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## Annual Meeting Set for Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

12:00pm at Stohrer Lodge, Emery Park

Celebrate the start of the orienteering year at the annual meeting of the Buffalo Orienteering Club. Members, guests, and 2013 Map Hike participants are invited for lunch at 12:00pm. The Club will provide hamburgers and veggie burgers at no charge. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share, as well as a beverage of your choice. Beer and wine are permitted. RSVP to Linc Blaisdell. The program will commence after lunch and will feature:

- Map Hike Participant Recognition
  - Volunteer Recognition
  - Financial Report
  - Mapping Update
  - 2014 Schedule Review
  - Board & Officer Elections
- A Fun, Non-Competitive Orienteering Activity

## Season Begins at the Cherry Blossom Challenge

*Get Started and Get Out There!*

The inaugural Buffalo Cherry Blossom Festival will be held from April 23 to May 4, 2014 in and around the Japanese Garden in Delaware Park. The twelve-day celebration of springtime in Buffalo will include music, activities, Japanese cultural presenters, and entertainment.

On the closing day of the Festival, the Buffalo Orienteering Club will be hosting the Cherry Blossom Challenge with a 2.5k orienteering course starting near the Buffalo History Museum. A number of food trucks will be on site for post-meet refreshments.

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## 2014 Buffalo Orienteering Club Schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Event Type/Start Times</b>	<b>Meet Directors</b>
Saturday April 19	Emery Park (Stohrer Lodge)	<i>Annual Membership Meeting</i> Lunch/12:00pm	Linc Blaisdell
Sunday May 4	Delaware Park (Buffalo History Museum)	<i>Get Started &amp; Get Out There Series #1</i> <i>The Cherry Blossom Challenge</i> 2.5k course/11:00am-1:00pm	Dave Cady Adam Cady
Thursday May 15	Knox Farm State Park	<i>Explore Erie County Parks Trail Run Series #1</i> 5k Trail Run/6:30pm	Patty Lyons
Saturday May 17	Chestnut Ridge Park	<i>Get Started &amp; Get Out There Series #2</i> Learn & Try/10:00 am 3-Course Meet/12:00-1:00pm	Rod & Laura Cameron Linc Blaisdell
Saturday June 8	Emery Park	<i>Get Started &amp; Get Out There Series #3</i> 3-Course Meet/11:00am-12:00pm	Henry Davis Rebecca Wightman
Thursday June 12	Sprague Brook Park	<i>Explore Erie County Parks Trail Run Series #2</i> 10k Trail Run/6:30pm	Patty Lyons Walt Lyons
Sunday June 29	Hunter's Creek Park (South)	<i>Get Started &amp; Get Out There Series #4</i> 3-Course Meet/11:00am-12:00pm	Patty Lyons Walt Lyons
Thursday July 17	Chestnut Ridge Park (Newton Road)	<i>Explore Erie County Parks Trail Run Series #3</i> 5.1 mile Trail Run/6:30pm	Patty Lyons Walt Lyons
Sunday August 3	Sprague Brook Park	<i>The Buffalo Score-O Series #1</i> 3-hour Score-O/12:00pm Annual Cub Picnic/3:00pm	Greg Hyatt Dave Levine
Saturday September 6	Schoellkopf Boy Scout Camp	<i>The Buffalo Score-O Series #2</i> 3-hour Score-O/12:00pm	Phil Wolfling Rob Reeves
Saturday September 27 (register online)	Holiday Valley (Upper Ski Patrol & Training Center)	<i>National Orienteering Week</i> <i>Ellicottville Trails Adventure Run &amp; Hike</i> 6-Hour Mini ROGAINE/11:00am 3-Hour Mini ROGAINE/1:00pm	Jackie Novkov Doug Kennedy
Saturday October 18	Sardinia County Forest	<i>The Buffalo Score-O Series #3</i> 90-Minute Score-O/12:00pm	Katy Carrier Lynda Chudy
Sunday January 25, 2015	Byrncliff Resort	3-Course Ski-O/10:30-11:00am	Patty Lyons

- Entry fees for regular meets are \$5 for current BFLO/ROC members and \$10 for non-members.
- Additional fees apply for Ski-O and ROGAINE events. Member discounts do not apply for trail runs.
- Groups are charged the above fees for the team leader, plus \$2 for each additional individual age 11 and up.

## 2014 Rochester Orienteering Club Schedule

*Hotline: (585) 377-56750 Website: [roc.us.orienteering.org](http://roc.us.orienteering.org)*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Start Times</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
April 6	12:00-2:00pm	Genesee Country Village Nature Center	Regular Meet
April 19	10:00am-12:00pm	Webster Park	Regular Meet
May 10	10:00am-12:00pm	Oatka Creek Lodge.	Regular Meet
May 31	11:00am	TBD	Rochester Map Adventure
June 7	10:00am-12:00pm	Dryer Road Park	Regular Meet/MTB-O
June 22	12:00-2:00pm	Mendon Ponds Park	Regular Meet
July 13	12:00-2:00pm	Powder Mills Park	Sprint/Score-O
July 22	6:30pm	Durand Eastman Park	Trail Challenge
August 7	6:30pm	Durand Eastman Park	Sprint/Score-O
August 16	6:30pm	Highland Park	Trail Challenge
September 7	10:00am-12:00pm	Mendon Ponds Park	Regular Meet
September 21	12:00-2:00pm	Cobbs Hill Park	Sprint/Score-O
October 3-5	various	Genesee Valley Park and Letchworth State Park	2014 US Orienteering Nationals
October 18	7:00pm	Camp Eastman	Vampire-O
November 1	8:00 & 9:30am	Mendon Ponds Pak	Trail Runs
November 15	7:00pm	Powder Mills Park	Night-O
January 18, 2015	11:30am-2:00pm	Mendon Ponds Park	Ski-O
TBD February, 2015	12:00-2:00pm	TBD	Ski-O

- *All meets offer beginner instruction, which is available approximately 15-30 minutes after the initial start.*
  - *The entry fee is \$10 per map for non-members and \$6 per map for members. There is a \$1 discount if you use online registration. <http://roc.us.orienteering.org/onlineregistration.shtml>*
  - *The Beginner White and Yellow courses are \$5 per map.*
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## Take a Trip to Experience Orienteering in a New Location

by David Cady

Now that you have spent some time orienteering in our lovely Western New York parks, are you ready for the next step? Have you considered going orienteering away from home? Orienteering takes place all over the US, Canada, and the world. You can take part in events in nearby Rochester or as far away as Europe. It is great fun to experience new venues. Here's the best part: the maps are all standard, so if you can read the map of Chestnut Ridge you can read a map anywhere in the world.

These days the Internet makes it easy to find out about events wherever they may be. Admittedly, the cost and time commitments can be higher when you travel out of town to an event but the rewards are high as well. It is a wonderful experience to meet people in all parts of the world who enjoy orienteering as much as you do.

One way to save money is to combine orienteering with a trip you are already planning. Thinking about a shopping trip to Ikea in Burlington? Why not pick a day when there is an event in Southern Ontario. When was the last time you were at the Play Museum or the George Eastman House in Rochester? You could stop by after a Rochester event.

Another way to reduce the costs is to car pool with other BFLO members. A number of our members regularly go to Rochester and a few travel to locations in New England and the mid-Atlantic states. In an effort to assist members who may be considering making such a trip, the club will be identifying contact people who can answer questions and possibly arrange car pools. Keep an eye on our Facebook page or email me at davidcady@gmail.com to be kept in the loop.

Finally, speaking of events in Rochester, this October the club there is staging the US Championships at Letchworth State Park. That is so close by it practically qualifies as a local event. Admittedly, attending a major event like the US Championships requires some advance planning and the entry fees are higher, but at all big events there are always courses for all abilities. And it is a hoot to attend a meet with hundreds of participants rather than just dozens.

So start thinking about expanding your horizons and exploring forests further away.

## Editor's Notes

*News from around the Club*

- The current slate of Club officers and board members will up for election to another two-year term at the annual meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.
- The board has decided to change the time limit of our Score-O events from 90 minutes to 3 hours. This change will allow more people to enjoy their experience without losing points. Experienced orienteers who run the course can still expect to finish in 90 minutes.
- Despite the cold and snowy winter, the weather did not cooperate for our planned Ski-O in January. Better luck next year!

—Robert Reeves

**2012-2013 Board of Directors**

<b>President</b> .....	Lincoln Blaisdell (716) 479-9431 linc43@roadrunner.com
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**Standing Committee Chairs**

<b>Education</b> .....	Jackie Novkov
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<b>Map Hikes</b> .....	Phil Wolfling
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<b>Technology</b> .....	Doug Kennedy
<b>Trail Runs</b> .....	Patty Lyons hhhgorby@roadrunner.com
<b>Webmaster</b> .....	Greg Hyatt webmaster@buffalo-orienteeing.org

**Introducing the New Club Series***by Greg Hyatt****“Get Started and Get Out There” Series***

Do you want to feel confident traveling the trails in our beautiful Western New York parks? Looking for fresh air and exercise? Want a challenge? Then come out and learn about the sport of orienteering at any or all of 4 events we have planned this spring. Soak up expert instruction at each of our events. Participate in 3 or more of the 4 events and receive a club certificate suitable for framing and entry into a prize drawing. Come out to Delaware Park on May 4, Chestnut Ridge on May 17, Emery Park on June 8 and Hunters Creek on June 29.

***“Buffalo Score-O” Series***

We are offering three Score-O events this year. We will award prizes to the top five males, females and groups, as computed by total points achieved. Come out to Sprague Brook on August 3, Schoellkopf on September 6 and Sardinia on October 18.

**New Waiver Policy in Effect***by Dave Cady*

One of the benefits of the Buffalo Orienteering Club's affiliation with Orienteering USA is that the national body can provide us with insurance coverage for our events that we would not be able to obtain otherwise. The downside of that benefit is that sometimes we have to put up with little bureaucratic idiosyncrasies.

The latest one affects the waivers that you sign when you participate in one of our events. The new wrinkle is that the waiver for anyone under the age of 18 has to be signed by their parent, not by just any adult who happens to have brought them to the event. This will affect school groups and scout groups primarily, but will also apply if your son or daughter wants to bring a friend to an event.

We are attempting to get the word out about this so that waiver forms can be filled out in advance and brought to the meet. Waiver forms are available for download on our website under the “Forms” section. Also, meet directors will be able to send you a form in the mail or via email.

## 2013 Map Hike Results

*The following Orienteers have submitted Map Hike cards with 20 or more controls found.  
Certificates will be awarded at the annual meeting on April 19th.*

5 Courses Submitted—One free 2014 Map Hike

4 Courses Submitted—\$5 off a 2014 Map Hike

3 Courses Submitted—\$3 off a 2014 Map Hike

<b>1 Course</b>	<b>3 Courses</b>	<b>5 Courses</b>
The Bogarts	Paul Hojnacki	Mike Lance
Howard Kraus	Judy Geer & Charlie Wightman	Mike Schlicht
Ron Olsen	Ron & Diane Boss	Janet Ottaviano
TJ Sansone	Rainee VanNatter	Rosellen Peek & Rebecca Stroh
Mike Lyons	Charlene Schneckenberger	Nancy Buck
Walt Lyons		Mike Kennedy
Chris Betrus	<b>4 Courses</b>	Stuart Ludwig
Jon Melnik	Darlene Wierzba	
The Fehringers	Jennifer Borowicz	
Mark Kozlowski		
<b>2 Courses</b>		
Patty Lyons		
Jeff Storch		

### 2014 Map Hike Season Set to Begin

Map Hikes are orienteering courses that can be completed on your own schedule and at your own pace. This year there will be courses at Chestnut Ridge, Emery, Sprague Brook, Hunter's Creek, Sardinia, and Holiday Valley. All courses are new each year and feature 25 controls of varying difficulty. Courses are currently being set and packets will be available for purchase at the first meet of the season. Packets can also be purchased at all club events, Hyatt's stores, [hyatts.com](http://hyatts.com), the Gear For Adventure store in Hamburg, or via mail using the order form on page 7. When ordered through the Club, a discount is available when purchasing five or six packets. Map hikes will remain in place through the end of February 2015.

Still available is our two-season Map Hike of the **Holiday Valley Resort in Ellicottville**. This features a new 1:10,000 map. This Map Hike was placed in 2013 and will remain up through February 2015.

### 2014 Map Hike Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Quantity discounts available on orders of 20 or more  
 Contact Phillip Wolfing for details at (716) 832-9758*

*Make check payable to:  
 Buffalo Orienteering Club*

*Mail to:  
 Phillip Wolfing  
 263 Morris Ave, Buffalo, NY 14214*

Qty.	Map Hikes	Each	Total
	Chestnut Ridge	\$7.00	
	Emery	\$7.00	
	Hunter's Creek	\$7.00	
	Sprague Brook	\$7.00	
	Sardinia	\$7.00	
	5 Map Hikes	\$30.00	
	Holiday Valley	\$7.00	
	All 6 Map Hikes	\$36.00	
Qty.	Map Only	Each	Total
	Allegany State Park	\$8.00	
Shipping (1-19 items)			\$2.00
Shipping (20 or more items)			Free
<b>Total Order</b>			

### Buffalo Orienteering Club Membership Application / Renewal Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*\* For family memberships list additional family members*

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*Make check payable to:  
 Buffalo Orienteering Club  
 Mail to: Jane Brennan  
 118 Colby St  
 Cheektowaga, NY 14206*

<input type="checkbox"/>	New Member
<input type="checkbox"/>	Renewal
\$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual—1 Year
\$40	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual—3 Years
\$20	<input type="checkbox"/> Family—1 Year
\$50	<input type="checkbox"/> Family—3 Years

# **BFLOrienteer**

c/o Robert Reeves  
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## *Orienteering is Cunning Running*

### **Membership Information**

Club memberships expire at the end of the calendar year. Your expiration date appears above the newsletter address label. Please renew your membership with the form on the previous page. Discounts are available for three-year individual and family memberships.

Membership benefits include:

- Fee discounts at Buffalo and Rochester Orienteering Club meets and events
- Three yearly issues of the BFLOrienteer newsletter
- E-mail updates on club events
- Discounts at Eastern Mountain Sports “Club Days”
- Voting rights at the annual meeting
- Invitation to the summer Club picnic
- Helping to support club expenses and future mapping projects