



Miami Valley Outdoor Club

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October 2013

The Enchantment of Exploring Underground



Guest speaker: Tama Cassidy

Miami Valley Outdoor Club meeting
7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 1
Wegerzyn Garden Center
1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Free with light refreshments.

The October guest speaker at the Miami Valley Outdoor Club meeting is Tama Cassidy, Assistant Director of Education for the Miami County Park District www.miamicountyparks.com, a position she has held since 2008. Tama is an avid caver and likes combining it with hiking and backpacking. She has been a caver for about 15 years and enjoys both vertical and horizontal caving, as well as, surveying. Tama and her husband have caved all over the United States as well as in a few caves in Mexico.

She is a member of the Dayton Underground Grotto www.dugcaves.com which is a subchapter of the National Speleological Society www.caves.org. The purpose of the Dayton Underground Grotto is to bring cavers in the Dayton area together and to promote conservation, protection and exploration of caves. Tama and her husband are also members of the Cave Research Foundation and are currently helping at Mammoth Cave whenever they get the chance. They have also spent time working in biodiversity research in caves in West Virginia, Ohio and Arizona. In 2004, they went to Lechuguilla Cave in Carlsbad Caverns National Park in New Mexico, backpacked into the cave and spent a week underground surveying .

The program is free and open to the public and will take place in the lower level auditorium of Wegerzyn Garden Center, <http://www.metroparks.org/Parks/WegerzynGarden/Maps.aspx>. Come at 6:30 for light refreshments, socializing and browsing the "free stuff" table.

Visit www.mvoc.net for more upcoming outdoor activities.

You Can Email to All Club Members

It's easy. No need to have an officer do it for you. Send to: members@miamivalleyoutdoorclub.org, fill in the subject line and the message and send. But PLEASE, *send outdoor related info only*.

Volunteers Needed for the MVOC Booth at the MW Outdoor Experience Friday & Saturday, October 4 & 5



[Midwest Outdoor Experience](#) has grown beyond just gear and exploded into a multi-day event, featuring camping, competitions, regional music acts, exciting demos, a Friday and Saturday night beer garden and much more!

Again the Miami Valley Outdoor Club will have a booth at the event. It a great way to get to know your fellow members better as well as meet many festival visitors and outdoor enthusiasts. Before and after you volunteer at the booth, you can enjoy all the festival activities, food, music, and other exhibitors.

MVOC BOOTH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE.

We will also need two people for each of the following tentative time slots.

Friday Oct. 5 6 - 8 p.m.

Saturday Oct. 610 - Noon; Noon - 2;
2 - 4 p.m.; 4 - 6 p.m.; and 6 - 8 p.m.

Contact Lindy McDonough, 278-1493 or lindymcd46@aol.com to sign up.

Fast Hikes at Taylorsville,

Tuesdays at 4:30, October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

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. Don't miss the Fright Night Hike & Monster Bash, a special anniversary hike on Oct. 29. All MVOC members, friends and family are invited

Welcome New MVOC Members

Ron Lyttle

Mark & Marjorie Harrell

MVOC Thurs. Evening Bike Rides

October 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

Join MVOC each Thursday evening for a ride that will begin at [Taylorsville MetroPark](#). Meet on the south side of US 40 (2000 US 40) in the Blue Heron parking lot. Each ride will go 15 - 25 miles, or 1 - 2 hours, depending on the preference of the group that night. Rides can be longer, shorter, faster, slower, go north or south or even start at different places. We'll play it by ear. If you are running a few minutes late you can call or text David S. at 937-546-9787.

CANCELLATIONS: There may be cancellations from time to time due to weather or schedule conflicts for the leader. Please check the [MVOC website](#) calendar prior to each ride to be sure it is still scheduled.

Lake Hope Pick-A-Park Weekend

Fri. & Sat. nights, October 18 & 19

[Lake Hope State Park](#), McArthur, OH

Plans are to leave Dayton on Friday and return home on Sunday. Campsite reservations are recommended ahead of time.

All campers will be responsible for making their own reservations. All the information you need to reserve a place, as well as details about the state park can be found at the park website. Call 866-644-6727 for all Ohio state park campsite reservations. Don't forget Golden Buckeye discounts when making your reservations.

The weekend format will be much the same as the previous campouts. Outdoor activities, during the day, a potluck feast on Saturday night. Sometimes a group goes to a special restaurant for Friday dinner. RV's, pop-ups and tents welcome. Bring fishing gear, bikes, kayaks, and canoes. Family, friends, co-workers are also welcome.

Questions? Contact Patty W. at 937-684-0884 or pattywheel@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Pick-A-Park Weekends

[Harrison Lake State Park](#), Fayette, OH

November 15, 16

[Shawnee State Park](#), Portsmouth, OH

December 13, 14

Climbing at Urban Krag

Wednesdays at 6:30, October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

[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

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 1 - Cave Exploring Program at MVOC meeting
- Oct. 4-5 - Midwest Outdoor Experience
- Oct. 7 - MVOC Board Meeting (Note date change)
- Oct. 18-19 - Pick-A-Park Weekend at Lake Hope SP
- Oct. 29 - Fright Night Hike & Monster Bash
- Nov. 5 - Kitty Hawk Ski Club Presentation at MVOC meeting
- Nov. 14 - MVOC Board meeting
- Nov. 15-16 - Pick-A-Park Harrison Lake SP
- Dec. 3 - Holiday Dinner, Auction & Election
- Dec. 13-14 - Pick-A-Park Shawnee SP
- Feb. 2 - Chili Cookoff at Cricket Hollow

MVOC Board Meeting

Date Change: Monday, October 7, 6:00

Marion's Pizza on North Dixie.

Agenda items: Fright Night Hike, December Election, Holiday Dinner, Auction, End-of-year business and 2014 programming. All MVOC members are welcome.

Fright Night Hike & MONSTER BASH



Everyone Is Invited to MVOC's
4th Anniversary Celebration for the
Tuesday **GET OUT & GO HIKE** at Taylorsville.

Tuesday, October 29

Taylorsville MetroPark, CCC Shelter, 2101 U.S. 40

4:30 - The Usual Fast-Paced Hike

5:45 - Short Moderately-Paced Hike

6:15 - Hot Dogs * Fun * Roaring Fire * Costume Contest

Come join the Miami Valley Outdoor Club for Halloween fun in the woods. You don't have to be a Tuesday hiker to participate. Dress up in your favorite Halloween or Trail Character. Be Creative! But please be sure your costume is safe for hiking or wait until after the hike to don your outfit.

MVOC will be supplying the water, hot chocolate, hotdogs, buns, cheese, condiments, plates, napkins and s'mores. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. There are picnic tables to sit at or you can bring your own chair.

Non-MVOC members are welcome to attend but encouraged to join the club at the event or make a donation for the evening.

Please RSVP to Sharon M, 620-0887 or dmullinsvanoh@aol.com

*Come early for the hike or later for the food & fun.
Just be there!*

2013 MVOC Officers

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Scenes from Kelly's Island Pick-A-Park Weekend



MetroParks Program

Intro To Land Navigation

Thu., Oct 24, 6:00-9:00 pm

Wegerzyn Gardens Metropark, Auditorium,
1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.

Learn how to use a map and compass in the backcountry or dust off some little-used skills.

This classroom session will teach the basic parts and ways to use maps and compasses. **This program is a prerequisite for Land Navigation Basics.** Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: 14 years and up. Fee: \$5

MetroParks Program

Land Navigation Basics

Sat., Nov 2, 1:00-4:00 pm

Twin Creek Metropark, High View Shelter/

Trailhead Parking Lot, 9688 Eby Rd.

Are you ready for the next step in the Land Navigation progression? Get out and use map and compass together in this field-based program. **Intro to Land Navigation is a prerequisite for this program.**

Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: 14 years and up. Fee: \$15

MVOC Needs You in 2014!

There are lots of opportunities big and small, but all are important. Officers, committees, publicity, membership, special events, outdoor activity leaders, web data entry, refreshments, programs and probably more. You can help make 2014 the best year ever. Please contact any officer by Nov. 15 and let them know what you would like to do.



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Membership Form

Miami Valley Outdoor Club Membership/Waiver Form

Renewing dues are the full year's amount: singles \$16 / families \$24 regardless of date of renewal.

Renewing members must fill out membership/waiver form every year. Both spouses/partners in a family must sign. Write additional family members on back of 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 current year and the entire following year.

***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