



Miami Valley Outdoor Club

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November 2013

"Kittyhawk Ski Club: Past, Present & Future"



**Tuesday,
November 5
7:00 p.m.**

**Guest Speaker:
Norm Fox**

Free and open to the public
with light refreshments

Join members of the
Miami Valley Outdoor
Club to learn about the
Kittyhawk Ski and Board
Club. Ski Club president
Norm Fox will tell us
about the organization that
has provided skiing,

recreational and social opportunities to residents in the Dayton area for 40 years.

The club meets monthly year-round and its main goal is to bring together people who like to ski and snowboard and introduce people to skiing and snowboarding, however they offer a variety of other activities in the region, like zip-lining, Scottish dancing, ice skating and dining at various restaurants in the Miami Valley. The Kittyhawk Ski Club is a member of the Ohio Valley Ski Council providing the club members access to Western ski trips, overseas ski trips and events organized by 13 other ski clubs. This year's trips sponsored by the Kittyhawk Ski Club include Telluride, Co; Park City, UT; Snowshoe, WV; Boyne Highlands, MI; and Mt. Bachelor, OR.

This may be your chance to tap into trips out West or even the Alps, with fellow Daytonians, and expand your outdoor experiences, and maybe even learn to ski. You don't even need to be a skier to enjoy the club or the trips. Some ski club members just go for the fellowship and adventure - an opportunity to sight see and relax away from home.

To learn more about the Kittyhawk Ski and Board Club check out their website at <http://www.skikittyhawk.com/>.

The program is free and open to the public and will take place in the lower level meeting room 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.

Next MVOC Board Meeting. Thursday, November 14, 6:00 p.m., Marion's Pizza on North Dixie.

Agenda items: December Election, Holiday Dinner, Auction, end-of-year business, 2014 programming, and Adventure Summit Booth. All MVOC members are welcome.

Midwest Outdoor Experience Was a Big Success for MVOC



Miami Valley Outdoor Club membership raffle winners: Jenny Davis (left) and Bradley Mullins (right). Each basket contained over \$150 worth of merchandise and gift certificates donated by Great Miami Outfitters, Miami Valley Outdoor Club, Sharon Mullins and Hank Trimble.

During the annual membership campaign at MOX, 152 people joined a club or organization during the event and turned in a raffle ticket. The Miami Valley Outdoor Club had the most people join or renew during the event. Below is a list of clubs and organizations and the number of people who joined or renewed their memberships. These counts are based on the raffle tickets submitted.

Club Name	Tickets Submitted
Miami Valley Outdoor Club	49
Dayton Hikers	34
Miami Valley Geocachers	31
Nat Assoc of Professional River Anglers	8
Buckeye Trail Association	8
Miami Valley Fly Fishers	4
Venture Crew 193	3
Dayton Ski Club	2
Dayton Cycling Club	2
North Country Trail Association	1
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Dayton Hikers member Gregg Wald was the winner of the Midwest Outdoor Experience grand prize, – \$500 Gift Certificate To Yakima Products

Welcome New MVOC Members

who joined at the Midwest Outdoor Experience.

Sylvia Gleason	Jane Orth
Maureen Hamilton	Rick Stamps
Bill & Sue Mitchell	John Israel
Michael Sheidler	Victoria Fox
Patricia Pipik Moore	Diane Brown
Bradley Mullins	Tama Cassidy
Robert Lindeman	Kathi Duncan
David Lambright	Elaine Johnson
Shannon Shiverdecker	Rachel Earich
Lance & Terran Bryant	Cathy Spath
Brandon Meihnsner	Ashley Fish

Many thanks go to all the volunteers who staffed the MVOC booth at the Midwest Outdoor Experience: Sharon Mullins, Al and Malinda Wolf, Ella Himes, Gary Mount, Tom Schommer, Joe Becker, Dale Bockhorst, Jim Nies, David Snell, Patty Wheelbarger, Mike Nelson and Lindy McDonough



Midwest Outdoor Experience Booth volunteers Joe Becker (left) and Dale Bockhorst (right)

Fast Hikes at Taylorsville,

Tuesdays at 4:30, November 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, fast moving and not suitable for inexperienced hikers looking for a stroll the park.

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

Slate of 2014 Officers for Dec. Election

The slate of officers and committee members is almost complete. Old and new members have stepped forward to join the leadership for 2014. Below are the positions and volunteers who will be up for election at the Holiday Dinner and Auction December 3.

President - Jim Nies

Vice President - Sharon Mullins

Treasurer - Dale Bockhorst

Webmaster - Hank Trimble

Special Events Coordinator - David Snell

Membership Coordinator - Julie Spinner

Program Director - Tom Schommer,

Public Relations - Joe Becker

Activities Committee:

Chair: Sharon Mullins. Members: Ella Himes, Gary Mount, Patty Wheelbarger, Bruce Howorth, Duane Gray, Marty Moseman, Steve Longenecker, David Snell

Constitution Revision: Steve Longenecker, David Snell, Ella Himes, Jim Nies

The following positions still need to be filled:

Buckeye Trail Maintenance Coordinator

Newsletter Editor: (Jim Nies will be offering a training class for people who are interested in learning how to put the newsletter together)

If you are interested in serving in any of these positions or joining a committee please contact any of the MVOC board members.

Time to Renew!

It's now time to renew your membership for 2014. 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.

Holiday Feast & Auction Just a Month Away

Tuesday, December 3

It's time to dig through your closets, basements, garages and attics for all that outdoor equipment, apparel, maps and books that you no longer need. Our annual Holiday Feast and Auction is coming up. Get ready for some great food and some real bargains. Join us, at Wegerzyn Garden Center. The club will provide meat and drinks; you bring a dish to share, dinner service, and your gently-used outdoor gear. Auction proceeds will be donated to two deserving area outdoor preservation organizations.

Harrison Lake Pick-A-Park Weekend

Fri. & Sat. nights, November 15 & 16
Harrison Lake State Park, Fayette, 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.

Contact Patty W. at pattywheel@yahoo.com. or 937-684-0884 to be sure enough people have signed up.

Last Pick-A-Park Weekend of 2013

Shawnee State Park, Portsmouth, OH
December 13, 14

2013 MVOC Officers

President/ Newsletter:	Lindy McDonough	937-278-1493	lindymcd46@aol.com
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Activities Committee:	Steve Longenecker, Patty Wheelbarger, David Snell, Bruce Howorth, Ella Himes, Gary Mount, Jim Nies		
Secretary/Treasurer:	Dale Bockhorst	513-675-1425	dalebockhorst@yahoo.com
Programs Director:	Tom Schommer	937-233-1021	tschommer@sbcglobal.net
Webmaster:	Hank Trimble	937-620-4971	hank.trimble@yahoo.com

Climbing at Urban Krag

Wednesdays at 6:30, November 6, 13, 20 & 27

[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

EARTHJOY Tree Climbing

MetroParks Program

Saturday, Nov. 9, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Choose starting times 10 am, 12:15 pm, 2:30 pm.

Registration required: Thu. Oct. 3 - Fri. Nov. 8

(859) 653-2907 or Shelly@climbtreeswithearthjoy.com

Fee: \$37

Eastwood MetroPark: Parking Lot by restrooms
1401 Harshman Rd., Dayton, OH 45431

Explore and climb some of the biggest trees in the Miami Valley with Earth Joy Tree Climbing. Learn to rappel and trust yourself as you swing off branches. Get in and out of hammocks and learn the art of balancing and walking on sturdy limbs. Challenge yourself to hang like Spiderman! Space is limited. To learn more or register contact Shelly@climbtreeswithearthjoy.com or call (859) 653-2907. All ages

MetroParks

Fundamentals of Trip Planning

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 6:00-8:00 pm

Cox Arboretum MetroPark: Fifth Third Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk., Miamisburg, OH 45459

Learn the tips and tricks of outdoor adventure trip planning. Whether you're planning a weekend backpacking trip or a weeklong paddling adventure, this program will teach you the prep work that goes into ensuring you have a successful trip; covering topics such as trip goals, destination research, route planning, logistics and budgeting. All ages

Registration required: Mon. Oct. 7 - Wed. Nov. 20

Fee: \$15

Send Emails to All MVOC Members

at: members@miamivalleyoutdoorclub.org,

Upcoming MVOC Events

Nov. 5 - Kittyhawk 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

Jan. 7 - MVOC meeting, speaker TBA

Feb. 2 - Chili Cookoff at Cricket Hollow

Feb. 14-15 - 2014 Adventure Summit Booth



Alaska: Spirit of the Wild

Cincy Museum Center Classic Film

8 p.m. Fridays & Saturdays in November

1301 Western Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45203

(513) 287-7000 or (800) 733-2077 (toll free)

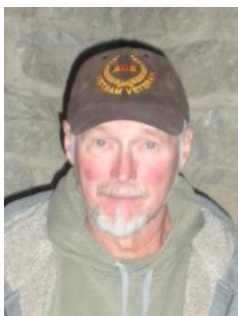
Journey to a land of exotic wildlife and breath-taking beauty in this 40-minute Omnimax film narrated by Charlton Heston. Observe the ultimate story of survival where wildlife triumphs over harsh winters and thrives in spring and summer. See sweeping vistas of Mount McKinley, glaciers and calving icebergs. Experience the wonders of the Aurora Borealis in the night sky, feeding humpback whales and the story of the traditional Inuit whalers. And learn about the Gold Rush of 1897 when 100,000 people boarded Alaska-bound ships in search of vast riches, facing the great hardship of the Alaskan winter. More info at www.cincymuseum.org/omnimax

If there is interest, we can go as a group sometime during November with maybe dinner before the movie. Contact: Lindy McDonough 278-1493 or lindymcd46@aol.com.

Great Miami Outfitters Discount

All MVOC members are eligible for a 10-15% GMO discount on many items. Stop by the store at 25 E. Linden Ave, Miamisburg, pick up your discount card, and start shopping!

Scenes from Fright Night Hike & Monster Bash





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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