

What is the purpose of IMO?

IMO promotes family fun and good sportsmanship; heightens self-confidence and independence by developing the skills of orienteering; enhances mental and physical health through good outdoor exercise; and gives enjoyment and purpose for a rather expensive hay burner. IMO promotes the sport of mounted orienteering, encourages all phases of horsemanship, and, by sponsoring orienteering rides, provides a way to have fun in the great outdoors with horses, mules and ponies.

What is the object of IMO?

Before each ride, ride managers place five marker "plates" with the marker number and two or more letters on them in various locations on a course that is 12 to 20 miles long. The object is to use the map provided, a compass and clues to find the markers while riding a trusty steed. Competitors may ride individually or as a team of two or more. The person or team who finds all five markers in the least amount of time places first. Extra points are given to the first six competitors or teams finding all five markers in the least amount of time.

What if I don't want to be competitive or don't think I can ride the whole course?

At most rides there is a non-competitive short course. The short course covers less distance than the regular course and landmarks and markers are easier to identify and locate than those on the competitive route. Riders get two points for each marker found, but since it is not a timed course, no time points are awarded.

IMO can be fun for the strong competitor and for the person wanting a leisurely pleasure ride!!!

Is IMO hard to do?

Participation in IMO is fun and easy. After arriving at the ride site and registering, riders are given the landmarks and clues to find marker number 1. Every registered rider finds this marker, even if they have to be shown exactly where it is. It is not a timed station, but is awarded two points. At registration, competitors choose a start time. Riders are timed out from a designated start/stop area at staggered intervals, usually 15 minutes apart. The time starts when a competitor or first member of a team gets a map. Time stops when the competitor or last member of a team completing the ride returns to the designated start/stop area. A completed map is then shown to the ride manager to count the number of markers found.

The map used in IMO events is a topographical map. The marker locations are noted on the map with numbers 1 to 5 (A & B for the short course). These can be found in any order. Using the map, competitors locate the area of the marker. Clues on the back of the map describe two recognizable landmarks, and give compass degree bearings from or to them. The "X" made where the two bearing lines cross is where the marker can be found. After finding the marker, competitors write the letters on the marker under the corresponding number on the back of the map. This is how the ride managers know you have found the marker.

What do I need to participate?

Your horse, mule or pony must be at least three years old. It is a good idea to have them shod and in good condition. You will also need a compass with 1 or 2° increments and a pen or pencil to mark your map. Water for steed and rider, rake and shovel to clean up your parking area, weed-free hay, and a chair if you wish to sit are important. The ride flyer will tell what to bring for the after-ride potluck.

Like A Treasure Hunt on Horseback!

What does it cost to participate in IMO?

All riders must be members. A daily membership that includes the ride dues is available for \$20 per ride. Annual members pay \$15 in ride dues per ride. All riders 17 years and under pay \$5 per ride. Annual memberships are from January 1 through December 31, and cost \$20 for individuals or \$30 for a family (includes children under 21 who still live at home).

What are the advantages of being an Annual Member?

IMO annual members and their steeds earn points toward year-end awards, and lifetime accumulated points for medallions and merit-award jackets. Only Annual Members can host a ride. Year-end awards are given to the team, male, female, junior, and steed who earn the most points for the year; and to ride managers. Medallions are awarded to riders and steeds for lifetime accumulated points at various levels. A merit award jacket is given at 500-point intervals to active IMO annual members to thank them for their support.

Where can I get more information?

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idahomountedorienteering.com

CHECKLIST FOR IMO RIDES

Trusty Mount at least 3 years old
Saddle that fits both mount & rider
Bridle, saddle pad, saddle bags
Strong halter & lead rope
Extra cinch, pad, bridle & halter
Water barrel & water bucket
Certified noxious-weed-free hay & grain
Grooming tools & hoof pick
Horse blanket
First Aid Kit
Fly spray or wipe
Rake & shovel for after-ride cleanup
Towing rig & horse trailer

Rider seeking fun and adventure
Compass with 1 or 2° increments
Pen or pencil to mark the map
Page protector for map
Tent, truck camper or motor home
Weather-appropriate clothing
Extra weather-appropriate clothing
Helmet, hat, gloves
Extra shoes or boots
Personal grooming tools
Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Medications
Sunscreen, insect repellent
Glasses, Sunglasses
Towels & wash cloth
Water and other beverages
Food & snacks
Sugar, salt, pepper
Plates, cups, silverware
Cooking pans, coffee pot
Matches
Firewood, charcoal, grill, stove
Can opener
Lantern, flashlight, candles
Sleeping bag, blankets, pillow
Toilet paper, Tissues
Chair, table
Water bottles to pack on the ride
Cooler & ice
Binoculars, camera
Trash container
Food for the after-ride Potluck

2018 RIDE SCHEDULE

April 21

Training Ride

Sommer Camp Rd., Marsing
Lee, (208) 585-1721; & Exec. Committee

May 05

Cinco de Mayo

Birch Creek, Oreanna
Robin Peterson, 466-2220

May 19

Loc TBD

Snake River Plain, S. Idaho
Barry Peterson, 587-1211

June 02

TBD

Mountain Home area
Candy Farley, 587-4537; Andrea Day, 841-3810

June 23

Stacy Creek

Hitt Mountain, Weiser
Joanie & Bob Bergstrom, 467-5918

July 21

Loc TBD

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Christine S., 901-0853; Lee Z.; Laurajean Rispens, 896-5303

August 18

Hunter Creek

Deer Park, NE of Idaho City
Evelyn Peterson, 585-3948

September 08

Danskin

NW of Mountain Home
Rita & Darell Stewart, 870-3952

September 22

Aloha IMO 2018

Buckaroo Creek, Oreanna
Patricia Peterson, 459-2951

December 08

Awards Banquet

Locations are subject to change

Ride Flyers are posted on the web at
www.idahomountedorienteering.com



A timed, competitive equine sport that combines riding with map reading, compass use, direction-finding skills and clues to find five hidden plates.