



Friends of Salt Springs Park

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Scouts at the Park



Alex Charles, of Boy Scout Troop 92 in Montrose, is working on his Eagle Scout project. He led a team of scouts to help clean up some of the recent flood damage at the park. They took rock debris that had been washed up against the Carriage Barn and transported it to the beginning of Fall Brook trail. As you can see in the picture, they have filled in a washed out area on the right and are re-covering exposed hemlock tree roots.

Alex is a 10th grader at Montrose High School. Using the power of the Internet, a "shout out" was sent out on Facebook, bringing more of his friends to volunteer with the Scouts.

Alex told us this is one of the last things he is completing before turning his attention to preparing for a year abroad as a Rotary exchange student in Turkey. Thanks to Alex for choosing to help out the Friends. We wish him a wonderful year ahead.

Upcoming Programs

Barns of Salt Springs – Sunday May 16, 2 pm



Photo courtesy of George Schreck.

Historically, barns were not places just to house animals and store crops. They were usually the largest and most expensive buildings on a farm and centers of activity. Come listen to local timberframe building specialist John McNamara discuss the threshing barn (our Pavilion) and the dairy barn (under renovation for public use) at Salt Springs. John will talk about barn structures and uses and timberframe building techniques and tools. Weather permitting, we'll spend some time at the barns. **No pre-registration or fee, but we'll pass the hat.**

Current Status of the American Chestnut Breeding Program – Sunday, June 27, 1 pm.

Presented by Robin Wildermuth, forester from Pike County. Will the real chestnuts ever be able to live here again? Come and learn where we are in the probability of producing a disease free tree. Sponsored by the Forest Landowners Association. **At the Pavilion. No fee or pre-registration.**

All American Patriotic Music – Saturday, July 3, 7 pm



Join us again for another evening of patriotic music and singing around a campfire at the Pavilion. This year, **The Mountain Aire Brass Quintet** will play and lead us in song. The group members (left to right) are Mike Krauss (trumpet), Jay Thornton (trombone), Alex Creamer (vocalist), Jack Moulton (tuba), Bobbie Jo Kelsey (vocalist), Jay Kosta (French horn), and Bill Printz (trumpet). Bring chairs or blankets to sit on and marshmallows to toast after the program. Rain or shine. **At the Pavilion. No fee or pre-registration – but we'll pass the hat.**



Silver Creek, April 2009. By Nancy Johnson.

Trout Season Opens Saturday, April 17

Fall Brook and Silver Creek will be stocked on Monday, April 12 and Tuesday, April 27. Stop by mid-afternoon and help release the fish.

PCC Signature Project at Salt Springs in April

The Pennsylvania Conservation Corps (PCC) is a statewide program that offers work experience, job training and education to young people (aged 18-24) who do conservation, recreation and historical preservation projects under the guidance of adult crewleaders.

Each April the crews perform 3-day community service projects away from their daily work sites. This year, the Friends are fortunate to have four crews perform their service at Salt Springs (April 27-29). They'll make a huge dent in cleaning up after the January flood. Part of their work will be to put a bridge over the new stream that has cut off access to three trails (top picture) and remove rock and wooden debris from the picnic area and stream banks (bottom picture).

