



Miami Valley Outdoor Club

February, 2012

February 7 Meeting Cancelled

Annual Hike & Chili Cook-Off at Cricket Holler

SuperBowl Sunday, February 5,

Hike at 2:00 p.m. - Meal at 4:00 p.m.

Y'All Come! to the 7th annual Hike & Chili Cook-Off at beautiful Cricket Holler Boy Scout Camp, 6675 Brantford Road in Butler Township. Explore the winter woods and hills of the campground, then return to a heated lodge with indoor restrooms. It's a perfect get-together for all ages, with hiking, board games, and lots of food. We'll meet and eat in the K-Lodge at across the field from the parking lot. Arrive at 2:00 p.m., plug in your crockpots, and

we're off for a hike that lasts about 1.5 hours. When we get back, be ready to of delicious homemade, steaming-hot "Most Unusual" and the winner of "The coveted "Golden Ladle." *We ran out of*



2011 Chili Cook-off hike

cozy up to a roaring fire and taste all kinds chili. Then we'll vote for "The Hottest," Best" chili will be presented with the *chili last year, so bring more if you can!*

Please note: Because of the Chili Cook-off on Sunday, Feb. 5, there will be no February MVOCV meeting at We-gerzyn.

The event is free, but you must bring chili, a covered dish, salad or dessert to serve at least ten. Please bring your own table setting as well. If you don't want to hike, bring along your knitting, a book or a deck of cards and wait by the fire for the hikers to return. Come to the hike or the meal or both. This year we'll have door prizes and a 50/50 money game where the winner will get half the money. The other half will go to defray the cost of the event. AND we will be finished in time to watch the SuperBowl. Reservations preferred, but walk-ins welcome. For more information contact Lindy McDonough, 278-1493 or lindymcd46@aol.com.

Program Director Search

Our current Program Director, Dwight Gehring plans to retire from his position at the end of 2012. Primarily the job includes but is not limited to arranging for guest speakers at our monthly meetings, operating the audio-visual equipment for our programs and attending board meetings. Any MVOC member willing to learn the responsibilities, and take over as Program Director on January 1, 2013 please contact Dwight at (937)371-8511 or ddgehring60@woh.rr.com by April 30, 2012 to start

learning the duties.

Don't Get Dropped! It's Time to Renew!

It's now time to renew your membership for 2012. Don't risk being dropped from the MVOC emailing list. You might miss out on our weekly reminders and special announcements not always in the newsletter or on the website. Please print out and mail the membership/waiver form on the last page of the newsletter and send it, along with your dues, to Miami Valley Outdoor Club, P.O. Box

292571, Dayton, OH 45429.

NOTE: If you joined or renewed at the GearFest in October, your membership is good through December 2012.

Leading is Easy!

Consider leading an MVOC activity. It's really not hard. Find some outdoor activity you want to do and invite the rest of us. It can be an overnight backpack trip or an afternoon canoe trip or even a short morning hike. There's always someone else who wants to do it too. You can sign up to do something once a year or once a month or weekly if you prefer, but just give it a try. Contact any MVOC officer (listed at the end of this newsletter) for more information and suggestions on how to get started.

Out and About, by Lindy McDonough

My apologies to Hank Trimble for omitting the following report he sent me last September. I filed it on my computer where I COULD find it, and of course I didn't find it until now. The last weekend in August Hank biked 210 miles to Port Clinton for a volleyball tournament at Put-in-Bay. It was a 2.5 day self-supported trip with stops at Indian Lake State Park and Wooded Acres Campground, a private campground, near Fremont. Also, the weekend of September 24th, Patty Wheelbarger, Sharon Mullins, Dan Bagwell, and Hank completed a three-day, 47 mile section hike of the Appalachian Trail from Fontana Dam to Wayah Bald.



Greg Kambitsch

For the first time MVOC planned a get together at the Riverscape Ice Rink. Only two people showed: new MVOC member Katrina Kidder and I. Not having skated for over 40 years, I hugged the rails for an hour and a half but it didn't keep me from falling, sometimes hard, on the ice at least six times. Katrina, on the other hand, has been skating at the rink for a couple of years and literally skated circles around me.

Snowfall has been scant this season, but we were blessed with a light carpet of snow for a couple of recent Friday hikes. Mike Nelson, Brenda Taulbee, Jim LeMaster, myself and several guests showed up for the Englewood East Hike on possibly the coldest day of the year so far. MVOCers who hiked at Tadmor were John Nichols, Brenda Taulbee, Katrina Kidder, Greg Kambitsch, Tom

Schommer and me, as well as one visitor. On the Tadmor trek new MVOC member Greg Kambitsch risked life and limb and falling into the cold and raging Great Miami River to retrieve a climbing rope washed up into a tree at the water's edge. All were impressed by his bravery and agility, and it was a very nice rope, by the way.

Mike Fanelli, our speaker who wandered around the



Katrina Kidder (left) and Lindy McDonough at Riverscape Ice Rink

world for a year, notified me recently that the donations from MVOC as well as other outdoor clubs in Dayton were transferred to The Children's Toy Foundation in Mumbai, India. The funds will sponsor another Toy Library or School Play Room.

In early January Amy Fallingturtle Callahan and Joel Irishcharm West headed to Tennessee to the southern terminus of the Sheltowee Trace Trail - 282 miles in 21 days. The hike was to prepare them for Amy's second consecutive thru hike of the A.T. and Joel's third, but was cut short because of injury.

As usual there was a great turn-out (60-75 people) for the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day hike at Hueston Woods, sponsored by the Buckeye Trail Association. Hikers from Cincinnati, Oxford, Indiana as well as the Miami Valley Outdoor Club and Dayton Hikers. There was a total of 11 miles of hiking trail encircling Acton Lake, divided into two legs. Hikers could take one or the other or both with a stop around noon for chili, bean soup, corn bread, brownies, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, apples and bananas. MVOCers Jim Lemaster, Cathie Vickers, and I participated, that I know of. Despite the alarmist who predicted freezing rain, it turned out to be a perfect day for hiking - dry, clouds and sun, crisp cool temperature. Too bad if you missed it.

Welcome New Members

Katrina Kidder, Greg Kambitsch, Elizabeth McDonough,
Rebecca Cress-Ingebo

Moderate Hikes in February

Join Lindy McDonough for these moderately paced, 1.5 hour hikes at 2:00 p.m. every week in February. Locations vary. Dogs are welcome but must be on leash.

Fri., Feb. 3 **Possum Creek MetroPark** - 4790 Frytown Rd; meet at the Argonne Forest parking lot

THU., Feb 9 **Englewood MetroPark East** - 4361 National Rd. Meet at the Patty Shelter parking lot.

Fri., Feb. 17 **Carriage Hill MetroPark** - 7821 E. Shull Rd; meet at the Red Wing Shelter.

Fri., Feb 24 **Englewood MetroPark South** - 9331 Meeker Rd.

Climbing at Urban Krag

Wednesdays 6:30, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Urban Krag Climbing Center, 126 Clay Street,
Dayton, 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

Tuesdays at Taylorsville

February 7, 14, 17, 21, 28 at 4:30



January hikers at Englewood East

Join Sharon M and members of the Dayton Hikers.org Meetup Group for a Tuesday hike at Taylorsville MetroPark. Sharon will lead a **FAST**-paced hike through hilly wooded terrain and along the Great Miami River, beginning promptly at 4:30 at a pace around 4 miles an hour. Meet at the parking lot near the CCC shelter off Route 40. This is a conditioning hike.

Coming Up - Mark Your Calendars

February 5 - Chili Cook-Off at Cricket Holler

February 10 & 11 - Adventure Summit

March 6 - Hiking in the Swiss Alps - MVOC meeting

April 3 - Cycling Across Thailand - MVOC meeting

April 13 - MVOC Booth at WPAFB

May 1 - MVOC meeting at Taylorsville CCC shelter

June 5 - Exploring Costa Rica -MVOC meeting

July 3 - Annual Picnic at Hills & Dales Paw Paw Shelter

MVOC Booth Volunteers Needed for 2012 Adventure Summit

Friday & Saturday, February 10 & 11

Sign up and be part of the outdoor adventure event of the year! The Miami Valley Outdoor Club will again have a booth at the 2012 Adventure Summit at Wright State University.

MVOC Volunteer time slots:

Friday - 4-6 pm and 6-8 pm and Saturday - 8:30-11am; 11am -1:30pm; 1:30-3:30pm; 3:30-5:30pm.

To volunteer contact Lindy McDonough at 278-1493 or lindymcd46@aol.com

The Adventure Summit, sponsored by Five Rivers MetroParks and Wright State University, is one of the largest expositions of outdoor culture, skill and experience in the Midwest. Just spend a couple of hours Friday evening or Saturday at the MVOC booth talking with other outdoor enthusiasts and then spend the rest of your time learning about the latest outdoor gear and all kinds of outdoor organizations and hear experts speak on mountain climbing, kayaking, backpacking, cycling and more. Friday night's featured speaker is Gary Fisher, founding father of mountain biking, a member of the Mountain Bike Hall of Fame, a bike designer and innovator, and a cycling world icon. Enjoy food, music and demonstrations too! For more information about the summit itself, see www.metroparks.org/adventuresummit

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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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