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From: Senior Marine Instructor
To: Distibution List

SUBJ: 13TH ANNUAL DUCK ISLAND ORIENTEERING MEET LETTER OF INSTRUCTION (LOI)

Encl: (1) Entry Form
(2) Map of Local Kingsport Area

1. The 13th annual Duck Island Orienteering Meet, co-hosted by Daniel Boone MCJROTC, David Crockett NJROTC, and Volunteer NJROTC will be run at Warriors Path State Park in Kingsport, Tennessee on Saturday, 26 September 2026. The competition is designed to hone general orienteering skills and foster camaraderie, physical fitness, and relationship building with other units in the area.

a. This is a beginner's course and is intended for first-year JROTC cadets only. Upper classmen who are in their first year of JROTC are considered eligible to compete.

b. Instructors should insure their participants are aware of the physical requirements for participation in this event and that their cadets fully understand the information in this LOI.

c. Timeline:

0800 – Registration begins (**Duck Island Shelter #3**). Instructors will complete payment, verify their cadet rosters, and be provided course punch cards for their competing cadets
0900 – Competition begins
1300 – Awards ceremony

2. **Competition**

a. The competition will be run on one course, with 4 categories of competitors:

(1) Individual Male
(2) Individual Female
(3) 3-Person Team, Male
(4) 3-Person Team, Female

b. Participants will run a course of 12 to 18 checkpoints on an individual basis. Each competitor is "on his/her own" to complete the required number of checkpoints as quickly as possible. Checkpoints must be found in consecutive order; each missed / mismarked checkpoint will result in a 15 minute time penalty to that cadet's run time. Runners with three or more checkpoint errors will be disqualified (DQ) from the event.

c. A "Team" will be comprised of the three (3) fastest runners from each JROTC Unit, not including DQ runners, whose times will be added together to determine their team placement. Each Unit will be allowed one (1) Male and one (1) Female team.

3. **Cadet Conduct**. JROTC standards of conduct are a cut above those normally required of high school students. Military courtesies will be followed at all times. This is a school event; student regulations specific to each school are applicable at the meet as they would be on campus.

Cadets found moving course markers, helping fellow cadets (emergency situations excepted), or involved in other activities that can be defined as cheating will be DQ'd immediately

4. **Safety**

a. A Training Time Out (TTO) will be initiated as required, but it will not interfere with the running of the course. If absolutely necessary, the competition will be suspended or terminated when it is in the best interests of all participants.

b. Each runner should have a whistle in case he/she gets lost, disoriented, or injured.

c. Runners should ensure they are properly dressed to reduce cuts and scratches from underbrush and foliage.

d. Runners are advised to leave the wildlife alone.

e. Medical assistance will be available on site for minor cuts and bruises. More serious injuries will be handled by emergency medical personnel through 911.

5. **Course Conduct**

a. Starting Line. Beginning promptly at 0900, runners will be started every two minutes, alternating JROTC Units. Failure to arrive at the start point on time will result in a 5 minute penalty added to the runner's time. Each runner will be handed a map at the start point 30 seconds before his/her designated start time.

b. Runners must complete the course as shown on the map, locating control markers in sequential order from start to finish, in the fastest time possible. Participants must observe proper care when punching their course cards. Mis-punched cards are considered as "not being punched" and will result in a time penalty of 15 (fifteen) minutes for each punching error. Runners are allowed 2 (two) mis-punched controls before being DQ. Missing/mis-punched/incorrectly punching more than two (2) controls will result in DQ.

c. Providing any assistance to or pointing out control locations to other runners/teammates is cause for DQ as is locating and punching controls out of sequence. Using any equipment or device other than a compass and map and personal skills to complete the course will result in DQ. Daniel Boone, David Crockett, and Volunteer cadets will be stationed throughout the course to monitor runners.

d. A runner's course time ends when he/she crosses the finish line and punches the scorecard in the time clock. A course official will score each runner's card for proper punches, time calculations, and official placements. Runners completing the course are not allowed to return to the course until all participants have completed the course. **Instructors/chaperones will be allowed to enter the course during the race to provide assistance only in the case of emergencies.**

6. **Penalties**

a. Any cheating infraction as defined in paragraph 3 above, or violation of the cadet code of conduct will result in a cadet's DQ.

b. Punch card errors will result in a 15-minute time penalty for each error. Three or more punch card errors will result in a cadet's DQ.

7. **Protests**. All protests must be made by the JROTC Instructor(s) to Major Sessis. Protests must be for rules violations, course discrepancies, scoring errors, and/or general Orienteering procedures. All protests will be resolved in the best interest of the Cadet(s).

8. **Awards Ceremony**. After all participants have completed the course and all punch cards have been tabulated the awards ceremony will take place. The following awards will be presented:

(1) Males Category: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Medals
(2) Female Category: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Medals
(3) Team Category:
    (a) Male- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Trophies
    (b) Female- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Trophies

9. **Food**. Hot Dogs, sodas, water, chips and associated condiments will be available for everyone at no charge.

10. **Coordinating Instructions**

a. Runners will be provided a briefing prior to the start of the competition; however, it is the responsibility of the unit's instructor staff to train and prepare their cadets for the competition.

b. **Instructors will**:

(1) complete and submit the entry form via email to Daniel Boone MCJROTC (majorsessis@gmail.com) **no later than Friday, 18 September 2026**.

(2) **open the hyperlink below to register your cadets. I**n order to expedite the registration process **this must be completed no later than Wednesday 16 September 2026**, in A final check of competing cadets will be made at Registration.

11. **POC**: Major Steven Sessis, majorsessis@gmail.com

Duck Island Orienteering Meet Entry Form

Entry Fee: $10.00 per person, collected at registration.
- **Cash**
- **School check (made payable to Volunteer High School NJROTC)**
- **no individual/personal checks)**

Date: _____

High School/JROTC Unit Name:_____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:**_____ **Zip**_____

POC: _____

School Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:**_____

Email:_____

Instructor(s) Name(s):_____

Number of Runners/Participants
(Best realistic guess for planning purposes)

Return Entry Form to: majorsessis@gmail.com

Enclosure (1)

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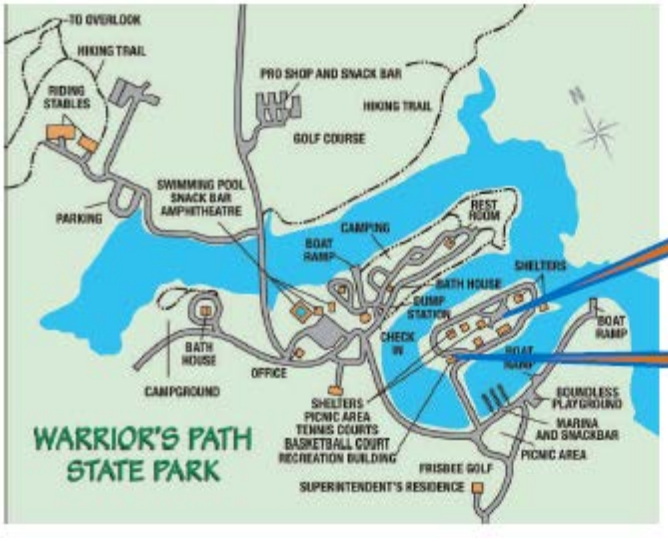
Enclosure (4)

Directions:

From Interstate 81, take exit 59. Travel north on Route 36 and turn right on Hemlock Road and continue to the park entrance. Follow the main road to the lake and turn left onto Duck Island. Parking is available on Duck Island.