



Navy Junior ROTC Unit

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From: Senior Naval Science Instructor, Ridgeview High School
To: Area 12 & 7 Area Units and other Jacksonville Area JROTC Units

Subj: FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM ORIENTEERING MEET LOI

Encl: (1) COVID Guidelines
(2) Registration Form
(3) Liability Release Form
(4) Safety Brief
(5) Directions

1. Ridgeview High School and the Florida Orienteering Club will host an orienteering meet at Florida Agricultural Museum, 7900 Old Kings Rd, Palm Coast, FL on **Saturday, 14 May**. The event will not be canceled for rain unless there is lightning. Instructors must give their cadets the attached Safety Brief. **All cadets must bring pack with water bottles or camelbak**, compasses, and whistles. Cell phones are encouraged, but may only be used if a cadet gets lost. The SI system with finger sticks will be used. First run will go at 0900. Be sure your cadets are at the starting line at least 10 minutes before their start time. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs, Chips, Cookies, and Soda or Water will be available **for \$6.50 per cadet**.

2. Teams consist of three to five cadets. All cadets who are competing must run alone. The scores of the top three finishers on each team are added together to determine the team score for trophy placement. **Medals will be awarded to the top scorer on every team.** Medals will also be awarded to the top three finishers on each course. Schools may enter as many teams as they desire. Courses consist of Yellow, Orange and Green. Yellow is restricted to cadets who are orienteering in their first year. Over all trophies, per Florida JROTC rules, will be computed by adding together the three top scores of your top Orange team x 1 and the three top scores of your top Green team x 1.5. Yellow team scores does not count towards trophies.

3. **Team Rosters with Last Name, First Name, Gender, Course, SI number, etc. are due NLT COB Tuesday, May 3rd and must be entered online with the following link:**

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1VaPOqAFdYA3uVuWjvGM969CxP5b74NpG_HCY8xeDCjA/edit?usp=sharing

4. Required smartphone preps for orienteering participants:

For safety and event management reasons, we request all participants and support staff get the following 2 apps installed and set up on their phones prior to coming to the orienteering event:

what3words



Incredibly useful app for conveying precise locations anywhere in the world using a 3-word address. Such addresses can be easily communicated via voice or text message, and can be fed into navigation apps like Waze and Google Maps to obtain turn-by-turn directions to the corresponding locations.

W3W Elevator pitch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNp-divt_50

We use this app for:

- Guiding participants to precise event locations - Get turn-by-turn directions to the exact pavilion or parking area where we will be staging.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IwK35EZt4Hs>
- Search & Rescue – A lost or injured runner can easily communicate their exact location to facilitate their retrieval. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Vqy2clupOc>

Livelox



App for recording your GPS track during your course which will overlay on your map when you're done. Allows us to track real-time runner locations during the event for safety and operational risk management. Review and debriefing based on the recorded tracks is also one of the best ways to train!

How to install and set up the app: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9OY8nzm6prk>

Very Respectfully,



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FLORIDA JROTC ORIENTEERING
Florida Agricultural Museum Meet
7900 Old Kings Rd, Palm Coast, FL
14 May 2022

School Name: _____

Service _____

*******REGISTRATION DEADLINE Monday 4 MAY*******
You must also register online at:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1VaPOqAFdYA3uVuWjvGM969CxP5b74NpG_HCY8xeDCjA/edit?usp=sharing

YELLOW:	Number of cadets	_____	X	\$14.00 = \$_____
ORANGE:	Number of cadets	_____	X	\$14.00 = \$_____
GREEN:	Number of cadets	_____	X	\$14.00 = \$_____
Finger Stick:	Total Number of Rental Sticks	_____	X	\$4.00 = \$_____
GRAND TOTAL:				\$_____

Make Checks Payable to: Ridgeview High School NJROTC

Please Mail to: Ridgeview H.S. NJROTC, 466 Madison Ave., Orange Park, FL 32065

(YOU MAY BRING THE CHECK WITH YOU AS LONG AS IT MATCHES THE GRAND TOTAL Amount.)

Point of Contact: LCDR Bob Peterson: LCdrPeterson@gmail.com

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ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT FUTURE ORIENTEERING EVENTS, PLEASE CONTACT THE FLORIDA ORIENTEERING JROTC COORDINATOR: jrotc@FloridaOrienteering.org

Enclosure (2)

AGREEMENT OF INDEMNITY

WHEREAS the Ridgeview High School NJROTC Unit, Orange Park, FL and the School Board of Clay County, Green Cove Springs, FL and Florida Agricultural Museum Palm Coast, FL and Florida Orienteering, Orlando, FL their instructors, employees, volunteers, and assigns hereinafter called Indemnities have agreed to sponsor an Orienteering Meet at Florida Agricultural Museum on May 14, 2022 and to permit

Name of NJROTC Cadet

to participate in said Orienteering Meet and to use various trails, wilderness areas, and facilities of Florida Agricultural Museum associated with this event

Name of Parent or Guardian

is desirous of holding indemnities free from any and all claims whatsoever arising out of the use of the above detailed facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the aforementioned action by Indemnities, the above named Parent or Guardian indemnifies indemnities and holds them, their agents, and instrumentalities, employees and successors harmless from any and all torts, claims, or liability, or other casualty, whatsoever to the above named cadet or to any other party, person or property, caused or occasioned by the use of any such facilities or equipment, negligence due to imperfection in said facilities or equipment, negligence of Indemnity, or other person or party, or for any other cause.

The action of the Indemnities in allowing the above named cadet to participate in the NJROTC Orienteering Meet and to use the facilities shall signify acceptance of this offer of indemnity.

It is also certified that the above named cadet is fully covered by a valid insurance policy for any and all injuries that could result from the activities and events of this Orienteering Meet.

Parent or Guardian Signature

SNSI/NSI Certification/Witness

Enclosure (3)

SAFETY BRIEFING: Florida Agricultural Museum

1. ORIENTATION: (Point out the direction of North)

- a. Landmarks include US Route 1 bordering the west side of map, US I-95 dividing the full map between east and west halves for the Green course map, while I-95 is the east border of the map for Yellow and Orange courses.
- b. Other layouts of the area include a local paved roadway bordering the south side of the map.

2. OBSTACLES:

- a. Thick brush and thorny vines exist in the area.
- b. Much of the ground is uneven and there are holes often obscured by leaves. There are fallen trees to cross or go around.
- c. Some debris and ruins exist as well as small depressions.
- d. Wet ground, damp vegetation and fallen trees are slippery. Step carefully.

3. FLORA AND FAUNA:

- a. Poison ivy is present on the ground and in “hairy” vines in the trees. It can cause harm despite appearing dry and dead.
- b. There are snakes here. If you avoid them they will normally avoid you.
- c. Ticks are a concern, but bees and wasps are active as well.
- d. Raccoons, deer, possums, rabbits, etc., also live here. Treat them with respect. In plain English: “Don’t mess with the critters!”

4. GROUND WATER:

- a. Not for drinking, bathing or swimming. All are hazardous to your health.

5. PANIC AZIMUTH: (Safety Bearing) WEST

- a. For the Yellow and Orange Courses: West to either buildings or the fence line.
- b. For the Green Course: For that portion of the course west of I-95, due west to either buildings or fence line. For that portion of the course east of I-95, due west to I-95, then to the land bridge crossing over I-95.

6. WEATHER: Dress appropriately for changing summer weather as rain may occur at any time.

7. IF LOST:

- a. Cell phones are encouraged. SNSI/NSI should give their cell number to all of their cadets in case they get lost. I would also recommend you get the cellphone numbers of all of your runners, in case they are late and you want to get a status from them.
- b. Cadets should give 3 short blasts on their whistle if lost. Continue repeating every 5 minutes until found. If you hear one long blast (someone looking for you) reply with 3 blasts so they can home in on you

Directions to Florida Agricultural Museum

Take I- 95 South from Jacksonville.

Take Exit 298 from I-95 to U.S. 1 South (Dixie Highway).

Go about 1.5 miles and turn left on to 7900 North Old Kings Road, Palm Coast, FL.

The museum will be on the left.