Orienteering Preparations.

The Scout Motto is "Be Prepared". This means thinking ahead, reviewing planned activities, anticipating problems, and taking action to ensure success and address potential problems.

This is an orienteering event. A compass will be used to navigate a course that is at least 2000 meters over natural terrain (the actual course is about a mile and a half). This event is taking place in Central Illinois. There are natural hazards to consider such as, insects, poisonous plants, high heat, humidity and thunder storms. You WILL encounter **poison ivy** and **ticks** on this course. These are discussed in the Orienteering Handbook.

To ensure success you will need a compass and maps. Maps will be provided, compasses will not. So, you will need to bring a compass. The rectangular Silva style compasses are best for this activity.

To address potential problems you will need the right clothing and supplies. What do you think the right clothing and supplies are?

Mandatory equipment:

- Compass (Yes, you need a compass.)
- Sturdy Shoes / Boots
- Long Pants
- Water

Optional stuff:

- Hat
- Sun Block
- Bug dope
- Rain Gear (like a Poncho)

What else do you think that you may want to bring?

Participation in this event will NOT satisfy all of the requirements for the Orienteering Merit Badge. However, it will complete all of the requirements except for #7, 9 & 10.

It will satisfy the cross country requirement for #7a. Remember, requirement #7b is to write a report for each of the three orienteering events completed in #7a.

If the scout wishes to complete the requirement for #9 & 10, he will need to discuss this in advance with the Orienteering Counselor. Only 2 scouts may apply for requirements #9 & 10 (one in the morning session and one in the afternoon). These 2 scouts must have completed at least one other prior orienteering event.

Also; 2nd Class requirement 1a, or 1st Class requirements 1 & 2 may be completed at this time.

The Orienteering Merit badge will be offered RAIN or SHINE, once in the morning and once in the afternoon.