

FOO QUARTERLY

GREETINGS FROM FOO

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Greetings!!

Hello, Fellow FOO Members! Our first full year as an official non-profit organization is coming to an end. It has been quite a learning experience. We are working hard to raise funds to expand our current project list.

FOO members set up the "FOO Booth" at Venture Outdoors Event, The Cheat Festival, The Light At The End of The Tunnel Celebration, the 1st Annual Boat, Bike, Hike for Ohioplye, and Music In The Mountains. This dedication has increased our membership to 48. With continued persistence, we should see this number increase.

2006 Accomplishments

Cucumber Picnic Area was cleaned up and opened up for the first time in 4 years. Parking areas and roadways were cleared of trash (in the rain!). Trees and Perennial Flowers have been planted in the Falls Area and the Train Station. This has improved the appearance of these areas immensely. Trail work was performed on McCune Trail and the Pressley Ridge/Lytle Road connector trail was started. You can take pride in knowing you are the reason our trails are open and maintained. The fruits of your labor are enjoyed by thousands of visitors annually.



Dana has been working feverishly over the past few months applying for a stack of grants. So far two have proven to be fruitful: Walmart and Pennsylvania Rural Arts Alliance. Please keep your eyes open for other grant opportunities. If applying for any, please make sure we have it on record so we don't apply twice.

UPCOMING TRAIL DAYS / EVENTS:

- October 7th
Trail Day 9 am at the Park Office
- October 8th
Volunteer Dinner
Ohioplye Community Center (Time TBD)
- October 8th
Christian W. Klay
Winery Tour—
Limited space

17th Annual MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS

The 17th Annual Music In The Mountains Festival was held September 9th and 10th and was a great success. The event, formerly held every Labor Day Saturday, maintained an attendance of 15,000 for the weekend. The weather was beautiful and great fun was had by all.

Music was enjoyed all day, and the fireworks, ice cream eating contest, and car show were all big hits. Many thanks to Chris Herring for arranging musical entertainment, and also to the Firefly Grill staff for their help and donations. Couldn't do it without you all!!



Save the Date: 18th annual Music in the Mountains September 8 and 9, 2007.

friendsofhiopyle.org

Have you checked out our friends' group website lately? Over the past year Dan has been slaving away, evolving our website into something worth seeing. And it is working. Since the website's creation last fall it has been visited by over 3,000 people. We have been receiving numerous information requests via email and have gotten several phone calls where people had mentioned seeing information listed on our page. Thanks Dan!

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Ohiopyle State Park is currently looking for bluebird monitors for the 2007 season.

Contact Barb if interested.
724-329-8599



In the Press



In the past year Friends of Ohiopyle and Ohiopyle State Park have been showing up all over the place in the press. If you happened to miss them...

Camping Life Magazine
Apr 2006: Top Ten State Parks in the Country

Pittsburgh Magazine Jul 2006: Rediscover the Thrill of Ohiopyle

Tribune Review Fay-West
Sunday Aug 20 2006:
'Friends' keep Ohiopyle State Park spruced up

And one you may not have seen...

Log Home Design Jul 2006:
Sacred Territory 20 Best Places to build your log home

Keep your eyes open for future articles such as Ohiopyle as the backdrop in the upcoming North American Hunter Magazine gear issue.

FOO GEAR

**PURCHASE YOUR 2006
FOO GEAR!**

Fleece Jackets
\$20 Members
\$25 Non-Members

Hats
\$9 Members
\$12 Non-Members

T-Shirts
\$9 Members
\$12 Non-Members

Coming Soon
Bandana Maps for the park, the Lower, and the Middle Yough.

**2007 Trail Day
Schedule**

- January 13
- February 3 (Winter Fest)
- March 3
- April 14
- May 12
- June 2 (National Trails Day)
- July 7
- August 11
- September 8 & 9 (Music in the Mountains)
- October 6
- October 7 (Volunteer Dinner)
- November 3

Words from RC

My first official day at the park just over a year ago happened to coincide with Music in the Mountains. Over the next couple of months I was fully submersed in learning about my new job and more importantly the people that make Ohiopyle tick. I was able to meet most of our board members and long

term volunteers at October's Volunteer Dinner. I was able to see immediately how important these individuals were to Ohiopyle and just how much they cared about the park. The formation of the Friends of Ohiopyle should be credited to their overwhelming dedication. As our membership continues

to grow I hope that all of the new members have the opportunity to add their talents to the table. We will continue to strive to improve the amazing resource that is Ohiopyle. From expanding our festivals to expanding mountain biking and climbing opportunities, to

working with the local community and businesses, we will make great things happen. Thanks to everyone for making my first year such a positive experience. Let's make this next one even better. Our doors are always open as well as our minds. Keep the suggestions coming.—Stacie