

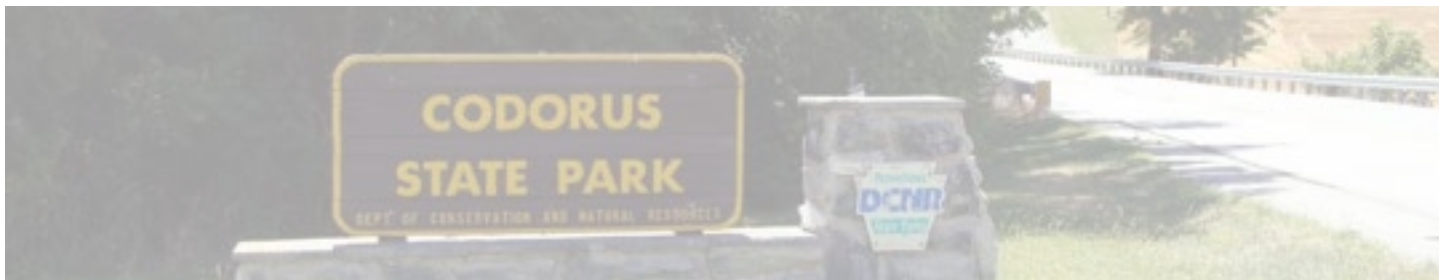


# Friends of CODORUS STATE PARK

## MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER

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## *President's Message:*

Dear Friends,

As we welcome a new season, I'm excited to share two wonderful developments for our community.

First, we are thrilled to introduce a talented new artist, Doug Anderson, to Art in the Park this year.

His creativity and fresh perspective will add a

vibrancy to this event, overlooking our wonderful

Lake Marburg. We THANK Brittany for her time and dedication to this event over the past years!



We are also gearing up for ECO – Experience Codorus Outdoors - an event that highlights the beauty of our park and encourages families and friends to explore, learn and connect to the outdoors. To make this event a success, we need your help! Volunteers are essential in creating a welcoming and memorable experience for all attendees.

Whether you can give a few hours or a full day, your support makes a meaningful difference. Here's a link to sign up to help: [VOLUNTEER](#).

Thank you for helping us build stronger community connections through art, nature and shared services, all to benefit Codorus State Park and the community.

With Gratitude,

*Mindy Rottmund*





## Friends of Codorus State Park Calendar 2026:

EVENT	DATES AND TIMES	LOCATION
1st Day Hikes	January 1, TBD	Various hikes throughout the park
Maple Sugaring Program	January – March ( <i>weather dependent</i> )	Friends of Codorus State Park Office
Builder's Home and Garden Show	March 12 – 14	TBD
Wood Cutting, Splitting and Restocking Firewood	April – October; Mon. and Wed. 7:30 – 11:30 am	Monday - Meet behind the Maintenance Area. Wednesday - Wood restocking at the Outpost.
Egg Stuffing for the Scramble	March 31, 8:30 – 11:00 am	Friends of Codorus State Park Office
Easter Egg Scramble	April 3, 5:00 pm	Pavilions 1 & 2, Swimming Pool Area
Outpost Camp Store opens	Starting April 10 Open Fri. and Sat. 2:00 – 8:30 pm	Campground Entrance
Park Clean-up Day	April 4, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm	TBD
Art in the Park	May 9	TBD
Experience Codorus Outdoors Setup	June 11 & 12, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm	Main Launch/Bandshell Area
Experience Codorus Outdoors	Jun 13, 11:00 am to 6:00 pm Jun 14, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm	Main Launch/Bandshell Area
Paddle for the Park	July 18, 9:00 am to noon <i>Rain Date July 19</i>	Main Launch
Night Out	August 4, 6:00 pm	Emory H. Markle Middle School 225 Bowman Road
Duck Blind Drawing	August 15, 8:00 – 11:00 am	Main Launch
Hanover Chili Cook-off Clean-up	September 6, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm	Moul Field, Hanover
Park Clean-up Day	October 10, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm	TBD
Codorus Trick or Treat Set up	October 17 – 23, 8:00 am	Campground and Bus Parking Area
Codorus Trick or Treat	October 23 and 24, 6:30 – 9:00 pm	Campground and Bus Parking Area
Halloween Pet Prowl	October 24, 11:00 am, Registration starts at 10:00 am	Pavilion 1
Codorus Trick or Treat Tear Down	October 25, 8:00 am	Campground and Bus Parking Area
Outpost Camp Store Closes	October 31, 8:30 pm	Campground Entrance
Member's Appreciation Dinner and Annual Meeting	November 12, 5:30 pm	Dub's Church Annex



## ***Important Information for Volunteers:***

### ***New PA DCNR Requirement for Volunteering***

**Anyone who volunteers at Codorus State Park, whether or not they are members of the FOCSP, needs to register with Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR).**

To register, go [Here](#) and click the Sign Up button at the top, right corner of the page.

Proceed as follows.

1. Step 1 - Complete all the required fields on the form and select Create Your Account at the bottom of the page.
2. Step 2 – Additional Questions  
Background Checks, including PA Criminal History Record and Child Abuse History Clearance, are needed from adults who interact with children out of the presence of another adult. Clearance is a pre-requisite to volunteer approval.
  - a. Check the box: I have read and agree to this statement.
  - b. Check the box: I give consent to DCNR employees/volunteers/contractors to capture my image in photos, videos, recordings, or other media. I grant permission to copyright, display, publish, distribute, use, modify, and publish such images.
  - c. Check the box: I have read and agree to this statement.
  - d. Check if you have any of the following qualifications (not required).
    - i. Chainsaw Certifications (USFS's DTS, NWCG S-212, NATS, Game of Logging, or other
    - ii. Pesticide Applicators License (public or commercial)
    - iii. Master Gardeners Certification
    - iv. CPR/First Aid
    - v. EMT
  - e. Click on Continue to the Next Step
3. Step 3: Qualifications
  - a. Electronically sign the Conservation Volunteer, Workers' Compensation, and Rights and Duties Agreements. This must be completed each calendar year. More information can be found on the left side menu.
4. After creating a volunteer profile, agree to the Conservation Volunteer agreement terms (Waiver and Rights and Duties). You are now part of the DCNR.
5. Click Continue to start exploring. Scroll to Codorus State Park and select it to become a "fan" of the park. Select any other state parks where you'd like to volunteer.

***More information on the new website can be found at the links below.***

- [PA DCNR Volunteer FAQs](#)
- [Quick Start Guide for Volunteers](#)



## **Important Information for Volunteers:**

### **How to Report Your Volunteer Hours**

- To log your volunteer hours, go [Here](#)
- This applies to volunteering with FOCSP as well as with the park proper.
- Volunteers can earn free camping days at PA state parks and forests as they accrue hours. The hour benchmarks are described in the PA DCNR Volunteer FAQs [link](#).

If you have any questions, contact the staff at Codorus State Park at 717-637-2816.

### **How to Sign Up to Volunteer at FOCSP Events**

To volunteer to help at any of these events, please complete the new DCNR volunteer sign-up requirement described above. Then, you have two options:

1. Sign-up [Here](#) or
2. Send an email to: [contact@codorusfriends.org](mailto:contact@codorusfriends.org)

### **Reminder - Your Volunteer Hours Count**

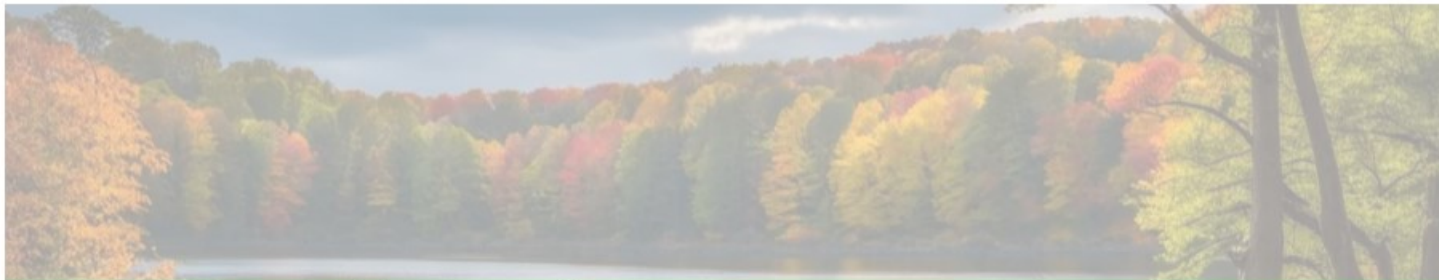
FOCSP volunteer hours are reported to DCNR headquarters and impact the park's budget. Please record and report all hours, including time spent volunteering, working on projects at home, and traveling for park activities. A form is available to track your time—submit it monthly or when complete.

The form is available by clicking here. Forms can be dropped off at the park office, emailed to [mike@codorusfriends.org](mailto:mike@codorusfriends.org), or mailed to Friends of Codorus State Park, Attn: Mike Rottmund, 1066 Blooming Grove Road, Hanover, PA 17331.

And remember, when your volunteer hours reach a reward “milestone”, you get an earned reward.

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| ✓ 50 hours - Tee shirt | ✓ 1500 - Name on plaque |
| ✓ 100 - Hat or visor   | ✓ 1750 - Tote           |
| ✓ 250 - Golf shirt     | ✓ 2000 - Blanket        |
| ✓ 500 - Jacket         | ✓ 2250 - Can Cooler     |
| ✓ 750 - Sweatshirt     | ✓ 2500 - Jacket         |
| ✓ 1000 - Wind shirt    |                         |





## Cool Stuff Happening - :

### ***Outpost Retail Sales***

The camp store opened on April 10<sup>th</sup> with a good opening weekend. Since then, the past four weekends' sales have slowed down. This is due to the weather and closing of Loop A for the season, which is approximately 25% of the campsites. Then three weeks into operation power was cut into the store resulting in a loss of approximately \$270.00 of ice cream, butter and hot dogs.



The retail store is the most profitable program for the group. However, we can't continue to keep it open without volunteers. If you like to meet friendly people from all over including overseas, the store provides an excellent opportunity. If you can only help 1 or 2 days out of the season is a help. Please consider signing up at <https://signup.com/go/HKxZBOp>. No special skills are needed and training is simple. Keith appreciated Dennis stepping up while he was away to keep things running.



The team received the first order of kiln dry bags for sale at the camp store. We are trying to provide campers with various options for firewood. The bags are bought so if campers do not burn it all they can legally take it out of the park and across state lines. When visiting national parks, the USDA certification on the bag is a must. Plus, it keeps their vehicle cleaner.



## ***Cool Stuff Happening - :***

### ***Outpost Retail Sales (continued)***

The team is receiving positive comments on the new logo design that is currently on long sleeve tee shirts. Volunteers are welcome to provide comments to improve our service and options.



### ***Marina Pavilion Project***

The Friends of Codorus State Park has raised sufficient funds for the project. Pending approval on the electric from the park, the bid specifications will be finalized. Construction is expected to start in the fall of 2026. This much-needed facility is to be located in the parking island at I Dock in the marina.

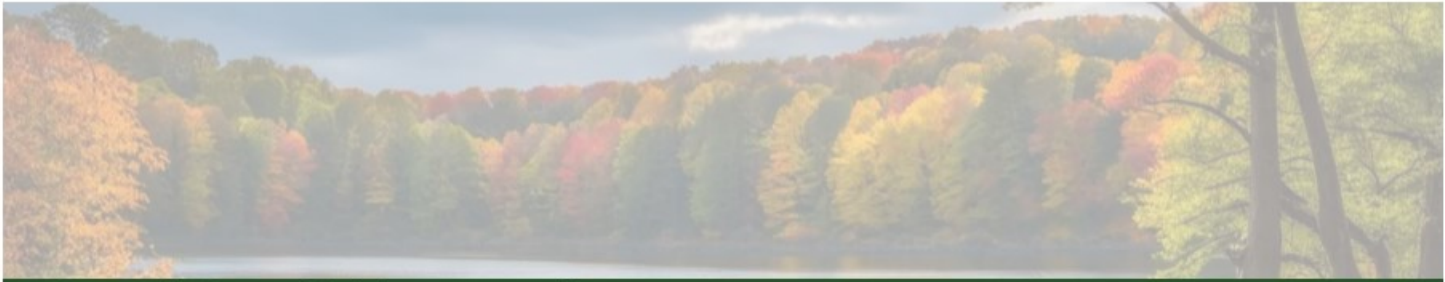
### ***Firewood Crew***

For the first time since Covid, the firewood cutting/splitting team was caught processing the logs that the park has provided to the group. Our stockpile will cover sales into late 2027.

However, this break will only last a week as our wood processor will be in to cut and rough split the logs from the campground over this past winter.

We appreciate Timber Ridge Tree Service assisting us with getting the trees cut to length due to new rules our volunteers need to have chainsaw certification.

This makes it easier for the crew so they do not have to handle large trees and pieces of wood. Our crew has started splitting the logs from this year in mid May. The team welcomed two new volunteers over the past month, including John Arthur and Don Stewart.



## Cool Stuff Happening - :



### ***Firewood Crew (continued)***

**Hanover Auto Team** came out on April 22<sup>nd</sup> to provide a community service day. Sixteen volunteers (to include Haley Morgan, Tom Gannett, George Cason, Nick Ford, Autumn Becker, Harley Peazonni, Alyana Petrosky, Brett Kontz, Alexys Share, Tim Flingman, Larry Dem, Preston Mater, Braunter Cach).

The team was separated into two groups with half working on assisting with the wood splitting and the other group cleaning up the shoreline since the lake water level is down. This low level provided an excellent chance to get areas inaccessible when the lake is full.

Thanks to Dennis Weaver spearheading the splitting crew. Without there help we would not have gotten caught up with finalizing splitting wood before processing the 60 new cords of wood on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The other team collected over seven bags of litter from the shoreline.

### ***Volunteer***





## Cool Stuff Happening Soon or Going On Now

### **Art in the Park**

When: Saturday May 9, 2026

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Create your own landscape of the park to take home!**

A local artist will lead you through the process of painting your own acrylic masterpiece.

- COST: \$30 per person
- All materials are included in registration fee.
- No experience necessary, but must be 14 years or older to register.
- Space is limited to 20.
- No refunds or exchanges.

For more information contact [cynthia@codorusfriends.org](mailto:cynthia@codorusfriends.org)



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### **Paddle for the Park**

When: Saturday July 18, 2026

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Main Launch off Sinsheim Rd

**Explore Lake Marburg on your kayak, canoe or paddle board to different docks collecting the best "Go Fish" hand!**

Bring your kayak, canoe 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.

For more information contact [Denise@codorusfriends.org](mailto:Denise@codorusfriends.org)



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# Cool Stuff Happening Soon or Going On Now



**ECO: Experience Codorus Outdoors** is just around the corner. This is a major fundraising event for the State Park. Please help keep Codorus lively and beautiful!

**For S'more Fun, join us on June 13 & 14, 2026**

If you can help us, here are some ways:

- Set up, Share in the Fun or Tear down event! Be a [Volunteer](#)
- Come to the Event! Ticket to attend! [Ticket](#)
- Print our information to share! [Flyer](#)

This year we will have the ever popular Interactive Nature Exhibits, Kids Zone, Obstacle Course, Fishing Experiences, Outdoor Games, Live Musicians, Environmental Education, Kite Flying, Scuba Demonstration, Wildlife Learning, Fossil Excavating, Hand Crafted Goods / Local Craft Artisans, Toy Parachute Launcher, Axe Throwing, Local Food Trucks, ECO Challenge, Dunk Tank, Fun in the Dirt & Sand, and Slip & Slide.

**Bring your family - kids, grandchildren, neighbors and friends!!**

**Let's Experience Codorus State Park!!**



## Cool Stuff Happening Soon or Going On Now



### HALFWAY TO TRICK OR TREAT!

That's right! Don't let the calendar fool you. Wheels are already in motion for another fangtastic Halloween event at the park. Codorus Trick or Treat (CTOT) Friday and Saturday, October 23 and 24, 6:30 PM to 9 PM.

All CTOT details [HERE](#).

- Camping Reservations

- o Last year's campers have first dibs on their sites from last year. Their deadline is June 1.
- o Starting June 15, if you know someone who wants to camp in the trick or treat area, share this link for all the eerie details:

<https://www.codorusfriends.org/campers.html>

- Sponsorship Opportunities

- o <https://www.codorusfriends.org/ctotspon.html>

- Tickets

- o <https://events.ticketleap.com/tickets/friends-of-codorus-state-park/2026-codorus-trick-or-treat>

- Volunteer

- o If you want to join our wicked-good team of volunteers, call Kathy at 717-476-1630 or email: [codorustreats@gmail.com](mailto:codorustreats@gmail.com)

**We look forward to hearing from you and have a spooktacular summer!**

Kathy and Brad Bealing





## *Cool Stuff That Has Already Happened*

### ***Maple Sugaring Program***

The FOCSP volunteer team got the maple sugaring process started on December 30th with tree tapping. Over the next five days, 57 trees were tapped using 105 taps. Twenty-one volunteers signed up to assist with the process. Sap collection began on January 6th, and approximately 350 gallons of sap were frozen for use during end-of-season programs.

Unfortunately, mid-January brought a drop in temperatures, halting sap flow and allowing for only one cooking day—January 16th. During January, Renae conducted two backyard sugaring programs, sharing her knowledge and engaging the community in this seasonal tradition. These events are held annually from January to March.





## *Cool Stuff That Has Already Happened*

### ***Easter Egg Scramble***

Our annual Easter Egg Scramble on April 3rd brought a nice crowd together for a bright, lively afternoon of gathering eggs, laughing and celebrating the arrival of Spring! Families came early to see the Easter Bunny and get a “goodie bag,” then enjoy the music at the park, make crafts, and find their favorite spot before the big countdown began!

When the horn sounded, the field came alive with children rushing into the grassy area to get the eggs. Children were in four age groups so whether a first-time egg seeker or a seasoned scrambler, a chance to join in the fun was had by all!

This year's event was made possible through the support of Utz Quality Foods, Weis Markets, Giant, Sweet Frog, South Hanover Lanes, Hickory Falls, Hanover Bowling Lanes, Sam's Club, Chick-fil-A, and Berkshire Hathaway-Chrissie Barrick Team. A special thanks goes to DJ Chris, who donated his time and kept the energy high throughout the afternoon.

Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, or contributed. Traditions like this thrive because of the community that surrounds them, and we look forward to another exciting scramble next year.





## ANNOUNCEMENT:

***Do you have random ends of yarn laying around?***

**The park educator can put them to use!**

Any length, any color can be used. You may drop them off at the park office for her. She could also use thin (like cereal boxes) cardboard. These will be cut down into 5–6-inch squares, so small stuff is great!

Also, if you would like to assist with preparing an easy historic craft for use at ECO, please reach out to Renae.

**It's a great project for those quiet evenings.**

### Your FOCSP Leaders:

**Mindy Rottmund**  
*President*

**Ellen Oaster**  
*Vice President*

**Denise Markle**  
*Secretary*

**Keith Taylor**  
*Treasurer/Accounts Payable*

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**Cynthia Covino**  
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**Mike Rottmund**  
*Director*

**Mandi Smith**  
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