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Discover Orienteering Event at Indian Camp Creek Park

St. Charles County, Missouri – Do you love the outdoors, exploring, and map reading...then Orienteering is for you! For the first time ever, the St. Charles County Parks Department is partnering with the St. Louis Orienteering Club (SLOC) for an orienteering event in a park. Orienteering begins at 1 p.m., Sunday, April 29, at Indian Camp Creek Park, 2679 Dietrich Rd., off Highway 61, north of Wentzville. The event is only \$5 per person to participate and children under 10 are free! Orienteering is a sport for everyone, regardless of age or experience. Whether walking or running, orienteering involves endurance, ingenuity, and decision making.

Orienteering is the sport of navigating through an unfamiliar area using a map and perhaps a compass. The object is to make your way through a series of points identified on a map and return to the finish line in the shortest amount of time as possible. The route of your journey is up to you. At each marked point, you will find an orange and white "control" marker and a unique punch so you can punch your card to prove that you've found the control. At Indian Camp Creek Park, you will be using an aerial photograph map showing its extensive trail network. Control markers will be located mostly on trails and other prominent features throughout the park.

Participants may choose to orienteer alone or in a group. This will be a "score" event which means that many control markers will be placed throughout the park and each will have a different point value based on how difficult it is to find. The goal is to visit as many locations as possible within a certain period of time in order to obtain the most points. There will be two courses to choose from – short and long. The short course will be 45 minutes and the long more challenging course will be one hour 30 minutes. Your final score will be calculated at the conclusion of the event. Members of SLOC will be giving beginner instruction before each session and answering questions.

The St. Louis Orienteering Club is a non-profit organization that teaches the sport of orienteering in the surrounding area. Since the organization formed nearly 40 years ago, the sport of orienteering has gained popularity in the area.



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Anyone interested in participating in the Indian Camp Creek Park Orienteering event, should register online at www.stccparks.org, or contact the St. Charles County Parks Department at 636.949.7535.

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