



Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation
Chapter Annual Report Form
For 12-month period ending 12/31/11

Group Name: Friends of Pinchot State Park

Point of Contact for Group: Jim Merlino, Chair
(The Person listed here is the primary person who will receive information from PPF and be listed publicly on the chapter roster.)

Group Address: 2200 Rosstown Road, Lewisberry, PA 17339

Group or Point of Contact Phone: Park Office Phone: 717-432-5011; FOPSP email: fopsp@aol.com

Web Site if applicable: www.friendsofpinchot.org

Web Site Point of Contact: Pat Sabold, Director

Information Submitted By: Betsy Leppo, Secretary
(Name and position held in group)

Please complete and return this form by January 31, 2012 to:

PA Parks and Forests Foundation
105 N. Front Street, Suite 305
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Board of Directors (required): Use attached form. Click on green tab below.

(PPFF's director's and officer's insurance provider requires current information. Please use the attached form or provide your own current list.)

Do you have a current work plan? **Yes:** **No:**
(If yes, please attach a copy. If no, do you need assistance?) FOPSP: Attached

Your Chapter's Mission Statement: If not submitted previously
FOPSP: Submitted 2009

Funds Raised (required): Use attached form. Click on [blue](#) tab below.

Do you have a 2012 Budget? If so, please attach a copy. FOPSP: Not at this time.

Projects and Activities: Use attached form. Click on [orange](#) tab below.

The Year in Review

Please list your greatest challenge this past year:

Fundraising and membership are two critical aspects to the growth of our organization and we have a lot to learn. A policy change at the state level caused us to reexamine how we market and sell our merchandise. We continue to work closely with Gifford Pinchot State Park to resolve many of these issues. We would like to develop more active committees to tackle the challenges we encounter as we grow as an organization.

What do you view as the highlight or greatest accomplishment of the past year?

This past year FOPSP strived to enhance the recreational experience of park visitors. We also improved habitat for the park's wildlife residents. Activities included improving hiking trails, leading educational programs, building turtle basking platforms, and maintaining a safe and attractive campground. We purchased a large wood shed and six park benches thanks to the success of our fundraisers of campground firewood and ice sales and souvenir t-shirts and stickers. We had 52 volunteers give over 1550 hours of time to improve the park. Campground hosts volunteered an additional 8720 hours. Perhaps our most important accomplishment is that several of these activities took place in partnership with other organizations (e.g., PA Parks and Forests Foundation, PA Fish and Boat Commission, Keystone Trails Association, Mason-Dixon Trail association, ArcelorMittal of Steelton). This allowed us to accomplish more than we could on our own and shows that we are growing as an organization.

With the exception of event lists and activity photos, the following documents are required for our permanent files unless previously submitted:

previously submitted

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (updated 2010) - if not provided last year as required.

attached those not previously submitted

2012 Conflict of Interest statement from each board member.

attached

Listing of known special events planned for 2012 so we can help you promote them.

attached

Newsletter - please provide the most recent edition and add PPF to your distribution list.

attached

Membership Brochure if you have one (and it's changed from last year).

Other communication pieces.

Photos of any chapter activities (optional) - Photos will be used to create a photo library

attached

An outline of training needs for your board.

**PA Parks and Forests Foundation
Board of Directors 2012**

Chapter Name: Friends of Pinchot State Park

This list is used internally only by PPF to send updates via email and mail

CHAIR

First Name: Jim **Last Name:** Merlino

VICE CHAIR

First Name: Ted **Last Name:** Prindle

SECRETARY

First Name: Betsy **Last Name:** Leppo

TREASURER

First Name: Sally **Last Name:** Ray

DIRECTOR

First Name: James **Last Name:** Grove

DIRECTOR

First Name: Kevin **Last Name:** Merlino

DIRECTOR

First Name: Larry **Last Name:** Reddy

DIRECTOR

First Name: Pat **Last Name:** Sabold

DIRECTOR

First Name: Steve **Last Name:** Stroman

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PPFF Chapter Financial Report
12-month period ending 12/31/11

Chapter Name: Friends of Pinchot State Park (FOPSP)

REVENUE:

Membership Dues	\$ 785.00
Contributions - Individual	\$ 10.00
Contributions - Schools and non-profits	\$ 1,008.00
Special Events (money earned through sales and event admissions, etc.)	
Program Fees	
Sales -firewood	\$ 13,270.00
Sales - ice	\$ 6,469.99
Sales - decals	\$ 429.65
Sales- store (assorted souvenirs)	\$ 959.01
Sales - t-shirts	\$ 1,434.00
Grants - Arcelor-Mittal	\$ 6,000.00
Other - Memorial fund, playground	\$ 694.54
Total Income	\$ 31,060.19

Do you currently have an additional checking account?

Yes: No:

GRANTS

Did you receive any grants in 2011?

Yes: No:

If yes, please list. Attach additional page if necessary:

Grant Source: Arcelor-Mittal
Grant Amount: \$6,000
Project funded: Turtle basking platforms for Pinchot Lake - 43 platforms built

Do you plan to apply for grants in 2012?*

Yes: No:

If yes, please list prospective source, amount and project summary:

Gen-On Energy; Amount \$3000. The friends group plans to build 20 porcupine cribs and 20 porcupine crib junior fish habitat structures for in Pinchot Lake as part of a 3-yr lake habitat improvement project. The effort would involve the Friends of Pinchot State Park, the PA Fish and Boat Commission and in addition to the funding, Gen-On would like to provide some volunteers to help with the project.

We are considering applying for a DCNR C2P2 grant to be used for the purchase of playground equipment. No application has been made yet. If we decide to apply for this or other grants we will contact Marci before doing so.

* Prior to applying for any grant, Chapters must contact Marci (717.236.7644 or mmowery-ppff@pa.net) to confirm that the application conforms to the PPF Bylaws, the Chapter workplan and applicable DCNR regulations.

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2011 Projects and Activities

FOPSP: See attachment "FOPSP Activity Summary Annual Report 2011.doc"

Service Projects:	How Many Projects*	123
	<u>*Counted the # of activity dates</u>	
	Estimated Attendance**	55
	<u>**FOPSP: estimated total # individuals involved, many on multiple dates</u>	
	Project Descriptions: Include recurring work days at the park, cleanups, any improvement projects at the park utilizing volunteers, outside service groups, etc. and dates held.	Campground maintenance (ongoing, multiple dates), general maintenance (ongoing, multiple dates), firewood (ongoing, multiple dates), invasive plant species pull (April 30), trails workdays (May 6-7), turtle basking platforms (August 30).
Special Events:	How Many Events	3
	Estimated Attendance	624
	Event Descriptions: Include type of events and date held. "Events" would include annual events such as craft and other fairs, concerts, etc.	FOPSP open house (June 25), Christmas in July (July 9), Pinchotween (October 22)
Other Activities:	How Many Other Activities	2
	Estimated Attendance	13
	Descriptions: Include type of activity and dates held for any activity that doesn't fall into one of the above categories.	Spring wildflower walk (April 9), Summer wildflower walk (June 25)
Volunteers:	Total number of volunteers your group has had for the year.	58
	Estimated volunteer service hours provided	
	FOPSP activities (excluding hosting duties)	1551.25
	Campground Hosting	8720.00