



# Miami Valley Outdoor Club

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February 2013



## 8th Annual Hike & Chili Cook-Off at Cricket Holler

SuperBowl Sunday, February 3, 2013

Hike at 2:00 p.m. - Meal at 3:30 p.m.

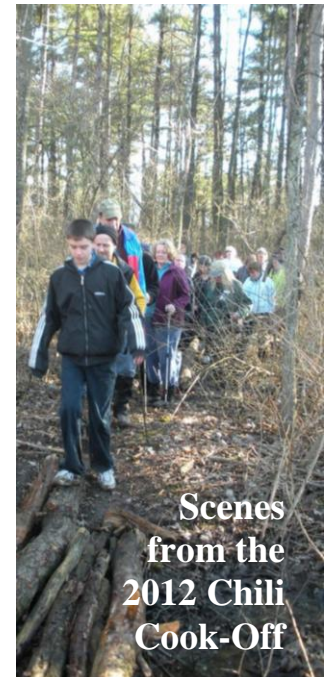
Join us for MVOC's popular mid-winter event at beautiful Cricket Holler Boy Scout Camp. It's a great get-together for all ages, with hiking, board games, and lots of food.

We'll meet and eat in the K-Lodge at 6675 Brantford Rd. across the field from the parking lot. (Do not take the Frederick Pike entrance). 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 cozy up to a roaring fire and taste all kinds of delicious homemade, steaming-hot chili. Then we'll vote for "The Hottest," "Most Unusual" and the winner of "The Best" chili will be presented with the "Golden Ladle." *Make lots so we don't run out!*

The event is free, but you must bring something to share - chili, a covered dish, salad or dessert to serve at least eight. Please bring your own table setting as well. If you don't want to hike, bring your knitting, a book, cards, or scrabble and wait by the fire for the hikers to return.

Come to the hike or the meal or both. Again this year we'll have a 50/50 money raffle.

Reservations preferred, but walk-ins welcome. For more information contact Lindy McDonough, 278-1493 or [lindymcd46@aol.com](mailto:lindymcd46@aol.com).



Scenes  
from the  
2012 Chili  
Cook-Off



## Out & About

by Lindy McDonough

2013 started out with a bang for the Miami Valley Outdoor Club. On January 8 we co-hosted the kick-off speaker for the MetroParks/WSU Adventure Speaker Series. MetroParks' s Tom Helbig estimated that about 325 people came to hear Eleanor Moseman talk about her 15,000-mile journey through Asia on a bicycle. It was great to see lots of MVOCers in the audience and the our club got a good plug in the beginning announcements. There was another great turn-out at Wegerzyn for the program about kayaking in Alaska. At the first four Aullwood winter speaker programs on the Edge of Appalachia Preserve, Alaska's Denali National Park, exploring New Mexico's natural wonders and urban coyotes, a number of MVOCers were spotted in the audience. Believe it or not, on the January 11 hike at Wegerzyn MetroPark, hikers saw a live, wriggling 18-inch garter snake on the Marie Aull Trail. It was close to 60 degrees that day. The Outdoor Club's legendary Tuesday fast hikes at Taylorsville continued through January's ever-changing weather patterns and MVOC Wednesdays at Urban Krag are still attracting climbers. Two out of the five moderate afternoon hikes in January were cancelled due to high water at Englewood or snow with bad driving conditions, but every successful hike had newcomers visiting the various parks for the first time. There's still time to sign up for the three Fifth Third Bank's "National Geographic Live!" programs at the Victoria Theatre through April, featuring wildlife photographers, conservationists and a paleontologist.

## Welcome New Members

Barbara Tribbey  
Malinda & Al Wolf  
Bud Bell

## Climbing at Urban Krag

Wednesdays 6:30, February 6, 13, 20, 27  
Urban Krag Climbing Center, 126 Clay St., 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)

## Fast Hikes at Taylorsville,

Tuesdays at 4:30

February 5, 12, 19, 26

Join members of MVOC for a Tuesday hike at Taylorsville MetroPark, 2101 U.S. 40, Vandalia. Various members will take turns leading 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. Because sunset happens near the end of the first loop, the occasional second round has been discontinued until spring.

## Moderate Hikes in February

Mondays at 3:00 p.m.

Join Lindy McDonough for these moderately paced, 1.5 hour hikes. About 3.3 miles. Locations vary. These are good hikes for beginners, seniors or anyone who wants a leisurely hike in the great outdoors. Dogs are welcome but must be on leash.

**Mon., Feb. 4 ... Englewood East MetroPark**

4361 National Rd. Meet at the Patty Shelter parking lot. Some hills.

**Mon., Feb. 11 ... Possum Creek MetroPark**

4790 Frytown Rd., Argonne Forest Parking lot, first lot to the right, after you enter the park. There are 3 entrances off Frytown. Be sure to take the middle one at 4790. Fairly flat terrain.

**Mon., Feb. 18 ... Carriage Hill MetroPark**

7891 E. Shull Rd; meet at the Cedar Lake Shelter NOT Red Wing Shelter. Fairly flat terrain.

**Mon., Feb 25... Englewood South MetroPark**

9331 Meeker Rd. Some long hills.



Afternoon Hike at Possum Creek MetroPark.  
Argonne Lake in the background.

## Global Climber is Final Speaker at 2013 Adventure Series

**Majka Burhardt, Additive Adventure**

Thursday, February 7, 7:00 pm, free

[WSU Student Union - Apollo Room](#)

presented by [Five Rivers Metroparks](#) and [Wright State University](#).

For Majka, Additive Adventure is when adventure extends beyond exploration to create cultural and environmental connection. From climbing impeccable first ascents in Namibia, to climbing vertical grass for science in Mozambique, to treading the fine line of vertical legality in Ethiopia and Cuba, Additive Adventure takes a global look at the individual's role in larger issues and communities. Can the grandest adventure create the smallest conversation with the largest impact? Can being a global citizen begin with a climb? Can your passion lead you to your greatest impact? If you said yes, then we're all bound for a more globally integrated tomorrow. Learn more about her adventures at [www.majkiburhardt.com](http://www.majkiburhardt.com). or <http://www.metroparks.org/adventuresummit/index.html?id=2013ss>

## Last Call to Renew!

Don't be dropped off the MVOC emailing list and miss out on all the upcoming outdoor events. Please fill out the membership/waiver form on the last page of the newsletter or on our website, and along with your dues, bring to the next MVOC meeting or mail to Miami Valley Outdoor Club, P.O. Box 292571, Dayton, OH 45429. For couples and families, signatures of both spouses/partners are required. And be sure to indicate if you would prefer NOT to be listed in the upcoming membership roster that will be shared with all our members.

## Book of Interest

**WILD, From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail**, by Cheryl Strayed, published in 2012 by Alfred A. Knopf, is an engaging true account of the author's 1100-mile solo hike from southern California to Washington state with no long-distance hiking experience. Over 30 months on the New York Times Bestseller List.

## National Geographic Live!

**Joel Sartore**

Monday, February 11, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Victoria Theatre, 1 W. 2nd St., Dayton



The first in the "Nat Geo Live" series features photographer, speaker, author, teacher, and regular contributor to *National Geographic* magazine, Joel Sartore, an environmentalist and conservationist who champions endangered species and landscapes, documenting a world worth saving. Check out Sartore and the rest of the series at the Victoria Theatre! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 228-3630 or [info@victoriatheatre.com](mailto:info@victoriatheatre.com) for details. [www.victoriatheatre.com/series/national-geographic-live/](http://www.victoriatheatre.com/series/national-geographic-live/) All ages

Fee: Package A, \$102; Package B, \$72; Package C, \$57  
Sponsored by Fifth Third Bank, Ohio Arts Council, Montgomery County, Think TV, Victoria Theatre Assn, and Five Rivers MetroParks.

## Fundamentals of Alcohol Stoves

Wednesday, February 20, 6 - 9 p.m.

PNC 2nd Street Market, Pavilion, 600 E. 2nd St.

Are you interested in exploring more of the ultralight backpacking evolution? Have you tried an alcohol stove? This evening program is an introduction to alcohol-stove building and use, taught by a local thru-hiking expert. Included are instructions on how to build alcohol stoves, stove demos, and tips on use. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 or [outdoors@metroparks.org](mailto:outdoors@metroparks.org) for details. Ages 14 years and up. Fee: \$10

## Next MVOC Board Meeting

Thursday, March 14, 6:00 p.m. at Marion's Pizza on North Dixie. All members are welcome.

## 2013 MVOC Officers

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### Membership Form

#### Miami Valley Outdoor Club Membership/Waiver Form

New members please mark time-frame you are joining: \_\_\_\_Jan. thru Mar. - singles \$16 / families \$24  
\_\_\_\_April thru June - singles \$12 / families \$18 \_\_\_\_July thru Sept. - singles \$8 / families \$12  
\_\_\_\_Oct. and after - full-year membership dues (\$16 or \$24) will include the remainder of the year and the entire following year. Renewing dues are singles \$16 / families \$24.

Renewing members must fill out membership/waiver form every year. Both spouses/partners in a family must sign. Membership year is Jan.1 to Dec.31

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

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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Print out and Mail to: Miami Valley Outdoor Club, P.O. Box 292571, Dayton, OH 45429