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President's Message

This will be my last President's Message (for some time anyway) as I am term limited after serving for three years. It has been an unusual three years (especially the last two) to say the least. Thank you all for all the support you have given to the Friends and the Park.

Come out for NWA Mountain Bike Championships September 18 (Saturday only). Things will of course be different this year to keep us outside and minimize contact.

Registration will be online but we will be assisting with chores that need to be done in person Saturday morning (giving out T-shirts, getting signatures on forms where electronic signatures aren't possible).

It is especially important that you participate in this year's annual meeting (Saturday September 18 about 4:00 p.m.--when those of us volunteering at the race can arrive--in Cabin 6), as all of

the current officers are term limited and a new slate must be elected to carry on our work. If you can't make it please send a proxy form (see back page) so we can have a quorum.

And mark your calendar for March 5, 2022 for our annual half a work-day followed noonish by lunch at Cabin 6 and our annual awards meeting.

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* <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfDevilsDenStatePark/>

or email us at friends@devilsden.org.

Tax Deductible:

Friends of Devil's Den State Park, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation and all **dues and donations** are tax deductible.

To Join:

Fill out the form on page 4 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.....!!!!

FDDSP General Membership Meeting Agenda



- * Call to order about 4:00pm in Cabin 6.
- * Approval of September 2021 minutes
- * Financial Reports
 - 2020 final report
 - 2021 YTD
- * Membership Report
- * Requests from Park Staff
- * Old Business
 - Awards for 2020
- * New Business
 - Park Staff on 2021 and 2022 Events
 - Election of Officers for 2022
 - Email account
 - Domain registration
 - Webhosting
- * 2022 Budget
- * Adjournment

Devil's den in the details! by Tim V. Scott

The State's fiscal years end in June. For Devil's Den, it was a banner year. With the Covid pandemic, more people visited parks and green spaces more than ever. As a result, day use has been overwhelming, but so has camping. So, if you want to camp, you better plan way ahead—way ahead. Weekends are booked until the middle of December.

The park has several new employees, Sean Weaver, who is actually a homeboy, and Kara Helton. Sean is from West Fork. Sean has worked in several parks, including Cassatot River and Bull Shoal-White River State Park. He is a law enforcement officer. Kara is from Vilonia, which is in central Arkansas. She has also spent time at Woolly Hollow and Village Creek. Kara joins Devil's Den as a Park Interpreter. In addition, Rebecca Hill and Amariah Berry are new front desk clerks. They stay swamped answering the phone and

greeting guests. In fact, you might have spoken to them if you made a reservation. Be sure to welcome all of them next time you are in the park.

Shifting gears, the 32nd Annual Northwest Arkansas Mountain Bike Championships will happen on September 18th. It was postponed last year because of the pandemic. However, because of the rise of the Delta variant, we are cautious. All registration will be online, and all activities will be outside. The race course will include some of the just-completed Monument Trails. If

you have never seen a mountain bike race, here is your opportunity.

How about a trivia question? What did the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) call their newsletter while at the park? As you know, CCC is responsible for the Arkansas State Parks system. The five original parks, Devil's Den, Lake Catherine, Mount Nebo, Petit Jean, and Crowley's Ridge, were CCC camps. In addition, you can include the Buffalo River, which later became a National Scenic Waterway.

[Trivia answer on next page]



New Park Interpreter



Hello There,

I suppose that I am few months overdue for an introduction, but better late than never. My name is Kara Helton, and I the new interpreter at the park. I am an Arkansan from the little town of Vilonia where I graduated with honors. After high school, I went to the University of Central Arkansas where I earned a bachelor's in biology.

After college, I started working as a seasonal front desk worker at Woolly Hollow State Park in March of 2018, getting a little taste of park life. I found myself interested more in interpretation, and so I interviewed for the 2019 seasonal interpreter positions. Not long after, I was offered the spot at

Village Creek State Park where I have worked until interviewing and accepting the position here at Devil's Den.

My wheelhouse is nature-based programming, with focuses on mammal and insect adaptations. However, I am sharpening my history programming skills because the story of Devil's Den is simply too amazing not to share.

If you find yourselves in the park, feel free to give me a holler. Or if you need to contact me, email is the best way to go! My email is Kara.Helton@arkansas.gov .

KARA HELTON
Park Interpreter

Calendar of Events

Be sure to check with the park at (479) 761-3325 for cancellations.

September

- 1-6 Legacy Week – Think Like a Mountain Weekend
- 11 Lee Creek Clean Up
- 17-18 * 33rd Annual Mountain Bike Race



October

- 9 *Fall in Love With Fall*

November

- 26 Green Friday

December

- 18 * Holiday Open House

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



TIM, *continued:*

The answer to the trivia question: The Voice of Satan.

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and **donations** are tax
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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: \$ _____

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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 2021 (with March 2021 consolidated) 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: _____