ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND REPORT

September 24, 2015
7:00 pm
Visitor's Center

Friends OF CODORUS STATE PARK

1066 Blooming Grove Road
Hanover, PA 17331

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www.friendsofcodorus.org
www.codorusblast.org
www.halloweeninthepark.org

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS

1. Lifetime membership in FOCSP can be achieved by several methods.

   a. Life time membership for an individual who donated the appropriate monetary amount ($250.00 or as updated at any future time by the Board of Directors) in a one-time donation or the amount donated in five annual payments which totals $250.00.

   b. Individual (not required to be a member of FOCSP) who has made a significant monetary donation (not less than $250.00) or a significant donation of material goods greater in value of the monetary amount of a lifetime membership. Material(s) donation can be a one-time donation or a cumulative donation over a period of time. Individual must be recommended through completion of the form Lifetime Membership Recommendation and then approved by the Board of Directors at a regular monthly board meeting. (Note: Meeting must have a quorum of Board of Directors present.)

   C. Individuals who have contributed significant time and efforts for FOCSP over an extended period of time. Also, members of FOCSP who have achieved 1000 hours of volunteer time may be considered for lifetime membership. (Note: Meeting must have a quorum of Board of Directors members present.)

2. Standards for lifetime membership

   a. Payment of the $250.00 donation satisfies the standard for lifetime membership for an individual.

   b. Individual monetary or material donations will be evaluated by the Board of Directors.

   c. Individual and/or member (1000 hours of volunteer time) who has contributed significant time and effort may have this category reviewed and decided upon by the Board of Directors.

3. Lifetime membership will be awarded at the time of achieving the standard and approved by the Board of Directors.

Revised procedure approved by the Board of Directors on September 17, 2015.

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.

CURRENT FOCSP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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BRENDA WERNTZ, BLAST ORGANIZER

WARREN WERNTZ, PARK MANAGER

President's Message

Thank you to all the current and past members of the Friends of Codorus State Park, and to all the people who work in and for the park. It is gratifying to see everyone working together and contributing to the park in so many ways.

The diversity of our group's activities is amazing. We do an astounding array of events and projects to promote and improve the park. Please take time to read through this booklet and be proud of everything we have accomplished!

We want to continue to follow our mission, and we need everyone's help to do that. Please review the list of volunteer opportunities on page 17, and find something that interests you. Invite your friends and family to join us as well. When recruiting volunteers, we are often asked, "What do I get out of this?" There is seldom financial gain in volunteering. But there are many intangible benefits. Volunteering can produce a feeling of self-worth and respect. It also can help you develop skills and enlarge your circle of friends. Research has shown that volunteering your time helps you become healthier and live longer. Volunteering in the park also creates a lasting change to our environment and community.

Help the park and help yourself!

HOW FOCSP HELPED THE PARK

In keeping with our mission to "restore, preserve, and improve Codorus State Park", FOCSP not only provides countless hours of volunteer service, we also provide funds. Here are some of the major projects we funded this past year:

Board Room Renovations

Electric service to the 24/7 wood shed

Outpost Camp Store renovations

Campground tree trimming and cutting

Purchase of furniture for yurt in campground

Purchase of refrigerator for classroom building

Millhouse fireplace rehab

Millhouse alarm system

Partial funding for live stream eagle camera

55" TV screen for Visitors' Center

Safety item for park rangers

Eagle Scout project

Purchase of 12 portable 2-way radios

Purchase of 12 flashlights for parking cars at events

Membership

Suzanne Gamber, Secretary, Membership Chair

(FIGURES AS OF August 17, 2015:

Individual members: 312

Business/Organization members: 14

New members this year: 25

BUSINESS & ORGANIZATION MEMBERS:

B&B Lures & Tackle Shop
Borderline BassMasters Club
Boy Scout Troop 105
Brandt Property Services LLC
F&S Yamaha and Marine
Genova's to Go
Hanover Garden Club
Hanover YMCA
Keystone Alarm Services
Lee's Trophy Lures
Life Source Water Service
National Wild Turkey Federation
Radio Hanover, Inc.
Spring Grove Regional Parks and Recreation Center

LIFE MEMBERS:

The following members have attained full Life Membership status, as per the criteria listed on page 22 of this booklet.

Dave Armstrong
Glenn & Shirley Bankert
Brad & Kathy Bealing
Richard & Nancy Beimler
Gary & Patricia Bowden
Leon & Carol Bowers
Dave Carbaugh Sr.
Bob Clegg
Debbie & Wayne Cooke
Kevin Crocken
Barbara Deardorff
Donald & Holly Dull
Joe Edwards
Betsy Esposito
Joseph & Christianne Freiert
William & Dona Fuss
John Halter
Janifer Halter
Jean Heindel
Andy Hoffman
Mike Hoffman
Eric Hughes
Ann Janney
Mark & Suzanne Landis
Howard & Martha Lanham
Robert Larsen
Gus & Christy Lesnevich
Bobbi Little
Karen Lippy
Janet & Robert Maher
John & Melissa Marsh
Susan Martz & Family
Linda McGinn
Kevin & Anita Meyers
Becky Miller
Judith Morris
Trent & Sharon Nichols
Steve Rager
Nicholas A. Renoll
Dwight Resh
Dan and Linda Rogers
Larry Rohrbaugh
Michael & Casey Rohrbaugh
Steve & Kim Shue
James & Georgia Simpson
Judy Smith
Brian Smith
Douglas & Felicia Smith
Dick & Eleanor Stoner
Keith Taylor
Garth & Lynne Thompson
Brenda Trotta
Wayne Trotta
Robert Whyland
Merrill & Julie Wildasin
Matt & Susan Wootton
B&B Lures & Tackle Shop
Brandt Property Services
F&S Yamaha and Marine
Radio Hanover Inc.
YMCA of Hanover

Volunteers

Bob Maher, Volunteer hours chairman

Purpose: To account for the volunteer hours of our members, report volunteer hours, and establish standards and awards for volunteer service awards to be presented to members.

1. Available is a matrix showing cumulative volunteer hours of all members who have given written logs of hours to me.

2. Total hours: 9 people turned in hours for July , 2015; 670.75 hour

3. 2015 Year to date: 4009 hours

4. Total to date: (since 2006 to present) 66478 hour s

Following awards were distributed:

(For 50 hours) FOCSP t-shirt

(For 100 hours) FOCSP hat or visor

(For 250 hours) FOCSP green golf shirt

(For 500hours) FOCSP jacket (For 750 hours) FOCSP blue sweatshirt

(For 1000 hours) FOCSP black wind shirt

(For 1500hours) name on plaque displayed in gift shop

(For 1750hours) FOCSP Tate bag

(For 2000hours) FOCSP blanket

(For 2250hours) FOCSP 6-12 can cooler

(For 2500hours) FOCSP scout jacket with your name on chest

FUTURE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

What's your passion for the park?

Don Eichelberger is now our volunteer coordinator for all events. He can be reached at 717-578-6579. For specific info about these events, you can also contact these people:

Event	Contact
Promote FOCSP at trade shows	Dwight Resh 465-2482
Solicit doorprizes for Spring Fling	Dwight Resh 465-2482
Set up decorations for Spring Fling	Dwight Resh 465-2482
Find entertainment for Spring Fling	Dwight Resh 465-2482
Clean up park	Watch newsletter for dates
Plan or help with Easter Egg Hunt	Paula Sanders 410-925-8278
Cut, split, or stack wood	Ray Weleski 632-6977
Clerk in Gift Shop	Bob Larsen 968-3868
Clerk at Outpost	Sue Martz 521-6262
Plan and organize Blast	Warren Werntz 637-2816
Pick up trash at Blast	Don Eichelberger 578-6579
Work at FOCSP tent at Blast	Don Eichelberger 578-6579
Clean up at Chili Cook-off	Don Eichelberger 578-6579
Help with Chicken BBQ & Car Show	Don Eichelberger 578-6579
Help with Halloween in the Park	Brad Bealing 476-1660
Help with Thanksgiving Dinner	Bob Larsen 968-3868
Plan or help with Santa Breakfast	Donna Webber
Sell drinks at special events	Bob Larsen 968-3868

Also, check the FOCSP website: www.friendsofcodorus.org; click on "Join Us", then "Volunteer Opportunities", or call the FOCSP cell phone 451-3635 and leave a message including your name, call-back number or e-mail, and how you'd like to help.

OTHER FOCSP ACTIVITIES

Every Sunday evening during the summer, Bob Larsen can be found by the Band Shell selling snacks for FOCSP. We thank him for his dedication for these concert events.

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Our fire wood crew certainly puts in a lot of hard work, and many hours of dedication to make sure we have plenty of fire wood to sell to the campers. Thanks, guys and gals!

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We joined with other local groups to purchase digital copies of Mary Ann Furnace Sales Ledgers from the 1700s, and to construct a replica of a Mary Ann Furnace stove. The stove is on display at the Visitor's Center.

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FOCSP made donations to various community groups such as local fire departments and emergency groups, Hanover Hospital's Medic 46, Pleasant Hill, Penn Township, and Jefferson Fire Companies, York County Control, and York County Forest Fire Unit from profits made during our events.

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Self-serve ice sales was added in the campground so campers can purchase ice even when the Outpost is not open.

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In order to reduce costs and make mailings easier, we have begun offering the newsletter by email to interested members. So far, 23 members have agreed to receive the newsletter by email.

Sales

Bob Larsen, Gift Shop & Sun. Concerts
Sue Martz, Outpost

Gift Shop and Museum

We have around 10 volunteers. Our hours during summer were 12 pm to 5 pm, Wednesday through Saturday. Sunday hours were 1 pm to 5 pm. After Labor Day we went back to Friday thru Sunday. After camping season we will go to Saturday and Sunday. Store will close at the end of December until the second or third weekend in April.

We sell gifts, camp supplies, discs for disc golf, drinks, chips, candy and Codorus State Park clothing, pins, and patches, and for the Bald Eagle we have t-shirts, sweatshirts, and patches. Prints of the S.P.Markle store and CDs of how the park was made are also on sale. We also give out general information to people who are lost or just need information about the park.

Outpost Camp Store

The Outpost opened this year on April 10, 2015 and will be closing on October 31, 2015. This year, campers had access to ice and wood 24/7. This has been going well. The store provided camping items, snacks, drinks, and gift items. It has been a successful year. Thanks to all who volunteered at the Outpost Store. Volunteers this year were Larry and Carolyn Albright, Ron Bahn, Ted Carr, Kathy Bealing, Bob Larsen, Dwight Resh, Wayne Lawyer, Ellen Oaster, Jim and Paulla Sanders, Ray Weleski, Glenn and Shirley Bankert, Keith Taylor, Abby Wooten, and Terry Alwine. Hope to see you all next year!

Sunday Concerts

From Memorial Day to Labor Day on Sunday evenings, we have a stand at the band shell selling drinks, chips, and candy to people coming to listen to the band concerts. We made it through 14 of the 15 concerts. The only cancellation was due to heat and not rain. We did have a shower come through once, but the band played on!

We took in $536.60 in sales and $67.96 in donations, for a total income of $604.56. Expenses were $266.84 so our total profit was $337.72

Website

Brad Bealing, Webmaster

Something interesting happened to the FOCSP website: www.friendsofcodorus.org .Last year at this time we had accumulated over 8300 unique visitors. This was quite an accomplishment, especially when you know just one fact. Reaching that volume of viewers was never considered to be a possibility when this website began. This was supposed to be a local website! Feeling encouraged that we must be doing something right, we continued our efforts to be the best source of information about Codorus State Park in 2015. But then, something magical happened early in the year that changed everything.....the bald eagle's nest! This phenomenon spread ALL over world. There were people across the globe excited about one of our local treasures, the bald eagles. There were people who even expressed their concern about their welfare too. Just ask the FOCSP President how many emails he fielded about what and when they were eating. When the PA Game Commission camera feed went live, we decided to put a direct link to it from our website. Doing that caused our viewership to go through the roof. Last time we checked, there were 47789 unique visitors. That's off the scale! Let's hope someone decides to do the eagle camera again next year. And don't forget...keep up to date about our major fundraising programs through our two other websites: www.codorusblast.org and www.halloweeninthepark.org

Newsletter

Lynne Thompson, Chairman

The Friends of Codorus State Park publish a quarterly newsletter, the Friends Messenger. The purpose is to keep members apprised of upcoming events, as well as up to date on important events that have taken place at the park. Information is gathered from any member of the Friend's group who feels they have information that should be shared with the group.

Volunteers also help to fold the printed newsletters, and stuff into envelopes; then label and sort the envelopes.

Currently, the newsletter is sent to 231 households ar businesses, and another 23 people receive it by email.

Gift Shop Renovations

A major project this year has been to make renovations and updates to the Gift Shop building, mainly in the downstairs area where the office, kitchen, storage closets, and board room are located. After incurring more water damage from heavy rains, mold abatement was done. To complete that process, the wallboard was removed. Once the building was declared free of of mold, wiring was updated, new wallboard and ceiling tiles were installed, and replacement windows were added. There is still more work to be done: kitchen cabinets and shelving need to be completed, as well as flooring completed. Thanks to Ray Weleski for overseeing this project!

Park Programs

As part of our mission to assist in providing recreational and educational opportunities within the park, we supported other programs not organized by FOCSP, by providing funds and/or volunteers. Some of these programs included the Izaak Walton League's Youth Field Day, and the annual Duck Blind Drawing for which we provided refreshments. This generated a donation of $700 for us. We also pay for bird seed to fill the feeders located in the park.

Plunge

Larry Albright, organizer

We had our first Codorus State Park Plunge on Saturday, January 17th. There were 108 people who took the dip into the cold lake. It was a beautiful winter day. I would like to thank everyone who was involved in this event. Next January we are going to have our first winter festival. Work on this event has already started. So far we have an ice carver, wood carver, snowmobile display, winter nature tent and we will also be doing the plunge into the lake. Mark your calendar for January 16th for our Codorus State Park Winter Festival.

Recycling

Dwight Resh, organizer
Bob Larsen, assistant

Dwight Resh is chairman of a recycling program within the campground, beginning with the Memorial Day weekend. Each of the 4 campground loops as well as the Outpost Camp Store has four totes located by the dumpsters. We are recycling metal and aluminum cans, glass jars, newspapers, magazines, and cardboard. Bob Larsen is assisting. All money from the sale of the cans is turned over to FOCSP. The goal is to keep everything out of the landfills and see it put to good use again.

Woodcutting

Ray Weleski, Coordinator

Firewood sales at the Campground Outpost store has brought in over $19,000 income this year! Wood sales at the self-serve shed have also been very successful. This is a major revenue-producer for us. The woodcutting crew meets approximately twice a week, year-round, to cut and split, and stack the wood that comes from within the park, or from nearby sources. Volunteers are always needed to help with this activity. All safety equipment (which is state-required) is provided for the volunteers.

Advertising

Dwight Resh, Coordinator for shows

To inform the public about our organization, this year we participated in a number of events: Camping World's Spring Open House, Hanover Exchange Club Builders' Show, Manheim Twp. Fallfest, and Spring Grove Septemberfest. At each of these events we displayed items to highlight FOCSP and Park activities and opportunities. If possible, we also distributed literature about the Friends group and the Park. We have received many positive comments at each of these events.

Spring Fling

Bob Larsen, organizer

This year's Spring Fling was held on March 21, 2015 at the Elks Lodge on Forney Avenue. About 70 members and guests attended the event. Entertainment was provided by Steve Staley with a talk and slide show on the fish habitat in Lake Marburg. Dwight Resh did a fabulous job getting door prizes donated by various local businesses and individuals. Thanks again, Dwight. The event was free to all attendees. Next year's event will be held at Dutch Country Restaurant on March 19, 2016.

Easter Egg Hunt

Bob & Janet Maher, organizers

We had about 200 children at the Easter Egg Hunt. We gave 4000 eggs away, and about 400 stuffed animals. I would like to thank everyone who gave a donation or helped us at the Easter Egg Hunt. Paulla Sanders will be the chairwoman for next year's event to be held on March 25, 2016.

Clean-up Days

Larry Albright, coordinator

On Saturday, April 11 we had a clean up day in the park. There were approximately fifty volunteers for the clean up day. We would like to thank everyone for your help. On October 10th we will have a fall clean up day. We will meet at the visitors center at 8:30 for coffee and donuts. At 9am we will start working in the park. At noon we will stop for lunch. We our asking our volunteers to bring a covered dish. After lunch we will work on clean up until 2pm.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Bob Larsen, coordinator

November 20 was the date for the 2014 Thanksgiving Dinner, held at Dub's Church Annex. Members and guests brought covered dishes to share, while meats and beverages were provided. Warren spoke about the park updates.

This year's Thanksgiving Dinner will be on November 20 at Dub's Church Annex. Meat and beverages will again be provided. Please call Bob at 965-3868 or 632-5155 to reserve your seat!

Breakfast with Santa

Donna Webber, chairperson

The 2014 Breakfast with Santa was held on December 13, with the help of about 20 volunteers. Many community people brought their children to visit with Santa, craft Christmas decorations, and eat pancakes and sausage.

This year's event will be held on December 12 at Dub's Church Annex. Many volunteers will again be needed.

Hanover Chili Cook-off

Dwight Resh, coordinator

The annual Hanover Chili Cook-off was held on Sept. 6, 2015.. FOCSP had a space to promote our organization, while also providing trash pick-up during and after the event. We had over 20 volunteers to help at various times throughout the day. In 2014, Hanover Borough and the cook-off sponsors gave FOCSP a very nice donation of $3000 for our services.

Halloween in the Park

Brad and Kathy Bealing, chairs

Halloween in the Park was held Friday and Saturday, October 24 and 25, 2014. Campsites sold out again, even with the addition of non-electric sites. The weather was the fairest ever, so once again, crowds topped previous records. Special attention was given to Smokey Bear's 70th birthday during Saturday's Children's Activities with a surprise visit from him along with his expert firefighting crew. After birthday cake and singing, he lead the children on a parade around the trick or treat area.

The 9th Annual Halloween in the Park dates are October 23 & 24, 2015. Campsites sold out in June, over 20 local businesses have committed to hayride displays, additional parking is added in B loop, a Codorus State Park 50th Anniversary commemorative trick or treat bag will be generously gifted to each of our campers by one of our volunteers, and most importantly, York County 911 Mobile Command Unit will be on site to assist in communication and/or emergencies as needed. Join this fun group of volunteers for yes, hard work, but a really great and rewarding time!

Members' Picnic

Bob & Janet Maher, organizers

In 2015, 54 people attended the picnic on June 9, at the classroom building. Little Everett's BBQ provided the meat for the event. Members brought covered dishes. Thanks to Carl Grubb for the home made ice cream. Next year, the Picnic is on Thursday June, 9 2016 at the classroom building

Blast

Brenda Werntz, chairperson

The 14th annual Codorus Blast was held on June 19 and 20, 2015. Due to heavy rain on Saturday evening and night, the parking area was too swampy to allow parking, so most of the Blast was cancelled for June 21. The fireworks were held on Sunday evening. Despite this, turnout on Friday and Saturday was excellent. Attendance was estimated at 20,000. The band Pentagon played to a large crowd on Friday night. Saturday started well, with fishing for kids, Ray Owen performing children's songs, and many people enjoying the food and craft vendors. Highlights included the Butterly Tent, Nature Tent displays, and the Photo Contest. The Dock Dog competition was popular once again. A big thank you goes out to all the EMS and Fire companies who made our community event safe . Our Sponsors also deserve a Big Thank you: Hanover Hospital, Camping World, Members 1st Federal Credit Union, Hickory Falls, F & S Yamaha & Marine, Merchandiser, W.H. Cooke, and Glatfelter Paper Mill. The 2016 Blast will be held June 17, 18, and 19. Mark your calendars!
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Ice Cream Social

Dwight Resh and Park Chaplain, organizers

Dwight worked with the park chaplain to provide a fun day on Saturday, July 4th and again on Saturday of Labor Day for campers, including ice cream sundaes and other fun events. Dwight arranged hayrides which circled through the campground.