



Miami Valley Outdoor Club

August, 2008

August 5 Meeting:

Business meeting begins at 6:30 P.M. Come at 6:00 for socializing and trip planning. The meeting will be at Wegerzyn Garden Center, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave., Dayton.

Upcoming MVOC Activities

Saturday, August 9, 2008 11am to 3pm

Innertube Float Trip (2nd try) on the Mad River north of Springfield

It is so simple, yet so pleasant. Bring your innertube. You just drop your innertube into the river. sit down on it and float through a river paradise. Listen to the birds, talk to friends or just perfect your floating technique.

If you don't have an innertube maybe we can loan you one, or tell you where to find one. Dress to get wet. Wear shoes that you don't mind getting wet. Don't bring anything onto the river that you won't mind losing. Sunglasses, (not prescription) sunscreen, a change of clothes.

We meet in Springfield and travel north. We position cars at the take-out to shuttle drivers back to their cars. Contact persons: Dwight and Donna Gehring dgehring@worldnet.att.net or 937-836-8515.

Friday and Saturday Nights August 15 and 16
Perseid Meteor shower Camp-out at Bill's place (private property).

This will be an excellent opportunity to bring your young ones on their first camp-out. It would be a simple thing to pack up and go home if it

should become necessary. This is located south and slightly west of Spring Valley. It is a short distance from the bikeway and a canoe access to the Scenic Little Miami River. Camping is primitive. There is no water, electricity or showers. But, there is a porta john.

It is easily one of the nicest places that we have ever group camped. There is a picnic shelter, a campfire ring, a pond, with a gazebo next to it and a canoe. There is a small island in the middle of the pond that has been treated with enzymes to inhibit algae growth. There is plenty of parking and camping space. There are nicely groomed trails to walk that traverse thick meadowland and forest.

The sky to the East is clear of trees making this perfect for viewing the Perseid meteor shower. See <http://skytour.homestead.com/met2008.html> for more information about this heavenly event. Of course, meteor viewing is dependent upon a clear sky. The best viewing is between 1am and 4am according to the experts. So, being there two nights doubles our chances to see 50 to 100 meteorites per hour. To sign up and receive directions to the campsite contact: Dwight or Donna Gehring dgehring@worldnet.att.net or 937-836-8515.

More MVOC Activities

Monday August 25

Eastwood Lake Sailboarding

This is our second outing of the summer since weather cancelled the outing in June. We will have our 2 boards at Eastwood Lake from 5PM to 8PM weather permitting. Someone usually goes for fried chicken around 6PM. Call for

reservations and directions. Life jackets provided. You will need a suit, water shoes and a towel. Some people like to use bicycle gloves. The water should be real warm. Join us. If just watching we suggest you bring a chair. Contact persons: David and Virginia Wood dvwood@donet.com or 937-426-9875.

July 2008 Trip Reports

July Innertube Float Trip

Last month's innertube float trip was cancelled due to rain. The decision to cancel was made about an hour and a half before the event was supposed to take place. Up until then it appeared that we would have a window of opportunity of about 3 or 4 hours to do our float trip.

I had phone numbers for most people and eventually decided to drive to Springfield to notify one last family of the cancellation. It was 11:30am when I left Springfield. It was raining at that time and continued to rain on me on the 30 minute drive back to Englewood.

It has been suggested that possibly we could have waited until the rain passed. It has also been suggested that we could have done it on Sunday. But, here is the thing. It continued to rain in Springfield throughout the afternoon and then into the evening. With that much rain in the area the river would have been dangerously deep and swift. There would have been much silt and debris floating in the river and our 2 hour float trip would have been over in 20 minutes. We also

could have been trapped on the river and subject to lightning strikes. Mother nature Will have her way and sometimes we need to just stay out of her way.

Windsurfing in July

Well, the weather finally cooperated. Fifteen people were able to enjoy a sunny evening at Eastwood Lake. We had two kayaks and two sail boards. Three people only kayaked and two people just watched, but the rest of us enjoyed the mild breeze and warm waters. All of the old timers made it out to the center of the lake and back without incident, and all of the newcomers managed to lift up their sail at least once without getting wet. So we are ready for the next session which will be held Monday evening Aug 25.

We have talked to the park rangers and hope that high speed water traffic will be more closely monitored in the future. All in all it was a relaxing, fun filled evening. Thank you Cindi and Donna for bringing your kayaks. (Virginia Wood)

Board Meeting, Thursday, August 14

This month's board meeting will be at Marion's Piazza, 3434 N. Dixie Dr., at 6:00 p.m. All club members are welcome.

REMINDER: Check out the calendar on the club website:

www.miamivalleyoutdoorclub.org

Chilean trip with friends of El Meson Available

Always wanted to see parts of Chile? Here's your chance. Join friends from El Meson restaurant on a tour of Patagonia & the Lake District January 2-14, 2009. For more information call or e-mail Dedra Lloyd. Windsong Travel, 2536 Greenside Drive, Beavercreek, OH 45431,

937-431-9830, e-mail dedra1014@yahoo.com. Member Dale Bockhorst is going on the trip and he also has some information. Dale attended the trip with the friends of El Meson last year and reports to food was excellent--and the trip wasn't bad either.

Other Activities: What do do when there's nothing to do

State Parks

Aug 1-2 **Lake Loramie SP** Beach party scavenger hunt. 937-295-2011

Aug 8-9 **Paint Creek Lake SP** All American family fun filled weekend with many old fashioned games 937-365-1401.

Aug 8-9 **Shawnee SP** Butterfly adventures. Enjoy guided Butterfly expeditions all weekend. Pre-registration and a fee are required. www.flora-quest.com/butterflies

Aug 9 **Kiser Lake SP** Tough Fishing Derby 937-362-3827.

Aug 9 **Caesar Creek SP** Meteor Shower camp-out. 7-11PM at the Main Beach. Bring your lawn chair and blanket and watch shooting stars brighten our summer sky. Free camping on the north grass lawn. 513-897-2437.

Aug 16 **Hueston Woods SP** Beach party and Wawaiian Weekend. 2-4PM. Activities include a luau in the campground 513-523-6347.

MVOC Activities Coming Up

Backpack trip in the area of Marietta, Ohio for the weekend of Sept 26 & 27.& 28 This Weekender is, hopefully, being planned as a two level trip. Plans might include a 9.5 mile trail and a 15-20 mile trail with all parties camping together on Saturday night. I won't be hiking the longer trail. So, if any of you speedier backpackers want to help with the plans and be the trip leader of the long trail hikers, give me a call. Donna Gehring 836-8515 or dgehring@worldnet.att.net

Email Only?

If you are interested in receiving the newsletter via email only and thus saving the club the 75 cents or so it costs to print and mail a hard copy to you, please email your editor, Jim Nies, at jnies@aol.com. We'll be glad to take you off the snail mail list.

Other Outdoor Action

Five Rivers MetroParks continues to schedule a variety of activities.

Kayaking

Kayak Basics at West Carrollton August 5 Wilson Pool by West Carrollton Parks and Recreation and Five Rivers Outdoors. Register at Five Rivers 277-4374 or West Carrollton Parks and Recreation 859-5181

Kayak Basics for Recreation and Touring by Whitewater Warehouse and Five Rivers Outdoors. Class meets at Whiteater Warehouse at 5:30. Dress to get wet. Register at Five Rivers Outdoors 277-4374

Intro to Moving Water August 19 Great Miami Outfitters in Miamisburg. Learn a variety of maneuvers to improve your paddling ability, promote confidence and avoid hazards. Class will be held on the Great Miami River. Call 277-4374 to register.

Cycling

Bike for the Health of It Saturdays in August, Check out www.metroparks.org for times and locations

Hiking

Summer Trail Trekker series Saturdays in August and September Check out www.metroparks.org for times and locations

Great Miami River Cleanup

Sat. August 23 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Meet at Great Miami Outfitters, 80 Main Street, Miamisburg at 10:00 to catch the shuttle to the put-in spot. Call 277-4374 for more details.

Wednesday August 20 Newsletter Deadline

Also, several members indicated that they haven't received a hard copy when they were expecting one. If you are such a victim (or know of someone who is) please get in touch by email or phone (937-275-9614.)

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Membership Response Form

Annual dues are \$16 for singles or \$24 for families. New members joining after July 1 may pay half a year's dues.

Name _____ I'd like to join _____ I'd like to renew _____

Address _____ I'd like more information _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone # _____

Email Address _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____

Please circle one: (Include) (Do not include) my name and information on the annual roster sent to all MVOC members.

I hereby declare that I am at least 18 years of age and agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Miami Valley Outdoor Club. I do hereby relieve the Miami Valley Outdoor Club and/or its officers and members from all responsibility and liability regarding any loss, injury, or accidents incurred at, or related to, any club activity or function.

Signature _____ Date _____

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