

Meet Director Notes Hall-O-Ween with Harry! Harry S. Moss and Fair Oaks Park, Dallas Sat., Oct. 26 , 2024

Welcome back to one of our favorite haunts, the Halloween-themed **Hall-O-Ween with Harry** at Harry S. Moss Park in Dallas. Course Setter Stan Darnell has a full slate of courses with spooky, fun controls tucked away in our low-lying urban forest.

With its central location and lots of trails (as well as catching features in the form of roads), this is another venue that's quite beginner friendly. So, bring some friends!

This year we will have a costume contest. Come orienteer in your best disguise for the chance to win a gift card.

Some notes for you:

Registration: Online pre-registration is required. It's easy and free! That's how we determine how many maps to print and how many runners to prepare for. We do print some extras, but not a lot. First come, first served. Registration is open now. Be sure to download a waiver, fill it out and bring it with you – lines go faster that way! You can pay online via PayPal when you register, or by cash, check, CC and Zelle in person.

Event headquarters: The HQ is at the corner of Fair Oaks and Merriman Pkwy – so, please follow the directions on the website, and don't just Google your way to Harry Moss. Registration is here, and the Start/Finish can be reached by walking on the paved bike/running path underneath Fair Oaks. Please don't cross Fair Oaks at street level, as it's a busy road.

Parking: Cars may park along Merriman Parkway. Please don't park in the tennis center down the street, though. They will get mad. Buses may drop off students near the HQ area. Actual bus parking is in the school parking lot a couple of hundred meters southwest from the HQ area, just off of Fair Oaks Ave.

Watchouts: We share the park and its amenities with many other active people: Cyclists (road and mountain bike), runners, hikers and equestrians.

Be aware of cyclists on both the paved path and trails; move away from them while you're standing and planning a route.

People on horseback always have the right of way: Move to the side of a trail and let them pass, and do not sneak up on them from behind, for everyone's safety.

Vegetation: The weather is finally cooling off a bit, but not enough to affect poison ivy. It's still rampant. (Google it for an image.) If you're on a course that leaves the trail, keep an eye out for this pesky plant. When you are finished, change clothes right away

if you can and try not to touch your dirty ones. The oil can last for a long time and still give you a rash when you throw it in the laundry.

Finally, a big thank you to all of the volunteers who work tirelessly to bring about these events, including Conrad H.S. for volunteering as the assisting school.

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