



The West Point Orienteering Team enjoyed another successful year, highlighted by capturing their fourth consecutive U.S. Intercollegiate Varsity Championships this spring in Wells State Park Massachusetts. Other events of note included; hosting the 26th annual orienteering meet out at Camp Buckner, training over a hundred scouts at their Boy Scout Orienteering Workshop, assisting the intramural orienteering program, and of course traveling to numerous orienteering meets.

Intercollegiate Champions

The cadet's three teams, Black, Gold, and Grey, swept the competition, and allowed West Point



USMA's 2006 Intercollegiate Champion Team

to retain its title as the Intercollegiate Orienteering Champions. USMA Black lead the team to victory by winning 1st place Varsity, and also winning the 1st place club competition. The team consisted of three members of the class of 2006, Brian

Shepard, Allen Griffith, and Nate Pritchard and two members of the class of 2007, Andrew Komm and Brad Hutchison. USMA Gold earned 2nd place Varsity with members Greg Hope class of 2006, and class of 2007 members Chelsea Cunningham, Matt Lensing, and Zach Taron. The USMA Grey team took 3rd place with team members from the class of 2006 Jim Perkins and Brian Boyles, and 2007 members Matt Sherburne, Sarah Klaben, and Alan Hastings. On the Junior Varsity side of the competition, USMA Red, consisting of class of 2008 member Chris

Beckwith, and class of 2009 members Neal Trump, Ben Bruder, and Paul Freeman captured the 1st place Junior Varsity Champion award. USMA Green team won 2nd place Junior Varsity Champion award with class of 2008 members Zach Furst, Adam Jannetti, Ben Scrivner, and Kyle Stilwell, and class of 2009 member Michelle Alderson.

Individual winners for the weekend were Chelsea Cunningham who won 3rd place female Varsity Champion, Michelle Alderson who captured the 1st place female Junior Varsity Champion award, Zach Furst who achieved the 1st place men's Junior Varsity Champion award, and Paul Freeman who won the 2nd place men's Junior Varsity Champion Award.

International Competitions

Though their effort and outstanding performance five cadets, Chelsea Cunningham (2007), Andrew Komm (2007), Sarah Klaben (2007), Matthew Sherburne (2007), and Zach Taron (2007) were selected to compete with U.S. National team at the 2006 World University Orienteering Championships in Košice Slovakia, 12 August – 20 August 2006.



The U.S. World University Orienteering Team

LTC Hendricks also traveled with the team as the head of the U. S. delegation. For Chelsea Cunningham (2007) this was the second international orienteering event of the year, as she traveled to Latvia in February to compete in the 2006 Ski Orienteering World Cup.

West Point Annual Orienteering Meet and Boy Scout Workshop



Orienteering across the Floating Footbridge

Last spring the team hosted the 26th Annual West Point Orienteering Meet May 6th and 7th 2006. Cadet Brian Shepard, the meet director, ensured the meet was a success. As an interesting twist the cadets erected, with the help of SFC Rouse the Engineer branch NCOIC, an aluminum foot bridge that was crossed by the competitors as part of their day two courses. The Department supported the event by printing the competition's maps in the Geographic Sciences Laboratory which saved money and allowed greater flexibility.

The cadets also hosted their second annual Boy Scout Orienteering Weekend Workshop May 22nd and 23rd. Cadet Kyle Stilwell planned and organized this event for the second year in a row and again received excited response from the scouts.

Upcoming year

This upcoming year promises to be another outstanding season. The team conducted a successful tryout at the beginning of the semester and picked a strong team of consisting of CDT Michelle Alderson ('09), CDT Christopher Beckwith ('08), Benjamin Bruder ('09), Paul Caston ('10), Jacob Cook ('07), CDT Chelsea



CDT Andrew Komm Finishing a Course

Cunningham ('07), CDT Aaron Fairman ('07), CDT Eric Flowers ('09), CDT Nickolaus Fuhrman ('10), CDT Zach Furst ('08), CDT Brad Hutchison ('07), CDT Daniel Keyser ('09), CDT Sarah Klaben ('07), Jonathan Knight ('07), CDT Andrew Komm ('07), CDT Matthew Lensing ('07), CDT Nicholas Lewis-walls ('10), CDT Zachary March ('10), CDT Heidi Miller ('09), CDT Aaron Palmer ('08), CDT Alex Reiter ('10), CDT Ben Scrivner ('08), CDT Matthew Scrivner ('10), CDT Matthew Sherburne ('07), CDT Shawn Soviak ('10), CDT Kyle Stilwell ('08), CDT Zach Taron ('07), CDT Neal Trump ('09), CDT Ruben Veliz ('10), CDT Joshua Wiley ('10).

The team is planning a full schedule of orienteering which includes the following major trips:

2006 Northeast Regional Championships, Cortland, NY, 22-23 Sep 2006, *Hudson Valley*

Orienteering Workshop, Harriman State Park, 30 Sep 2006, *2006 North American*

Championships, Milton, Canada, 6-9 Oct 2006, *Batona 500*, Hammonton, NJ, 11-12 Nov 2006,

Georgia Navigator Cup, Lithia Springs GA Feb '07, *Intercollegiate*, unknown location and date,

Boy Scout Orienteering Workshop, West Point, NY 14-15 Apr 2007, *West Point Annual*

Orienteering Meet, West Point, NY, 28-29 Apr 2007.

The following faculty members returned from last year to help out again with the team: LTC

Mike Hendricks (G&EnE), LTC(R) Richard Hoff (Chemistry and Life Science) and MAJ Chris

Oxendine (G&EnE). We are pleased to now also have with us MAJ Jon Campbell (Physics),

who was on the orienteering team as a cadet, and his wife MAJ Victoria Campbell (History). We

also have another returning member of the team helping out this year, MAJ Robyn Wood

(Math). Our group of Officer Representatives is rounded out with CPT Jeffery Sheehan

(Chemistry and Life Science)), new to the sport of orienteering, but eager to learn and help out.

We also are lucky to have assistance from LTC (R) Robert Turbyfill, who puts in a lot of hours traveling from Washington D.C to help with the team.