

Tahoe 2-Day Orienteering Event

**at Burton Creek State Park, Tahoe City, CA
Saturday and Sunday, 29-30 June 2002**

Burton Creek State Park offers some of the most interesting orienteering terrain in Northern California. The terrain is significantly flatter than most California terrain and very runnable with only mild to moderate climbs that are ideal for our foot-O and cross country ski-O events. There are only a few small streams of which only one or two are active in June. Vegetation varies from meadowlike clearings covered with wildflowers, to pine forest, to brush and chaparral. There is no poison oak in this park. The density of rock features varies from sparse to moderate with boulders varying in size from 0.5 to 5 meters (typically 1 to 2 meters). The trail system ranges from moderate to relatively dense in the northeastern section of the park. The elevation is from about 6800 to 7100 feet.

The June climate is typically sunny with temperatures between 65 and 75 degrees F. The humidity is typically relatively low. Depending on the previous winter, there is a small chance that there will be small patches of snow on the ground.

A-Meet Courses and Classes

We will offer the standard white, yellow, orange, brown, green, red, and blue courses; and the standard USOF classes at this event. On Saturday, the brown, green, red, and blue courses will be short-course format while the white, yellow, and orange courses will be classic-distance format. On Sunday, all courses will be classic-distance format. All A-meet courses will have SportIdent electronic punching. Please indicate the number on your SportIdent finger stick when registering for this event. If you do not own a SportIdent finger stick, you can rent one for \$2 a day. The expected winning times are as follows:

Course	Saturday	Sunday
Blue	40 minutes*	75-80 minutes**
Red	30 minutes*	60-65 minutes**
Green	25 minutes*	50-55 minutes**
Brown	20 minutes*	45-50 minutes**
Orange	50-55 minutes**	50-55 minutes**
Yellow	35-40 minutes**	35-40 minutes**
White	25-30 minutes**	25-30 minutes**

* Short course (preliminary and chase)

** Classic distance

Recreational Courses

We will offer white and yellow recreational courses. These courses will be different on Saturday and Sunday. No preregistration is required for these courses. Entry fees are \$6 for each adult or the first adult in a group and \$2 for each additional adult. Juniors are half price. Registration opens at 9:30 A.M., beginner's clinics are offered between 9:30 and 10:30 A.M., and start times are available from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon. Electronic punching will not be used for these courses.

Map

The map scale is 1:10000, and its quality is considered to be quite good. The 5-meter contours are very reliable. Significant boulders are mapped, but when boulders are too numerous, the triangular boulder field symbol is used to simplify map reading. There are new unmapped logging tracks that we will try to map before the event. George Kirkov did the field checking and cartography in 1999 and 2000.

Hazzards and Safety

Probably your biggest hazzard is competing at an elevation of at least 6800'. To decrease the chances or effects of dehydration, start drinking water about one hour before your start and drink water at all water stops. If it is warm, it is all the more important to stay hydrated.

There are no rattlesnakes or poison oak in the area. Black bears are occasionally seen, but they're usually not aggressive. Be alert for mountain bikers. You must carry a whistle while competing. Free whistles are available.

Training

No formal training courses will be set up, but you can order training maps of Boreal, Northstar, and Spooner Lake for \$3 on your entry form. You can also order a map of Burton Creek for \$3.

Awards

Ribbons will be presented to the top three finishers in all classes for both days. The awards ceremony will begin around 3:00 P.M. on Saturday and 2:00 PM on Sunday.

Registration and Fees

Register by June 1, 2002, to avoid a late fee. No pre-registered entries will be accepted after June 15, 2002. Entries received with a postmark later than June 15 will be treated as day-of-event entries, which will be accepted for the A-meet but will not be assigned start times (start times will be given where vacancies occur during the event).

To register for the event, fill out the standard USOF entry form and mail it with a check (payable to BAOC) to the registrar (Steve Beuerman, 963F La Mesa Terrace, Sunnyvale, CA, 94086). For information, contact the registrar at 408-739-9376 or beuerman@ix.netcom.com.

Event fees

Postmarked by	Adult	Junior
By June 1, 2002	\$15	\$7
Between June 2 and June 15, 2002	\$20	\$12
Between June 16 and event day	\$25	\$17

Accommodations

Reserve early in Kings Beach, Tahoe City, or other North Lake Tahoe towns. For hotel and campground listings, see this event listing in the schedule at <http://www.baoc.org>.

Foreign Participants

Information about obtaining a visa for entry into the US can be found at http://travel.state.gov/visa_services.html. Foreign competitors can pay their entry fees at registration when they pick up their packets.

Schedule

June 1	Last day to enter A-meet without late fees
June 15	Last day for entry with pre-assigned start times.
June 28, 7-10 P.M.	Packet pickup available at headquarters hotel
June 29	Registration opens at 9:00 A.M. Classic-distance event (white, yellow, and orange courses) Short course event (brown, green, red, and blue courses) - Staggered starts for preliminary race begin at 10:00 A.M. - Afternoon chase starts begin at 1:00 P.M. - Awards presented at approximately 3:00 P.M.
June 30	Registration opens at 8:00 A.M. Classic distance event - Staggered starts begin at 8:00 A.M. - Awards presented at approximately 2:00 P.M.

Directions (good for San Francisco, Sacramento, and Reno airports)

Take I-80 to Truckee. Go south on Route 89 to Tahoe City. In Tahoe City, continue straight on Route 28, North Lake Boulevard. Go about 2 miles east toward Dollar Point. Turn left onto Fabian Way (there is a 7-11 store on the opposite side of the highway), turn right onto Village Road. Turn left at the third intersection onto Polaris Drive, go to the end of the street, and follow the signs to parking at the North Tahoe High School.