

Hello Odyssey AR Ogaine competitors,

I would like to welcome you all to Odyssey Adventure Racing 4th Orienteering meet outside of having it in an adventure race. I hope you are doing well and excited about the event. I know we are! Thank you for registering. Before I sent out the newsletter about people need to sign up for us to hold the event we had 5 people registered; now we have 50. Thank you!

We feel fortunate to be able to hold this event at beautiful Douthat State Park. We though this event would give adventure racers an opportunity to practice their navigation skills in an adventure race setting. We are achieving this by having 1:24,000 scale maps, and plotting your own UTM's while you are tired and under a time limit.

In an effort to get more people to the event and outdoors, we will be allowing GPS in this year's AR Ogaines. They will be in their own divisions. We will ask at check in what division you would like to be in. There is no excuse now for your friend not to come. Most smart phones have a GPS and compass app. they can use. Help spread the word! Online registration is open until Wed. 3rd and same day registration is available.

GPS users will have to set their devices to location: ConUS, Map Datum: NAD 27 and UTM coordinates. With the GPS configured in this manner, they will be able to use the UTM coordinates that will be given out.

The orienteering course for the 24 hr participants will be divided into 4 zones. There will be a different number of points, different total point value and different time limit in each zone. With that being said I want explain the time limit in each zone.

For example **Zone 1** may have a time limit of **6.5 hrs**, **Zone 2** a time limit of **5hrs**, **Zone 3** a time limit of **6hrs**, and **Zone 4** a time limit of **6.5hrs**. You check in and you draw out of a hat sequence Zone 2,4,1,3. You will get your UTM's and passport (punch card) for Zone 2 five minutes before 1600(4:00pm). All Zones open at 1600(4:00pm). You will have 5 hrs to get as many points as possible in Zone 2. You will have to be back to HQ from Zone 2 by 2100(9:00pm). You will turn in your passport (punch card) for that Zone and will be handed the UTM's and passport (punch card) for Zone 4. If you come in early, lets say 4hrs, that would give you an extra hour in your next zone- 7.5 hrs in Zone 4. Zone 4 would still close at 0330(3:30am). If you are not in by the actual time the zone closes you will be penalized 10 points for every minute you are late.

The orienteering course for the 8 hr participants will be divided into 2 zones. There will be a different number of points, different total point value and different time limit in each zone. The 8 hr course will be run the same as above. But your zone times and closers will be different.

The maps we will be providing will be waterproof maps made by MyTopo.com and are 1:24,000 scale with the UTM grid lines drawn on the maps. We will have tables setup inside for plotting. You will be able to go back to you vehicle to restock our food and water. There will not be a gear check, but the items on the gear list is for you safety and are required for you to have them on you at all times. We will be taking cell numbers at check in. Below is the schedule.

### **24 Hour AR-O**

Saturday, November 6, 2010

Check In: 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Race Brief: 3:30pm

Hand out UTMs : 3:55pm

Race Start: 4:00pm

Sunday, November 7

Race Finish: 4:00pm

\* Post race meal will be available at 3:30pm \*

### **8 Hour AR-O**

Sunday, November 7, 2010

Check In: 6:30am - 7:30am

Race Brief: 7:30am

Race Start: 8:00am

Hand out UTMs : 7:55am

Race Finish: 4:00pm

\* Post race meal will be available at 3:30pm \*

If you were unable to fill out your forms online, they will be available at check in.

There is a \$3/day parking fee at Douthat State Park. You can get the parking pass at the office or and small guard house before you get to the office. Be sure to get the parking pass or there is a \$25 fine that will be enforced.

The weather can be unpredictable. One year it was avg. temps high 60's and low 40's and another year it was in the 30's windy, cold and snowing. So bring plenty of warm clothes and be prepared for anything. You are the first form of emergence personal in the woods. It may take time to get to you if there is an accident. Be smart!

I will be out of the office a few days before the event. I will not be available via email and limited cell coverage. If you have any questions that have to be answered before Saturday I can be reached by my cell phone 540-444-4422.

I hope everyone has a safe trip and we look forward to seeing you all.

Thank you,

Ronny and the Odyssey Staff