



## **URBAN ORIENTEERING**

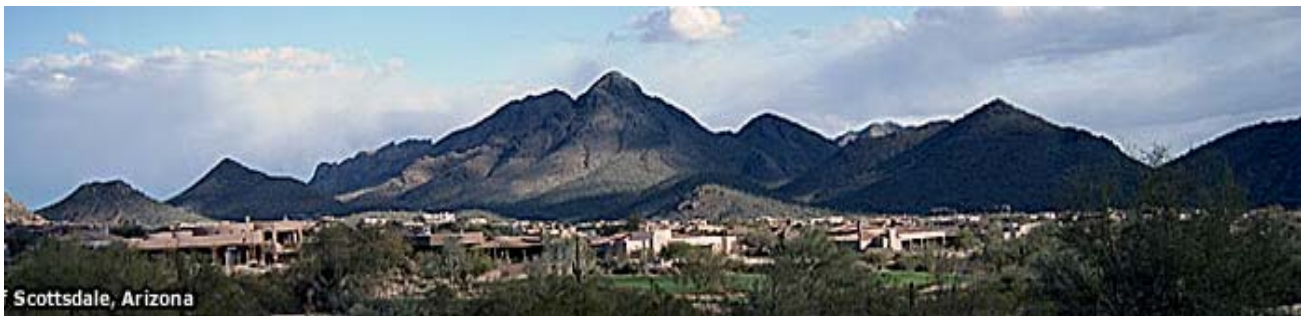
### **Let's become Modern Day Explorers...in the Big City**

You and your band of comrades will embark on a non-traditional orienteering course, discovering the city in a way that you never imagine. Your objective is to locate as many landmarks as possible. By "landmarks" we mean specific check points that we have identified. You will be using an orienteering map, clues, a compass, and a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit. We'll teach you the basic navigation skills. The rest is up to you.

Effective teamwork is an essential component for success. Your team of explorers will have to interpret the map, master new technology, strategize a course of action and execute. Your team success will not require any strenuous activity other than walking. Our urban orienteering simulation will challenge you to employ strategic thinking, planning processes and effective communication. You may also need to leverage your resources as your team may not have all it takes readily available.

#### **Global Positioning System (GPS) Navigation**

One of the biggest challenges facing corporations in the 21<sup>st</sup> century is learning to utilize new technology to gain a competitive advantage and increase operational efficiency. When we add GPS navigation technology to our Urban Orienteering, it forces the participants to learn, and then utilize a new technology quickly. Their teammates will be counting on their ability to do so!



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**SAMPLE TIMELINE**  
**Course beginning with a Vehicle Transfer**

Elapsed Time (hours)	Important Events
0.00	<p>Departing hotel/office. AOA escort(s) will be present at the hotel/office departure and will provide a cooler for each vehicle with iced drinks for the 15-20 minute drive into the city. On the drive there, the escort(s) will briefly explain the event while randomly distributing colored bandannas. The color of the bandanna indicates the team the recipient will be on. Attached to each bandanna is the name of a native animal. This animal indicates which skill station meeting the recipient will be attending when they depart the bus.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> If the client wishes to pre-assign teams, bandannas will be handed out as the participants board the bus. We do require a spreadsheet with names and team designations to be provided 15-days prior to the event.</p>
0.45	As the participants step off the bus they will be directed by AOA staff to look for, and gather around, the sign that matches the animal name attached to their bandanna.
0.55 – 1.10	Once all participants have gathered around their animal name, sign they will be informed that this is their skill station. Each skill station will be taught by a professional guide/facilitator and will be accompanied by a handout. There will be at least one member of each team in each skill station meeting. Each team member will typically learn only one skill (learning two skills may be required depending on the number of participants/teams) and will be required to hand in their skill station packets at the end of the skill learning period.
1.10 – 1.15	Once the skill-learning period is complete, the participants will be instructed to move to the sign matching their bandanna color. These will be their teams. An AOA facilitator will instruct each Team Manager to spend the next five minutes briefing their team about the rules, goals, scoring and concept of the game. They must also use this time to make an overall course strategy.
1.15	<p>At the sound of an air-horn, the groups will depart the Start area and move out onto the course.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Depending on the number of teams and the course, a facilitator may be present at each control point or navigate the course with the teams.</p>
1.15 - 3.00	Teams will be navigating the course.
2.45 – 3.00	Teams will be finishing the course. Snacks and beverages will be supplied at the finish line.
3.15 – 4.00	Return to the Hotel/office
<p>AWARDS CEREMONY (optional)</p> <p>Note: If the awards ceremony takes place immediately post event, it may cause the total event time to be 4 hours and 30 minutes.</p>	<p>Groups with less than 60 participants can begin their award ceremony 15 minutes after the last team finishes. This can be done in the desert before returning.</p> <p>Groups of 60+ participants can begin the awards ceremony not less than 30 minutes after the last team finishes.</p>