

First Class Requirement #4a

“Using a map and compass, complete an orienteering course that covers at least one mile and requires measuring the height and/or width of designated items (tree, tower, canyon, ditch, etc.)”

The best way for scouts working on their First Class rank to complete this requirement is to participate in a beginning orienteering course at a Los Angeles Orienteering Club event. Please take a look at the Los Angeles Orienteering Club website at www.losangelesorienteering.org - on the website look under "Events" for the next **Point-to-Point O** or **Classic O** event. The LAOC offers monthly opportunities to complete a beginning-level (white or yellow) orienteering course at various locations around the Los Angeles area. Cost is less than \$15.

To use one of these events to satisfy the rank requirement, a scout needs to first discuss the proper use of map and compass with an Advancement Leader for First Class prior to the event, and then present the print-out (received upon course completion) and map, for a final discussion after the event.