



friends-of-codorus.org

# FRIENDS MESSENGER

Fall , 2013

## Upcoming Events

Chili Cookoff, September 1st\*

Youth Waterfowl Day, September 8th

Charcoal Burn, September 14th & 15th\*  
Rummel Farm

Membership Meeting, September 26th  
Visitor's Center, 7:00 P.M.

***Donations of candy and/or doggie treats  
needed for Halloween in the Park activities***

Fall Park Clean -up, October 12th\*

Halloween in the Park, October 25th & 26th\*

Veteran's Day Remembrance, November

Thanksgiving Dinner, November 21st\*

**\*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

## Manager's Report

### Happy Summer, Everyone

It's been a very busy summer for the park this year. I would like to start off with the Codorus Blast. I'm humbled and very thankful for all the volunteers who came forward and made the festival a complete success. Our park rangers estimated we had over 30,000 people attend the event. We did not have any bad incidents and have received many good comments on the event. I'm gathering and listening to everyone's ideas for next year's event. The Friends' Board and I will have to have more meetings to discuss and determine the size and the type of event for next year.

The next big park program has been the pool. We have had a few days of over capacity crowds. With this hot weather everybody loves to swim. The park's kayak and pontoon programs have gotten larger and busier as the season progresses. A big thank you to the maintenance staff for grass mowing and trash removal. Rainy weather makes the grass grow all the time. The litter is driving me crazy. I have tried many, many ideas to get people to stop littering in the park. Any ideas on how to control it, please give me a call. A big thank you to our park rangers. When you see one, wave at them and make them smile.

### Park Staff Update:

New park maintenance supervisor, Dave Hoffman, has started at the park.

New Maintenance Repairman II, Pat Burns, has also started. His is an 8 1/2 month seasonal position.

New DCNR Ranger, Ed Page, will be attending the Municipal Police Academy in October.

New seasonal semiskilled labor positions are filled by David Walker and Tyler Ebert.

### Park Project Update:

We have a new expression in the park from Memorial Day to Labor Day. It's called "BMT", for Bathrooms, Mowing and Trash. It has been very busy work for the maintenance crews.

Mill House - A new roof has been installed. Plans are in progress for the ADA bathroom and regular bathroom.

Tree Work - The second phase of the hazardous tree removal has been finished in the park.

Storm Damage - Debris from storm damaged trees is being cleared as necessary.

Road Crack Repair - Additional tar crack repair work will be contracted out this summer.

Door Repair - Doors need to be replaced and/or repaired at the swimming pool, band shell, and classroom building.

Park Vista - Trees need to be cut back for a lake view.

Eagle Scout Projects:

Horse Trail Trimming - completed

New Foot Bridge on MaryAnn Furnace Trail - completed

Steps for Kayak Racks - on going

MaryAnn Furnace Trail work (signage) - on going

GPS Work for Park - on going

Wildlife Update:

The Osprey are on their nest with young ones ready to fly.

Reports indicate that fishing has been good. Bass fishing is improving each year. For more success, remember to go deeper as the water gets warmer.

The Red-bellied Turtle Study is in progress. Results will be shared in the next newsletter

The Blue Bird Nesting Program has been reported as going well.

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Park Thanksgiving Dinner - November 21st

In closing, it has been a busy, hot, and demanding season. For all my staff and our dedicated volunteers, you have made Codorus shine at its best. If you can give some time or get involved, we have a lot of decision making to be done. Help is needed to support your outstanding programs. As fall approaches we have lots of firewood to cut and split, so come on out and we can teach you how to be a lumberjack. Enjoy that ice tea because you will be drinking hot chocolate soon.

See you at the park, Warren

In memory of Beulah Larsen, life member, and extraordinary volunteer and Friend. We will miss you!

### **Memories - Happy and Sad**

Summer is fading, and along with it, many wonderful memories. The Blast was a great success, thanks to all your volunteer efforts. We could not put on such a popular event without your help - from collecting money at the gates, to helping promote our group at the Friends' tent, to picking up trash. So many of you helped "behind the scenes" too with putting up signs, set-up, tear-down, putting stuff away, and counting money, as well as many other jobs. Thanks to everyone who helped or attended the Blast, and I hope all of you will help again in 2014.

Wood and ice sales continue to be a major income producer at the campground. We can't thank the wood crew enough for the countless hours and gallons of sweat they give to this effort. We have such a dedicated group of people, but they could use more help. Please consider helping here.

Our mission is to assist in providing recreational and educational opportunities, so I need to thank all the faithful kayak guides, volunteers with the Library along the Lake program, and volunteers with the other recreational and educational programs that take place in the park. So many people give so much time, it boggles my mind!

The next event for which we need volunteers is the Hanover Chili Cook-off on September 1st. We provide trash pickup and in return the organizers give us a very nice donation to help with our mission. I will be contacting the people who helped with this in the past, but we need others. Please let me know if you would be able to help, even for just an hour.

Finally, I must end my remarks on a sad note. We lost a wonderful member and volunteer on May 20th, with the passing of Beulah Larsen, wife of Bob Larsen, vice-president of our Board of Directors. Beulah was a life member who gave countless hours of her time to the park. She helped in many ways, and could always be counted on to help when needed. We miss her greatly. A memorial fund has been established in her memory. We have received quite a few donations and are accepting more. The Board is looking at various ways to honor her volunteer efforts and interests.

Lynn Thompson

### **Codorus Blast, 2013**

Boats, dogs, and people filled Lake Marburg and the shoreline for the 2013 Codorus Blast: Festival in the Park. During the 3-day event, the park hosted thousands of visitors. Also involved were over 100 vendors, triathlon participants, and reenactors, plus about 100 volunteers who gave many hours to make it all happen. We were entertained by music from local people, including Pentagon, Stu Huggens, Maison Shearer, Joyride, Philadelphia Avenue, and Tall in the Saddle, along with Richie Fields, a country music recording artist. Children enjoyed themselves with the Moon Bounce, Radar Baseball, and Water Wars games. Bob Sell, with F&S Yamaha and Marine, provided countless people with free pontoon boat rides around the lake. The faithful kayak guides, headed by John and Jan Halter, led a steady stream of people on kayak tours in the cove. Civil War and Renaissance reenactors entertained and thrilled with cannons, cooking demos, and period costumes. Kate Werntz, once again, provided a safe and well run triathlon competition. The Old Time Country Auction netted quite an amount, thanks to Sallie Vlahos and her hard working volunteers. A special thanks goes out to Brenda Werntz, who coordinated the vendors and musical entertainment. Thanks also to Warren Werntz and his wonderful staff, who worked long hours to prepare for the Blast and to clean up afterward. Finally, all the businesses who helped to sponsor the Blast, especially Hanover Hospital, deserve a special thank you. With everyone's help, the 2013 Codorus Blast was a huge success!



# HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK

[www.halloweeninthepark.org](http://www.halloweeninthepark.org)



**FRI, OCT. 25 & SAT, OCT. 26, 2013  
AT CODORUS STATE PARK**

**HAYRIDES RUN 6 PM - 10 PM  
TRICK OR TREAT 6 PM - 8:30 PM ONLY**

Tour the *Incredibly Decorated* Campground,  
Ride the Family Friendly Hayride, Food Vendors & More!

**\$10 donation per car**

**Bring flashlights!**

**For reservations to camp during the event,**

**Email: [hitpcodorus@gmail.com](mailto:hitpcodorus@gmail.com)**

**CODORUS STATE PARK, HANOVER, PA  
BLOOMING GROVE RD, Rt. 216 Main Entrance to event**



Also featuring the much loved...  
**HALLOWEEN PET PARADE**

**Saturday, Oct. 26, 2013 at 11 am**

**(Benefits Animal Rescue, Inc.)**

1066 Blooming Grove Rd, Hanover, PA 17331

Website: <http://www.friendsofcodorus.org> Email: [friendsofcodorus@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofcodorus@gmail.com)

# Very Important Meeting

Please plan to attend the Fall Annual Membership meeting:

September 26 (Thursday)

7:00 pm

Visitors' Center

Bring a bag of wrapped candy to be distributed at

**HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK!**

Get an update on what has been happening in the park and with the Friends group this year.

**HEAR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ABOUT 2014 BLAST!**

Receive information about joining the Board of Directors.

Sign up for the Thanksgiving Dinner, which will be held on Thursday, November 21 at Dubs' Church Annex.

**SEE YOU THERE!**



IMAGES  
FROM  
2013  
BLAST





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## THE LATEST HITP NEWS!

- We are thrilled to announce that local Boy Scout Troop #105 Hanover has taken on the task of repairing Leroy our Lake Monster! They have some great ideas and excited volunteers, but would welcome some extra hands to help. Call Woody at 717-465-1783 for times and locations when they will be meeting to make the repairs.
- Reservations are going very well this year, but we still have some available sites so if you are interested, or know of anyone who is, have them contact us soon before they disappear! 717-451-3635

## HOW CAN YOU HELP THIS YEAR?



- Set up and tear down before and after the event. Contact Brad Bealing at 717-476-1660, or hitpcodorus@gmail for details. You can also check the "Schedule of Events" on the Volunteer page on the HITP website.
- Help serve and clean up lunches for volunteers between 10 am - 1 pm Mon., Oct. 21 - Fri., Oct. 25. We also need people to make soups, BBQ, desserts, side dishes, etc. You don't have to commit to the whole week, even one day or one dish is helpful! Call Suzie Landis at 717-669-2779.
- Help with the Children's Crafts and Activities from noon - 4 pm on Sat., Oct 26. at the pavilion near the hayrides. Call Suzie at 717-669-2779.
- Donate individually wrapped candy to help the campers with the increased volume of trick or treaters. Put candy donations in the designated tub at the Visitor's Center during regular office hours.
- Help campers pass out candy. This is an easy job! Some campers can't find their own help to pass out candy at their site so they can take their children trick or treating 6 pm - 8:30 pm each night. They spend a lot of money on candy for this fundraiser, so let's try to lend them a hand!



# Hanover's Birthday Celebration

Hanover celebrated it's 250th birthday with a parade, and the Friends of Codorus State Park were there! Park Staff, the Pennsylvania Rangers and our Friends' volunteers really appreciated the applause from parade spectators as they marched in the 250th/150th Hanover Community Pride parade on Saturday, June 29th. The idea was to represent all the opportunities that Codorus State Park offers to the community; each person or group tried to portray one aspect of all the park has to offer. Everyone got the message that Codorus is a great place to visit for lots of fun and educational outdoor activities. (Check out the pictures at: [www.friendsofcodorus.org](http://www.friendsofcodorus.org))

Ray and Carolyn Burkentine started the group off by carrying our banner dressed in their bright Codorus Blast t-shirts. They were followed by Park Manager, Warren Werntz, and wife, Brenda, in the DCNR Ranger Vehicle. Next came Rod Gift, Ranger 1, escorting Karen Little, the park's expert bird watcher in the DCNR gator. They towed a great display of "Animals of the Park".

Parade organizer Dwight Resh and grandson, Jacob Mendoza, followed in Dwight's campground gator loaded with lots of camping gear. (Much thanks to Dwight and his wife, Vickie, for allowing our group to stage at their house). Kathy Bealing and Suzanne Landis guided a kayak with a patriotic scarecrow to represent Halloween in the Park (a big thanks to Home Depot for the use of the cart). Sandy Rushton with her ice skates and cross country skis was ready for some snow. Emma Myers had a mountain bike, ready for a ride, and Glen and Shirley Bankert were ready to hike one of the many park trails.

Jessica Sheely and her daughter, Victoria, took their two dogs, Tank and Maliki, for an enjoyable walk, while Lisa Emig was ready for a picnic. Janet Maher had her Outpost Camp Store sign, selling firewood and ice. Heath Chesney was dressed up for the pool and scuba diving, elephant floaties and all! The Pennsylvania Rangers put on an impressive display of horsemanship, even the horses were dressed in style.

All this was captured on film by Bob Maher taking photos while in the parade with wife Janet and Mark Landis shooting from the sidelines.

Did we include everything the park offers? No, but the message was loud and clear. If you aren't enjoying some or all the activities the park has to offer, you really are missing out on some of life's simple pleasures.

## Did You know?

**\$12.41 of income is returned to Pennsylvania for every dollar invested in Pennsylvania State Parks.**

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## Charcoal Burn

In the early days of our country, charcoal was used to smelt iron in 18<sup>th</sup> century hot blast furnaces. Charcoal was, at the time, the most efficient source of fuel before the use of anthracite coal. One acre of woods per day were turned into charcoal. Charcoaling created the need for the management of our renewable resources, specifically our forests, due to the large amounts of timber that were being consumed. This was the beginning of our conservation and natural resource management.

Colliers were the men who oversaw this charcoaling process. On September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, we are going to recreate this process thanks to Paul Fagley, a collier from Greenwood Furnace, with assistance from an Eagle Scout and several of his troop members.

We will need many volunteers, along with the supplies needed to complete the "burn". Anyone with questions or offers of help should contact Wendy Looker at the Park Office.