



Central New York Orienteering

33rd Annual Scout-O

Highland Forest County Park, Fabius
November 7-8, 2026

For the 33rd year in a row, the Central New York Orienteering Club is offering an opportunity for Scouts and other youth groups to learn and practice the art of using a map and compass. Our popular two week format centers around the main event on November 7-8 with guided hikes on the 7th and a patrol competition on the 8th. For those wanting more flexibility, guided hikes will be available for beginners by appointment, and self-serve map hikes will be available for experienced groups, all during the two weeks of November 1-14.

Guided hikes: CNYO offers private instruction for youth groups and their leaders on two basic courses. These assisted hikes will be available by appointment from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM on November 7th or by appointment on other dates starting November 1st. Meeting times and locations are prearranged, so choose a time slot when you register. CNYO members will teach:

- map orienting
- terrain features
- basic compass use
- map symbols
- route choice
- catching and safety features

Self-serve hikes: We offer three additional courses for groups to hike on their own starting November 1st. Groups may start between 8:30 AM and 1:30 PM and must be off the trail by 4 PM. Scout leaders must handle their own timing and monitoring. You must notify us of your plan so that we can appropriately maintain the courses through the 14th.

Cost: \$5.00 per youth. Event patches are available for the first 250 registrants. Maps are free if you print your own from our website after registering, or \$2.00 for two maps if you ask us to print them for you with 10-day advanced notice. Five different maps are available (2 beginner, 3 intermediate). Please print maps in color, actual size.

Camping: We will be offering primitive tent camping spots at the Cedars group camping area on the 6th and 7th (\$20 camping fee per troop).

Register: You must register as a troop/group. Parents and leaders need not register unless they want a patch, but all participants must complete a waiver. Registration information is available at <https://cnyorienteering.net/scout-o/>.

Directions: Take I-81 to the Tully exit. Follow Rt. 80 east for 10 miles, passing through Fabius, to the park entrance on the right. Follow the orange-and-white orienteering signs to the meet headquarters. The 2026 event is based at the pavilion below Pines Camp.

Volunteer: Opportunities are available for older, experienced scouts to lead map hikes.

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