, Finish Dan Davis, Finish John Fairley, Recreational-O Jim Hall, Course Setter Joe Hall, Start Bill Ketring, Results Charles Martz, Start Jennie Martz, Start Tandace Martz, Start Charles McComas, A-Meet Director Dan Pittman, Start Jay Pittman, Start Al Rodgers, Finish Walter Siegenthaler, Vetter, GNC Jury James Sisk, Results Josef Trzicky, Mapper Howell Pederson, Finish Phyllis Tarrant, Start Arnold Willen, Results</p> <p>Other Important People Mike Urich J.J. Cote Bob Turbyfill Larry Berman Shawn Callahan Mark Britt Butternut Creek and Friends & Sue Canady</p> |

Before You Leave

D-2

Please take a moment to ...

Give us Your Feedback

Your feedback is very important to us. We worked hard to provide a good orienteering experience for you, but if there are ways we can improve, we'd like to know.

Please take a few minutes to complete this survey and turn it in when you checkout, or if you only attended an A-Meet, please turn in your survey at the awards ceremony.

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| A. Tell us about yourself | |
| 1. How many USOF Conventions have you attended? | |
| 2. Have you competed in A-Meets before? | |
| 3. Did you sign up as a Kid, Junior, or Adult? | |

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| B. How did you like the COK orienteering events? |
| 1. Give us feedback on the DuPont State Forest Map. |
| 2. Give us feedback on the Blue Ridge Challenge Day 1 course (and which course you ran). |
| 3. Give us feedback on the Blue Ridge Challenge Day 2 course (and which course you ran). |
| 4. Give us feedback on the Mountain Bike-O course (and which course you biked). |
| 5. Give us feedback on the Car-O. |
| 6. Give us feedback on the overall meet organization, including packet pickup, start, finish, results, and awards. |
| 7. Do you have any other feedback about the COK events? |

Before You Leave

D-3

Please take a moment to ...

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| C. How did you like the Convention facilities, special sessions, and workshops? |
| 1. Did you stay at TMAC? If so, give us feedback about the dorms. |
| 2. Did you eat at TMAC? If so, give us feedback about the meals. |
| 3. If you signed up for a Special Session (Kids Camp, Junior Camp, Mapping Clinic), please give us feedback. - Was the cost appropriate? - Were the instructors knowledgeable and prepared? - Were the objectives explained and fulfilled? |
| 4. What was your favorite workshop (tell us why)? |
| 5. What workshops would you like offered in the future? |
| 6. Would you be willing to lead a future workshop? |
| 7. Did you attend the USOF Annual General Meeting? If so give us your feedback. |
| 8. Do you have any other feedback about facilities, special sessions, and workshops? |

Before You Leave

D-4

Please take a moment to ...

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| D. How did you like the other Convention activities? |
| 1. Give us feedback on the Trail-O. |
| 2. Give us feedback on the BubbaGoat. |
| 3. Give us feedback on the Park-O. |
| 4. Give us feedback on the Fun-O. |
| 5. Give us feedback on the entertainment. |
| 6. Give us feedback on the overall event organization, including meet information (Web site and meet packet), registration, packet pickup, etc. |
| 7. Do you have any other feedback on the other convention activities? |

Before You Leave

D-5

Please take a moment to ...

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| E. How did you like the GA Navigator Cup A-Meet? |
| 1. Give us feedback on the Duke's Creek Maps. |
| 2. Give us feedback on the Navigator Cup Day 1 course (and which course you ran). |
| 3. Give us feedback on the Navigator Cup Day 2 course (and which course you ran). |
| 4. Give us feedback on the overall meet organization, including packet pickup, start, finish, results, and awards. |
| 5. Do you have any other feedback about the GAOC event? |

Thank you very much for completing our survey. Your feedback will help us and future USOF convention organizers provide quality events.