



Miami Valley Outdoor Club

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April 2013

Whitewater Warehouse: Past, Present & Future



Tuesday, April 2, 2013, 7:00 p.m. at the Miami Valley Outdoor Club Meeting
Wegerzyn Garden Center, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave., Dayton

Whitewater Warehouse, Dayton's downtown kayaking outfitter, was established in 1994 on Valley Street beside the Mad River by Bernie Farley and Jeryl Yantis. Come hear Bernie share his 42 years of canoe and kayaking history at the April 2 meeting of the Miami Valley Outdoor Club at Wegerzyn Garden Center, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave. Dayton. He'll tell us about his longtime obsession with the sport, why and how he and Jeryl started their kayaking business and their experience as entrepreneurs. The program is free and open to the public. Light refreshments. Feel free to arrive as early as 6:30 to socialize, network and look over our "Free Stuff" table.

In 1970 Bernie's love of canoeing began on the meandering streams in Ohio. His interest progressed to paddling easy whitewater rivers, canoe tripping in the Canadian Wilderness, and seeking out new and challenging rivers throughout the United States. Jeryl has been whitewater kayaking since 1986 and her first kayak was a blue Perception Dancer. Both Bernie and Jeryl were active in the local Outdoor Adventure Club (OAC) - Bernie sometimes as president or vice president and often as trip and event coordinator; Jeryl serving as secretary, membership chairperson and newsletter editor for the group.

These days, Bernie and Jeryl have their hands full running a thriving kayaking business which includes a full line of recreational, whitewater, fishing and touring kayaks with all the gear that goes with them. They also offer a variety of kayaking classes, Wednesday afternoon paddles down the Mad River, river clean-ups and an assortment of fishing, wilderness trips and special events for their customers.

MVOC Making Changes - Hopefully for the Better

Because there is so many outdoor activities to report and do and so little free time in board member's busy lives,

we are planning some changes to streamline our meetings and communications. Starting in April we will no longer have a business meeting prior to our guest speakers. Most attendees typically don't arrive at Wegerzyn until just before the speaker program and

most of our announcements are already in the newsletters, online or in email notices, so it's not necessary to repeat them at a meeting. Consequently, we are strongly encouraging all MVOC members to visit the website more often. Brief weekly reminders will still be emailed to members, with a link to the website where you can find detailed information about meetings, events, speakers, links, etc.

We are also considering discontinuing the monthly newsletter. There are only five members currently who have the paper newsletter mailed to them. And since all the information is posted on the website and it is very time-consuming to publish the newsletter, post events on the website and email notices, it's hoped the change will perhaps that will free up more time to put announcements in the newspapers and other local media.

Let us know what you think about these proposed changes. We are always open to new ways to make the club more accessible to the most people.



Group Campout at Lake Loramie.

First Pick-A-Park Event of the Year

Fri. - Sun., April 26, 27, 28
Steve Longenecker is organizing this event suitable for all ages at Lake Loramie State Park Campground in Minster, OH. RV, pop-up, and tent campers are welcome. Eight campsites have been reserved in Steve's name (sites #100 thru #107) at \$60.25 each for two nights, can have up to 6 people at each site and are available on a first come first serve bases. Two campsites are already spoken for.

Lots of activities are planned including, hiking, kayaking, canoeing, evening outdoor movies, cookout, campfire, cards, cornhole and maybe more.

Volunteers to help with the event are needed.

Call Steve at 937-901-8722 or email him at slongenecker@woh.rr.com to volunteer or reserve a campsite. If all camp sites are spoken for you may reserve your own by calling 866-644-6727 or 937-295-3900.

Let Steve know if you have other fun activities to suggest. Feel free to invite family and friends and visit the Lake Loramie website at: <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/parks/lakeloramie/tabid/758/Default.aspx>

Leisurely April Hikes at Wegerzyn Thursdays at 3:30 p.m., April 4, 11, 18 & 25 Wegerzyn MetroPark, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.,

Join Lindy McDonough for these easy, 1.5 hour hikes. About 3.3 miles. These are good hikes for beginners, retirees or anyone who wants a leisurely hike in the great outdoors. Dogs are welcome but must be on leash. Park in parking lot furthest from the garden center buildings.



Wegerzyn Hike, March 22, 2013

Fast Hikes at Taylorsville, Tuesdays at 4:30, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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. With the change to Daylight Savings Time and a later sunset, there may be an occasional second loop.

Climbing at Urban Krag Wednesdays at 6:30, April 3, 10, 17 & 24

Urban Krag Climbing Center, 126 Clay St., 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

2013 MVOC Pick-A-Park Camping Weekends, Once a Month

This year you'll have the chance to visit an Ohio State Park you've never been to or return to one you especially like. The Miami Valley Outdoor club has scheduled weekend trips to 9 different Ohio state parks. Our Activities Committee has scheduled weekend campouts at state park campgrounds, once a month through December 2013. Plans are to leave Dayton on Fridays around 3:00 p.m. and return home on Sundays. If people want to stay over 1-2 nights reservations are recommended ahead of time. Full details for the first Pick-A-Park event at Lake Loramie are elsewhere in this newsletter. Details for subsequent weekends will come later throughout the year. Bring along your canoes, kayaks, sailboards, bicycles, fishing poles, corn holes, backpacks, cards, games, and food for outdoor fun with MVOC friends. Below is the 2013 schedule as well as the Ohio State Park website where you can learn more about each location:

<http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/parks/tabid/80/Default.aspx>

Lake Loramie State Park, Minster, OH

April 26, 27, 28

Guilford State Park, Lisbon, OH

May 31, June 1 & 2

East Fork State Park, Bethel, OH

June 14, 15, 16

Scioto Trail State Park, Chillicothe, OH

July 12, 13, 14

Delaware State Park, Delaware, OH

August 9, 10, 11

Harrison Lake State Park, Fayette, OH

September 20, 21, 22

Kelley's Island State Park,

Lake Erie near Sandusky, OH

October 18, 19, 20

Lake Hope State Park, McArthur, OH

November 15, 16, 17

Shawnee State Park, Portsmouth, OH

December 13, 14, 15 Heritage

Germantown MetroPark Overnight Campouts Later This Year

Old Mill Road Group Campsite

June 22 noon to June 23 noon. Limited parking for cars, 3 of 6 spots already reserved. We have a limit of 25 people for the site. MVOC members and guests on a first come first reserve basis. People can park at the sledding hill and hike to the site.

Shimps Hallow Group Campsite

September 28 noon to 29 at noon

Reserved -- just off of Boomershine Rd. Limited parking at site. More parking at sledding hill on Boomershine Rd.

Both events are tent/hammock camping only. Day hikes will be scheduled or you can plan your own hike. Evening activities include campfire and s'mores. Please contact Sharon at 620-0887 to confirm your attendance. More details to come.



MVOC Member

Launches New Business for Hikers

Andy Niekamp, a long-distance hiker with more than 25 years of backcountry experience and member of the Miami Valley Outdoor Club, who has hiked more than 7,600 miles on the Appalachian Trail, thru-hiked the 1,440-mile Buckeye Trail and currently hikes more than a thousand miles a year, recently founded Outdoor Adventure Connection, a company whose goal is to introduce beginner backpackers to the great outdoors.

His expert staff offer memorable backpacking and hiking adventures for individuals, families and groups. Trips within a day's drive from Ohio are designed to last an afternoon or several weeks at a time.

After completing a successful career in information technology, Andy decided to pursue his passion and introduce others to backpacking and hiking. In 2009, Andy founded Dayton Hikers, the largest outdoor recreation club in the Miami Valley. Andy is just one of less than 40 people to thru-hike the AT three times and is one of less than 10 who have thru-hiked Ohio's Buckeye Trail.

To learn more about Andy's new enterprise visit his website at www.OutdoorAdventureConnection.com



Englewood South Hike, February 25, 2013

Backpacking to Buckeye TrailFest. 2nd Annual Celebration, April 25-28



Want to know a great way to travel to this year's Buckeye TrailFest? Join a group of backpackers who will make their way along urban highways, horse trails and dirt roads to the event at Red Oak Camp in Kirtland, OH. Several Buckeye Trail members will

start at various places around the state and hike to the event. MVOC member Mike "Scallion" Fanelli of Centerville, will start his own 175-mile hike from the Buckeye Trail barn near Tappan Lake in Harrison County on April 15, and arrive at Buckeye TrailFest on April 25. Members of the Harrison County Outdoor Club will hike the first few miles with Fanelli before sending him on his way. MVOC member Andy "Captain Blue" Niekamp, will begin his backpacking trip into Buckeye TrailFest on Thursday, April 4.

On April 22, another Buckeye Trail member John Rethman and a group of backpackers will travel 38 miles in four days along the Bedford Section of the trail on their way to Buckeye TrailFest. To learn more about the festival and Rethman's hike, visit the website at <http://www.buckeyetrailfest.org/>.

National Geographic Live! with Paleontologist, Paul Sereno

Monday, April 22, 7:00-9:00 pm
Victoria Theatre, 1 W. Second St., Dayton

Come hear discoverer of dinosaurs on five continents and leader of dozens of expeditions, Paul Sereno talk about his field work in the foothills of the Andes in Argentina, where his team discovered the first dinosaurs to roam the earth. These expeditions revealed the most complete picture yet of the dawn of the dinosaur era, some 225 million years ago. The program concludes with a lively question-and-answer session and

an opportunity to meet the presenter in the lobby. One of National Geographic's esteemed Explorers-in-Residence, Sereno teaches paleontology and evolution at the University of Chicago. All ages. For details contact (937) 228-3630 or visit

www.victoriatheatre.com/series/national-geographic-live. \$20-\$35 Registration requested, walk-ins welcome.

2013 "Bike for the Health of It" Begins April 6

Join Five Rivers MetroParks for a bike ride on Saturdays, April through October. Earn a T-shirt by reaching a goal of 125 miles. Participants completing 250 miles or more will receive an additional award.



Parents/guardians must remain with children. Wearing a helmet is strongly recommended for all participants and required for children under 13. We ride rain or shine, but may cancel due to storms or trail flooding. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4823 for details. metroparks.org/bikehealth. All ages

(FREE) RIDE TO VERONA

Sat . Apr 6, 9:00-11:00 am

Sat . May 18, 9:00-11:00 am

Bikeway: Wolf Creek , Ohio Bike Route 38 Join us for a bike ride on the Wolf Creek Bikeway. Meet in the parking lot behind Rob's Restaurant, 705 Arlington Rd., in Brookville. We will ride toward Verona (11 miles).

(FREE) RIDE TO TROTWOOD

Sat . Apr 13, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Bikeway: Wolf Creek , Ohio Bike Route 38 Join us for a bike ride on the Wolf Creek Bikeway. Meet in the parking lot behind Rob's Restaurant, 705 Arlington Rd. in Brookville. We will ride toward Trotwood (14 miles).

Next MVOC Board Meeting

Thursday, June 13, 6:00 p.m. at Marion's Pizza on North Dixie. All members are welcome.

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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