



PWF Spring Weekend

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March 16 - March 17

Saturday - Sunday

The 2019 edition of QOC's training weekend will take place March 16-17. As in 2017 (the last time weather allowed the weekend to take place), it will be focused on juniors but open to everyone, and include a regular QOC night-O event on Saturday evening. For those who can't manage a whole weekend, there will be an option to sign up just for Saturday, or, for advanced orienteers only, to take part in the Sunday training exercises. **NOTE: There will be no regular QOC event on Sunday. Saturday's Night-O webpage is [here](#) [2].**

This webpage will focus on the training and overnight accommodations; please consult the separate page for the Night-O event ([here](#) [2]) for information about it specifically.

The **training camp**, helmed by Boris Granovskiy (with some rumored assistance from and the anticipated presence of national Junior Development Team coach, Greg Ahlswede) will run from 10am Saturday to early afternoon on Sunday. The plan is for training on the Turkey Run Ridge map (center of the park) on Saturday and on the Happyland map (SW part of the park surrounding Cabin Camp 5) on Sunday.

Coaching will be provided for all skill levels. The training will be open to everyone, including adults at any skill level, but the coaching effort will be concentrated on the juniors, i.e. as an adult, you'll be part of a group with a coach assigned but don't expect much focused, individual coaching attention.

Night-O: On Saturday evening there will be a night-O, with beginner, intermediate and advanced course options and starts from ~6:30pm to ~8:30pm (precise timing TBD based on astronomical tables), with socializing and games the rest of the evening. Details [here](#) [2].

Accommodations: Happyland can accommodate up to 104 people staying overnight in one of 4 heated dorms (mattresses are provided; overnights will have to bring their own bedding. If your travel arrangements dictate travelling light; please inform the registrar and we'll work on lining up bedding for you.). For early arrivals, the camp and dorms will be open starting Friday evening as well as on Saturday night.

Meals: (Saturday lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast and lunch) will be provided courtesy of a highly skilled culinary team led by the inestimable Florence Tan. The food alone makes the camp worth coming to! **Please don't neglect to inform us while registering of any food allergies, sensitivities, or special diet. We'll do our best to accommodate everyone although it would be much appreciated if people with special dietary needs registered earlier rather than later so the culinary team can plan menus and prepare food without a lot of last minute stress.**

Transport: please note in the registration form comments if you won't have a private vehicle with you for the duration of the camp. This will help us plan logistics. Also, if you could use a lift to and from the park from a DC area airport, bus terminal, train station, etc. we'll do our best to arrange that rather than leave you at the mercy of taxi services.

Fees: The regular fee for the training camp will be \$60 per participant. This includes meals and overnight accommodations at the cabin camp as well as participation in the night-O. Early-bird registration for \$50 per participant will be available through March 1 (extended from February 25 originally). After March 5, the late registration fee of \$70 will apply. Registration will close at midnight on March 9.

Registration will also be offered for Saturday participation only. This will cover Saturday meals and training sessions. It will cover neither the night-O nor overnight accommodations (registration for the night-O will be available separately on-site at usual QOC event rates). Deadlines will be the same as for the full training camp. Fees for Saturday only will be \$22/\$27/\$32 (earlybird/regular/late).

A similar Sunday only option will be offered, though this will cover only the training exercises and lunch. This is recommended only for advanced orienteers - beginning and intermediate orienteers



would likely be a bit adrift on account of having missed the Saturday training other participants were exposed to. Fees for Sunday only will be \$10/\$12.50/\$15 (earlybird/regular/late).

A full refund of camp fees will be provided if requested before the close of early-bird registration. Once the regular registration period begins, \$10 per registered participant will be deducted from any refunds. This will increase to \$15 during the late registration period. No refunds will be provided after the close of registration.

If you will be accompanying a group of participants but not orienteering yourself, you may register for meals and accommodations as a non-orienteering coach/chaperone for a reduced fee of \$50 (40 early/\$60 late; \$17/\$22/\$27 for the Saturday only option; \$4/\$6/\$8 for Sunday only (basically just lunch)).

Since training requires advance organization and beds are fairly plentiful but not in infinite supply, online pre-registration will be required using OUSA's Event Register system [OUSA's Event Register system](#) [3].



Locator Map: For those who would like a

printable map showing the drive from the Rt 619 Joplin Rd & Mawavi Rd junction to the night-O registration and parking area(s), click [here](#) [4]. Camp participants should park in the eastern of the two parking areas, nearer the cabin camp buildings.

Note: park rules prohibit pets and alcohol within the Happyland cabin camp, which is our base of operations for the weekend - please leave both at home. Smoking is also forbidden by NPS rules inside buildings at Happyland.

Junior Training Weekend Tentative Schedule and Details

Saturday, March 16

10:00am - 10:30am: Arrival at Turkey Run Ridge and introductions

10:30am - 12:30pm: Training session 1

12:30 - 2:00pm: Lunch

2:00 - 4:00pm: Training session 2

5:30 - 6:30pm: Group dinner at the cabin camp

7:00pm Night-O registration opens

7:30 - 9:00pm: Start window for Night-O.

10:30pm - Night-O courses close

Sunday, March 17

8:00am-9:00am: Breakfast

9:00am-11:00am: Training session 3

9:30am-12:00pm Lunch bar (self-service)

12:00pm - 2:00pm: Training session 4

2:00pm-3:00pm: Packing, cabin cleanup and departures



You can participate in as many or as few exercises as you want. There will be beginner, intermediate, and advanced options for each exercise, and you can decide together with the coaches what is best for you for each session.

Parents and coaches are welcome to participate fully in the camp, i.e. in all the exercises, meals and night-O. Please sign up online as a junior camp participant if you wish to do so. If you won't be orienteering yourself but focusing on coaching/supervising your children/juniors accompanying you, please sign up for the appropriate non-orienteering option among the selection of 'races' offered in the online registration forms.

The expectation is that minors participating in the camp will, in general, be accompanied by an adult also in attendance throughout the weekend, fully participating in the orienteering activities or not. Should you wish to send an unaccompanied minor to the camp, please contact the Event Director or Registrar first so we can go through the issues that raises and make sure they can be adequately addressed.

Locations

Prince William Forest Park, Pine Grove, Triangle, VA (Turkey Run Ridge)

Prince William Forest Park, Camp 5 - Happyland, Triangle, VA (Night-O, Happyland)

Registration

Advance registration may be required for some of all of the events over this weekend. Stay tuned!

Start Times

Start any time between the specified times (usually 11am - 1:30pm).

Schedule

Saturday, March 16 10:00 am - Turkey Run Ridge:
4:00 pm Training exercises at Turkey Run Ridge
7:00 pm - Night-O:
10:30 pm

Sunday, March 17 9:00 am - Happyland Training exercises at Happyland

Volunteers

Event Director: [Boris Granovski](#) [5]
Registrar: [Jon Torrance](#) [6]
Night-O: [Karla Hulett](#) [7]
Event Director:
Night-O: [Gary Smith](#) [8]
Course Designer:



Location Details