

Wheaton

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**October 30
Sunday**



Pre-registration is required for this event, opening Monday, Oct. 24 at 6 PM and closing Saturday Oct. 29 at noon.

There will be no day-of registration.

Welcome to Halloween orienteering at Wheaton Regional Park! Wheaton is a forested park in suburban Maryland boasting numerous outdoor and recreational activities within its 536 acres.

Our outdoor site for this year's event is Shelter H, accessed from the same parking lot off Shorefield Drive as the Train Station Party Room.

We will be offering a set of fun and challenging courses (White through Red), courtesy of course designers Joe Barrett and Sydney Dixon. Course notes and stats for all 6 courses are now posted below.

In the spirit of the Halloween, there will be a few Halloween surprises at some controls.

Participants are highly encouraged to come in costume. Trick-or-treaters in costume may get candies at the registration area.

Junior training will also be offered at this event starting at 10am. If you have children between the ages of 10 and 21, bring them to meet coaches [Adam Smith](#) [2], [John Cumings](#) [3], and [Alex Merka](#) [4]. They have planned a fun hour of orienteering instruction for QOC juniors of all abilities and experience. If you have any questions, just contact them (by clicking on their names).

The park will be running a Halloween Eye Spy Train every hour between 11am and 6pm on the day of the event. If you want a ride before or after the run, you probably should



purchase a ticket in advance on [their website](#) [5].

Check in will open about 9:45 AM and courses will open at 10:00 AM.

As usual, everyone must be out of the woods and back at the registration/finish area by 3:00pm when we will begin picking up controls. Remember to download at our e-punch station even if you did not finish. We want to make sure of everyone’s safety and status. Free Beginner Instruction will be offered, but please reach out to the Event Director if you have a group, so we can plan accordingly. Also, make sure to check out our [Your First Event](#) [6] and [For Beginners](#) [7] web pages, and if they don’t answer any remaining questions you have, just use our [Contact Form](#) [8] and ask away!

Volunteering:

We’re trying something new. If you are interested in volunteering at Wheaton please visit this event’s [volunteer signup](#) [9] page. You can also contact one of the event directors listed in the table below.

Group Leaders:

Please see our [For Group Leaders](#) [10] page if you are leading a youth or large group - even though you will be pre-registering online. Please contact the Event Director with your plans and numbers for her awareness.

Pets are allowed but must be kept on a leash.

Reminders:

- QOC will continue to use pre-registration as the **ONLY** method of signing up for our meets. There will be **NO** day-of, on-site registration. Refunds are paid only in the case of event cancellation.
- Masks are optional at all locations connected with the event. Please continue to minimize clustering at and around the check-in, e-punch, start and finish areas.
- As mentioned above, beginner instruction has resumed to provide an overview of orienteering basics for newcomers to the sport or those who just want a refresher.
- There is no water on the course. Participants are responsible for their own hydration. A very limited supply of bottled water for emergency use will be on hand with the Meet Director; but it is vital to stay well hydrated. Please come prepared!
- There are no snacks offered by QOC.
- For this event (as with most others this season) there will be eight 15 minute check-in windows followed by two 45min windows.

Detailed course notes are provided below.

Location	Wheaton Regional Park, Shorefield Area, Shelter H, Wheaton, MD (Classic)
Registration	Registration for this event will open at 6pm on Monday Oct. 24 via this link [11]. Registration will close at noon on Saturday Oct. 29. Pre-registration is mandatory. Who's registered? Check by clicking here [12]. Sorting by column is possible too - just click on the column name.
Start Times	Start times will be by windows (to be defined for this event before registration opens).
Schedule	Sunday, October 30 10:00 Classic: am - 3:00 pm
Volunteers	Event David Rager [13] Director: Event Reiko Rager [14] Director:



Event [Mike Manteuffel \[15\]](#)
Director:
Course [Joe Barrett \[16\]](#)
Designer:
Course [Sydney Dixon \[17\]](#)
Designer:

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