

TEAM TEXAS SCORE - O

(Jones State Forest, The Woodlands)

Saturday, January 30, 2010

Open to the Public – All Ages – Beginners Welcome

SPONSORED BY THE HOUSTON ORIENTEERING CLUB & CHANNELVIEW HS JROTC BOOSTER CLUB

WHAT: Orienteering is the sport of cross-country running through unfamiliar terrain with a map and compass. It is a navigation contest with the fun of a treasure hunt. It's for all ages – adults as well as students.

MEET: Two meets, both in a **Score-O** format, will be run simultaneously. The first meet is open to the public – all ages – adult or student – whether affiliated with a group or not. The second meet will be a team competition limited to the JROTC cadets competing for team trophies (see details below). **Other youth groups (scouts, church, etc) may participate in the team competition; but, must contact the meet director for verification/permission.**

SCORE-O: There will be one course for all levels of competitors consisting of 30 control points placed in Jones State Forest. There will be 10 one-point, 10 two-point and 10 three-point controls based on distance from the start and the difficulty of navigation. The controls may be visited in any order. Each competitor will have 60 minutes to find as many controls as possible. The score will be based on the sum of the point values of the controls found. One point will be deducted for each minute (or portion thereof) the competitor's time exceeds 60 minutes and 59 seconds. Thus, a competitor returning at 61:00 will lose one point; at 62:00 two points, etc. Times will be used for tie breaking. A series of mass starts will be used to separate runners from the same organization as much as possible. **Start times will be given when competitors are lined up at the mass start.** Orienteering is an individual sport, and those following other runners or accepting assistance will be disqualified. Also, for safety reasons, those people leaving the Jones State Forest or crossing FM 1488 will be disqualified. People wishing to participate on a non-competitive basis (map hikers) will not be timed, but must report to the meet officials at the end of their trek. Competitors can select from three classes of experience to compete: **Beginner** (White Level Course); **Intermediate** (Orange Level Course) and **Advanced** (Green Level Course).

WHERE: Jones State Forest, The Woodlands, Texas. From I-45, Exit 81 onto FM 1488, head west on FM 1488 for 1.1 miles, look for the orienteering signs on the south side of FM 1488, enter at Peoples Road and follow the dirt road to the "middle lake". There will be guides in day-glo orange vests guiding you into the park and to very limited parking. We are guests of the State of Texas Forestry department, and we should be careful not to harm the forest or leave trash.

WHEN: Saturday, January 30, 2010. Late Team registration: 7:30–9AM. Late Individual Registration: 7:30-10AM. Free "How To" Beginner Instruction Class 9:15AM. **Team competition begins at 9AM. Open competition begins at 10AM. Awards Ceremony will be held at 2PM.**

SUPPORT FACILITIES: There is no running water or electricity in the park. There will be portalets as bathroom facilities. There are picnic tables. Water will be available on the course for competitors. There will be a **concession stand** that will have donuts, coffee, hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, soda, etc for sale at very reasonable prices.

SPONSORS: The Channelview HS JROTC Booster Club will be responsible for registration and scoring. The course designers and course setters are SFC Adams & his Varsity Orienteering team. Members from the HOC will set and verify the course. **Send entries and fees to the Meet Director, SFC Adams, 3602 Brookwood Dr, La Porte, TX 77571. You may register by email by providing the information on the entry form to Duane.Adams@chs.jrotc.net.** For more information you may call 713-875-1011 or visit the HOC web page: <http://hoc.us.orienteering.org/> and click on "*Upcoming Events*".

AWARDS: **Die cast Team Texas medals** will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place competitors in each class based on point score. Times will be used for tie breaking. See "TEAMS" below for special rules regarding awards for team members.

HOW: Maps are provided. Bring your own compass; there will not be any compasses available to rent. Complete entry form and sign waiver for every participant, even map hikers who will be sharing a map paid for by another map hiker. **A PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST SIGN THE WAIVER FOR ANYONE UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE.**

FEES: No refunds. Make checks payable to Channelview HS JROTC (**driver's license number must be on check or it will not be accepted**). Send checks & entry forms to the **Meet Director, SFC Duane Adams, 3602 Brookwood Dr, LaPorte, TX 77571**; email Duane.Adams@chs.jrotc.net; fax 281-457-7346.

Competitors: **\$10.00 per person**
\$2.00 early bird discount if postmarked/mailed before January 15, 2009
\$1.00 discount for HOC members
Map Hiker: \$5.00 per map (self-timed, non-competitive) – 3 person limit per map; No late fee

COURSES AND CLASSES: Any classes with less than five members competing will be combined with the next level. There will be at least 15 classes.

TEAMS: For this competition only, teams will be limited to JROTC cadets, Boy Scout troops or other organized youth groups. Each JROTC program may enter only one male team and one female team. **ALL TEAM MEMBERS SHOULD MAIL IN THEIR REGISTRATION FORMS TOGETHER; NOT SEPARATELY.** All additional cadets will compete in the Open portion of the event. **A total of six trophies will be awarded** (1st, 2nd, 3rd for male & female). Additionally, medals will be given to each member of the teams winning trophies. All team members are also eligible for individual awards. A team may have as few as 3 members and at most 5 members. **The results are based on the scores of the top three team members.** Tie breakers will be determined by adding the 4th and/or 5th member's score. **On occasion, mistakes in scoring are made. All "challenges" must be made at the scoring tent by team coaches only no later than 1PM. All medals and trophies presented at the awards ceremony are final.**

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORM TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED \$ _____

Name: _____ Organization/Club: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____ Year of birth: _____

City: _____ Email address: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Circle Course: Map Hike Beginner Intermediate Advanced

Sex: Male Female Member of HOC? Yes No

Waiver for Jones State Forest Orienteering Meet, January 30, 2010

In consideration of this entry, intending to be legally bound, I do for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrator, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the Houston Orienteering Club, The U.S. Orienteering Federation, Channelview High School, the State of Texas, officials of Jones State Forest, their representatives, successors, and assigns for any injuries or damages to me during or because of this event. I further attest that I am in proper physical condition to participate in this event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature required for all entrants. If entrant is under 18 years of age, signature of parent or guardian is required.

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TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____ TYPE OF JROTC: Army Navy Air Force Marines

MALE TEAM

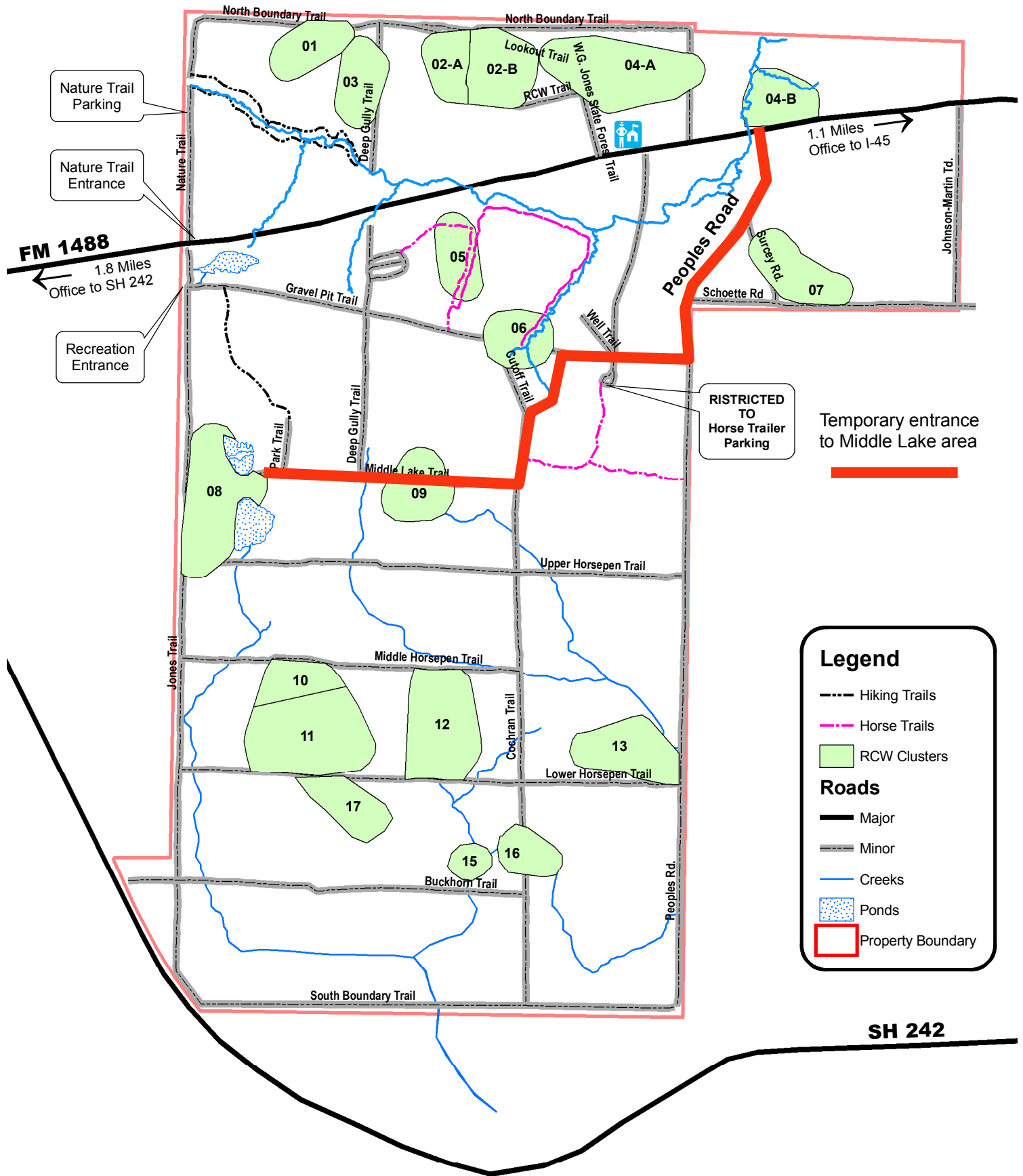
1. Team Captain: _____
2. Team Member: _____
3. Team Member: _____
4. Team Member: _____
5. Team Member: _____

FEMALE TEAM

Team Captain: _____
Team Member: _____
Team Member: _____
Team Member: _____
Team Member: _____

***ALL TEAM MEMBERS ARE TO FILL OUT INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORMS. ATTACH THE REGISTRATION FORMS OF ALL OF THE TEAM MEMBERS ALONG WITH PAYMENT TO THIS TEAM REGISTRATION FORM.**

W. Goodrich Jones State Forest



Legend

- Hiking Trails
- ... Horse Trails
- RCW Clusters

Roads

- Major
- Minor
- Creeks
- Ponds
- Property Boundary

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