



Miami Valley Outdoor Club

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February, 2014

Annual Hike & Chili Cook-Off at Cricket Holler

**Super Bowl Sunday, February 2,
Hike at 2:00 p.m. - Meal at 4:00 p.m.**

It's almost here - the 8th annual Hike & Chili Cook-Off at beautiful Cricket Holler Boy Scout Camp, in 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 6675 Brantford Road 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 coveted "Golden Ladle."



The event is free, but you must bring 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 along your knitting, a book or a deck of cards, 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 game where you can put your name in a hat for each dollar you contribute. The person whose name is drawn at the end of the day will win 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 Sharon Mullins at 937-620-0887 or dmullinsvanoh@aol.com

Just a reminder: There will be no regular club meeting in February since the chili cookoff happens just two days before the regular meeting day.

Fast Hikes at Taylorsville,

Tuesdays at 4:30, January 7, 14, 21 & 28

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.

Climbing at Urban Krag

Wednesdays at 6:30, February 5, 12, 19, 26

[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.

Adventure Summit Almost Here!

Friday & Saturday, February 14 & 15

Student Union, Wright State University

Join thousands of outdoor enthusiasts in Dayton, Ohio, the Outdoor Adventure Capital of the Midwest, for a weekend

of outdoor skill, culture and experience, including world class outdoor personalities. Friday's featured speaker (8 pm, WSU student union) is Dave Cornthwaite, a British adventurer, author and motivational speaker. Jon Turk takes the featured stage Saturday at 12:30. A long distance sea kayaker, Turk writes and speaks about his adventures, the people and the environments he has encountered.

There will also be outdoor equipment vendors, demonstrations, presentations, competitions, music, food and fun for all ages. Get all the details at www.theadventuresummit.com

MVOC Booth Volunteers Needed

Again this year, the Miami Valley Outdoor Club will have a booth at the event and we need volunteers to staff it. If you are interested in helping out for a couple of hours either Friday or Saturday, contact Sharon Mullins at 937-620-0887 or dmullinsvanoh@aol.com

The next MVOC board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 10 @ 6:15 at Marion's on North Dixie. Come on out and help plan the summer activities.

Upcoming Metroparks Activities

Ice Skating at Riverscape until Feb. 28
Intro to Backpacking for women Feb. 25
Miami Valley Gardening Conference Mar. 1
Wilderness First Aid Mar. 14-16
See www.metroparks.org or call 937-275-7275 for more information.

Reminders:

It's now time to renew your membership. You need to do it by February 15 to be included 2014 roster that will be published in March and to receive any further newsletters.

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.

All MVOC members are eligible for a 10-15% Great Miami Outfitters discount on many items. Stop by the store at 25 E. Linden Ave, Miamisburg, pick up your 2014 discount card.

You can send email to all members of the MVOC easily. Just address your email to members@mvoc.net and all club members will see your message. You could use this to schedule a pop-up activity like a short notice cycling trip or to look for interest in something that takes a bit more planning (like a trip to Italy?)

Member news:

During the January 26 Winter Adventure Weekend ceremonies at Carter Caves State Resort Park in Kentucky MVOC member **Andy Niekamp** was made an official Kentucky Colonel for his volunteer efforts. Commissions for Kentucky colonels are given by the Governor and the Secretary of State to individuals in recognition of noteworthy accomplishments and outstanding service to a community, state or the nation.

Congratulations, Andy! Keep up the good work.

Call for photos

Do you have MVOC action photos you think would look good on the club website? Do you know someone who does have them? We're in the process of upgrading the club's online presence, improving the website content, and planning to expand the publicity efforts.

Send anything you wish to share from the past three years or so to the webmaster, Hank Trimble at hank.trimble@yahoo.com or bring them to a meeting. Thank you.

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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