



North East Independent School District

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As of 17 October 2016

SUSPENSE: Wednesday, 11 January 2017

NEISD-JROTC

MEMORANDUM FOR: All JROTC Instructors in Bexar County Area

SUBJECT: **Bexar County JROTC Orienteering Championships, Thursday 19 January 2017**

1. You are invited to participate in the Third Annual Bexar County JROTC Orienteering Championships to be held at Camp Bullis, Texas on Thursday, 19 January 2017 beginning at 1:00 pm. The Bexar County Commissioners led by Commissioner Kevin Wolff, Precinct 3 and Navy veteran, along with representatives from, John Marshall High School Navy JROTC and North East Independent School District Army JROTC have organized, planned and will conduct this annual championship event for the 40 plus schools eligible to compete in military orienteering. All military services sponsored JROTC programs that are within Bexar County or those JROTC programs that have some part of their school district in Bexar County and those districts with JROTC programs that abut to Bexar County are eligible to compete.
2. The competition will be one (1) category with gender specific divisions: Male and Female (No mixed teams are allowed). All cadet participants must be familiar with how to use a compass, understand the concept of pace count and have a knowledge of basic map reading skills. The competition will be scored as a group/team event competition. Team size is four (4) cadets. Schools may enter as many gender specific teams as they desire. Teams members **must wear same style, color and type of uniform**, does not have to be a military style uniform but the four team members must be uniform in their respective clothing appearance. This includes hat (s) (if worn), shirt and trousers/shorts. The team must be uniform (look alike!). Each school can have different team uniforms as long as the four specific team members are dressed alike. **Team members uniformed (dressed alike) must start together, stay together on the course and finish together.** Again, Team member uniforms must be of the same style and color. If it is outwardly visible it will be the same or the team will not be allowed to start the course. Only exception is individual shoes or boots and individual water container. .
3. Competition Specifics:
 - a. **Electronic finger sticks** will be used along with traditional **paper punch score cards** to record contact at each course control point. Teams must punch the paper card and insert the finger stick at each control point.
 - b. Teams will receive/use a topographic or aerial photo map, with considerable time spent off trails over a variety of terrain. The control points are varied along with the terrain features.
 - c. Course length will be between three (3) and five (5) kilometers.
 - d. Each team **must/is required** to have a **compass, safety whistle** and a **watch** for monitoring time on the course. Each participant must have an **individual water container** (canteen, camel back or other form of durable refillable water container - Disposable plastic water bottles are prohibited due to the environmental clutter caused when persons empty the bottle and thoughtlessly discard the plastic bottle in the brush or along the trail they are traversing). **Teams will not be allowed to start the course without the required items.**

- e. Recommended equipment: Long pants and boots, rain gear just in case, small pack to keep your gear and bug repellent. Dress for the weather. We will be outside and don't want anyone uncomfortable.
- f. Teams members must stay in close proximity (approximately 5 yard radius) while negotiating the course. Teams found on the course not in compliance will be disqualified. Teams failing to finish with all four members of the team will be disqualified.

4. Competition Procedures: Teams must complete (**PRINT** team name and member names) the score card received at the event registration/control desk during check in. Teams must have members names completed, **printed** on scorecards, before reporting to the map tent. **Teams must also turn in their liability release forms (enclosure 2) for their participants at the control desk at check in.** Once teams reach the assembly area they will be organized by their gender division and lined up according to their starting sequence number found on the score card. When told to do so teams will move to their respective Map Tent where they will receive the course map. **ONLY MAPS ISSUED AT THE MAP TENT MAY BE USED!** The map will show the relative position of specific control points and the numerical (score) point value to be gained when finding the control point. The score card and finger sticks will be colored gendered specific for ease of administration. Teams will have 3 minutes to orient their map and receive a brief of the area from staff aided by an enlarged area map. Teams will move from the map tent directly to the starting line and prepare to start the course. **Coaches/Instructors will not and are not allowed at the map tent or start point. Coaches/Instructors are not allowed to give or render assistance to teams or team members after the team enters the assembly area. Any violation will lead to team disqualification. There is no Coach/Instructor contact with a team until the team has finished the course of competition.**

- a. The competition will have a 90 minute time limit for a team to complete the course. There will be a 10 point penalty for every minute or partial minute over 90 minutes.
- b. There will be a minimum of 3-minute interval between team start times. The only exception is that the teams are from the same school then every attempt will be made to separate teams by a 9-minute start interval if the number of entries allows.
- c. Teams departing the start point must do their own work and negotiate the control points in any order to accumulate the most score points and return to the finish line within the specific 90 minute time limit.

5. Entry Requirements: Coaches/Instructors who desire to enter a team(s) in the competition will complete the **SCHOOL REGISTRATION Form, Enclosure 1** and submit via FAX (210) 805-5350, or email to rlara@neisd.net an initial **team** count **NLT Wednesday, 11 January 2017** reporting the number of teams in each division, i.e., Male or Female, for a total number of cadets participating. **Remember there are no exception for the required team's size of four for this competition.** This count is essential in order that the correct number, score cards and maps are available. The **Entry Fee of \$5.00 per cadet** is due **no later than Wednesday, 11 January 2017.** Checks must be made payable to **NORTH EAST - JROTC** and mailed to DAI, NEISD, 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 402.03, San Antonio, Texas 78217. No refunds will be made after Friday, 13 January 2017. Each cadet participating in the competition must have a completed and signed, parental consent and liability release form, **Enclosure 2**, completed and turned in at the Registration Control Desk prior to competition.

6. **Awards:** The Bexar County Commissioner's Cup, which is a annual perpetual traveling trophy, will be awarded to the first place team in each division and individual medals will be awarded to the members of each winning team. The year, team name and individual team members names will be engraved on a plate and affixed to the trophy for posterity and record past winners of this prestigious event. The **AWARDS PRESENTATION Individual Medals, team plaques and the Commissioners Cup presentation will be made at the next scheduled Commissioners Court Meeting, held at the Bexar County Court House in Downtown, San Antonio.** Award recipients must be present in service uniform to receive their respective awards.
7. JROTC Boosters will have snacks and beverages for purchase at the event sight on Camp Bullis. Cadets are encouraged to bring cash for the snacks and beverages refreshments. Souvenir Orienteering T-Shirts will be on sale for \$10.00 each (CASH ONLY) at the event sight.
8. Final team registration will be made at the Registration Control Desk on the day of the competition. Once received at the Registration Control Desk, no changes will be allowed. Late entry fee of \$10.00 per cadet (paid in cash at the time) will be assessed if there are additional entries other than initially reported by FAX, mail or email you must be prepared to pay for the late entry fee when you check in at the Registration Control Desk.
9. All participants will depart for the competition site by motor vehicle convoy at 12:30 hours on event day from the Camp Bullis Operations main parking lot. Plan your travel to Camp Bullis so as to arrive, check in and complete registration with time to meet the 12:30 departure to the competition site.
10. Point Of Contact for this event is Sergeant Major Ramon Lara, Training and Operations, telephone (210) 407-0351, fax (210) 805-5350 or email: rlara@neisd.net

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High School JROTC programs eligible to participate:

Northside ISD	North East ISD	San Antonio ISD
Judson ISD	South San ISD	Texas Military Institute
Southwest ISD	Edgewood ISD	East Central ISD
Central Catholic H.S.	Cole H.S. (FSH)	Alamo Heights
Harlandale ISD	Southside ISD	Somerset ISD
Comal ISD	Boerne ISD	Schertz-Cibolo ISD
Medina Valley	New Braunfels ISD	

2017 BEXAR COUNTY JROTC ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Thursday, 19 January 2017

SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

(Completed Registration Form is due Wednesday, 11 January 2017)

SCHOOL _____ TELEPHONE _____
ADDRESS _____ FAX: _____
_____ EMAIL _____

Please print legibly

Number of FEMALE Teams _____

Number of MALE Teams _____

Team size is four (4) cadets

TOTAL # OF TEAMS = _____

Total # _____ **of Cadets X \$5.00 per Cadet = \$** _____

Make Checks payable to: NORTH EAST - JROTC

(Entry Fees are due Wednesday, 11 January 2017)

_____ **email:** _____
(Print name of JROTC Instructor/Coach/Sponsor)

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the rules and regulations set forth in the Letter of Instruction for the 2017 Bexar County JROTC Orienteering Championships and will ensure all military instructors, coaches, chaperones and parents from my school are knowledgeable, understand and will follow all competition rules.

(Signature of JROTC Instructor/Coach/Sponsor)

No refunds will be made after Friday, 13 January 2017. Late fee is \$10.00 (cash) per cadet on the day of the event.

Enclosure 1

2017 BEXAR COUNTY JROTC ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Liability Release Form

(Must be completed for each cadet and turned in at Event Control Desk on competition day)

Print Last Name, First and Middle Initial _____ has my permission to participate in the “2017 BEXAR COUNTY JROTC ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS, Thursday, 19 January 2017,” cohosted by the JROTC Departments, North East Independent School District and John Marshall High School, Northside Independent School District, San Antonio, Texas in cooperation with the Bexar County Commissioners.

The undersigned Parent/Guardian (hereinafter, “I”) understands that one or more teachers/chaperones will accompany the JROTC cadet to the competition, and that normal precautions will be taken in their interest for safety and well-being of each participant.

School districts are immune from liability except when property damage, personal injury or death is caused by a district employee’s negligent operation of a motor vehicle while performing district duties. As a result, and as a general rule, the District cannot pay for medical treatment for injuries resulting from activities not directly caused by a district employee’s use of a motor vehicle. In case of emergency, I give my approval and authorization for first-aid treatment and any medical treatment of the student named above (the “Student”) by local physicians and/or hospitals, including surgical procedures. I agree to accept responsibility for payment of all charges incurred during medical treatment. I give my approval and understand the Team Coach/School Sponsor or School Instructor is responsible for the medical evacuation of any injured cadet as necessary or required.

I hereby agree to release North East and Northside Independent School Districts, the Bexar County Commissioners and its trustees, employees, volunteers, competition sponsors and the United States Army Cadet Command (collectively, the “Indemnities”), and to indemnify and hold the indemnities harmless from, all claims, liabilities, and expenses, (including (a) claims made by the student named above after reaching the age of majority, and (b) claims for damages caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the indemnities) relating in any way to the student’s participation in the Bexar County JROTC Orienteering Championships identified herein.

This form must be signed and returned to the sponsor, teacher or administrator in charge of this group and turned into the Registration Control Desk on the competition day. No student will be permitted to participate in the competition who has not completed this form and returned it to the proper school personnel or who has altered the form in any way.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

Date

In case of emergency school district staff should contact:

Name

Relationship to Student

Phone Number

Name

Relationship to Student

Phone Number

School Name & Phone number: _____

Enclosure 2