

Friends of Devil's Den State Park, Inc. March, 2018 Newsletter Summary

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President's Message

I would like to thank our members for their continued support of Our Park.

I have received word that the rebuilding of the Ridge Runner Café is complete. It will now be a Sandwich Shop. The Café will be open on weekends starting March 9th from 10 am to 6 pm, but all week for Arkansas Spring Break starting the 19th. Otherwise, May 18th thru August 11th, it will be open Sunday thru Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm. Then August 12th thru October 31st, it will be open only on Saturday and Sunday from 9 am to 5 pm.

The Park Store in the same building will open on March 3rd on a varied basis. Check with the Park Office for the days and times it is in operation.

We will be having our Work Day/Awards Lunch/Business Meeting on March 3rd. The Work Day will start at 9 am at the Visitors Center. At 12:30 we will meet in Cabin 12 for our Awards Lunch (Pot Luck) followed by the Business meeting. If you can come to the Lunch and would like to bring some food, please call me at (479) 466-4517.

We will continue to sponsor two visits by Lynn Sciumbato and her birds, Bat-O-Rama in June, and the 30th NWA Mountain Bike Race on September 14-15. Plus many other Park Events.

I would like to see you all in March, June, and September. Continue to

enjoy and support the best State Park in Arkansas throughout the year.

Jack Miller, President FDDSP

Support Us While You Shop

When you go to shop at that huge online retailer, you can support your favorite nonprofit by logging in at smile.amazon.com (as opposed to www.amazon.com). The prices are the same and your Prime membership works the same, and the Amazon Foundation donates 0.5% of your purchase price to your designated participating nonprofit. When you first login you are asked to search for a nonprofit to designate, naturally

we have a suggestion as to which to search for and choose: Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/71-0748584> to support us.

Thank you!

FDDSP General Membership Meeting Agenda -March 3, 2018

Our meeting will be held on March 3rd at 12:30 in Cabin 12:

Call to order

Approve September 2017 minutes

Approve Financial Report

Membership Report

Old Business

Storage of FDDSP records

Wash House Plaque

Website hosting

New Business

PayPal

2018 Mountain Bike Race

Park Staff on 2018 Events

Park Staff Requests

Award Certificates Presented

Next Business Meeting September 15th

in Cabin 17

Adjourn

Please try to attend or mail in your proxy (on back page of this newsletter) if you can't.

Thank you for your continued support!

Friends of Devil's Den September 16, 2017 Minutes

Our meeting was held in Cabin 17. Present were Harry Harnish, John & Aimee Crochet, and Jack Miller. We had proxies from Kathy Stafford and Stephen Shepherd.

Jack called the meeting to order. Harry made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes. John seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

John went over our financial report. We have \$7,175 balance in the bank and with Paypal. A motion was made by Aimee to approve the report. This was seconded by Harry and passed unanimously. John also gave a report on our membership which showed 27 total memberships. 19 of them are family memberships with 2 votes. This gives us 46 voting members with a quorum of 5.

Taking up old business, we discussed the storage of records. This was tabled until we hear from the park. A decision about the Wash House Plaque was also tabled.

In new business, the Addie Lee Memorial fund received \$180.00. Park events and park staff requests were both tabled because no staff were present at the meeting. John submitted a written 2018 budget, attached. Aimee moved to adopt the budget. Harry seconded the motion and it passed.

The election of officers for 2018 was held. John nominated Jack as president. Jack nominated Harry as vice president. Harry nominated Aimee as secretary. Jack nominated John as treasurer. As there were no further nominations, the above slate was elected by acclamation.

The meetings for 2018 were set: March 3 in Cabin 12 and September 15 in Cabin 17. John moved to adjourn. Harry seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Aimee Crochet, Secretary

Calendar of Events for 2018

March

Spring Breaks Begin.....10th – 25th

Join park staff for special daily programs that every member of the family will enjoy!

Devil's Den Rocks.....24th – 25th

Join the geologist and park staff for a fun weekend as you discover more about the special features that make Devil's Den the rockin' place to be!

April

Ozark Mountain Bike Fest 6th –7th

Join the park staff for a fun weekend on the two-wheel trails. There's fun to be discovered by all ages and levels of riders.

Signs of Spring AND Wild Edibles Workshop 15th - 16th
Learn about wild edible plants with Dr. Tamara Walkingstick as you enjoy springtime hikes, crafts, and a whole lot more! Participants in the Wild Edibles workshop will prepare a special dish or two for the class to sample from nature's wild garden. A small fee is required for the workshop. Contact the park front desk for more information and to sign up.

May

☑ Birder Weekend.....4th – 6th

Whether you are a beginner or an experienced birder, you will enjoy walking the trails to discover what flies by. To top off the weekend, Lynn Sciumbato from Morning Star Wildlife Rehabilitation Center will present a special program with some of her special feathered friends.

Senior Citizens Fun Week 15th - 18th

Join the Devil's Den State Park staff for 3 fun-filled days of park nature programs, guided hikes, cooking demonstrations, and other activities. Contact the park to make your cabin or camping reservations. Make sure to mention you're here for the Senior Citizen Fun Week. The event is designed for senior citizens, but anyone can participate in the activities. Event admission is free.

June

National Trails Day.....2nd

Come join park staff for guided hikes on some of your favorite park trails!

☑ 29th Annual Bat-O-Rama 8th- 9th

Park staff and special guests will be on hand for some great family fun as we celebrate one of the most beneficial but misunderstood creatures in the world ... BATS! Nighttime mist netting will be conducted so you can get an up-close view of these amazing creatures. Bring your cameras!

July

CCC Reunion Day.....2nd

Join park staff as we honor the legacy, tradition, and hard work of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), the group of young men who built your park in 1933 – 1942. We will have family-oriented CCC activities scheduled throughout the day as we step back in time to the 1930s. Join us for this fun day as we celebrate the legacy of the CCC!

43rd Annual Devil Den Games - 4th

Enjoy a fun-filled family day of horseshoes, egg toss, sack races, bike parade and of course softball tournaments. all topped off with homemade ice cream! It will be a July 4th celebration your family won't soon forget!

September

7th Annual Legacy – Think Like a Mountain Weekend...ug 31st – Sept 4th

School may be back in session, but there is still time for family activities as you join staff and special speakers and get to know your park better. Discover how you can follow in the footsteps of past conservationists and help conserve and preserve our valuable natural resources for generations to come.

12th Annual Lee Creek Clean Up ...8th This is the day park staff, area agencies and individuals come together to clean up the beautiful creek that flows through the park. Cleaner water means a cleaner park for everyone to enjoy. Come and help!

☑ 30th Annual Mountain Bike Race.....14th – 15th

What's a mountain bike race without the trails at Devil's Den State Park? Come and ride in the race or just enjoy watching all the levels of riders compete.

☑ Denotes a Friends of Devil's Den sponsored event or activity