

Messenger is the official newsletter for Friends of Codorus State Park, and is published 4 times per year.

Spring 2015

GOOD TIMES



On Saturday, January 17, with temperatures in the low 30's, 108 people braved the frigid waters of Lake Marburg to support our park. And "take the plunge". Each participant received a certificate of participation and a ther-



mometer key chain. A big thank you goes to Penn Township EMS and Pleasant Hill Fire Company for providing emergency services, and to the following businesses who sponsored the plunge: the Merchandiser, Prestige Apparel, F&S Yamaha & Marine, Genova's To Go, Camping World of Hanover, South Hanover Automotive, and Mt. Rose Lion's Club of York. Also, thank you to the event organizers, particularly Larry Albright, for doing all the legwork.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



That old elf, Santa, visited Dubs Church Annex on December 13 to hear the children's Christmas wishes and give them each a book. The children and their parents, approximately 75 people in all, enjoyed freshly made pancakes, sausage, fruit salad, and doughnuts. The children could also make craft items like snowmen made from empty toilet paper tubes, and a manger scene to color. In addition, some lucky children won doorprizes donated by FOCSP members. This is an annual event, organized this year by Donna Webber and 20 FOCSP volunteers. Decorations were done by LIU LifeSkills class.

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**DON'T MISS THIS:
ANNUAL SPRING
FLING**



MARCH 21, 2015

All members should have received a postcard

Call 717-451-3635

for more information or to pre-register.



Park Manager's Report

Happy New Year everybody. I'm very excited about 2015 at the park. Please see the picture (page 3) of our new board of directors for the Friends Group. I know we are going to have a dynamic year. With your support and theirs, we are going to get a lot of projects done and have a lot of great programs. We already have had some fun programs this winter. Breakfast with Santa was great and the New Polar Bear Plunge was a great time with lots of laughter. The best park visitor statement for the day was made by a Plunger that told me this was on his bucket list. He jumped in twice. Wow I was cold just watching him. We are off to a great start for 2015.

"The Friends Group has been so supportive of the park and I see passion in you all."

Park Project Update:

Park's Maintenance Building = Park staff is remodeling our maintenance building areas for better operations. Thank you to the Friends Group for helping to fund the garage door openers.

New Yurt = Yurt is all finished on the outside. The crew is getting ready to install the new furniture. Thanks to the Friends Group for purchasing the old fashioned log style furniture that will be put in the yurt.

Gift Shop Work = The Gift Shop had a mold problem. So after having it professionally removed, the Friends Group is remodeling the downstairs.

Mill House = We have several work projects in the Revolutionary-era home: restoring old fireplace, electric work, old beam renovation, sub floor and starting to work on the first bathroom. Thanks to the Friends for funding the fire place renovations.

New Bathroom at Main Launch = Design is finished and will be out for bid soon. Hopefully construction can begin in April.

New Contact Station roof = Getting ready to bid out the project.

Park Staff Update = We are proud to announce that our new Assistant Manager is Earl Hockenberry. Welcome, Earl! . So far for spring, we have 1 semi-skilled position open and 2 lifeguard positions.

In closing, I am so proud of the cooperation our Friends Group had with the PA Game Commission in getting the eagle camera installed. If you haven't seen it on the website, please check it out. It's amazing to watch. Great job all with Santa's Breakfast, and the Polar Bear Plunge. If you want to get a good laugh, come out and see people have fun in cold water. Next year we would like to add to the Polar Plunge with ice sculptures, snowman building and other events. I know 2015 is going to be an outstanding year. The Friends Group has been so supportive of the park and I see passion in you all. Okay, let's get rolling and I'll see you at the park.

Friends of Codorus State Park (FOCSP)

Mission Statement

A non-profit, all volunteer operated and staffed group, dedicated to restore, preserve and improve the Codorus State Park and its surroundings. Assist in providing recreational and educational opportunities for current and future generations

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Stacy Folks

Tom Markle

Sandy Rushton

Jim Sanders

Newsletter Ed.: Lynne Thompson

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Past President: Lynne Thompson

Park Manager: Warren Werntz

Blast Organizer: Brenda Werntz

THANK YOU!

Thanks to Betty Svirsko who faithfully compiled and edited this newsletter for the last 2 years. The new editor hopes to continue Betty's vision of making this an inclusive "park" newsletter.

UPCOMING FOCSP and OTHER PARK EVENTS FOR 2015



MARCH

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- **March 5-8** Camping World RV Show
- **March 12-14** Hanover Exchange Club Builders' Show
- **March 19** FOCSP Board meeting
- **March 21** Annual Spring Fling Members' Banquet
- **March 24** Egg Hunt Planning Meeting
- **March 31** Prepare eggs for Easter Egg Hunt
- **April 3** Annual Easter Egg Hunt in the Park
- **April 10** Campground, Gift Shop, Outpost open
- **April 11** Spring Clean-up
- **April 16** FOCSP Board meeting
- **May 1** Breakfast with the Bluebirds (every Fri.);
- **May 21** FOCSP Board meeting
- **May 24** Free Family Fishing Day
- **Swimming Pool opens (weekends until June 6)**
- **June 2** Wildlife Watchers Kayak Program begins (every Tues. Fri. Sun.)
- **June 6** Wildlife Watchers Pontoon Program begins
- **June 9** Members' Picnic
- **June 18** Library along Lake Marburg (every Thurs.)
- **FOCSP Board meeting**
- **June 19-21** Blast Festival in the Park
- **July 16** FOCSP Board meeting
- **August 20** FOCSP Board meeting
- **September 6** Annual Hanover Chili Cook-off
- **September 17** FOCSP Board meeting
- **September 24** Annual Membership Meeting
- **October 10** Fall Clean-up
- **October 15** FOCSP Board meeting
- **October 23 & 24** Halloween in the Park
- **November 19** Thanksgiving Dinner
- **December 12** Breakfast with Santa

President's Letter

A message from your new president – Dwight L. Resh



FOCSP Board of Directors for 2015:

(front row l. to r.): Lynne Thompson, Dwight Resh; (second row): Stacy Folks, Suzanne Gamber, Sandy Rushton; (back row): Jim Sanders, Tom Markle, Ray Weleski, Larry Albright, Bob Maher

Missing: Warren Werntz, Brenda Werntz, Brad Bealing

Some people may have thought that we have been in hibernation since the last event of 2014. This certainly has not been the case. We have had election of officers for 2015. Some offices have new members. Two new board members were voted in, replacing outgoing members. They are Suzanne Gamber, and Stacy Folks. Committees have been established for all the events of the year. With this year's crew I'm sure it's going to be another successful year for us.

I want to say a big **thank you** to all our volunteers for the jobs you have done and will continue to do. Sometimes you are out in the heat, sometimes in the cold, sometimes in the rain, but I know we will continue to be here because we share a passion for the park.

I also want to thank the entire park staff, whether it be the office staff, the maintenance department, the park rangers or the management team. We couldn't get along without your combined efforts and support.

CODORUS EAGLES ARE ON THE INTERNET!

Thanks to a joint effort between the Pennsylvania Game Commission, Comcast Business, HDonTap, DCNR, FOCSP, and other local businesses, an eagle cam has been installed to view our local pair!



To watch the livestream, go to:

www.pgc.state.pa.us

Click on the eagle cam link on homepage,

or use the link on

www.friendsofcodorus.org

UPDATE:

FIRST EGG LAID ON FEB. 14

SECOND EGG ON FEB. 17

- Bald eagles build the largest nest of any North American bird. The nest is called an eyrie.
- A pair of bald eagles generally mates for life.
- Bald eagles are 28 to 40 inches in length.
- An eagle may weigh eight to 12 pounds.
- Female eagles are about 25 percent larger than male eagles.
- Both sexes will sit on the nest and protect the eggs or young, exchanging places while the other forages for food.
- The female lays 1-3 eggs which hatch about 35 days later.
- Eaglets usually develop feathers by 4 weeks, walk at 7 weeks, and fly at 3 months.
- The young leave the nest by autumn.



Lift used to install camera

Viewing Tip: An eagle sits very low in the nest when on eggs. Sometimes only its head and tail are visible. The incubating bird will carefully position itself by sitting chest first while wiggling side to side to accommodate the egg or eggs. A bird on eggs sits remarkably still for long periods.

**THIS INFORMATION IS FROM
THE PENNSYLVANIA GAME
COMMISSION WEBSITE.
CHECK IT OUT FOR MANY
MORE INTERESTING FACTS
ABOUT PENNSYLVANIA
BALD EAGLES!**



Business and Organization Members of FOCSP

B&B Lures and Tackle Shop	Keystone Alarm Services
Borderline Bass Masters Club	Lee's Trophy Lures
Boy Scout Troop 105	Maintenance One
Brandt Property Services, LLC	Motorsports Cycle Shop
F&S Yamaha & Marine Inc.	National Wild Turkey Federation
Genova's To Go	Radio Hanover, Inc.
Hanover Garden Club	Spring Grove Reg. Parks and Rec.
Hanover YMCA	

**PLEASE THANK THESE MEMBERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF
CODORUS STATE PARK AND THE FRIENDS OF CODORUS
STATE PARK**

NEEDED:



Plastic eggs

Individually wrapped candies

Small stuffed animals (new)

Volunteers

FOR EASTER EGG HUNT

Drop off items at park office

Call Bob Maher

717- 968-2140

Or attend Planning Meeting

Tuesday, March 24

10 am Gift Shop

Park Partners: PA Rangers

The PA Rangers is an equestrian riding club based near Hanover. They host trail rides, horse shows, campouts, and other activities. One of the many ways they help Codorus State Park is trail maintenance. The group grooms the horse trails that run through the park, keeping them safe for everyone. They also help the Friends by working at the entrance to Halloween in the Park event, collecting money and directing traffic. In 2014, they also sponsored a wonderful display for the hayride. Many of the PA Rangers are also members of the Friends of Codorus State Park. If you would like more information about this group, please visit their website: www.parangers.com

PA Rangers is just one of the many groups who help to make Codorus State Park a fun place. Each issue of the Messenger will feature a different one of these groups.

Member Spotlight: Bob Larsen

Bob was picking up trash in the park one day because he needed something to do, when he was approached by a park staff person, who told him about the Friends of Codorus. Bob joined the Friends as a Life member, and has been busy helping in the park ever since then. Bob, along with his wife Beulah, volunteered in the Gift Shop, Outpost, Halloween in the Park, clean-up days, and any other odd jobs that needed to be done. Bob also helps with woodcutting, and sells snacks at the Sunday evening band concerts.



Bob is wearing his new jacket he earned for putting in 2500 volunteer hours in the park.

In his spare time, Bob keeps busy these days by participating in a bowling league and being a Boy Scout Leader (he was previously the Scout Master). Unfortunately, Beulah passed away, but we are privileged to have Bob in charge of the Gift Shop. He takes care of monitoring inventory, buying supplies, making sure it is staffed, and also helping with the renovations. He is always looking for people to help in the Gift Shop and at the Sunday concerts, as well as at the Outpost, which is run by Bob's daughter, Sue Martz. If you are interested in helping, you can call Bob at 965-3868. In Bob's words, "The store needs to be open!"

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

March 5-8 Camping World RV Show— hand out info.

March 12-14 Builders' Show— hand out information

For either Show, Contact Jim Sanders 229-8787

March 24 Easter Egg Hunt Planning Meeting—Gift Shop 10 am

March 31 Stuff eggs for Egg Hunt—Gift Shop 10 a.m.

April 3 Easter Egg Hunt—hide eggs, help with crafts and crowd control

Contact Bob Maher 717-968-2140

April 10—October 31 Gift Shop and Outpost—run register, answer questions

Contact Bob Larsen for Gift Shop 717-965-3868

Contact Sue Martz for Outpost 717-521-6262

April 11: Spring Clean-up—help get the park ready for the season

Meet at Pavilion near pool at 8:30 for coffee and donuts; wear workclothes and bring a bag lunch (We can trade lunches for fun!)

June 19-21 Blast—set up FOCSP tent, watch Hospitality and Photo Contest tents, pick up trash; contact codorusblast@gmail.com

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP!**



Clean-up Crew Fall 2014

FOXY'S PUZZLE

Lake Marburg has many coves and flats. Traveling on the lake from Black Rock Launch at the southwest end, to the dam at the northeast end, you will pass these coves. Put them in the order you would pass them:



Sinsheim Cove

Langs Cove

Dubs Cove

Chapel Cove

Wonder Cove

Sand Cove

Hidden Cove

Mooring Cove

Canoe Cove

Luckenbaugh Cove

Answer: Wonder, Luckenbaugh, Chapel & Canoe, Langs, Dubs, Hidden, Mooring, Sinsheim, Sand.

BONUS: WHAT ARE THE NAMES OF THE 3 "FLATS"? (answer: Black Rock, Wildasin, Marburg)

(information is from DCNR map of Codorus State Park)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Invite a friend
to join our
group!

Name: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____
Contact information (phone # or e-mail address) _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY COST

LIFE	\$250 or by donations of \$50 for 5 years
HICKORY/SENIOR	\$25
PINE/GENERAL	\$10
SAPLING/YOUTH	\$1
BUSINESS	\$50
BUSINESS LIFE	\$500 or by donations of \$100 for 5 years
ORGANIZATION	\$50
ORGANIZATION LIFE	\$500 or by donations of \$100 for 5 years

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Check your area(s) of interest:

☐ Polar Bear Plunge
☐ Seasonal Park Clean-up Days
☐ Outpost Store in Campground
☐ Gift Shop
☐ Wood cutting/splitting/stacking
☐ Spring Fling banquet
☐ Trade Shows
☐ Easter Egg Hunt
☐ Blast
☐ Band Concerts
☐ Chili Cook-off Clean-up
☐ Halloween in the Park
☐ Thanksgiving dinner
☐ Breakfast with Santa
☐ Newsletter & Other Mailings

Clip and Save: BE READY FOR THE BLAST!

10% Off

ANY CODORUS BLAST T-SHIRT IN STOCK

Friends of Codorus State Park Gift Shop

1066 Blooming Grove Road Hanover

Hours April 10-May 31: 12-5 Fri, Sat, Sun

Expiration Date: 12/31/15



1066 Blooming Grove Road
Hanover, PA 17331

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HANOVER, PA
PERMIT NO.71

Did You Know?

INTERESTING TIDBITS

- **Recently** (January 2015), Earl Hockenberry was formally appointed as Assistant Park Manager. Please congratulate him on his appointment.
- **Last Year** (Dec. 2014) FOCSP received a check for \$3000.00 from Hanover Borough Council for volunteering at the Annual Chili Cook-off
- **5 years ago** (April 22, 2010) The new swimming pool was unveiled to the public.
- **10 years ago** (April 30, 2005) Warren Werntz became the new park manager.
- **50 years ago** (1965) Coderus Creek State Park (the original name) was begun with the acquisition of land and the building of the dam. Watch for further information about Fiftieth Anniversary celebration events.
- **250 years ago** (1765) The Mary Ann Furnace was 3 years old. It was located on what is now park property. The furnace is gone, but efforts continue to find its exact location. It was instrumental in supplying ammo during the Revolutionary War. Visit the Park Visitor Center to see a stove that was forged at the furnace.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL CURRENT AND FUTURE FOCSP MEMBERS

Due to the increasing costs of printing and mailing the newsletter, and after MUCH discussion, the Board has decided to institute the following policy:

- 1. Pine Membership will increase from \$5 to \$10 per year, and will be per individual, not family.*
- 2. Hemlock Membership category (\$0 dues) is eliminated. The exception is anyone who is currently a Hemlock member as of 2/1/15: those people can remain as Hemlock members if they report their volunteer hours at least once every 3 years.*
- 3. Sapling members (\$1 dues; for youth under 18) will no longer receive mailings.*
- 4. If there is more than one member in a household, only one newsletter will be mailed to the household.*

The newsletter (Friends Messenger) is always available to the public on-line at www.friendsofcodorus.org. FOCSP members may also choose to receive the newsletter via e-mail. If you want to sign up for this service, send your request and current email address to friendsofcodorus@gmail.com.



Gift Shop/Outpost

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We need people to volunteer at the Gift Shop and Outpost Camp Store. Duties include running the cash register, helping customers find items, and mostly answering customers' questions about the park.

Both stores are open weekends, and some days/evenings in summer.

Choose the hours that suit your schedule.

Training provided.

If interested in helping, there will be a meeting:

Thursday, March 26, 6:00 pm

Gift Shop

1066 Blooming Grove Road

For more information, contact Bob Larsen:

717-965-3868 or jordylmel@embarqmail.com

 Friends of Codorus State Park Present

Friday, April 03
3pm-4:30pm Craft
4:30-5:00 Wildlife Program
By Wendy
5:00pm-Egg Hunt

Classroom Building at end of Marina Road

EASTER EGG HUNT
For Ages 0 to 10

Meet the Easter Bunny

WIN PRIZES

 **SPRING-TIME CRAFTS**

 **FISHING FUN**



PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Show off your
Photography talent
June 19-21,
2015



Amateur
photographers'
contest

Categories: Birds,
Bugs, Wildlife, Four
Seasons, Flora, Fun
in the Park, Water,
Sky, Black & White

Submit pictures
April 10 to June 7

Winners chosen by
popular vote

For more info: Official Rules
and Entry forms available in
Park Office and Gift Shop, and
on www.codorusblast.com