



# Miami Valley Outdoor Club

August, 2011



August 2 meeting

## Egypt -- Cruising up the Nile with Allen Johnson

Join the Miami Valley Outdoor Club Tuesday, August 2 to hear world traveller Allen Johnson talk about his recent trip in Egypt. His presentation will take place at Wegerzyn Garden Center, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave., Dayton, following a short business meeting at 6:30. Members and visitors are welcome to come at 6:00 to socialize, plan activities, browse the "Free Stuff" table or catch up on the news.

A popular speaker at the Miami Valley Outdoor Club, Johnson is returning this time to tell us about his latest adventure trip with his grandchildren. Recently he and his three granddaughters spent 12 days touring Egyptian sights and learning about the history and culture of the oldest civilization in the world. The tour began with The Great Pyramid of Giza, the only one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World still standing. From there they visited the Egyptian Museum in

Cairo and then on to the 3,600-year-old Karnak temple complex in Luxor. One morning they took a hot-air balloon ride over the Valley of the Kings, and drifted over the magnificent Temple of Hatshepsut, the Temple of Ramses III and others. After touring Luxor they boarded the Royal Lily Cruise Boat and sailed up the Nile to Aswan and toured the High Dam that formed Lake Nasser. From Aswan they flew to Abu Simbel to see the Temple Ramses II built on the banks of the Nile.

Like other trips with his grandchildren, Johnson wrote a book about the journey. The book is \$20 and will be available for purchase at the meeting. Learn more about Allen Johnson and his adventures at <http://www.creative-enterprises.org>.

## Out & About

by Lindy McDonough

It's been a little difficult keeping track of member activities through the sweat and haze of the July heat wave, but there are a few things to report. Many thanks go to Steve Longenecker for organizing two canoe/kayak outings in July, one on the Great Miami River near Troy and the other at Indian Lake. I heard there was a good turnout for both. The Annual July Picnic, again this year at the Paw Paw Shelter in Hills and Dales Metro Park, was a great success with 40 people in attendance. The weather was perfect and for the first time in my memory, we had a hike before the eating began with seven people

participating: Chris Treon, Steve Longenecker, Eva Williams, Jim Lemaster and Lindy McDonough. Ella Himes and Gary Mount got a late start but got a hike in anyway, crossing paths with the early group along the way. Hank Trimble rode his bike to the picnic all the way from Huber Heights and back. Many thanks go to Dwight Gehring and Gary Mount for sweating over the hot grill cooking hot dogs and hamburgers for the picnickers. It was great to see former member Deb Lukjanov after an extended absence. She and seven others joined or renewed their MVOC memberships that day. A few were having so much fun playing table games after the meal, that the table cloth had to be pulled out from under them so we could close up shop and go home. Maybe next year we can add corn hole or horse shoes.

## Welcome New & Returning Members

Chris Treon

Eva Williams

Deb Lukjanov

Conley Family - Jeff, Gayle, Jake, Ryan

Rees Vosburg

Dolly Goscenski-Vosburg

### Mad River Innertube Float Trip #2

Saturday, August 13, 2011

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 do not have an innertube maybe we can loan you one, or tell you where to find one. Dress to get wet. Wear shoes that you do not mind getting wet. Do not bring anything onto the river that you will not mind losing. Sunglasses, (not perscription) sunscreen, a change of clothes. We meet in Springfield and travel north. We position cars at the takeout to shuttle drivers back to their cars at the put-in.

The river is spring fed and very clean and cold. It is also shallow for the most part. This event is weather dependent. Thunderstorms or high river levels make this dangerous. So explicit contact information is needed in case of cancellation. Reservations required for all and waivers for non-members required.

Contact Dwight or Donna Gehring, at [ddgehring60@woh.rr.com](mailto:ddgehring60@woh.rr.com) or by cell (937) 371-8511.

## North Country Trail Conference

August 10-14, 2011

With over 50 hikes, floats, tours and bike rides, the 2011 North Country Trail Association Conference looks like it will highlight most of what the Dayton and surrounding areas have to offer in the way of outdoor fun.

Beginning with pre-conference action around the state (Zoar Village in northeast Ohio for example) on August 10, the conference swings into high gear on the 11th with (among other things) several area hikes, a driving tour, and a paddling trip down the Mad River. The evening features a presentation from Andrew Skurka about his recent 4,700 mile Alaska-Yukan adventure.

Sessions continue Friday and Saturday, including outdoor activities such as hiking, fly-fishing lessons,

paddling and biking. In addition, indoor action includes sessions on planning and "how-to's."

Saturday evening's Grande Finale opens at 5:00 with music and "wet-your-whistle" time, followed by a community banquet and a photo presentation by Bart Smith, who has photographed some of America's long-distance trails.

Hosted by the Buckeye Trail Conference, Wright State University and FiveRivers Metroparks, the conference costs \$45 for members, \$60 for non-members and features lots more than can be detailed here. Many members of local clubs, including MVOCers, will be leading the activities.

For more information ( much, much more!) and to register, check out the web: <http://northcountrytrail.org/get-involved/special-events/conf/>

### A Note About Dues

Any person who joins after July 1 may pay half year dues. See the membership signup form on the last page of this newsletter

### Next board meeting:

The next MVOC board meeting will be at Marion's on North Dixie, THURSDAY, August 18 at 6:00. All members are welcome. Stop by and help determine club activities. Note: date changed because of special North Country Trail event that night.

### Wednesday Climbing at Urban Krag

**Urban Krag**, Wednesdays 6:30, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Urban Krag Climbing Center, 126 Clay Street, Dayton, [www.urbankrag.org](http://www.urbankrag.org).

Meet at the viewing platform at 6:30 pm. After 6:30 the person at the desk can point us out in the climbing area. Your first time in to the gym you will need to complete a belay certification which takes about 30 to 45 minutes and is a one-time charge of \$15.00. Everyone 14 or older must complete a belay certification. If you are under the age of 14 you will need someone who is belay certified to belay for you. If you are a minor (under the age of 18) you will need to have a parent or guardian sign a waiver for you.

Cost: The total charges for a first time visit will be: Belay certification \$15.00, Daily pass \$12.00, Shoes \$4.00, Harness \$3.00. For more information or to sign up, contact Hank Trimble at [hank\\_trimble@yahoo.com](mailto:hank_trimble@yahoo.com)

## Taylorville Tuesday Hikes

August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (Note: August 2 only, start time is 4:10)

Join Sharon M and members of the Dayton Hikers.org Meetup Group for a Tuesday hike at Taylorville MetroPark. Sharon will lead a fast-paced hike through hilly wooded terrain and along the Great Miami River, beginning promptly at 5:30pm. We will be completing a modified orange loop with steep hills and a pace around 4 miles an hour. Meet at the parking lot near the CCC shelter off Route 40. This is a conditioning hike. They will be extending the hike for those who can stay.

## Keep Kool Friday Morning Hikes

Fridays in August at 8:00 a.m.

Kick-start your day with a cool hike in the woods before it gets too hot to walk. Join Lindy McDonough for these moderately paced, 1.5 hour hikes in several MetroParks  
**Aug. 5** - Englewood MetroPark East - 4361 National Rd (Rt. 40), meet at the Patty Shelter parking lot

**Aug. 12** - No Hike

**Aug. 19**- Englewood MetroPark South - 9331 Meeker Rd, meet in the parking lot

**Aug. 26**- Possum Creek MetroPark - 4790 Frytown Rd, meet at the Argonne Forest parking lot

## Wednesday Nite Paddles

Nearly every Wednesday throughout the summer.

(Note: They won't be running trips on August 3<sup>rd</sup>).

Whitewater Warehouse, 104 Valley St, Dayton, OH

Time: Shuttles leave at approximately 5:30 & 6:15 and later if necessary.

Cost: \$20.00 Equipment and Shuttle; \$5.00 Shuttle Only; Equipment and shuttle fees include sales tax. Payment by cash or check preferred.

Enjoy the transition from an urban wilderness to the downtown Dayton skyline. We paddle approximately three miles of what is considered "moving water" from Eastwood MetroPark to the Keowee Street Bridge. This river trip generally takes 1 ¼ to 1 ½ hours. Shuttle leaves whenever it is full, and will continue until all boaters are on the river - sometimes as many as 4-5 shuttles. Equipment and shuttle slots are available on a first come first serve basis. Dress to get wet, and be ready to have some Fun! Recommended age 14+.

Check the Whitewater Warehouse website at [www.kayakdayton.com](http://www.kayakdayton.com) special events and trips, variations in dates, classes, river conditions and more.

**August Newsletter Deadline:** August 28, 2011

## BOB AND PEGGY KELLEY'S MEMORIAL TREES

By Jim Foster

Many of you will recall that the MVOC got together last September at Germantown Reserve to plant two Paw Paw trees in memory of Bob and Peggy Kelley. Their combined ashes, with the permission of Bob's family, were placed in the holes during the planting ceremony, in an isolated spot suggested by the Reserve Manager. The trees were donated by Dwight and Donna Gehring.

I went by every other day or so last fall, watering the trees, until there was adequate rain and snow to sustain them. I am happy to report that both trees survived the winter, are growing beautifully, and are healthy. Something in the soil, maybe?

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## Membership/Waiver 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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