

Meet Director Notes

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Welcome back to Tyler State Park! We're glad to be back. Please be sure to read Stan's excellent course setter notes for information on the map and terrain. I'll stick to logistics.

Park Info

Directions to the park are on the NTOA website or pop it into Google Maps. Entrance fee is \$6 for adults; children 12 years and younger are free. School-sponsored groups should call the park at (903) 597-5338 to make arrangements.

Headquarters

As in years past, we'll be using the Northwoods Picnic Pavilion as meet headquarters. Follow NTOA signs to get there. Note that there's very limited parking at the pavilion itself; please follow directions to park in one of the nearby lots.

Pre-Registration

Pre-Registration at NTOA.com is still required for everyone. This minimizes the exposure that people have to each other during the check-in process, as we try to get through the pandemic as safely as possible. Masks are not required. Save time by downloading, printing and completing an NTOA participation waiver before you come to the event.

E-punch

Everyone now uses the e-punch system, including white and yellow courses, and recreational teams. When you register, you'll need to rent one if you don't have one of your own. Each runner/rec team is assigned an e-punch with a specific number. Once you check in and get your e-stick then make sure that you get the right one. This is especially true for schools, who may be picking up several e-punches. Never used one before? It's easy, and you can learn how at the beginner's clinic or by asking an NTOA member.

When you pick up a rental e-punch, you will be required to leave something such a drivers license or car keys to ensure that you don't forget to return it after running. Fee for lost e-punches is \$35.

Special note for Schools:

Please have NTOA waivers completed for each student (they require parental signature). Once you're checked in, you will be handed punch cards along with pre-printed labels with your runner's name on them. E-sticks will be handed to the commander and a list of names with their specific number on it. Make sure the right number goes to the right runner. The punch card is used for informational purposes only unless the e-punch system fails. Then use the punch card.

Schedule

See the website for latest schedule, which includes a BSA orienteering merit badge briefing as well as a beginner's clinic that's open to all.

Facilities

Toilets and showers are available at the bathhouse next to the lake, a few minutes' walk from HQ. (Swimming is permitted!) The nearby Park Store sells snacks, souvenirs and camping-related goods.

Looking forward to seeing you all –

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