

# The Voice of the Turtle



## Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

### Friends of MetroParks of Butler County Monthly Newsletter June, 2016

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## Future BOD Meeting Locations

Summer meetings begin at 6 PM, to avoid  
Hump Day concert conflicts

June 8 VOA Trophy Rm (community room not available)

July 13 VOA Community Room

Aug 10 VOA Community Room

Members and visitors are welcome to attend board meetings

## Hump Day Concerts Every Wednesday



June - August

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## Letter from the President,

June is here, where did April and May go? Wow, it is true, time does fly! I totally missed writing my letter last month, but to be totally honest I was having a great time enjoying the happenings in the parks. The Garlic Mustard Pull at Dudley Woods was great, the Biggest Week in Birding was awesome 145 species of birds at 14 different sites in Butler County, work days and a tree walk ended the month of May.

Welcome to our four new Board of Directors that were elected at the annual meeting.

Whitney Barnes

Kristine Hill

Nick Lengyel

Allison Wagner

Can we say “Great Expectations” from this group? Looking forward to getting them involved and working with them.

Summer 2016 looks like it is going to be filled with great events at MetroParks. Tonight begins the Hump Day concerts at VOA, Mojo Triathlon on June 19, Crazy Cardboard Regatta in July, Mud Mania in August, Fun on the Farm, and Horse Daze in September all make up for one exciting summer. Volunteers are needed for all of these events, plus many more events throughout the summer.

Enjoy the summer, enjoy our MetroParks.

Good Friends

Chuck Holliday

President, FOMPBC

## Birders of a Feather Flocked to the Week of Birding



## First Hump Day Concert of 2016 Robin Lacy and DeZydeco Laissez les bons temps rouler!





A rainbow applauds a concert in the rain.

### Put these dates on your calendar

- Hump Day Concerts            VOA  
Wed, June 8, 15, 22, 29    7 – 9pm
- Family Fun Friday            Rentschler Forest  
Fri, June 3                      10am – 12pm
- National Trails Day Hike    Miami Woods  
Sat, June 4                      10am – 12pm
- Bicycle Ambassador Training Great Miami River  
Trail  
Sat, June 4                      10am – 12pm
- Family Fun Friday            Rentschler Forest  
Fri, June 10                     10am – 12pm
- Service Day                    Salamander Run  
Fri, June 10                     5 – 8pm
- Service Day                    Salamander Run  
Sat, June 11                     9am – 12pm
- Friends of Chrisholm Friends & Family Reunion  
Chrisholm Historic Farmstead  
Sat, June 11                     11am – 4pm
- Adventure Camp              Forest Run MPX  
Mon & Tue                      June 13 & 14
- Creekin' in the Park        Forest Run MPX  
Thu, June 16                    10am – 12pm
- Family Fun Friday            Rentschler Forest  
Fri, June 17                     10am – 12pm
- Learn to Row                   VOA  
Sat, June 18                    3:30 – 5:30pm
- MPX/Mojo Running Triathlon    VOA  
Sun, June 19                    7am



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Service Day Wed, June 22	Salamander Run 5 – 8pm
Creekin' in the Park Thu, June 23	Forest Run MPX 10am – 12pm
Family Fun Friday Fri, June 24	Rentschler Forest 10am – 12pm
Service Day Sat, June 25	Salamander Run 9am – 12pm
Pioneer for a Day Sat, June 25	Govenor Bebb MPX 12 – 4pm
Adventure Camp Mon & Tue	Forest Run MPX June 27 & 28
Creekin' in the Park Thu, June 30	Forest Run MPX 10am – 12pm

Yes, Friends of MetroParks of Butler County is listed as a eligible nonprofit 501(c)(3) public charitable organizations.

**How much of my purchase does Amazon donate?**

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. The purchase price is the amount paid for the item minus any rebates and excluding shipping & handling, gift-wrapping fees, taxes, or service charges. From time to time, we may offer special, limited time promotions that increase the donation amount on one or more products or services or provide for additional donations to charitable organizations. Special terms and restrictions may apply. Please see the relevant promotion for complete details.

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**Crazy Cardboard Boat Regatta Seeks Sponsors, Volunteers and Cardboard Boats**

The Crazy Cardboard Regatta is ready to set sail for its 7<sup>th</sup> year on July 16, 2016 at Voice of America MetroPark in West Chester, Ohio. Build your own cardboard boat or enjoy the show from the comforts of shore...either way you are sure to have a blast at this family fun event!



Recruit your neighbors, friends, family & co-workers to build a boat & join the craziness. This year, the race will include a single timed category, "The Fast & the Floundering," with the fastest boats continuing to the semi-finals. Boats can also enter "The Soggy Bottom Battle," where the last boat floating wins in this crash-derby style competition! Cardboard boats can come in all shapes & sizes and a variety of themed awards will be presented (Best Titanic, Team Spirit, and Judge's Choice etc).

This annual event is growing every year, with 2,000-5,000 spectators enjoying the sights each

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year. “We hope we can count on local businesses and organizations to support this wonderful annual event,” said Kelly Barkley, Public Relations Coordinator for MetroParks of Butler County. Sponsorship opportunities for this family friendly event are available now by contacting MetroParks of Butler County.

This day-long affair will be filled with activities, demonstrations, races, music, & more! All of these fun pieces create plenty of room for helping hands. “Each year, we rely on nearly 150 volunteers to help pull together this exciting event,” said Cris Carter-Trammell, Supervisor of Park Connections, “and there are a variety of tasks available for those who are interested in contributing their time.”

If you are interested in building a boat, sponsoring, or volunteering information can be found on MetroParks of Butler County website [www.YourMetroParks.net](http://www.YourMetroParks.net), at VOA MetroPark at 7850 VOA Park Dr., West Chester OH 45069, MetroParks administration building at 2051 Timberman Rd., Hamilton, Ohio 45013 or from The Community Foundation of West Chester/Liberty | 5641 Union Centre Dr. West Chester, OH 45069. For more information call MetroParks at 513-867-5835.

**Did you re-sign up for Community Rewards? Everyone must re-register for their favorite non-profit! Friends of MetroParks of Butler County ID # 15599**

Your supporters (22 households) who shopped at Kroger between 2-1-2016 and 4-30-2016 (Cycle 4, Qtr 4) have contributed to your **\$123.31** total donation> Every fiscal quarter Kroger donates one million dollars to local community groups.



Dear Friends of Metro Parks of Butler County,

The Kroger Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to local communities. We do this through a variety of activities, including charitable giving, sponsorships and the unique Community

Rewards Program of Kroger. We are also committed to carefully protecting our customers' personal information. In order to meet their expectation of privacy, we have adopted a simple policy to never share a customer's personal information. Our privacy policy

applies to Community Rewards participation as well. As your neighborhood food retailer, we deeply value our ability to support local organizations like yours.

If you have any questions, please email [cincinnaticommunityrewards@kroger.com](mailto:cincinnaticommunityrewards@kroger.com) or visit our website at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com). Thank you for your continued support of your local Kroger store.

Thank you,  
Community Rewards Staff

Thank You to all of the FOMPBC family and friends who have contributed to this program.

Organization Name: **Friends of MetroParks of Butler County**  
Organization Number: **15599**

You do not have to be a member of FOMPBC to participate, nor do you have to select FOMPBC as your donation group. Please register for this program, make your spendable income work to benefit the organization of your choice. You may change your selection of organizations every 6 months.

Please enroll, sign up family, friends and neighbors.

**Critter Corner**  
**What's in the trees at Gilmore MetroPark?**  
By Lara Askill, Program Coordinator,  
Park Connections

Look what the stork is bringing to Gilmore MetroParks! Just kidding...no storks, but we do have Great Blue Herons, Great Egrets and Double Crested Cormorants nesting high in the trees.

It is easy to identify these three species of large water birds by their plumage alone. The Great Blue Heron has a blue grey body with a black and white head, long legs and a thick dagger-like beak. In flight they are memorable because of their large, slow wingbeats and tucked-in “S” shaped necks.

The pristine all white Great Egret is an elegant long-legged wading bird. It was almost hunted to extinction in the late nineteenth century due to its feathers being harvested to adorn ladies hats. During the breeding season, these birds develop a patch of skin on the face that turns neon green and they grow long feather plumes on their backs.

Then there is the all-black Double Crested Cormorant. This species has short legs, a long kinked neck and a hooked beak for grabbing fish while swimming underwater. Keep an eye out for their behavior of spreading out their wings. That is because they have less preen oil than other birds and their feathers get wet so spreading their wings is how they get dry.

It is no small feat to carry a large stick and place it in a nest 20-40 feet above the ground on a wavering small branch while trying to avoid noisy, pecking neighbors. Especially for a 3-4 foot tall bird on spindly legs with a 5-6 foot wing span. Good luck to the parents raising the next generation of water birds at Gilmore MetroPark.

The nests are easy to see from the observation platform overlooking the cattail marsh. Enjoy this rookery of mixed bird species because it is very special in Butler County, Ohio.



**Photographers Needed**  
by Cristy Trammell



●○○○○○○ **MetroParks Mojo Running Triathlon, June 19, 7am (3-4 photographers) Voice of America**

We have great photos from last year’s triathlon that we have been using in marketing efforts – and look forward to photographic support this year as well- rather than using the link, photographers can sign in at the table June 19. We begin set up for the event at 4 am – but the event starts at 7am with a swim in the lake. (Last year 230 participants plus crowd)

●○○○○○○ **Crazy Cardboard Regatta, July 16, 10 am (10-12 photographers) Voice of America**

We look forward to a slide show featuring WCPC member regatta pictures again this year, to play in the Lakeview (cool down) Rm. Also look forward to capturing the excitement of the day as usual ( attached is list of suggested photography spots. Set up and registration starts at 8 am, the event starts at 10 am and the races start at 12 pm- pick a shift (1000-2000 visitors)

●○○○○○○ **Mud Mania (2 photographers) Aug 5&6, 11 am Rentschler Forest MetroPark**

Who can resist some not so clean, good fun? We are offering two days of it- and welcome photos that catch the enjoyment. Helping with a photo-spot that folks can receive assistance taking pictures of themselves with their cell phones is a great service. (1500 visitors last year)

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●●●●●●●● **Fun on the Farm ( 1 -2 photographers) Aug 20 Chrisholm Historic Farmstead**

Not a big event- but farm animals and hayrides on a pretty farm setting- would be nice to capture the day (250 visitors)

●●●●●●●● **Horse Daze (4-5 photographers)**

In addition to capturing the event, Community program partners and event co-sponsors from the Butler County Horseman's Council will have a photo booth and printer station to take free photos of folks sitting on a horse. This is a true labor of love and service to the attendees. They could use assistance at the booth helping with the printing of pictures, spelling the photographer, helping keep photos straight and handing out prints to (very excited) recipients. ( I won't ask you to hold the reins ;-). We were a bit overwhelmed with 3000 visitors to the park last year and definitely can use help. In the past year this group has shared slide show of event photos with other horseman's groups in hopes of inspiring this event statewide!

I have attached flyers for these events that give the times and locations. Shifts are variable and flexible. Thanks so much for sharing with the club. Please let Zach Marcum <zmarcum@yourmetroparks.net> know if anyone can assist with any of these family friendly events.

**Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities**

**May 2016  
Bird Banding**

**When:** Throughout April and May; set up begins before sunrise and lasts 2-4 hours

**Where:** Gilmore MetroPark, Bilstein Boulevard Entrance, Hamilton, OH 45015

**What:** Bird banding is a method of collecting data on migrating birds. Bird banding at Gilmore MetroParks is led by an experienced bird bander. This is a great way to learn about birds, sharpen your birding skills, and contribute to science and research.

**Stepping Forward: Service Day**

**When:** Saturday, May 14, 2016  
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**Where:** Sebald MetroPark, 5580 Elk Creek Road, Middletown, OH 45042

**What:** Stepping Forward: Service Days allow for volunteers to do a number of activities at various parks throughout the year. Service Days are held to keep parks clean, improve habitat, complete projects, and prepare for events. MetroParks is partnering with the Butler County Chapter of the Ohio Horseman's Council to improve trail conditions at Sebald MetroPark. Volunteers will meet at picnic shelter #11. Volunteers will primarily be removing invasive species along the trails and removing trash and debris.

**Stepping Forward: Service Day**

**When:** Saturday, May 21, 2016  
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Where:** Miami Woods, 450 New London Road, Hamilton, OH 45013

**What:** Stepping Forward: Service Days allow for volunteers to do a number of activities at various parks throughout the year. Service Days are held to keep parks clean, improve habitat, complete projects, and prepare for events. MetroParks is partnering with the Hamilton Parks Conservancy to improve trail conditions at Miami Woods. Join MetroParks and the Parks Conservancy in a Service Day to make trail improvements. Volunteers will primarily be removing invasive species along the trails.



**Great Miami River Recreation Trail  
Ambassador Training**

**When:** Saturday, June 4, 2016  
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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**Where:** MidPointe Library – Middletown, 125 South Broad Street, Middletown, OH 45044

**What:** Learn about becoming a Trail Ambassador along the section of the Great Miami River Recreation Trail that stretches from Trenton to Middletown. Trail Ambassadors monitor the trail at least 4 hours a month on their bicycle. Trail Ambassadors report maintenance and safety concerns to MetroParks staff, assist trail users when necessary, provide information to trail users, and perform light trail maintenance.

## Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities June 2016

### Great Miami River Recreation Trail Ambassador Training

**When:** Saturday, June 4, 2016 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Where:** MidPointe Library – Middletown, 125 South Broad Street, Middletown, OH 45044

**What:** Learn about becoming a Trail Ambassador along the section of the Great Miami River Recreation Trail that stretches from Trenton to Middletown. Trail Ambassadors monitor the trail at least 4 hours a month on their bicycle. Trail Ambassadors report maintenance and safety concerns to MetroParks staff, assist trail users when necessary, provide information to trail users, and perform light trail maintenance.

### National Trails Day Hike

**When:** Saturday, June 4, 2016 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Where:** Miami Woods Park, 450 New London Road, Hamilton, OH 45013

**What:** 1-2 volunteers needed to assist with program activities including program registration, door prize raffle, scavenger hunt, participant safety, etc.

### Salamander Run Restoration Project

**When:** Friday, June 10, 2016 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
Saturday, June 11, 2016 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Wednesday, June 22, 2016 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Saturday, June 25, 2016 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Where:** Salamander Run Preserve, 4821 Layhigh Road, Hamilton, OH 45013

**What:** Join MetroParks and the Three Valley Conservation Trust to continue the habitat restoration at Salamander Run Preserve. This spring volunteers will be planting wetland plugs to improve habitat for native wildlife around the vernal pools. Volunteers will also be spreading the remaining wildflower seed to promote growth of native wildflowers and attract pollinators. Volunteers should expect to get wet and muddy and are encouraged to wear boots. MetroParks will provide tools for planting. Volunteers may bring their own tools if they would like.



### Adventure Day Camps

**When:** Monday, June 13, 2016 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Tuesday, June 14, 2016 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

**Where:** Forest Run MetroPark – Timberman Ridge Area, 1976 Timberman Road, Hamilton, OH 45013

**What:** Volunteers will be assisting with set up, program activities, ensuring participant safety and cleanup of the Adventure Camp program. Camp activities will include hiking, climbing, archery, geocaching, and orienteering.

### MetroParks MOJO Running Triathlon Packet Preparation Day

**When:** Wednesday, June 15, 2016 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**Where:** Chrisholm MetroPark, Chrisholm Historic Farmstead, 2070 Woodsdale Rd, Trenton OH 45067



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**What:** MetroParks needs 3-5 volunteers to help prepare race materials for the competitors at the 2nd Annual MetroParks MOJO Running Triathlon. Volunteers will be stuffing bags with handouts, race equipment, t-shirts, and other materials that race participants will need to prepare for the race.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual MetroParks Mojo Running Triathlon

**When:** Sunday, June 19, 2016 5:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**Where:** Voice of America MetroPark, 7850 VOA Park Drive, West Chester, OH 45069

**What:** Support MetroParks and the triathletes by volunteering to help with the MetroParks Mojo Running Triathlon. Volunteers will register for this event at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094bada623a7f85-mojo1>. Volunteers can see a list of volunteer assignments for the event at this web page and sign up. Please only sign up for the following assignments:

- Volunteer Check In
- Food Set Up
- Water Station 1
- Water Station 2
- Transition 2 Entrance
- Run Course Marshal
- Clean Up

MetroParks volunteers may sign up for these assignments only. Other volunteer assignments will be filled by volunteers with prior triathlon experience.



## Pioneer Village Open House

**When:** Saturday, June 25, 2016 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

**Where:** Governor Bebb MetroPark, 1979 Bebb Park Lane, Okeana, OH 45053

**What:** Volunteers will assist in program registration, providing general information to the public, selling snacks and beverages, and other tasks as needed.



## Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

### Administrative Support

**When:** Flexible

**Where:** Multiple Locations

**What:** Volunteers are needed to help with administrative tasks including document filing, copying program flyers, database management, document preparation, and other general office tasks. Volunteers can help out on a recurrent basis or just once if desired!

### Program Preparation Support

**When:** Flexible

**Where:** Multiple Locations

**What:** Park Connections staff presents multiple education, recreation, and conservation programs throughout the year. Volunteers are needed to help with preparing for MetroParks events and programs. Volunteers may create crafts, prepare signage, organize materials and supplies, clean materials and supplies, and other general tasks.

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## General Maintenance Support

**When:** Flexible

**Where:** Multiple Locations

**What:** Help MetroParks by lending a hand in general maintenance alongside the Operations Department staff at various locations throughout the MetroParks system. Tasks might include painting, mulching, trail maintenance, equipment maintenance, etc.

## Welcome Center - Forest Run MetroPark

**When:** Flexible

**Where:** Forest Run MetroPark Welcome Center, 1976 Timberman Road, Hamilton OH 45013

**What:** Volunteers are needed at the Welcome Center at Forest Run MetroPark. The Welcome Center provides a quiet interior space for visitors. Volunteers will help host guests, collect bird data, and help stock bird feeders. Training provided.

## Welcome Center - Voice of America MetroPark

**When:** Flexible

**Where:** Voice of America MetroPark, Ronald Reagan Lodge, 7850 VOA Park Drive, West Chester, OH 45069

**What:** Volunteers are needed at the Welcome Center at Voice of America MetroPark. Welcome park customers with a smile, provide information about programs and the parks. Training provided.

## Group Service Projects

**When:** Flexible

**Where:** Flexible

**What:** MetroParks always has various projects for groups to complete! If you have a youth group, church group, student group, or business group that is interested in scheduling a private service day, contact volunteer services for more information.

## Other Ideas?

If you have skills or interests that you would like to translate into volunteer service for MetroParks, but don't see that option listed, contact us! MetroParks

is always looking for new and innovative ways to get volunteers involved in the parks.

**PLEASE NOTE: All ongoing volunteer opportunities must be scheduled directly with volunteer services. If you are interested in any of the above ongoing volunteer opportunities, please contact [zmarcum@yourmetroparks.net](mailto:zmarcum@yourmetroparks.net) or call (513) 867-5835 for more information.**

## Looking Ahead....

MetroParks asks that you begin thinking about any interest you may have in future volunteer opportunities. Some volunteer opportunities to be looking forward to include:

**Mud Mania** – Mud Mania 2016 will provide lots of opportunities for volunteers to assist in muddy fun in early August

**Crazy Cardboard Regatta** – Many volunteers will be needed for the wackiest boating event around in mid-July

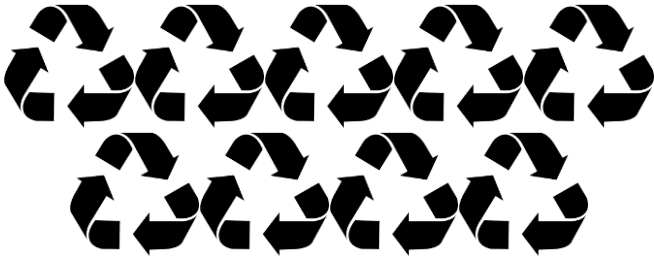
**Horse Daze** – Volunteers with horse experience needed to lead assisted horseback rides. Other volunteers can assist with event activities. Horse Daze takes place in mid-September

If any of these future opportunities sound interesting to you, please email Zach Marcum at [zmarcum@yourmetroparks.net](mailto:zmarcum@yourmetroparks.net) for more information.



**Editor just back from Bryce National Park – special feature next month**

## MetroParks Educational Programs Materials Wish List:



As you sort your recyclables on trash night, please consider donating some of the following items to us that might otherwise end up in Rumpke.

### Recyclable/ re-purposed materials:

- Craft sticks- any sized
- Clean & empty 2 liter bottles
- Clean & empty large coffee containers
- Clean & empty large cottage cheese containers
- Clean & empty large yogurt containers
- Clean & empty paper egg cartons
- Gently used athletic equipment
- Gently used board games
- Gently used Legos
- Any length of 2x4 boards
- Fabric scraps

### Other things you may have laying around:

- Pencils
- Pens
- Paper cups
- Paper plates
- Rubber bands
- Clothespins
- Ziplock baggies
- Craft materials: glitter, stickers, pipe cleaners, feathers, beads, etc.
- Paper for crafts: tissue paper, construction paper, foam paper, cardstock paper, etc.

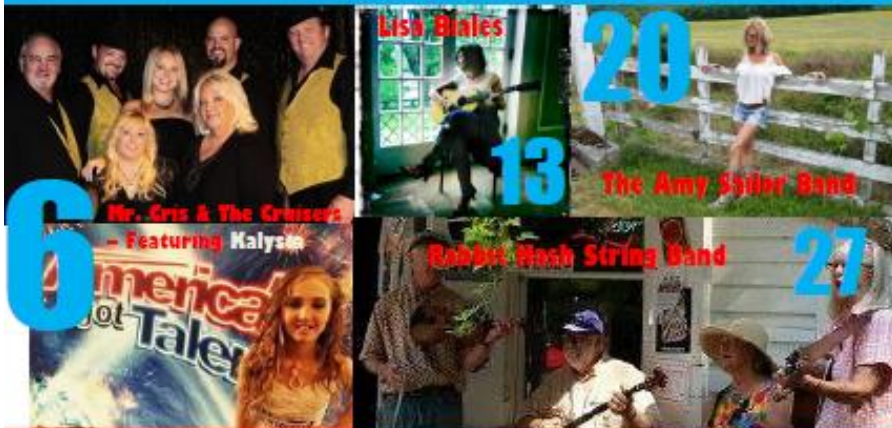


**EVERY WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM**

**JUNE**



**JULY**



**AUGUST**



**RAINOUTS:** Scheduled concerts may be cancelled in the event of rain. For more information, please check MetroParks of Butler County FaceBook page after 4pm on the day of the concert.



**EVERY WEDNESDAY  
JUNE- AUGUST 2016**

**Voice of America MetroPark  
Gazebo on the Lake  
Behind the Ronald Reagan Lodge  
7850 VOA Park Drive  
West Chester, Ohio 45069**

**FEATURING:**

- **FREE MUSIC**
- **FOOD & ADULT BEVERAGES**
- **LAKE ACTIVITIES**
- **BIKE & BOAT RENTALS**
- **MID WEEK RELAXATION**
- **PLAYGROUND FOR THE KIDS**



**NOW THAT'S FAMILY FUN!**

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Motor Vehicle Permit Required , Motor Vehicle Permit FREE to Butler County Residents, Non-Residents \$5/daily or \$10/annual

metroparks  
mojo  
Running  
Triathlon

**WHEN:**

June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 AM

**WHERE:**

Voice of America MetroPark

7850 VOA Park Drive, West Chester, OH 45069

**WHO:**

Open to triathletes of all experience levels with Sprint, Olympic, & Relay options

Tri a MetroPark....Live Life in  
**Forward** Motion

**~2nd Annual~**

**Cost:**

- Sprint: \$65
- Olympic: \$75
- Sprint Relay: \$110
- Olympic Relay: \$125

**Race:**

Swim in VOA lake, run along park trails, and bike on streets of West Chester!

**Registration:**

<http://timingspot.racemine.com/Mojo-Running/Events/2016/MetroParks-Mojo-Running-Triathlon>

Registration closes on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Register before May 1<sup>st</sup> to receive **\$5 off** on any registration!



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**WHEN:**

**Saturday, August 20, 2016  
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

**WHERE:**

**Chrisholm MetroPark  
Chrisholm Historic Farmstead  
2070 Woodsdale Road  
Trenton, OH 45067**

**Enjoy a day of fun on the farm! Visit the historic Amish-Mennonite home. Enjoy demonstrators and shop at local farm-friendly vendors.**

Motor Vehicle Permits will be available at the event.

**ALL AGES WELCOME**

**FEE: \$5.00 PER VEHICLE**

**ENTRANCE FEE COVERS:**

- **Farm games & crafts**
- **Egg hunt**
- **Hayrides**
- **Animals**
- **Open hearth cooking**
- **Garden exploration**
- **Farm equipment**



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# HORSE DAZE



## WHEN:

**Saturday, September 17, 2016**

**10 am– 4 pm** {Join us rain or shine}

## WHERE:

**Sebald Park**

**5580 Elk Creek Road, Middletown, OH 45042**

Lasso up some FUN!

**Motor Vehicle Permit Required. Motor Vehicle Permit FREE to Butler County Residents. Non-Residents \$5/daily or \$10/annual**

**FREE Family Friendly Event**

## FEATURING:

**Horse Rides  
Tractor Drawn Hayrides  
Horse Photo Opportunity  
Demonstrations  
Games & Activities  
Food & Drinks**

**Co-Sponsored By:**



**The Butler County Chapter of**



# mud mania



## WHEN:

Friday, August 5, 2016

Saturday, August 6, 2016

## TIME:

11:00 AM-3:00 PM both days

## WHERE:

**Rentschler Forest MetroPark**

Reigart Road Area

5701 Reigart Road, Hamilton, OH 45011

**The messiest family FUN around!**

**FEATURING • Mud Volleyball • Slimy Obstacle Course • Muddy Pools • Food Vendors • Little Mudders Area**

## A FAMILY FUN EVENT!

Come prepared to get wet & dirty!

## REGISTER ONLINE OR AT THE EVENT

**FREE/Under 5**

**\$2/ages 6-15**

**\$5/16 & over**

## Please Note:

All participants must wear shoes.



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# Friends of MetroParks of Butler County



Our Mission	To improve and preserve the parks for future generations, to educate and inform the public about the unique qualities of each MetroPark, and to encourage individuals and groups to participate in volunteer programs
Member Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invitations to Member-only events</li> <li>• Opportunity to apply for funding to support MetroParks programs and projects</li> <li>• Attend Annual Meeting and have a voice in Friends activities and direction</li> </ul>
Who Are We?	<p><i>Private citizens who have come together to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sponsor programs &amp; activities, promoting the use of MetroParks for conservation, education and recreation</li> <li>• Encourage volunteerism toward support of MetroParks of Butler County</li> <li>• Identify and implement improvements to the park</li> <li>• Assist in raising funds, securing donations, and obtaining grants monies to further MetroParks' mission</li> </ul>

***Yes, I/We want to be a member of Friends of MetroParks of Butler County!***

*Detach the form below and Mail it with your check to the address below*

## Become a Friend!

Simply fill in this form, detach and mail it with your check. Made payable to:

***Friends of MetroParks of Butler County***  
*PO Box 691*  
*Hamilton, OH 45012*

## Pick an Annual Membership

- Individual - \$10
- Family - \$15
- Group/Business - \$100
- Donation - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s)/Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Group or Business Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home/Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email (required to receive newsletter) \_\_\_\_\_