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LOUISVILLE METRO PARKS



Spring/Summer 2016



Jefferson Memorial Forest

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Welcome Center

Monday-Saturday
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Sunday/Holidays
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Welcome Center is your destination for maps, gift items, program reservations, camping reservations, permits and Forest information.

Directions

From I-65 south, take the Gene Snyder Freeway (I-265) west and exit at New Cut Road. Turn left, go about one mile, and turn right onto Mitchell Hill Road. Follow the signs to the Forest.

Mission Statement

The mission of Louisville Metro Parks is to create a City of Parks and enhance the quality of life for citizens of Louisville Metro by maintaining and acquiring attractive, vibrant parks and offering safe, diverse recreation programs, and protecting these lands and resources for future generations.

Cities Connecting Children to Nature

As part of our continual quest to leverage Jefferson Memorial Forest and Natural Areas Division assets to better connect the community

to nature, we are happy to announce Louisville Metro Government is one of seven major U.S. cities selected to receive planning assistance funding from the National League of Cities (NLC) and the Children & Nature Network (C&NN).

Louisville's core team including representatives from the Mayor's Office, Metro Parks and Recreation/JMF, and the Metro Department of Health and Wellness are working collaboratively with local and national partners, including the Center for Health Equity, YouthBuild Louisville, Wilderness Inquiry of Minneapolis, Outdoor Afro, JCPS, the National Park Service, and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife to develop a plan of extend equitable access to nature for children and families in underserved neighborhoods in Louisville.

Louisville joins San Francisco; St. Paul, Minnesota; and Austin, Texas among other cities, whose teams will share best practices and be supported by a staff from the NLS's Institute for Youth, Education, & Families as well as the C&NN. Over the next six months we will conduct an inventory of existing infrastructure and programs available to residents of key neighborhoods as identified by the Louisville Metro Center for Health Equity's most recent Health Equity Report. We will conduct an assessment of these neighborhoods to better understand existing gaps and identify other partners and service providers who need to be engaged.

Together we will examine the issues, policies, and strategies affecting children's access to nature and develop a strategic framework for moving forward



— one seeking to promote access to nature as contributing positively to our community's efforts to address issues of health and wellness, education attainment, and improved access to "green-facing" jobs.

Jefferson Memorial Forest's Louisville is Engaging Children (Louisville ECHO) program and our efforts to improve facilities at the Forest and expand nature-based recreation and education facilities and amenities in west Louisville will be key components of this planning effort. Upon development of this plan by the end of August, our team will join the other six cities to competitively apply for implementation funding. We look forward to working with others in the community to develop an achievable and impactful strategy and to providing more information as the year unfolds.

Bennett Knox, Parks Administrator



VOLUNTEER NEWS



STLF - Duluth and their amazing haul

The Power of One

In case you don't think you can make much difference, see below for an illustration of what happens when your time is combined with that of others:

When 30 people give 3 hours each, the total donated is 90 hours.

That's 2 weeks and a day for a single full-time employee.

Those hours have an economic value of \$2,076.

And that's the power of one.

Are You In?

Ways to Get Involved:

Contact us to schedule a project day for your group or organization. Share your email with us and we'll put you on the weekly email for project days and 1-day volunteer opportunities.

Sign on as a long-term volunteer with a commitment to 25 hours of service per calendar year.

Contact our Volunteer Coordinator at Sherry.Wright@louisvilleky.gov

Cheers for Community Spirit!

Community spirit is a beautiful thing, and we saw it exemplified in the groups below who gave of their time and talents to further our mission, and helped us keep the parks a safe, beautiful place for the entire community.

UPS – Nine employees from the Process Improvement Department donated a total of 27 hours removing invasive plant species and furthering restoration efforts on new property.

YPAL (Young Professionals Association of Louisville) – Twenty young professionals spent a Saturday morning donating 60 man-hours to beautification efforts on the Louisville Loop and removed 31 bags of trash from around last fall's art exhibits.

University of Louisville – Dozens of students have turned out on multiple project days to assist with cleanup on newly acquired land.

As always, thanks to Professor Steve Kendra, a beloved volunteer, who encourages these students to join him in offering the gift of volunteering.

University of Illinois STLF (Students Today, Leaders Forever) –

This group joined us for the fifth year in a row by visiting during their alternative spring break to perform community service. We had the pleasure of hosting 33 students for three hours (90 man hours) to remove debris from one of our new properties.

University of Illinois-Duluth STLF – Taking their alternative spring break on the road, these 36 college students worked for 3 hours cleaning debris from Kulmer Beach. They filled both our pickup and dump trucks with debris and left another pile for pickup later!



Volunteers further our restoration efforts

Does your group have what it takes to make a difference in a Natural Areas park? Give us a call! We would love to coordinate a volunteer event especially for you. We have projects suitable for single-day service projects as well as Eagle Scouts. If you need a project, contact Volunteer Coordinator Sherry Wright at 502/380-1753 or at sherry.wright@louisvilleky.gov.



VOLUNTEER NEWS

Scout Leadership – We’re Proud of Our Youth!

Congratulations to Elizabeth Scharre, who earned her Girl Scout Gold Award through her project at the Forest. Elizabeth planned, fundraised and oversaw her troop for the addition of borders and signage to the Monarch Migration Waystation (wildflower garden). Elizabeth and her supporters donated 82 hours of service and all the goods for this project and were rewarded by dozens of butterflies appreciating their hard work.

Evan Wilberding rallied the help of 28 fellow Scouts from Troop 347 to paint the Tom Wallace Park shelters and earn his Eagle Scout rank. Visitors are enjoying the fruits of his labor in terms of safety and aesthetics, while the wood structures are protected from weather and decay. Thanks for the 147 hours it took to this group to scrap, paint and clean up for this project. Congratulations Evan on a job well done!

WANTED

Happy, fun-loving, volunteer educators!

If you're looking for a great way to volunteer your time and talent, learn new things, meet new people and feel good about your accomplishments, **WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOU!**

DESIRABLES:

- Willing to lead programs in environmental education and outdoor recreation
- Weekday availability
- Willing to work with all ages
- Enjoys schoolchildren
- Smiling professional
- Loves to share the outdoors

Contact Shary Wright@jeffersonforest.org



NOTES FROM WILDERNESS LOUISVILLE, INC.

Wilderness Louisville is the 501c3 non-profit supporting Jefferson Memorial Forest and the Metro Parks’ Natural Areas Division. The group envisions that Louisville’s natural areas are a world-class destination for all citizens and visitors to enjoy. To realize this vision, Wilderness Louisville’s mission is to...

strengthen natural areas including Jefferson Memorial Forest by creating, restoring and stewarding these assets to promote economic development, educate and unite a diverse community of families, volunteers and advocates, and provide equitable opportunities for all citizens and visitors to experience nature.

New Program Shelters to be Dedicated

On Friday, April 22nd, in honor of Earth Day and the Mayor’s “Give-a-Day” week of service, Wilderness Louisville board members will be joined by students from Mercy Academy, Forest staff, and community donors to cut the ribbon on two – count ‘em, two - new program shelters. These are the fruits of Wilderness Louisville’s initial fundraising efforts and hopefully a harbinger of good things to come as the organization steadily increases its capacity in support of implementation of the Forest’s master plan.

Wilderness Louisville raised nearly \$24,000 in cash and in-kind contributions from individual donors as well as with critical support from Caudill Seed Company, Irving Materials, Inc. (IMI), Louisville Gas and Electric, Lowes on Dixie Highway, Spencer Concrete, United Parcel Service, and YouthBuild Louisville. Funds raised by Wilderness Louisville were matched by \$30,000 in funding from Louisville Metro Government. Thanks to the many of you who participated in the crowd-funding campaign, contributed during the Forest Fest Silent Auction or the Mayor’s Fall Hike and Outdoor Adventure over the past two years, or responded to our e-mail appeals!

Soon these shelters will be filled with the wonderful sound of local school kids as they take their lunch, gather round the Forest’s staff naturalists, or seek shelter during a thunderstorm.

LG&E Donates \$3,000 to Support Forest Fest 2016!

Please join us in showing our thanks to LG&E for supporting Forest Fest 2016 as a first-time sponsor. Thank you!

Let’s Make a Deal – 2017 Wilderness Louisville Silent Auction – May 21st at Forest Fest

Save the date in support of Wilderness Louisville’s next fundraiser. WL is turning its attention to supporting land acquisition at the Forest. Funds raised during the Forest Fest Silent Auction will help offset land acquisition expenses including critically important due diligence costs. Stay tuned for more information on the event including what items are available. If you would like to donate items to the event, please contact us at admin@wildernesslouisville.org. More information will be posted on the Forest’s Facebook page as we get closer to the date.





FOREST SUMMER CAMPS

Summer Adventures

Join us for a unique day camp experience combining summer fun with nature-based science education activities. We offer a variety of camps for ages 5-15. Campers will take on the role of naturalist, scientist, and adventurer as they explore the forest and the creatures that inhabit it. Traditional summer camp fun will round out the experience, creating an adventure to remember for a lifetime!

Camp activities include nature study, crafts, science experiments, games, journaling, outdoor recreation, hikes, and animal contact with the Forest's education animals. Each session runs for one week.

Each day begins promptly at 9 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. Drop-off and pick-up will be at the Environmental Education Center in the Horine Reservation of Jefferson Memorial Forest. Each of these camps are for ages 7 to 12. Special camps for teens ages 13 to 15, and youngsters ages 5 to 6 are also offered.

Shuttle Service Available

Shuttle service will be offered from George Rogers Clark Park at Thruston Ave. and Poplar Level Rd. Parents may purchase a pass for \$30 (per child, per session) that will provide transportation for the week. The service is only for children ages 6 to 15. Make reservations early.

Adventure Camp 2 Sessions • Ages 7 to 12

Is your child an adventurer, ready to explore what's around the next bend in the trail? If so, then Adventure Camp is just what your child needs! Campers explore the trails deep in the forest, climb our alpine tower, shoot bows and arrows, use a map and compass, and learn outdoor survival skills.

Dates: June 13-17 and July 18 - 22

Water Wonders

2 Sessions • Ages 7 to 12

Discover the exciting world within a pond, lake, stream and river. Campers explore a lake by canoe, play in a flowing creek, and hike through a forest to a winding stream. And of course, no water-themed camp is complete without water games! Personal Floatation Devices are provided to each camper and trained staff accompany



ECO Extreme campers taking a break in a tree

the campers in a 1:3 ratio for our canoe excursions. Parents are welcome to join their child for canoeing field trips.

Dates: July 11-15 and August 1 - 5

Wilderness Survival Camp Ages 7 to 12

Shelter-Water-Fire-Food: These are the four basic human needs for survival. In training for the ultimate survival challenge on Friday, campers will develop their ability to build a shelter, start a fire, and find food and water in the wilderness. Kentucky Department of

Fish and Wildlife Resources will teach the art of animal tracking. Teams will be challenged to complete their survival skills and obtain their shelter, water, fire, and food emblems to make them an ultimate survivor.

Dates: June 20-24

Nature Camp at Locust Grove

**Drop-off at Locust Grove:
9 a.m.
Pick-up:
4 p.m.**



Ages 7 to 12

Travel back in time more than 250 years to discover nature and people through historic Locust Grove. Track native wild animals, experience American Indian hunting and survival techniques, and discover life in the 18th century for the first European settlers and American Indians. This hands-on nature camp will take kids on a time-traveling adventure! PLEASE NOTE: Drop off and pick up will take place at Locust Grove. There will be no shuttle service for this session.

Dates: June 27 – July 1

ECO Extreme Ages 13 to 15

Prepare yourself for adventure on a whole new level! This is THE camp that sets itself apart from other camps!

From camping out under the stars on an overnight trip, to fly fishing on a serene creek, you're sure to get your dose of adventure at ECO X Camp, all while learning backcountry cooking, canoeing techniques, Leave No Trace skills, and more.

Dates: July 25-29

Fairies, Trolls and Gnomes Ages 6 to 9

Enter a magical, hidden world in the Forest, where creatures of the imagination live. Campers use their creativity and natural materials to craft an enchanted land where



FOREST SUMMER CAMPS

anything is possible, while learning about the plants and animals of the forest. Looking for Lilith Theatre Company will create various drama activities with the campers to help them develop their characters for the play on Friday. Families are invited to come out for the play and enjoy a Woodland Fairy Tea Party.

Dates: July 25-29

Forest Explorers

Ages 5 and 6

Discover-Hike-Explore-Play! Children need freedom to play and explore. Through exploration, stories, crafts and hands-on activities, your child will make discoveries about the variety of habitats and animals living in JMF. This year we have a special drama activity planned with Looking for Lilith Theatre Company. PLEASE NOTE: No shuttle service is offered for this camp.

Dates: July 5-8

Forest Summer Camp Information

CAMP TITLE.....	AGES.....	PRICE/SESSION.....	DATES
Adventure Camp	7-12	\$150*	June 13-17
Wilderness Survival Camp.....	7-12	\$150*	June 20-24
Nature Camp at Locust Grove	7-12	\$150*	June 27-July 1
Forest Explorers	5-6.....	\$125*	July 5-8
Water Wonders.....	7-12	\$150*	July 11-15
Adventure Camp	7-12	\$150*	July 18-22
ECO Extreme	13-15	\$200*	July 25-29
Fairies, Trolls & Gnomes	6-9.....	\$150*	July 25-29
Water Wonders.....	7-12	\$150*	Aug 1-5

Payment options and refunds

Price includes all camp supplies and field trip admissions. Registrations forms (available on our website) can be mailed with check or credit card information to Jefferson Memorial Forest, P O Box 467, Fairdale, KY 40118. Reservations cannot be made over the phone. Make checks payable to Jefferson Memorial Forest. Include the session dates your child is attending on the check. Refunds, less a \$25.00 processing fee, are given only if a cancellation is made in writing at least 2 weeks prior to the first day of camp. If a camp is filled or cancelled, a full refund will be made to you. All camps are subject to maximum and minimum enrollment requirements. Registration—10% camp fee if payment is received by April 15.

Happy campers!





PUBLIC PROGRAM CALENDAR: MARCH TO AUGUST

The Forest offers programs for all ages. For more information visit our website at memorialforest.com or call the Welcome Center at 502/368-5404. Our staff will be happy to help make reservations, give directions to the program location, or provide a complete schedule of programs throughout the year. For all programs, please wear close-toed walking shoes and dress for the weather.

Reservations are required in advance. The Forest reserves the right to cancel, change or postpone program dates and venues, due to insufficient registration, conditions or weather. In such cases rain checks will be provided.

March

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY 102

Sat., March 26, 9:00 AM-Noon at JMF Welcome Center

A more advanced class featuring a further in depth look at the more technical aspects of digital cameras and post processing Pre-registration required, call 368-5404. Fee: \$15/person. Ages: teens & up

April

ARCHERY

Sat., April 9, 9:00 AM-Noon

Become another Robin Hood or Katniss by learning how to safely use a bow and arrow. This program teaches familiarization with equipment as well as the form and skills needed to hit your marks. This program is for all physical ability levels. All equipment is provided. Program meets in Horine Reservation. Pre-Registration required. Fee: \$15/person Children 8 and over are welcome and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

GUIDED HIKE THROUGH THE COSMOS - SOLD OUT

Sat., April 9, 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Journey across millions of miles the cosmos on a guided hike with one of our Naturalists. Scaling the Sun down, space travelers will hike the distances between planets and learn about our celestial neighbors. Toward the end of program, binoculars and telescopes will be set up to view the night's sky above Louisville. Hot chocolate and coffee will be provided. Program meets at the Horine Reservation. Pre-registration required; call 368-5404. Fee: \$8/person.

FOX (FAMILIES OUTSIDE EXPLORING)

Sat., April 16, 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Get your Family Outside X-ploring Jefferson Memorial Forest each season. Throughout the year, a Naturalist will guide your family on an exploration in the forest. Your children will get to play in nature as you once did. Bring water bottles and dress for the weather. Program meets at the Environmental Education Center in the Horine Reservation. Pre-registration required, call 368-5404. Fee: \$10/ family.

SPRING

Wildflowers are blooming and frogs and toads are singing. We'll explore the spring madness and discover what lives in Shannon's Pond. As we hike along the trail and fields, prepare to find little treasures of color and new life in a puddle. Test your boat building skills using natural materials. We will visit the nature center and the Nature Explore Classroom.

RIVER CANOEING CLASS

Sat., April 16, 1:00 PM- 5:00 PM

Love canoeing? Love rivers? So does Jefferson Memorial Forest! That's why we're offering a basic 4 hour class in river canoeing! Course will cover basics of boat control and paddle strokes for moving water, and how to prepare for a safe day on the river. All equipment is provided. Dress to get wet and wear shoes that will stay on your feet (NO FLIP FLOPS). Participants must be age 12 and up, able to swim confidently, and comfortably sit in and paddle a canoe in slow moving water. Parent/ legal guardian must accompany any participant under age 18. Pre-registration required, call 368-5404. No cancellations less than 72 hours before course start. Canoe programs are subject to change of date or venue due to water conditions and weather. Fee: \$20/person

May

12TH ANNUAL FOREST FEST - BLUEGRASS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Sat., May 21

See the flyer on page 9 for details.

NIGHT ALPINE TOWER CLIMBING

Fri., May, 7:00 PM-10:00 PM

Challenge yourself on our 52-foot climbing tower-in the dark! Learn basic climbing and belaying techniques and gain self-esteem, confidence and problem-solving skills while tackling this "high-altitude" obstacle course at night! This program is for ages 10 and up. A parent or legal guardian must accompany any participant under the age of 18. Please wear tennis shoes and long pants or shorts (with inseam greater than 5 inches). Bring your headlamp! Program will meet in the Horine section of Jefferson Memorial Forest. Pre-registration required, call 368-5404. Fee: \$15/person

OUTDOOR SKILLS - ORIENTEERING I

Sat., May 28, 9:00 AM -12:00 PM

Map and landscape reading are skills every outdoor person should possess. Equip yourself with the knowledge necessary to read and interpret topographic maps and locate destinations while using a compass. These in-field exercises are a hands-on learning experience. Program meets in the Horine Reservation main parking lot. Recommended for ages 8 and older. Pre-registration required, call 368-5404. Fee \$15/Person



June

CANOEING AT TWILIGHT-SOLD OUT

Fri., June 10, 7:00 PM- 9:30 PM

Experience the tranquility of the evening as you drift on 46 acre McNeely Lake. See animals as they emerge for a drink of water and begin their evening foraging. All equipment is provided. Dress for the possibility to get wet and wear shoes that will stay on your feet (NO FLIP FLOPS). Participants must be age 7 and up, able to swim confidently, and comfortably sit in and paddle a canoe in flat water. Parent or legal guardian must accompany any participant under age 18. Canoe programs are subject to change of date or venue due to water conditions and weather. Program meets at 6:30 pm at McNeely Lake boat ramp, Cooper Chapel Rd. entrance. Pre-registration required, call 368-5404. Fee: \$15/person

THE GREAT AMERICAN CAMPOUT

Sat., June 25, 5:00 PM- Sun., June 26, 10:00 AM

Since 2005, thousands of people from across the nation have come together the fourth Saturday of June to participate in the Great American Backyard Campout in support of Great Outdoors Month. The Campout raises awareness of the benefits of camping as a way to connect people with nature and reinforces National Wildlife Federation's Be Out There campaign. This event is an easy way for friends, families and children to connect with nature, sleep under the stars and create memories of outdoor experiences. Fee: \$25.00/family up to 4; \$5.00 per additional family member; \$15.00 per tent rental. Pre-registration required, call 368-5404. More details TBA.

July

WEST LOUISVILLE APPRECIATION DAY

Shawnee Park, July 23

Details to be announced - check out website closer to the event date.

August

ARCHERY

Sat., Aug. 6, 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM

Become another Robin Hood or Katniss by learning how to safely use a bow and arrow. This program teaches familiarization with equipment as well as the form and skills needed to hit your marks. This program is for all physical ability levels. All equipment is provided. Program meets in Horine Reservation Children 8 and over are welcome and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Pre-registration required, call 368-5404. Fee: \$15/person Min: 5 Max-20

FOX (FAMILIES OUTSIDE EXPLORING)

Sat., Aug. 20, 9:00 AM- 11:30 AM

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SUMMER

Mud pies and forts! Who's ready to play with some mud, sticks, leaves and seeds? Each family will create their own fort which will be tested with "rain". Let's see who stays the driest. Then make your own mud creation at the Crider Mud Café in the Nature Explore Classroom. We will also, visit the Nature Center education animals.

September

OUTDOOR SKILLS - ORIENTEERING I

Sat., Sept. 10, 9:00 AM- Noon

Map and landscape reading are skills every

outdoor person should possess. Equip yourself with the knowledge necessary to read and interpret topographic maps and locate destinations while using a compass. These in-field exercises are a hands-on learning experience. Program meets in the Horine Reservation main parking lot. Recommended for ages 8 and older. Pre-registration required, call 368-5404. Fee \$15/ Person

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tennis shoes and long pants or shorts (with inseam greater than 5 inches). Bring your headlamp! Program will meet in the Horine section of Jefferson Memorial Forest. Pre-registration required, call 368-5404. Fee: \$15/person



FAMILY CANOE DAY AT TOM WALLACE LAKE

September 26, 10-2

Get yourself geared-up for a family treat and special day of fun! Take a canoe out on the lake, and spend time on the shore learning about the incredible creatures that live below. Are you ready to start paddling but not sure of where to start? Join us to discover the basics of canoeing. Spend some time on the lake practicing your skills. Don't worry if you are new to canoeing - all equipment (canoe, paddles, and personal flotation devices) is provided. This program is suitable for beginning paddlers (ages 5 and to adult.) Fee: \$10.00 canoe rental



NEW PROGRAMS

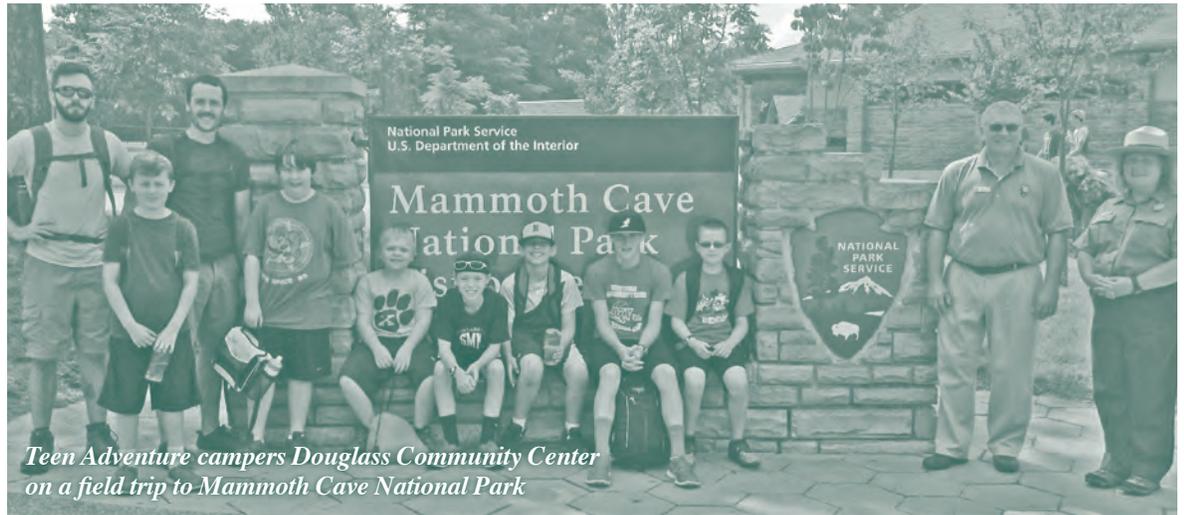
We have a few new programs on the books for the spring. David Grissom, our new Recreation Coordinator, created a **“Guided Hike Through the Cosmos”** night-time astrology program that sold out within 5 minutes of announcing on Facebook that there was a limit of 30 people!

The popularity of this and other night-time events leads us to realize that people are looking for something different to do for a night out. Look for more evening events in the future. This spring, in addition to our usual Night Alpine Tower Climb, we are adding a Canoeing at Twilight class. David has another astronomy program scheduled in December around the Geminid Meteor Shower.

We will definitely be looking into more such programs!

This summer will also feature a new camp called **“Wilderness Survival Camp,”** Look in the camps section for more information on this exciting new camp!

JMF will be offering free **Teen Adventure Camp** for the third summer as part of the Forest’s Louisville Engaging Children Outdoor initiative. Teens from Cabbage Patch Settlement House, Americana, and South Louisville Community Centers, Maryhurst, and the Parkland Boys’ and Girls’ Club will have the opportunity to join JMF staff for canoeing, fishing, hiking, survival skills, archery, and climbing, as well as traditional summer camp fun!



Teen Adventure campers Douglass Community Center on a field trip to Mammoth Cave National Park



Can you find what these summer campers are looking at? It’s a great example of a well-camouflaged insect!



Teen Adventure Camp participants

District 13 Councilwoman Vicki Welch presents...

FOREST FEST

MICHAEL CLEVELAND
& FLAMEKEEPER

BEN SOLLEE

THE 23 STRING BAND

BLUE BELLES

BLUE RIVER

MAIDEN RADIO



FREE
ADMISSION!

MAY 21, 2016

10:30 AM to 7:00 PM



FOOD TRUCKS
CRAFT VENDORS
KIDS' ACTIVITIES
WORKSHOPS
FIELD CAMPING
SILENT AUCTION



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**SPECIAL THANKS TO
METRO COUNCIL PERSONS**

Cindi Fowler, Madonna Flood, Marianne Butler,
Rick Blackwell, David Yates, Kelly Downard,
James Peden, Robin Engel, Tom Owen,
Bill Hollander, David Tandy, Cheri Bryant
Hamilton, David James, Glen Stuckel,
Stuart Benson & Dan Johnson.



Check Out What's for Sale at the Welcome Center Gift Shop



Have you visited our Welcome Center lately? It's your first stop on your adventure to discover all the Forest has to offer. Our pleasant and professional staff can help you find the perfect hiking trail for your group, direct you toward great fishing and picnicking areas and take your registration for one of our amazing programs. Whatever you're looking for, we have all the information you need, provided with a smile and a sprinkle of Southern hospitality.

Thanks to Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife's Fishing in Neighborhoods program, we have fishing poles available for loan to use in our 5.5 acre lake. See our staff to check one out. We also sell red wiggler worms, night crawlers and wax worms to help assure your fishing success. No license? No problem! We're equipped to sell you a current license in just minutes.

The gift shop has an array of new items, including locally made animal figures by Yard Bird and wooden walking sticks that are grown, harvested and finished by the same husband and wife team. One of our newest additions is an assortment of greeting cards by Leanin' Tree. Our books cover a variety of nature topics, including reference materials and children's books. Check your gift shopping off the to-do list with our puppet animals, books for all ages, T-shirts and greeting cards. Stay up on the latest trend and add a nature coloring book!

Ya'll come see us, now, ya hear?





LAND MANAGEMENT NOTES



Burning of six acres at the Scott's Gap Prairie

you have not spent time at the Scott's Gap prairie, it is well worth visiting. Visit soon and you can see the new growth springing from the recently burned areas and progressing through the seasons with an abundance of associated wildlife species.

Greenwell Cleanup Progress

In 2015, the land management team, including numerous volunteers, took part in efforts to clean up the Greenwell property on Wolf Run Rd. To date, seven 40-yard dumpsters of junk have been removed from the site. Several volunteers and staff have spent a few days this year doing additional cleanup work to wind down this phase of the project.

essential in allowing us to tap into this EQIP funding. This year we have multiple land management projects which will be supported by EQIP funding including:

- Conducting a prescribed burn on a prairie habitat at Scott's Gap for ecological management
- Improvement of an ephemeral pool habitat at Scott's Gap
- Removal of 24 acres of non-native woody invasive plants in the woodlands of the Beauchamp and Coogle tracts (adjoining the Greenwell tract)
- Planting 322 trees at Caperton Swamp to continue the ongoing woodland restoration project
- Follow up treatment of woody invasive plants on the Greenwell tract
- Weed management work on the Greenwell tract

New Land Management Office

The Natural Areas Land Management staff has a new home on the western edge of Jefferson Memorial Forest. The new location called the Sullivan property, has frontage on both Medora Rd. and Blevin's Gap Rd. This property was acquired as an essential corridor for the Louisville Loop along the western edge of Jefferson Memorial Forest. The 83-acre tract features hills, meadows, ponds, streams, a large barn, garages and a house on a hill to serve as office space. The house may also serve as a location to house long-term work groups like AmeriCorps. We are really excited about this new location which will serve us well to help grow our land management operations for an expanded future.



Cleared prairie following prescribed burn

McNeely Lake Park Projects

In addition to the EQIP funded work, the land management team will be carrying out woodland restoration planting on four acres of disturbed habitat and beginning construction of a new trail system, both at McNeely Lake Park. Yes, this is a very ambitious plan for 2016, and we will be relying on our awesome volunteers to help us realize these goals! Stay tuned for opportunities to help!

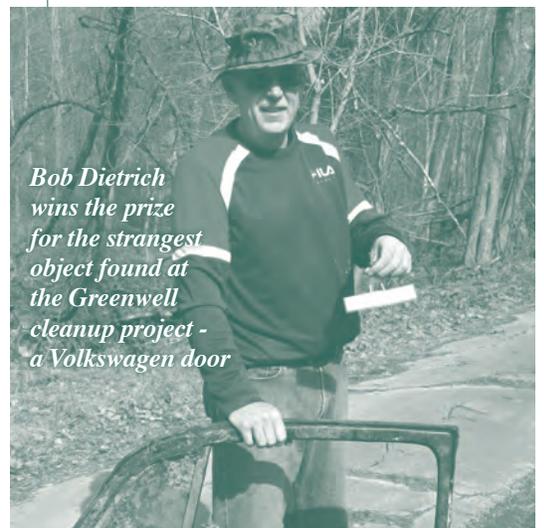
*Bryan Lewis,
Land Manager*

Scott's Gap Prescribed Burn

On March 17, the land management team, Olmstead Parks Conservancy staff, Fairdale Fire Department and PRP Fire Department teamed up to carry out a prescribed burn on six acres of prairie habitat at Scott's Gap. The purpose of this exercise was to rejuvenate the prairie habitat by burning off old stems and thatch layer and to reduce competition with encroaching woody vegetation. Prairie habitats like Scott's Gap support a multitude of wildlife species including birds, mammals and insects, and maintaining these habitats through prescribed burning is essential. If

EQIP Funding Through Wilderness Louisville

In addition to junk cleanup at the Greenwell property, the land management team worked to remove eighteen acres of non-native woody invasive plants from the property. This project was financially supported by an EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program) grant from the Natural Resource Conservation Service. Our Natural Areas Division's supporting entity, Wilderness Louisville, was



Bob Dietrich wins the prize for the strangest object found at the Greenwell cleanup project - a Volkswagen door

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