



friends-of-codorus.org

FRIENDS MESSENGER

Winter 2013/2014

Upcoming Events

BREAKFASTwith SANTA
Saturday, December 14, 2013
Dubs Church Annex
starting time, 9:00 A.M.

volunteers needed

LAKE MARBURG FISHING SYMPOSIUM
Saturday, February 15, 2014
snowdate, February 22, 2014
Dubs Church Annex
doors open, 8:30 A.M.
first presentation, 9:00 A.M.

Manager's Report

Hello, everyone,

Fall is here and WOW, has it been busy at the park. A big "thank you" to all the volunteers and park staff who made Halloween in the Park such a great event. We estimated that on Friday night we had 4,000 people in attendance and on Saturday, 5,000 in attendance. Our only incident was that we ran out of parking spaces. Traffic was backed up past the first bridge on Route 216.. We finally managed to get everyone in and, boy, was it a great event. Great job, everyone!

The park staff has been very busy this fall working on many projects. Some of these are listed below:

1. The sailboat launch ramp was extended. We extended the one ramp 6 feet with concrete when the lake level was down. Now it needs a new courtesy dock.
2. We made hiking trail repairs. Both the MaryAnn Furnace Trail and the Laho Trail have had trails blazed, posts repaired, culverts fixed, and bridges built. Great job to the maintenance staff and Eagle Scouts in getting this work done.
3. Much needed repairs were made to the park gate and benches. Park visitors have commented on how nice they look.
4. Pool repair work was done. Thank you, volunteers, for doing the heavy work at the pool cleanup. You were small in number, but mighty in work. The pool income this year was \$279,000. This figure is down from last year because of rainy weather.
5. A new garage maintenance lift was installed. Thanks to the Friends Group for funding the installation of this lift. The old garage lift was unsafe for our workers.

Current Projects:

1. New windows in contact station.
2. New screens for the dressing rooms in the pool.
3. New deck and canopy for the classroom building.
4. On-going Mill House rehab.

Park Staff Update:

1. Most of our seasonal employees' last day will be November 8 th.
2. Our Assistant Manager, Vince Peterson, will be retiring mid January.
3. Our DCNR Park Ranger, Ed Page, is currently in the Police Academy.

4. Lifeguard positions will be open next year, so please if you know anyone who wants to be a lifeguard at the park, send them to the park office and we will explain the application process.

Eagle Scout Project Update:

1. New stone steps for the Kayak Program are halfway done.
2. The MaryAnn Furnace and Laho Trail rehab work is done.
3. Clearing a walkway for fishermen at all 3 bridges is 1/3 done.
4. The turtle beach and turtle platform work is in the planning stage.

Wildlife Update:

1. 3 large muskie were caught this year, 45 inches, 51 inches, and 52 inches. It was reported that the 51 and 52 inchers were thrown back.
2. So far in archery season, it has been reported that 2 large buck have been taken. One was an 8 point and the other a 13 point buck.
3. We have been releasing ring-necked pheasants in the hunting areas in the park.
4. The Pennsylvania Fish Commission have stocked a lot of fish this season, muskie, walleye, channel catfish, and crappies.

Upcoming Events:

1. The Veterans Memorial Program was canceled for this year. No tree planting took place.
2. Breakfast with Santa, December 14th.
3. Fishing Symposium, February, 15th.

In closing, I am very proud and humble to all of you who make Codorus a great state park. I am so grateful for all the hours each and everyone of you have given to make Codorus State Park a great place to enjoy. As we go through this winter, we need to plan, set priorities, and build on the great programs we all have established. So put on your thinking caps, everyone, and be creative with ideas. Come on out and I will see you at the park.

Well done all, Warren

From Bob Maher: I would like to thank everyone who worked at the Outpost, and also the wood cutters and wood splitters. Hope you all have a good winter and hope to see all of you back in April. Thank you.

Bob and Janet

President's Letter

To all members,

Thank you for a terrific year of volunteering! With your help and donations, we have had one of our most successful years ever, and we are still growing! We have over 400 members, with about 100 active volunteers. In addition to our scheduled events and projects, we also helped this year with Youth Waterfowl Day, marched in the Hanover Anniversary Parade and contributed to Southwestern High School's Hanoveropoly fundraiser; we installed new lighting at the Outpost, we installed a new truck lift for the Park Maintenance shed, we compiled a campers' brochure, we paid for safety equipment at the pool, we paid for supplies for the bridge on MaryAnn Furnace Trail, and we paid for repairs on the Rummel barn and the removal of Rummel house. Lastly, we donated \$2,500 to Hanover Hospital for a Medic 46 Van. We depend on all the members' support to be able to continue helping the park. Thank you!

Lynne Thompson

Breakfast with Santa

Our yearly Christmas event for neighborhood children, Breakfast with Santa, will be held on Saturday, December 14th, 2013, at Dubs' Church Annex starting at 9:00 a.m. We will need volunteers to help with cooking and serving food, helping with the children's crafts, and cleaning up. We also need a Santa! If you are interested in helping, please call Lynne at 451-3635. Also, let others know about this. Flyers will be distributed in December, and will be available at the Park Office and Gift Shop. Invite your friends' and neighbors' children to attend this fun event.

Fall Cleanup

Thank you to everyone who helped with the fall cleanup in the park. Although only six people volunteered, they accomplished much. Under the direction of Lucas, a park employee, the group worked at the swimming pool. They put away ladders and life guard stations, waxed the slide, cleaned out the pool vacuum, and scraped old letters off the pool. After the hard work, a hearty lunch of chili, soups, and dessert was enjoyed by all. Thanks to the following people for helping: Shirley and Glen Bankert, Dwight Resh, Ray Waleski, Garth and Lynne Thompson.

HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK 2013

With the weather chilly, but dry, our 7th annual HITP fundraiser had two great days at the park filled with little ghosts, witches, princesses and knights, treats, friendly hayrides, good food, and lots of fun!



We had a big increase of local businesses and organizations helping with hayride displays, event support and donations. Thanks Suzie Landis, great job this year!



Special thanks to "Team Mercury" for Leroy's recovery, his first ride in the Hanover Halloween Parade and for helping to raise more awareness for the Red Bellied Turtle study.



Yippee! A sold out campground! Campers made C & D loop festive, but were challenged again by the increasing numbers of trick or treaters. How can we help them out next year?

This year's Pet Parade raised funds for Animal Rescue, Inc. "Bear" is wondering if he won the grand prize of a year's



worth of food donated by Nature's Pet, organized by Jessica Sheely, Camping World who also held an Adult Scavenger Hunt for campers.



Around 80 children and their families attended the Children's Activities with crafts, games, & scavenger hunt.



Thanks Brad Bealing for heading our fantastic team of volunteers!

Seasoned volunteers getting the job done and new ones eager to learn. Thanks to all your hard work, we raised more funds, saw record crowds, & reported no injuries.

Submitted by:
Kathy Bealing
Nov. 8, 2013

From Then ..To Now

Do you know that the Codorus Blast started as an Earth Day Celebration organized by the Park staff? This was done to highlight activities pertinent to the Park. Gradually over time the organizers changed, days were added, and activities changed. The one constant was the fact that people came to Codorus State Park to have a wonderful time.

The original choice for the celebration was Earth Day, a Saturday in April; this changed to May, for better weather, then finally to the current weekend in June, beginning early in 2002. The Codorus Summer Blast (original name) was first held on a Saturday, later Friday night was added, and finally the event grew to include Sunday, which has continued to this day.

In 2001, Larry Rohrbaugh and Andy Alwine, of Scuba Team 49 of Penn Township, organized a one day event sponsored by WARM 103. The next year the sponsorship included WSBA. Music was a large part of the event, although 50 crafters and exhibitors also were there. Over the years sponsors changed, activities were added/subtracted, fireworks were added in 2002, and in 2007, the Friends Group, having been organized the previous year, began their involvement with the "Blast". Last year, 2013, the Friends of Codorus State Park took over the primary sponsorship and organization of the Codorus Blast.

The first "Blast", organized by the Park staff, was to showcase all the Park has to offer; to give people a wonderful day in a state park setting. However, due to its commercial sponsorship, the event became just that, more and more commercial. This coming year, the goal

for the Friends Group is to bring the Codorus Blast back to the its mission of promoting recreational and educational activities at Codorus State Park. Although the plans have yet to be finalized, the event will return to its roots, so to speak, and give attendees a wonderful time at a state park.



Friends of Codorus State Park presented Hanover Hospital with a check for \$2,500.00 as a donation toward the Medic 46 unit, for their service to Codorus State Park during the 2013 Blast and throughout the year. The money was part of the profit from the Blast. Attending the presentation are: Bruce Yealy, Medic 46, Warren Werntz, Codorus State Park manager, Lynne Thompson, president of Friends of Codorus State Park, Patricia Saunders, Hanover Hospital, Brian Wheeler, Medic 46, and Lisa Duffy, Hanover Hospital.

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Outpost

If you haven't been by the Outpost lately, you need to check it out. Not only did they have a very successful season, with a profit of \$26,000, but its look has changed. New paneling was installed inside and a new night light was installed on the outside. Consideration is being given to building a new wood shed to be ready for the camping season of 2014.