

Friends of Pine Grove Furnace – Meeting Minutes/updates -July 16, 2011

In attendance: J. Zimmerman, M. Caldarelli, B. Breen, S. Breen, S. Perry, J. Burd, D. Burd, A. Weltman, D. Velozo (recorder)

Important Dates:

July 23rd (6PM) – volunteers needed to help split/stack/.bundle wood for Friends group. If you can help, please meet at the maintenance building behind Fuller Lake (turn on Toms Run Rd.) Please contact J. Zimmerman at the park office if you are available other times.

September 24th – National Public Lands Day;
Volunteer/lunch meeting – Furnace Stack Pavilion at noon.

October 15-16th – Furnace Fest 2011

Over 600 volunteer hours have been logged through events such as Earth Day and National Outdoors Day. We need you and appreciate you!!

Two recyclable containers were purchased by the Friends Group to help with recycling efforts in the park.

Our Friends Group is working on an Invasive Species Mini-Grant to assist with eradication in areas of the park. Special thanks to Mary Caldarelli for all her hard work!

Per J. Zimmerman request from AT Museum – Andre Weltman will serve as a historian resource for the museum. Bill Engle is already serving in this capacity.

Iron Man Run/5K Fundraiser update:

2012 Iron Run –

- Dates cannot be officially booked until January 1st, 2012
- June 9th is the tentative date to coincide with “National Outdoors Day”
- Michaux does not have an official participant cap; but generally sticks at 250 (per race).
- Initial advertising is set to go out after November board meeting

2011 Iron Run results –

- 143 participants for ½ marathon & 5K. Almost ½ of the registrants came on race day.
- Discussed positive feedback and suggestions for next year.
 - course markers will be reviewed
 - wall board to be used for racers as they finish
 - t-shirts orders in advance/day of race
 - Friends group to purchase additional water coolers
 - donation made towards Chip Timer for next year
- Profit - \$4,065.00

Furnace Fest 2011

- 2010 Fest had over 3,500 participants
- vendor spots (food & merchandise) are filling up
Deadline: September 15th
Cost: \$50.00
- entertainment schedule submitted by J. Burd – approved
- schedule of events discussed
- list of materials needed for fest reviewed and distributed
- **volunteers needed for all areas** – M. Caldarelli & D. Velozo will coordinate;
information to be sent to email list
- MC for event – S. Perry & D. Velozo
- S. Perry to coordinate donations/ silent auction
- J. Zimmerman to be responsible for signage and apples; contact pumpkin patch
- M. Colucci to contact cabin owners to decorate hayride route
- donations needed for scarecrow making event – long pants, long sleeve shirts,
newspaper – contact D. Velozo
- Feedback from 2010 fest discussed

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