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President's Message

Bike race time! The Northwest Arkansas Mountain Bike Championships is where the work of the Friends is most visible to the public in our service to the Park and the community. We need your help registering contestants Friday night (6:30 to 9:00 p.m.) September 18 and Saturday morning (7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. peak registration, with a couple of us for

continuing registration until 11:00 or Noon) and/or to help with timing the races 9:00 a.m. until after 3:00 p.m.

Please let me know if you can help out by phone or text to (479) 633-7179 or email to friends@devilsden.org.

Our annual meeting and election of officers follows the end of the Category 1 races (about 4 PM) in Cabin 17. It's a great way to pass

some time between the race and the awards ceremony/hamburger and ice cream dinner, and there are several positions to be filled that look good on a resume and most of them don't take up that much time. If you can't make it, please get a proxy to us so we can get a quorum and stay legal.

John Crochet,

President

About the Friends of Devil's Den

Friends of Devil's Den State Park, Inc. helps Devil's Den State Park provide diverse recreational and educational opportunities for all visitors while protecting the natural and cultural resources of this unique Ozark valley.

The Friends raise money to cover costs beyond the state budget for equipment, improvements, and programs to make your visit at the Park more convenient and enjoyable. Friends also provide volunteer labor at programs and for

maintenance and improvement of the Park.

For more information see our website at www.devilsden.org or find us on Facebook at Friends of Devil's Den State Park in NW Arkansas or email us at friends@devilsden.org.

To Join:

Fill out the form on page 6 and mail to the address on the form

or join online at www.devilsden.org/join.htm.

To Donate

If you wish to make a donation to help the Park without joining the Friends, mail it to

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or make it online at www.devilsden.org/help.htm

or through PayPal to treasurer@devilsden.org.

Thank you in advance for your support.....!!!!

"Fire Strikes Historic CCC Building"

By Tim V. Scott



Thursday August 27th will live in the mind of Devil's Den staff for a long time. The building that houses the store and café, originally known as the combination building, experienced extensive damage to the kitchen. The rest of the building had heat, smoke, and water damage. Luckily, we believe that most of the historic portion of the structure escaped major damage. But that will not be revealed until clean-up starts.

The "combination building" is one of the first buildings constructed in the park. It was used for food service, but a majority of the structure was used as changing rooms for the swimmers. The building is one of the architectural gems of the park. With its heavy timbering, it is a perfect example of architecture referred to as "Parkitecture." Hopefully, it will be restored to its original glory.



Mark McBride

Without West Fork Fire Department, Boston Mountain Volunteer Fire Department and Strickler Volunteer Fire Department, we may be looking at a shell of a building. A special thanks has to go to Randall Coker, who was the first to arrive at the scene. Randall is not only a volunteer fire fighter, he is also a full-time Fayetteville firemen. With his knowledge, he was able to act as a ground incident commander. Also, the park's very own Mark McBride was in the thick of it. Mark works on the maintenance staff, but he is also a Captain on the Boston Mountain Fire Department. He worked at the park all day, and then he made a run to Devil's Den when Boston Mountain was toned out for the incident. Mark not only helped fight the fire, but his knowledge of the building was helpful during the fire.

FDDSP General Membership Meeting Agenda - September 19, 2015



Our meeting will be held in Cabin 17, upon end of the CAT 1 bike races (estimated 4pm)

- * Call to order
- * Reading and adoption of minutes
- * Financial Report
- * Membership Report
- * Old business:
 - Ball field fence
 - Fireproof safe/file cabinet

*** New business:**

- Requests from Park Staff for equipment and projects
- Budget 2016
- Election of Officers for 2016
- Small-scale fundraising

*** Set dates for 2016 meetings**

*** Adjourn**

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

XXVII NW Arkansas Mountain Bike Championships



XXVII
NW Arkansas Mountain Bike
Championships
Devil's Den State Park
September 19, 2015

Race registration will be on Friday 9/18/2015 from 6:30-9:00 PM and on Saturday 9/19/2015 from 7:00 AM to 12:00 Noon in the audio visual room located at the Visitor Information Center.

All races will begin in Campground A on Saturday. The course will include Racer's Hill. One lap is approximately 6 miles.

9:00 AM: All CAT 3, Clydesdales, and juniors except CAT 1 juniors. Juniors 12 and under will ride one lap. Remaining CAT 3's Clydesdales, and 13 and above juniors will ride 2 laps.

11:00 AM: All CAT 2 and single speed. CAT 2 men and single speed: 3 laps. CAT 2 women: 2 laps.

1:00 PM: All CAT 1. CAT 1 Men: 4 laps. CAT 1 Women: 3 laps.

2:00-3:00 PM Trials
Registration: Meet in the Ridge Runner Cafe Pavilion.

3:00-6:00 PM Observed Trials:
Watch this thrilling event as skilled riders jump over man-made and natural objects. This event will take place next to the lake/cafe area.

6:00-8:00 PM Awards for the Race and Trial Competition. Also swag and food! All competitors need to meet at the cafe pavilion. After the trial, we fire up the outside charcoal grill to cook hamburgers and hot dogs. For homemade ice cream, you need to bring a spoon and a bowl. AND you have to crank to eat!

For the kids: A kid's challenge will be held in Area A near Campsite 14. Teeter-totters and more. Adult supervision is recommended.

Also, Blue Cliff College will be giving free massages in Campground A.

For more information call Devil's Den State Park at (479) 761-3325 or email tim.scott@arkansas.gov or adam.leslie@arkanas.gov.

The following are proud sponsors of this event:

Adventure Subaru
The Bank of Fayetteville
Progressive Trail Design
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TailwindCyclists.com
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Kids Bike Arkansas
FAST
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Blue Cliff College
The Bike Route
Chainwheel
Cross Country Cyclery
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T-town Bicycles
Champion Cycling
Northwest Athletic Club
Lewis & Clark Outfitters
Phat Tire
Pack Rat
The Highroller Cyclery
Uncle Sam's Safari Outfitters
Red Kite



New Facility Manager at Devil's Den State Park

by Tim V Scott

Allan Benson is the new Facility Manager for Devil's Den State Park. He is a graduate of the University of Central Arkansas and an AmeriCorps® Vista Alumni. Previous to joining the Devil's Den Team, Allan spent a year in Anchorage, Alaska

helping a not-for-profit enhance their in-house resident services programs. Most of his public service experience comes from close to a decade serving Faulkner and Pulaski Counties as a librarian. Currently he lives in Fayetteville with his wife

Sarah, who is the Museum Manager for the Native American Cultural Center in Bentonville, AR. In his free time Allan enjoys hiking, playing guitar and planning his next big motorcycle trip.

28th Annual NW Arkansas Mountain Biking Championship Welcomes New Sponsor --- Adventure Subaru

by Tim V Scott

It literally rolls around every year. Of course I am talking about the NW Arkansas Mountain Bike Championships. The last couple of weeks, the Fossil Flats Trail have been a merry go round of cyclists getting race ready for September 19th.

One thing you may notice this year, a new logo on the flyer and shirt. Adventure Subaru is now our major sponsor for this event and the Ozark Mountain Bike Festival. We believe it is a perfect match. Subaru is known for its connection

to outdoor adventure. Typical park activities such as mountain biking, hiking and camping work well with a company that promotes that lifestyle. We feel lucky to not only have Adventure Subaru, but longtime sponsors such as the Bank of Fayetteville, Friends of Devil's Den, Jack Miller, the Scott / DeFoliart Mountain Bike Trust, and Lindsey Realty still on board. Plus most of the local bike shops and outdoor store contribute "swag" to the race as giveaways. Please be sure to "thank" and do business with our sponsors.

Volunteers are always needed for the event. You can help with registration, timing, or handing out t-shirts. All are valuable and needed roles. Friend members John and Aimee Crochet, Jack Miller, Kathy Stafford, Harry Harnish, and always, USAC Official Steve Shepherd have helped for years.

Volunteering or not, come and enjoy the event!!

Friends of Devil's Den State Park, Inc. Minutes of the General Semi-Annual Meeting – March 7, 2015

The semi-annual meeting was held at Cabin 12. Present were Jack Miller, John and Aimee Crochet, Thurman Ragar and Harry and Marilyn Harnish. Terry Elder represented the park. Voting proxies for Pat and Carole Huff and Martha Ragar were presented.

Jack called the meeting to order and distributed the minutes from last year's March 1st and September 13th meetings as well

as the 2014 financial report. All were approved. He also distributed the new membership list and a list of donations received in memory of Aimee Huff.

Terry Elder's reports on this year's special events was first on the agenda. Dr. Mark Reich of Arkansas State University will return as this year's Bat-O-Rama speaker. Lynn Sciumbato will once again appear at the Birder's

Weekend event. The fall meeting of the Friends will take place at 4:30 pm in Cabin 17 on September 19 during the Arkansas Mountain Bike event. Terry also noted that the annual Lee Creek cleanup will take place on September 12th.

Jack then reported that Tim Scott has not given him any specs on a fireproof safe for CCC artifacts that the organization had
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said it would buy. Terry said that some of the collection will probably be moved to the state History Commission in Little Rock. It was decided to table the purchase of the safe at this time.

Next on the agenda Terry presented park equipment requests. Both housekeeping and maintenance are requesting 18-volt rechargeable batteries. A motion was made that the organization authorize the park to spend up to \$275 for five batteries. It passed with a unanimous vote. Housekeeping also requested a hand held vacuum cleaner. It was approved that the board would buy one for them. Terry also requested \$1,500 for a replacement and addition to the third base fence at the ball field. Motion was made,

seconded and passed with a unanimous vote.

Marilyn then reported that Devil's Den was no longer a sanctioned Master Gardener project but that she would continue to tend to the Visitor Center flower garden and herb garden as a personal volunteer project.

Next up was election of officers. Nominations were as follows: for president – John Crochet, vice president – Jack Miller, secretary – Harry Harnish and treasurer- Aimee Crochet. Thurman moved that all be approved. Approval was unanimous.

Finally, the annual awards were presented by Jack. Award and recipients were:

Devil's Den and Dillwyn Paxson – Jack Miller

Vista Point – Pat and Carole Huff, John and Aimee Crochet

Yellow Rock – Steve and Ruth Shepherd, Harry and Marilyn Harnish

Butterfield Trail – Barbara Huff, Anne Rosso, Jessa Scott

Quail Valley – Mary Rasori, Charles and Reba Hughes, Lindsay & Associates

After adjourning, a brief board meeting was held to approve updating organization account records at the Bank of Fayetteville.

Harry Harnish, Secretary

Calendar of Events



SEPTEMBER

ANNUAL LEE CREEK CLEAN-UP.....12TH

Join area groups and individuals as we clean up Lee Creek, the creek that runs thru the park. Cleaner water means a cleaner park for everyone. Come and help!

© 26TH ANNUAL MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE...18TH - 20TH

Come and ride in the race or just enjoy watching all the levels of riders compete. We also need volunteers for registration/timing!

OCTOBER

3RD ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL....16TH - 18TH

Help us celebrate the coming of fall! Design a costume and join in the 'walk around' trick or treating, crawl your way through the 'box cave' and lots more during this weekend of family fun

DUTCH OVEN WORKSHOP..... 24TH

Dutch oven cooking is not only delicious but it's fun to do when you're camping or even at home. Join park staff and volunteers to learn all you need to know to get cooking! **A small fee and pre-registration is required for this workshop.**

NOVEMBER

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY.....15TH

Come and get trashy! Join the park staff for some fun activities about trash and what you can do to reduce your carbon footprint!

GREEN FRIDAY..... 27TH

Go green NOT black! Forget the crowded malls and stores! Instead join park staff and ease into the holiday season by enjoying the great outdoors at your state park..

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JANUARY

First Day Hikes..... 1ST

Start the year off on the right foot---get out and enjoy your state parks!

FEBRUARY

GREAT BACK YARD BIRD COUNT....13TH

Join author and bird enthusiast Joe Neal along with park staff as we count the birds around the park.

© VULTURE VENUE.....13TH- 14TH

Learn about one of nature's most misunderstood creatures....the VULTURE. Meet 'Igor' the Turkey Vulture and learn

why these creatures are so important in nature.

MARCH

FROG WATCH WORKSHOP.....11TH - 12TH

Become a Citizen Scientist and learn how to identify frogs and toads in the wild by their calls! Pre-register by contacting

terry.elder@arkansas.gov

SPRING BREAKS BEGIN.....14TH- 27TH

It's spring time in the Ozarks.....schools are out.....state parks are in! Join park staff for lots of special programs that every member of the family will enjoy!

DUTCH OVEN WORKSHOP..... 19TH

Dutch oven cooking is not only delicious but it's fun to do. Join park staff and learn all you need to know to get cooking! **A small fee and pre-registration is required for this workshop.**

DEVIL'S DEN ROCKS..... 25TH- 27TH

It's time to celebrate what makes this park special! Join State Geologist Angela Chandler and park staff for a fun weekend as you learn about the special features that make Devil's Den the rockin' place to be! Special musical performance on Saturday evening by award winning local Brick-Fields!

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I want to join Friends of Devil's Den State Park, Inc.

Name: _____

Additional Name: _____

(For Family or Business/Organization memberships to designate voter)

Address: _____

City, ST Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Check appropriate membership:

☐ \$15 Individual ☐ \$10 Full Time Student

☐ \$25 Family ☐ \$100 Business/Organization

Additional, tax deductible contribution level (if desired):

☐ \$50 Quail Valley ☐ \$100 Butterfield Trail

☐ \$250 Yellow Rock ☐ \$500 Vista Point

☐ \$1000 Devil's Den ☐ \$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to Friends of Devil's Den State Park, Inc.

I would like to volunteer in the following area(s):

☐ Clerical ☐ Carpentry ☐ Trail Maintenance

☐ Landscape ☐ Friends' administration ☐ Computers

☐ History Research ☐ Maintenance ☐ Plumbing

☐ Bird House Management ☐ Wildlife Management

☐ Other: _____

Date: _____/_____/20____

Please fill out if you are unable to attend our meeting. Mail to Friends of Devil's Den State Park, Inc., PO Box 623, West Fork, AR 72774-0623

PROXY

I hereby appoint _____, or, in his/her absence or inability or unwillingness to serve or if left blank, a member present appointed by the presiding officer, as my proxy at the September 19, 2015 membership meeting of Friends of Devil's Den State Park, Inc., with the following instructions:

To abstain on all other matters.

Date: _____

This proxy is revocable upon written notice to the Secretary or upon my attendance at the meeting.

Print name: _____ Signature: _____

For family memberships, complete for second voting member:

Print name: _____ Signature: _____