**Orient Dash**

**ACTIVITY DETAILS**

**AGE**
8-12

**MATERIALS**
- Map
- Pinflags
- Compasses

**TIME**
30 minutes

**GOAL**
To learn to orient the map using a compass and the terrain

**INSTRUCTIONS**

**SET UP**
- Plan an activity with a centre point surrounded by several stations
- Print a map for each station
- Place a pinflag and a map at each station
- Place a compass at a few of the stations

**ACTIVITY**
- Gather all of the participants at the centre point
- Explain the concept of map orientation
- Explain how to orient the map with the terrain
- Explain how to orient the map with a compass
- Divide the participants into pairs
- One person from each pair will run from the centre point to a station. At stations that just have a map, participants must navigate the map using the terrain. At stations with a map and a compass, participants must orient the map using the compass
- Once a participant has successfully oriented the map he/she may run back and tag his/her partner
- The activity continues until both partners have visited all of the stations

Note: Post an adult or older junior at each station to make sure that participants are orienting their maps correctly