

NORTHEAST OHIO SCOUT ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS

September 19, 2015

PRACTIC DAY

Fifteen units of Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venture Crewmembers gathered at the Manatoc Scout Reservation on September 19th to spend the day orienteering. Many started their day receiving instructions from NEOOC members **Howard Montgomery, Andreas Johansson, Ken Lappin,** and **Dave Dysle**.

Multiple courses for scouts of all skill levels had been **designed and set** by **Tim Feaser** and **Steve Wells**. Registration of nearly 150 scouts, and additional public participants, was deftly handled by Registrar **KathyJo Rufener** and Starter/Timer **Rob Donaldson**.

With the weather holding steady, scouts attacked courses all morning, and into the early afternoon. Around 3 p.m., as the courses emptied, control collectors hit the trails, including **Fred Mailey**, Ken, Howard, Tim, and several participating units. Mother Nature then let go with a deluge that left those volunteers soaked to the bone. Those brave enough to venture out in the torrent to attend the skull session to review the maps and strategies employed earlier in the day, were rewarded with a smorgasbord of delicious pies.

After dinner, the orienteers again gathered for a short score course Night-O, designed and set by **Bob Boltz**. Just before dusk, Registrar **Phil Wadsworth** had everyone signed in, so Starter **Mark Stypczynski** could get the zealous crowd off to a mass start. Timer **Ken Lappin** awaited them at the finish line.

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Representatives from 8 units participated in the competitive Championship courses laid out by Course Designer **Steve Hendrix**. Steve and his crew had done late night duty getting the courses ready for Sunday. His crew of setters included **Greg Hendrix, Curtis Hendrix**, and volunteer scouts from Troop 504.

Fred Mailey, switching hats once again, served as Registrar, while **Steve Hendrix** distributed maps to the participants just minutes before they headed over to Starter **Ken Lappin**. Timer **Steve Marsh** recorded their returns and tallied the results.

Units used team points accumulated over all three events to bid on useful and fun personal and troop gear.

The event patches, and the award plaques for the placers, were designed by **Hazel Barton**.

It's not too early to mark your 2016 calendar for Sept. 17 & 18, the next NOSOC weekend, when we'll all gather again at the Manatoc Scout Reservation to see who can discover fun off the beaten path.

REMEMBER, NOT ALL THOSE WHO WANDER ARE LOST...