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# Friends of Devil's Den State Park, Inc.



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## President's Message

Thank you again  
FDDSP Members for  
your continued support  
of Devil's Den State  
Park.

Please come on  
Saturday March 5 as  
we have our ½ day  
work day followed by  
the Awards Lunch. We  
will meet for the work  
day at the Visitors  
Center at 9:00 AM. At  
12:30 we will have  
Lunch and the Business  
Meeting at Cabin 12. If  
you would like to bring

some food for the  
lunch, please call me at  
(479-466-4517).

We will again be  
sponsoring Bat-O-  
Rama, the 27<sup>th</sup> N.W.  
Arkansas Mountain  
Bike Race, Lynn  
Sciumbato and her  
birds visiting the Park,  
and several other  
events. There will be  
more info on the Bike  
Race in the next  
Newsletter.

If you are interested in

trail maintenance, we  
have a small group that  
comes to the Park  
every Thursday  
(weather permitting) at  
9:00 AM to work ½ day  
on the trails. Call me  
(479-466-4517) or the  
Park Office (1-800-264-  
2417) for the location of  
that day's work.

Jack Miller

President of  
the FDDSP

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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

Friends of Devil's Den State  
Park, Inc.  
PO Box 623  
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or make it online at  
[www.devilsden.org/help.htm](http://www.devilsden.org/help.htm)

or through PayPal to  
[treasurer@devilsden.org](mailto:treasurer@devilsden.org).

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



In Memory of  
**Jessa Dean Scott**  
January 15, 1927 - February 11, 2016

member of the Delta Sigma chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

She was married in Parsons, Kansas in 1947. She lived in Odessa, Texas and Nashville, Tennessee where she was a homemaker. In 1964, Jessa worked as a secretary for Vanderbilt University's Divinity School. In 1965, after moving back to Rogers, Arkansas, she was employed as a secretary for the Rogers High School and later with the Rogers School Supply office. She retired in 1989 after a 24 year career with the school system.

Jessa was preceded in death by her mother Ruby King and father Jess DeFoliart of Rogers, Arkansas; and her brother Gene DeFoliart of Madison, Wisconsin.

She is survived by her sons, Kimber DeFoliart Paul Scott of Fayetteville, Arkansas, Timothy Vance Scott of Devil's Den State Park; two nieces Sharon DeFoliart of Falmouth, Maine and Linda DeFoliart of Fairbanks, Alaska; and a nephew David DeFoliart of Burke, Virginia. Other relatives include Dave Foliart of Van, Buren, Arkansas, plus great nieces and a great nephew.

She was a loving mother and a kind person with a wonderful sense of humor who enjoyed family, reading, Arkansas sports, Broadway plays, and sunshine. She was charitable in her gifts to different organizations and clubs, especially in her donation to the Northwest Arkansas Mountain Bike Championships. A devout Episcopalian, Jessa Dean was proud to be from Arkansas and the South. She will be missed.

Jessa Dean DeFoliart Scott, 89, passed away peacefully with her sons by her side on February 11, 2016 at Katherine's Place in Fayetteville, Arkansas. She was born on January 15, 1927 in Stillwater, Oklahoma the daughter of Jess H. DeFoliart and Ruby M. King. She graduated from Rogers High School in 1944. Jessa Dean attended the University of Arkansas where she was a Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority member. She also attended Oklahoma A & M. While at A & M, she was a colonizing

## FDDSP General Membership Meeting Agenda - March 5, 2016



**Our meeting will be held in Cabin 12 at 12:30 PM:**

- \* Awards Lunch
- \* Call to order
- \* Approve minutes
- \* Approve Financial & Donation Reports
- \* Bat-O-Rama
- \* Mountain Bike Race
- \* Think Like a Mountain
- \* Volunteer Expo in Rogers

- \* Lee Creek Cleanup
- \* Budget requests
- \* Requests from park staff
- \* FDDSP Records Storage/Fireproof Safe
- \* Awards certificates
- \* Adjourn

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

## Introducing Our New Park Interpreter: **Mystina Swaim**



Park Interpreter Mystina Swaim started at Devil's Den State Park in October 2015. She has been working for Arkansas State Parks since May 2010 at Mount Nebo State Park, Petit Jean State Park, and Village Creek State Park. Before working as an Arkansas State Parks Interpreter, Mystina was in 4-H for thirteen years working on Environmental Stewardship as her main project. She also completed her college internship volunteering at Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park in Florida where she worked with manatees, presented interpretive programs, and provided rehabilitation care to the park's animals. She now holds a Bachelor of Science degree

from Arkansas Tech University in Recreation and Parks Administration with the Interpretive Naturalist emphasis and a minor in biology. She is a Certified Heritage Interpreter (CHI), Certified Interpretive Guide (CIG), and a member of the National Association for Interpretation. Her hobbies include hiking, competing in horse and rabbit shows, kayaking, exploring new places, traveling, and volunteering with wildlife and conservation as much as she can. With her love of the natural world and of Arkansas State Parks, she would like to encourage you to join her during programs or other events at Devil's Den so she can share her experiences to help you make memorable experiences of your own.

## Calendar of Events

### MARCH

- ☺ 11th-12th ~ FROG WATCH WORKSHOP
- 7th-27th ~ SPRING BREAKS BEGINS
- 19th ~ DUTCH OVEN WORKSHOP
- 19th ~ RAIN GARDEN WORKSHOP
- 25th-27th ~ DEVIL'S DEN ROCKS

### APRIL

- 2nd-3rd ~ OZARK MOUNTAIN BIKE FEST
- 15th-17th ~ SIGNS OF SPRING
- 16th ~ WILD EDIBLES WORKSHOP

### MAY

- ☺ 6th-8th ~ BIRDER WEEKEND

### JUNE

- 4th ~ NATIONAL TRAILS DAY
- 4th ~ DUTCH OVEN WORKSHOP
- ☺ 10th-12th ~ THE 27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BAT-O-RAMA
- 23rd ~ PROJECT WET/WILD WORKSHOP

### JULY

- 3rd ~ CCC REUNION DAY
- 4th ~ THE 41<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL DEVIL'S DEN GAMES

### SEPTEMBER

- ☺ 1st-5th ~ THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LEGACY --THINK LIKE A MOUNTAIN WEEKEND
- 10th ~ LEE CREEK CLEAN-UP

- ☺ 16th-17th ~ The 28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE

### OCTOBER

- 8th ~ DUTCH OVEN WORKSHOP
- 14th-16th ~ 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FALL FEST
- 22nd-23rd ~ MUSHROOM WORKSHOP WITH JAY JUSTICE

### NOVEMBER

- 15th ~ AMERICA RECYCLES DAY
- 25th ~ GREEN FRIDAY

### DECEMBER

- HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE.....TBA

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

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<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofDevilsDenStatePark>

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 March 5, 2016 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: \_\_\_\_\_