



Friends Messenger

SUMMER 2012

SUMMER PARK EVENTS

June 13th **Members' Picnic** (for FOCSP members)

June 18th **Kids Fishing Program**

June 21 -23 **Codorus Blast**

July 20 **Kids Fishing Program**

August 10 **Kids Fishing Program**

ONGOING EVENTS

As needed
Outpost) **Wood splitting and stacking by FOCSP** (for wood sales at

Wednesday
to Sunday **Gift Shop open**, 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Sundays **Lyric Band Concerts**, band shell; FOCSP sells snacks & drinks

Wed, Fri, Sun **Kayaking with Wildlife Watchers of Codorus**
Call Park Office for times and to register

Thursdays **Library along Lake Marburg for children**
10:00 to 11:00, classroom building on Marina Road

Fridays **Breakfast with the Bluebirds**, 9-10 a.m., meet at Visitors Center

Saturdays **Cool Critters in the Creek**, 3:30 to 5 p.m.
Scout Camp, park at camp entrance, Blue Hill Road

Saturdays **Wildlife Watchers of Codorus Pontoon Boat Program**
6 to 7:30 p.m., call Park Office to register

Saturdays **Nature Programs**, 7 -9 p.m., campground amphitheatre

Sundays **Kayaks & Black Iron Cooking**, 8 - 11 a.m.
Call Park Office to register

Manager's Report

Hello all. The season is here. My staff is very busy getting the park up and ready for our excited visitors. We have even been asked if the pool is open yet. Thanks to all the volunteers who came out for the Spring Cleanup. We got a lot done; lots of leaf raking. I enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt, lots of smiling faces. The Spring Fling was great with good food, great entertainment on the fiddle and lots of good fellowship. Hope you can be there next year.

Park Project Update:

Mill House = inside and outside stone walls have been worked on. We will be starting on a new roof in May.

New Doors = replaced old doors with new ones at the classroom building, boat house, and visitor center.

Tree Cutting = dangerous trees in the campground and the homes that border the park have been removed.

Rummel Barn Door & Old House = thanks to the Friends Group for helping to fund repairs to the barn door and the old house cleanup after demolition.

Dock Repairs = working on yearly repairs to the docks.

ADA Chair = working on new ADA chair and steps at the pool.

Dock Lighting Repair = 1 dock light replaced. Two parking lights being fixed.

Wildlife Update:

The osprey and the eagle are on their nests.

May 15th and 16th fish structures and rock structures were put in the lake for fish habitat.

All 3 martin bird boxes were cleaned, painted and put back in place(note- we need a volunteer to work on these boxes next year).

Red-bellied turtle study will be conducted again this summer.

Park Staff Update:

New DCNR Ranger Trainee, Stacy Colm is now on patrol in the park.

New Clerk Typist 1 Rodney Emlet is working at the park office.

Still interviewing for lifeguard supervisor and life guards.

Still interviewing for Maintenance Repairman II and DCNR Ranger Trainee.

Park Maintenance Supervisor, Bob Lesko, retired at the end of May.

Upcoming Events:

Swimming pool opened May 25th, at 11:00 a.m.

Codorus Blast = June 21st, 22nd, & 23rd

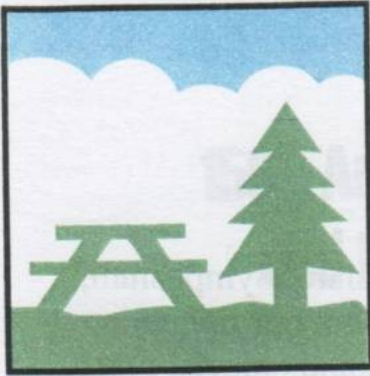
Civil War Weekend in the Campground = August 16th, 17th & 18th

Youth Waterfowl Day at the Band Shell = September 8th, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Halloween in the Park = October 25th & 26th

In closing I want to thank all you volunteers who pour your heart out for the park. Your dedicated service is greatly appreciated by me. A big thanks to everyone working on the Blast and Halloween in the Park programs. You have a very large task ahead of you. Oops, there goes the eagle over the lake! I need to help the guys get this grass cut. Well, see you at the park.

Warren



Members Annual Picnic

The annual members' picnic will be held on Thursday, June 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the classroom building (the round building at the end of Marina Road). The main course (probably hamburgers and hot dogs) will be provided, as well as beverages, plates, cups, napkins, and utensils. Please bring a covered dish to share. In addition to hearing an update on the park, we will also be discussing the Blast: volunteer needs, and the future of the Blast. We need all our members there! Please plan to attend to hear this important information!

RSVP to 451-3635. You can leave a message simply stating your name and how many will be attending, or leave your phone number if you need a return call.

Volunteers

Research has found that volunteering is a way to nurture one's emotional wellness and good health. Volunteering not only makes you feel better, it lowers depression, stress levels, and risk for disease. It has been found to even help you live longer.

Since the beginning of the year, 669.75 volunteer hours have been accumulated by the FOCSP, which means we must have some of the healthiest members around.

Let us help you stay healthy or become healthy, volunteer at Codorus State Park. Call 717-451-3635 and we will match you up with an activity that matches your time constraints, skill level, and interests. You benefit and so does the park.

THANK YOU

We have had a busy and successful spring. We started with Fishing Symposium, RV Show, and Builders' Show where we shared information about our upcoming events, and even gained a few new members. Then we relaxed and enjoyed great entertainment at the Spring Fling. Next came the Easter Egg Hunt with over 80 children attending! Now the Gift Shop and Outpost are open and doing well. And the woodcutters continue to work hard. Thank you to everyone who has helped with all of these activities. The Blast is quickly approaching and we need MANY volunteers for this! Please call me at 451-3635 or e-mail me at elynnnet@comcast.net to find out where you can help. Hope to see all of you at the Members' Picnic on June 13!

Lynne Thompson

TELL US YOUR IDEAS

If you have an idea, comment, concern, suggestion, complaint, or compliment about the Friends Group, please share it. Fill out the form below and send it to:

Friends of Codorus State Park
1066 Blooming Grove Road
Hanover, PA 17331



A suggestion box will also be located in the Gift Shop for members' use.
You can deposit your form there.
Only signed comments will be read.

I think _____

Signature: _____

Contact info.(optional, but necessary if you want a reply): _____



HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK

www.halloweeninthepark.org

FRI & SAT, OCT 25 & 26

6 - 10 PM

TRICK OR TREAT

6 - 8:30 PM



CAMPING RESERVATIONS have begun. Last year's campers have first opportunity to rebook the site they had last year. They have until June 1 to do so. As of June 15, the remaining sites will be available to anyone. Cost is \$75 for the weekend. Email hitpcodorus@gmail.com for reservation availability and details.

CANDY DONATIONS are needed. We are trying to help the campers deal with the increasing number of trick or treaters. If you can help with collection, contact us at the website. You can also drop off candy in the designated tub at the Visitor's Center during office hours.

SOUPS, BAKED GOODS, ETC. needed for the volunteers during set up week, from Mon, Oct 21 thru Fri, Oct 22 for lunches. Contact Suzanne Landis for details: 717-669-2779.

HAYRIDE DISPLAYS are being organized and we invite everyone to use their creativity to make one this year. It's a lot of fun! Not too scary please... also contact Suzanne Landis for details.

LEROY STILL NEEDS HELP! We still don't have anyone to organize Leroy, the Lake Monster's repairs from the hurricane last year. The community is really looking forward to seeing him out on the lake again, but without someone to head this project, that is unlikely. If you feel called to help with this special project, contact Kathy at 632-3283 or email at hitpcodorus@gmail.com.



HANOVER 250TH ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY PRIDE PARADE

Saturday, June 29 at 10 am



**ALL FOCSP VOLUNTEERS are invited to walk in the
Hanover 250th Anniversary Community Pride Parade on Sat, Jun 29 at 10 am.**

This parade celebrates the Hanover community and all it has to offer. So let's have a great show of numbers. We'll be representing the many different activities that go on here at Codorus Park. Call Kathy Bealing at 632-3283 or 476-1630 for details. (Parade route follows the Halloween Parade route starting at Wirt Ave and ending at the Guthrie Memorial Library.)



150th Anniversary of the Battle of Hanover and Civil War Living History Weekend

August 17 and 18, 2013

Held at Codorus State Park

PA Route 216

Hanover, PA 17331

Campground Amphitheater Area

Saturday - 9 am until dusk

Sunday - 9 am until 4 pm

Contact: www.hanoverreenactors.org

or (717)632-3825, (717)637-8371

FREE ADMISSION FOR SPECTATORS

REGISTRATION FOR REENACTORS IS \$5.00

Saturday

Camps open to the public	8:00
Speaker: Gen. R.E. Lee	10:00
Blacksmith Demonstration	11:00
Lunch	12:00
Battle/Skirmish	1:00
Medical Demonstration	2:00
Kids Enlistment/Battle	3:00
Dinner	5:00
Dance	6:30 to 8:00
Cannon night fire	8:30
Candlelight Walking Tour	8:30

Sunday

Camps open to the public	8:00
Civil War Church Service	10:00
Speaker: President Lincoln	11:00
Lunch	12:00
Battle/Skirmish	1:00
Medical Demonstration	2:00
Camps closed to the public	4:00



EASTER EGG HUNT

SPRING FLING



Habitat Project : Phase Two

Last year, a joint venture between the Friends of Codorus Lake Marburg Fish Advisory Committee, Gen On Energy (who supplied \$5,300 in grant money), and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission produced aquatic habitat structures that were placed in Lake Marburg. This year, Phase II of the project took place on May 15th and 16th.

Four members of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission came from the State College area along with various pieces of equipment. Along with the FOCSP Fish Advisory Committee and many community volunteers, two days were spent on the second phase of this project. The first day was spent placing rock piles near the shore line of the Hoff Road Launch, while the second day was spent building and placing more aquatic habitats, known as vertical plank structures, at selected points around the lake.

Those who fish the lake on a regular basis have already seen an increase in the size of their catch, since the structures are allowing smaller fish a place to hide from predators, as well as propagation areas.

The community has come together to help in many ways, but some area businesses have been exceedingly generous in their donations. York Building Materials (Collins Concrete), Hanover and the Outcast Bass Club donated 180 concreteblock, which were used to anchor the aquatic habitats. The hauling of the block to the lake was donated by F&S Yamaha, Hanover. Finch Services, Hanover donated the heavy equipment for both work days. 60 tons of rock were donated by Vulcan Materials, Hanover and the hauling was donated by KBS, Inc, Thomasville. The wood was obtained at Baummer Saw Mill, who delivered the wood free. Committee members donated countless days cutting the wood to specification, as well as hauling it to the park.

Successful projects like this are what can happen when a community joins together to make Lake Marburg a great place to fish.

HANOVEROPOLY

In support of Hanover's 250th Anniversary, the Future Business Leaders of America club at Southwestern High School, is producing a board game called Hanoveropoly. It will feature businesses and organizations in and around the Hanover area. The Friends of Codorus State Park is one of the organizations featured in the game. The game is expected to be ready by the end of June, and will be sold online as well as in various locations in Hanover, such as Dutch Days, Chili Cook-off, the Guthrie Library, and the Chamber of Commerce. Support our organization and community by buying a game!

BE A WOODCUTTER AND SAVE HANSEL AND GRETEL

Do you remember the story of Hansel and Gretel who were saved by a woodcutter? Well, we have our own version of that story! Our woodcutters "save" our campers (Hansel, Gretel, Tom, Harry, Mary, etc.) by providing them with wood for campfires. This dedicated group of volunteers meets weekly, even in some of the winter months, to cut, split, haul, and stack wood that is sold at the Outpost Camp Store. They need more people to help. All tools, safety gear (which is required by law), and instruction are provided. If you are willing to help, please contact us (451-3635 or friendsofcodorus@gmail.com).

SPECIAL OLYMPICS CAR WASH

The Adams County Special Olympics Kayaking Program is beginning a drive to raise money to install an E-Z Launch at Codorus State Park. The launch would allow disabled veterans and senior citizens access to the kayak program at Lake Marburg. The first fund raiser will be a car wash at the park on July 13, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. thru 1:00 p.m. Please come support this important cause. Look for the signs to find out where the car wash will be taking place. Direct any questions about the event to Karen Lippy at 717-451-5752.

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BLUEBIRD BOXES

Bluebird boxes, predrilled and ready to assemble are available at the Friends of Codorus State Park Gift Shop, as well at the Outpost in the campground. The cost is \$12 plus tax. Information on where and how to install them is available at the Park Office from the Environmental Education Specialist, Wendy Looker.