

GRITS'2004 – Gold Rush in the South

2004 USOF Convention, A-Meets, and More

June 26 - July 4, 2004



Truett-McConnell College, Cleveland, GA, USA

ABOUT THE EVENT

GRITS'2004 offers nine action-packed days of orienteering activities sponsored by the Georgia Orienteering Club and the Carolina Orienteering Klubb, all in the cool Blue Ridge Mountains of Western NC, and North GA.

Pre-Convention Activities, sponsored by COK, feature the Blue Ridge Challenge A-Meet at DuPont State Forest, NC; Mountain Bike-O at DuPont State Forest, NC; and a Car-O from NC to the convention site in GA.

Convention Activities, sponsored by COK/GAOC, include orienteering workshops, fun activities, entertainment, USOF board meetings, plus optional events* (Bubba Goat, Park-O, US Trail-O) and special sessions* (mapping clinic, Junior Camp, Kids Camp). * Additional charge applies.

Post-Convention Activities, sponsored by GAOC, include the Georgia Navigator Cup A-Meet at Smithgall Woods, GA, home of the historic Hamby Ditch, built in 1870 during the great Gold Rush in the South.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

Pre-Convention Activities – DuPont State Forest, NC	
Jun 26	Blue Ridge Challenge A-Meet (COK)
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Jun 28	Mt. Bike-O (COK)
Jun 28	Car-O (COK/GAOC)
Convention Activities – Cleveland, GA	
Jun 28	Orientation after dinner
Jun 29	Special Sessions Workshops US Trail-O Champs Fun-O
Jun 30	Optional Recreational Activities (Day Off)
Jul 1	Bubba Goat Special Sessions Workshops Vampire-O
Jul 2	Park-O Special Sessions Workshops USOF Annual General Meeting
Post-Convention Activities – Smithgall Woods, GA	
Jul 3	GA Navigator Cup A-Meet (GAOC)
Jul 4	GA Navigator Cup A-Meet (GAOC)

LODGING AND CAMPING

Truett-McConnell College (TMAC), located in Cleveland, GA, serves as the host facility for the USOF Convention. Dorm rooms and meal packages are available, if reserved by April 15. Specific to TMAC:

- \$50 deposit for each room key requested is required - please write a separate check for each key, which will be given back to you at checkout.
- Juniors and Kids must have an accompanying adult and be supervised when not in scheduled classes.
- Children under 5 years old may share a parent's cot and meals at no additional charge.
- No smoking in any TMAC facility; no alcohol permitted on campus.
- Linens are not provided.

Hotels and Camping are listed under lodging on www.usof2004.org and:

- www.helenga.org for Cleveland or Helen, GA
- www.historichendersonville.org for Hendersonville, NC

DIRECTIONS

TMAC is approximately 1.5 hours from the Atlanta airport. Go I-85 north, I-985 north, exit 24, follow GA 129 north to Cleveland. At the court square, turn right on E Kytile, go 0.8 miles, turn left on Alumni Drive, student center is on right. For other directions, see travel info at www.usof2004.org.

REGISTRATION

Please use the GRITS'2004 combination registration form for any or all events. Make check payable to the Georgia Orienteering Club and mail check and registration form to:
Robin Shannonhouse / Attn: GRITS'2004
P.O. Box 1444, Forest Park, GA 30298
Email: Grits2004@gaorienteering.org
Phone: (404) 363-2110

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan 1	Registration opens
Apr 3	Early registration closes at midnight
Apr 15	TMAC dorms not guaranteed after this date
May 31	Registration closes
Jun 25	Registration packets available at COK A-Meet
Jun 28	Registration packets available at TMAC
Jun 28	Orientation after dinner

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Part F: Course / Class Information

A-Meet Course/Class

Courses have color name designations. Classes are by gender (M for male, F for female) and age as of Dec 31, 2004. M or F classes followed by course color are competitive non-age specific.

White	Yellow	Orange	Brown	Green	Red	Blue
F-10	F-14	F-16	F-18	F-20	F-21+	M-21+
F-12	M-14	M-16	F55+	F35+	M-20	
M-10	Gr-Yellow	F-Orange	F60+	F40+	M35+	
M-12	F-Yellow	M-Orange	F65+	F45+	M40+	
Gr-White	M-Yellow	Gr-Orange	F70+	F50+	M45+	
M/F-White			M65+	M-18	M-Red	
			M70+	M50+		
			F-Brown	M55+		
			M-Brown	M60+		
				F-Green		
				M-Green		

Mountain Bike-O Course/Class

Courses are beginner, intermediate, and advanced. Classes are M or F age 20 and above, or 19 years old and younger.

Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced
M-20+	M-20+	M-20+
F-20+	F-20+	F-20+
M19-	M19-	M19-
F19-	F19-	F19-

Trail-O Course/Class

One course, two classes: Paralympic or Open.

Park-O Course/Class

One course, two classes: Male or Female.

Bubba Goat Course/Class

One course, two classes: Long Option or Short Option.

Part G: Waivers

I, the undersigned, know that Orienteering, as an outdoor action sport carries significant risk of personal injury. I know that there are natural and man-made hazards, environmental conditions, and risks, which, in combination with my action, can cause me serious, or possibly even fatal, injury. I agree that I, as a participant, must take an active role in understanding and accepting these risks, conditions, and hazards. I also agree that I, and not the organizers and officials of this event, the Georgia Orienteering Club, the Carolina Orienteering Klubb, the US Orienteering Federation, the land owners or managers, or any sponsors, am responsible for my safety while I participate in this event.

Truett-McConnell Waiver

If I am staying at Truett-McConnell College, I agree to return the room key or forfeit my \$50 key deposit. I also understand that the college requires supervision of all children ages 18 and younger, and that I am responsible for any children I bring and/or sign waivers for, and that when the children are not in enrolled classes, I am obligated to provide supervision. I will honor the college's policies of no alcohol on campus and no smoking in buildings.

DuPont State Forest Waiver

If I am participating at events held in DuPont State Forest, I the undersigned, being of lawful age, in consideration of being permitted to participate in this orienteering event, do for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, hereby release and forever discharges the State of North Carolina, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Division of Forest Resources, and their officers and employees, their heirs, administrators, and executors of and from any and every claim, demand, action or right of action, or whatever kind of nature, either in law or in equity arising from or by reason of any bodily injury or personal injuries known or unknown, death and/or property damage resulting or to result from any accident which may occur as a result of participation in activities on the forest, or any activities in connection with that use, whether by negligence or not.

Name (please print) _____ Signature _____

Parent or guardian must sign if entrant is under 18 _____ Date: _____