

FRIENDS OF CODORUS SUMMER/FALL 2022 NEWSLETTER

Hello Friends,

Our first annual Experience Codorus Outdoors event was held on June 17th and 18th. We experienced some growing pains with some adjustment to come. Anyone willing to volunteer is welcome to attend the monthly planning meeting, the first Thursday of each month, at the visitors center at 6:00 PM.

The camp store is having brisk wood sales this camping season.

Coming Events:

Paddle in the Park is being held October 1st with check in for registration at 8:30-9:00 am at Main Launch area. Register at <https://friends-of-codorus-state-park.ticketleap.com/>

Park Clean-Up is scheduled for October 15th from 9 AM until 12 PM. Registration is online at the DCNR calendar of events. NRCodorusEEPrograms@pa.gov

Codorus Trail of Treats will hold their annual event on October 21st and 22nd. Their monthly meeting is held the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at the visitor's center. <https://trailoftreats.weebly.com> link for tickets

The Veterans Memorial annual tree Planting will be held November 5th at 2PM at the classroom near the marina.

Thank you,
Scott Taylor
President



Are you interested in getting more involved with the Friends of Codorus State Park from your living room or home office? Do you have a few hours per month to put your administrative skills to use? If so, please let me know! The FOCSP is looking for someone to manage the Membership processes and also gathering feedback as to how it should look in the future.

The position would enable someone with fresh, new ideas to administer this aspect of our non-profit organization. Background in Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook are the tools you would need to do this job... FOCSP would give you access to these products.

Should you have any questions please let me know. You can reach me via e-mail at suzanne@FriendsofCodorus.org or by phone at 717-637-1653.

Suzanne Gamber
Membership Coordinator
September 2022

Codorus State Park Management Updates

As another summer season nears its end, we all take a deep breath as we know our busiest season is ending.

As you all know we have struggled with staffing this season mainly in our Maintenance Department where we had a total of 9 vacancies. We have been in the process of hiring for these vacancies for most of the summer and we should be welcoming new staff members shortly. Hiring for manual labor positions has proven to be the most difficult compared to any other positions. We are fully staffed with DCNR Rangers and Education Staff. We have a few vacancies with Clerical positions which are in the process of being filled as well.

The Swimming Pool has also had its fair share of challenges this year. However, after extensive marketing and interviewing we were able to secure a total of 15 lifeguards and were able to operate the pool seven days a week with slides for the majority of the season.

The Black Rock Lodge will be opening for reservations by the 2nd week of September. These past few months proved to be quite difficult with limited staffing, however, we were able to make the final touches before opening which included landscaping, installing kitchen and laundry appliances, adding two fire ring areas. We also have a contract in place with Triple R Services to clean the house after each stay.

As you all have most likely seen, we had multiple areas freshly paved this summer. These areas include the Main Launch lower parking area, Swimming Pool parking areas, the ADA ramp at the Amphitheater, and both managers residence driveways.

The Pennsylvania Outdoor Corps (PAOC) has done a lot of much needed work around the park this season including spraying of invasive species, trail maintenance of the MaryAnn Furnace Trail, as well as a new boardwalk on the LaHo Trail. The PAOC will be back later in the year to finish projects on the LaHo Trail.

In spite of the many challenges presented to our staff this year, they all performed extremely well throughout the summer. Our Ranger Supervisor, Danica Bange and her staff attended to all law enforcement issues without a hitch. We did deal with a few major incidents; however, the team handled each one extremely well. The Education Staff, EES Renae Weidner and EIT Angela McCarty worked extremely hard providing wonderful education opportunities, even recording some of the highest attendance numbers for programs across the state. Our Maintenance Supervisor, Daniel Clark and his staff kept up with all maintenance responsibilities despite having more positions vacant than filled. Lastly, our Clerical Staff did an excellent job keeping up with the day to day tasks despite being short-staffed, as well as handling the multitude of complaints they received.

Throughout the summer we consistently had the 4th highest attendance total each month throughout all of Pennsylvania State Parks.

From all of us at Codorus State Park, we thank you for your support, dedication, and most of all, your time. We are grateful and thankful that we have such a wonderful group of volunteers. We are looking forward to another productive and safe year.

Deanna & Mathias

Deanna Schall, Park Manager

Mathias Weizen, Assistant Park Manager

FRIENDS WELCOME NEW SUMMER EVENT

Last January, a small group of Friends members, along with the Codorus Park management, got together with the intent to create a whole new and different summer Park program. During that meeting, there were lots of opinions expressed, lots of ideas generated and lots of back and forth debate over what to do and how to move forward. Before the meeting was over, the new Experience Codorus Outdoors (ECO) event was born.

With only 5 months to do all the necessary planning, organizing and coordinating required to present an event of this size, these dedicated Friends group members pulled off the 1st annual ECO event. Held at the Main Launch area on June 17 & 18, the 2 day event brought together numerous outdoor activities for attendees to experience. Along with bands, food vendors, crafters and environmental exhibitors, the event also showcased mountain biking, horseback riding, fossil digging, geocaching, kayaking, fishing, hiking, birding and much more.

A huge thank you goes out to each and every Friends member who volunteered their time and put in the hard work necessary to make the event happen. We look forward to seeing you at the 2nd annual ECO event which will be held on June 9th and 10th, 2023.

If you would like to be involved with the planning efforts for next years' event, would like to participate as a volunteer during the event or just have ideas and suggestions to enhance our next ECO event, please contact me by email at contact@friendsofcodorus.org.

Brad Bealing
ECO Committee Chairman





WE NEED A
HELPING HAND!

Friday and Saturday, October 21 and 22, 2022
6:30 pm to 9:00 pm each night

SPREAD THE WORD *Tickets sold out last year, so please encourage everyone you know to buy tickets in advance! Here's a few easy ways!*

1. Share this link to buy tickets and for event info with your family, friends and co-workers:
<https://trailoftreats.weebly.com/>
2. Make copies of the event flyer which is included with this newsletter, and post throughout the community. (Always get permission first.)
3. Share the event page found on the Friends of Codorus Facebook page to your Facebook newsfeed and groups. <https://www.facebook.com/friendsofcodorusstatepark>

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED

Trucks and trailers are needed for hauling event items on:

- Sat, Oct. 15 starting at 8 am at the boathouse in Landis Woods (old girl scout camp)
- Sun, Oct. 24 starting between 8-9 am, meet at cabin #127 in C loop for instructions.
- Call Brad if you have any questions: 717-476-1660

Volunteer Lunches:

- We are looking for extra people to volunteer between 10 am and 1:30 pm to help set up, serve and clean up the volunteer lunches, Monday - Friday, October 17 - 21. Times may vary depending on what's on the menu. (Lunches are served at Site #122 (yurt) between 11:30 am 1:00 pm.)
- Or if you'd like to cook something at home and just drop it off, that'd be great too... like soups, side dishes or desserts.
- Contact Kathy at codorustreats@gmail.com or call 717-476-1630 to see what day(s) work best for you.

CAMPsites ARE SOLD OUT BUT BUSINESS/FAMILY SITES STILL AVAILABLE

C and D loop campsites which are the sites that decorate and pass out candy to the kids, are now sold out. We have a waiting list only for 2022 in the event a camper cancels last minute. There is no waiting list for 2023. Details for 2023 reservations will be posted on FOCSP website later.

BUT if your place of business or family would like a 12x12 area to decorate and pass out candy for the event, there are still spaces available. \$75 for the weekend. Call Kathy at 717-476-1630.

Pontoon Boat Renovation Project!

The Friends of Codorus State Park members Ellen, Jim, Gordy, Travis and Keith volunteered to take on finishing the upgrades to the parks pontoon boat used for tours of the lake that had been sidelined with COVID and the boat itself had deteriorated and needed some updates. With the maintenance shorthanded and pressure from region to get the boat back on the water the friends group stepped up to help. After 64 hours of work the group completed:



- Replacing decking plywood.
- Laid down new vinyl flooring
- Updated the seating from 12 to 17 people
- Painted the back of the boat
- Purchased additional seats
- Pressure washed the boat
- Fixed lights on boat trailer



The park hopes to get the boat back in service in September providing tours twice a week.

Winterfest 2023 Cancelled!

After trying different mechanisms/activities to increase interest to build up attendance and participation along with the current trend of less plungers each year it is with regret that the Friends of Codorus State Park and Spring Grove Parks and Recreation Center will be cancelling the 2023 event as well as future events. While people attending enjoyed the event despite some rough winter weather the event was starting to lose revenue as well as relying on the same volunteers from past years, less sponsors and plungers it was becoming too much. We would like to thank all volunteers and sponsors that have given their time and effort in supporting this event in the past.



Invasives Species Removal

Invasive plants are species that cause harm to natural resources, economic activity, or humans. Removing them gives native vegetation a better chance to flourish. Unfortunately, invasive plants are very abundant throughout the park.

The Invasive Species Removal Team worked in the campground and at the Black Rock Lodge this past spring. In the campground, loop A, loop B, and most of Loop C were completed. We removed primarily Autumn Olive, Bush Honeysuckle, and Multiflora Rose. Mike Bankert, Suzanne Gamber, Gary Harrity, and Frank Kozak helped to remove these invasives.



The work involved cutting small trees and shrubs with loppers, handsaws, and hedge trimmers, then applying an herbicide to the cut. As there are so many invasive plants in the park, culling them will be an ongoing effort for the foreseeable future.

Next Spring, if you are interested in doing outdoor work to help improve the park, please contact Frank Kozak at frank@friendsofcodorus.org. We provide the tools and equipment, and typically work one day a week, in the morning.



SAVE THE DATE!

***FRIENDS OF CODORUS STATE PARK
ANNUAL THANKSGIVING/
APPRECIATION DINNER***

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH, 5:30 PM

***OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS & A GUEST AT NO
CHARGE***



Paddle for the Park: A Floating Fundraiser!



Saturday, October 1st, 2022
Check-In: 8:30-9:00AM
Event: 9:00—11:30AM
Awards: 12:00 PM

Main Launch Area Codorus State Park

Join us for the first annual Paddle for the Park event at Codorus State Park! Bring your kayak or paddle board to explore the lake and visit up to five docks to play a round of 'Go Fish!' Each paddler will start with a hand of cards and travel to as many docks as possible in the allotted time to try to gather the best 'Go Fish' hand. Prizes will be awarded to the best hand, and multiple giveaways will be provided from our sponsors. Further instructions will be given before the event.

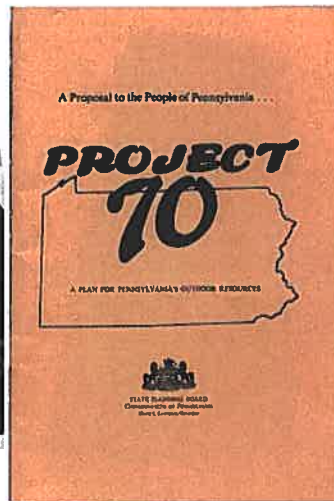
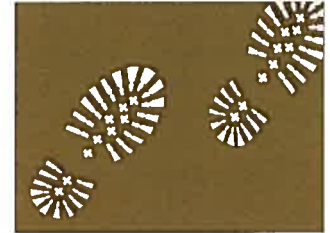
Event will be held on October 1st at 9:00am with check-in beginning at 8:30am. All registrants are expected to return to the main dock by 11:30am when hands of cards will be documented and prizes will be awarded by noon. In the case of poor weather conditions, the event will have a rain date of Sunday October 2nd, with the same times.

To register:

<https://friends-of-codorus-state-park.ticketleap.com/>

Share Your History:

A step back in time at Codorus State Park



Come share your memories with us!

**Saturday, October 8th
3PM-7PM**

Or

**Sunday, October 9th
11AM-5PM**

**Codorus State Park Visitor Center
2600 Smith Station Rd, Hanover**

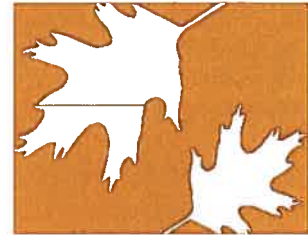
Many local residents remember the days before the lake was built. If you, or someone you know, was a resident of a property that became part of the park, we would love to hear from you! Please join us to share your stories - if you have any photographs, we would love to see them as well!

For more information, contact our park educators at (717)637-3454 or email NRCodorusEEPrograms@pa.gov

If you are unable to make it on these dates, but would like to share your stories or photographs, please contact us to set up a meeting!



Fall Clean-Up Day: Codorus State Park



**Help us prepare the park
for winter!**

When: October 15, 2022

9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Meet: Pavilion # 1
Off Swimming Pool Road

Lend a hand and help us get the park ready for winter! Grab a friend (or a group!) and meet at Pavilion # 1.

Bring a water bottle and wear appropriate footwear. We will provide any tools/equipment needed but we recommend you bring your own work gloves if you have them.

Pre-registration is appreciated.

For more information, please contact the park educators at (717) 637-3454 or NRCodorusEEPrograms@pa.gov



Please register at the DCNR Calendar of Events at www.events.dcnr.pa.gov

You may sign-up as an individual, a family or organized group. There is a group volunteer application option- be sure to have the lead member list all participants (under "members" tab) once your application is accepted.



Codorus
TRAIL OF TREATS



FRI, OCT. 21 & SAT, OCT. 22, 2022

6:30 PM TO 9:00 PM

TRICK OR TREAT

...with the kids along the trail of over 90 incredibly decorated campsites! Family friendly.

FOOD VENDORS, MUSIC, NATURE TENT & MORE

BRING FLASHLIGHTS! All parking is within walking distance.

Admission - ONLINE TICKETS ONLY!

\$15 PER CAR - Limited Tickets - No Refunds - No Exchanges

Print tickets for faster admission.

To purchase tickets and for event info visit:

<https://trailoftreats.weebly.com>



Directions: Event Entrance at Swimming Pool Rd. on Rt. 216, Blooming Grove Rd., Hanover, PA.

GPS Coordinates: 39°47'04.5"N 76°54'39.8"W

Parking: All event parking is within walking distance. No shuttles.

Questions? Email: codorustreats@gmail.com



HALLOWEEN PET PARADE



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022

Codorus State Park, Blooming Grove Rd., Hanover, PA
11:00 AM AT PAVILION 1 (Registration begins at 10:00 AM.)
(Swimming pool road, use parking lot at the pavilion only.)

- *Entrants parade around the campground collecting donations from spectators. Collection bags will be provided. No entry fee.*
- *Random prize drawings! Treat bags for all entrants!*
- *Park rules require that all pets are to be leashed and cleaned up after.*
- *Contact info: 443-822-3400 or email: codorustreats@gmail.com*
- *All proceeds benefit Animal Rescue, Inc.*

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ADMISSION - TICKETS ONLY! Limited Tickets. Online sales only. No exchanges.

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