

MVOC Orienteering at Eastwood MetroPark

Saturday, May 2, 2026

After a thirteen-year hiatus, MVOC proudly returned to Eastwood MetroPark for a beautiful, cool spring day of orienteering. The event welcomed **50 participants**, who quickly scattered through the park like ants at a cake convention. The field featured strong **JROTC representation from Belmont, Northmont, Tecumseh, and Wayne High Schools**, adding energy and friendly competition throughout the day.

Racers navigated a mix of challenging terrain, strategic route choices, and multiple creek crossings. The **Elite Commando division** proved especially competitive, with participants making tough navigation and time-management decisions under pressure.

Participants had up to **two hours** to complete the course of their choosing. A few competitors made self-inflicted, time-consuming poor route choices along the way, but everyone finished with smiles—and plenty of stories to share with fellow racers.

Division Results

White – Beginner Division

Winner: Amy Smith – *1:06:37*

Amy edged out her husband in a close finish, earning well-deserved bragging rights for the ride home.

Yellow – Novice Division

Winner: Sarah Curtis (Northmont HS) – *1:02:09*

The largest and most competitive field of the day was confidently claimed by Sarah.

Orange – Advanced Division

Winner: Mark Graham – *49:43*

Mark navigated efficiently to outpace a strong group of challengers.

Commando – Elite Division

Winner: Nate Smith – *48:25*

Nate delivered an impressive run, with four other elite competitors finishing close behind in a tightly packed field.

Thank You to Our Volunteers

This successful event would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our volunteers:

- **Scott Lefgren** – Event Director
- **Larry Berna** – Course Planning & Event Support
- **Alex Wick & Autumn** – Refreshments, Control Pickup & Event Support
- **Scott Seberwine** – Registration
- **Nate Smith and family** – Control Pickup
- **Seth Moore** – Course Vetting & Field Audit
- **Michael Berna & Matt Bond** – Training & Starts

Thank you to all participants, volunteers, and supporters for making this a great day of orienteering.

We look forward to seeing everyone again at the next MVOC event!

