

Orienteering at Hurd State Park in East Hampton, Connecticut April 26th & 27th

Our April Orienteering trip is at Hurd State Park in East Hampton, Ct. We will be meeting at the Church Saturday afternoon at 1pm April 26th to leave for Hurd State Park. We will be camping at Hurd State Park Saturday evening. Do it yourself courses will be available Saturday with New England Orienteering Club. Scouts will have preferential registration Sunday morning starting at 9am. This trip will be Patrol cooking. For the new scouts (parents) please see Mr. Maneeley or Mr. Jennings and we will explain to you how this is done. We will be returning to church Sunday about 3pm. We will have the scouts call home when we are close to arriving back at the church.

This is a great trip for the scouts. Troop 880 has been participating for a numbers of years now. This program teaches a skill that is essential when hiking and on camping trips. Boy Scouts can complete First Class requirement #2 (orienteering) as well as many requirements for the "Orienteering" Merit Badge. The New England Orienteering Club hosts this competition and training program. The following is the club's website if anyone is interested in their program <http://www.newenglandorienteering.org/sched.htm> The program will consist of Orienteering skill development, field practice with NEOC guides, tiered competition for Scouts and Scout Leaders on Sunday. Saturday's program will emphasize skill development, training, and practice. Scouts (and adults) will be able to learn orienteering skills such that they will be able to orientate through the woods on their own. An expert guide from the New England Orienteering Club (NEOC) will be available to help scouts learn skills and pass badge requirements.