



Friends of Salt Springs Park August 2009

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Hello, Friends of Salt Springs,

Now that summer is *really* here, our swimming hole is full of kids most sunny afternoons. When the flood of June 2006 swept away the lower footbridge, it left in its place a new, deep "pool," enjoyed by trout fishermen in the spring and by kids, young and not so young!, in the summer.

While some of us may not have appreciated the rainy weather this year, others are glad to have a full-flowing Fall Brook Creek to bask in and waterfalls to meditate behind.



Upcoming Programs

Geocaching with the Blue Ridge High School GeoRaiderz—Saturday, August 15, 9–Noon. Geocaching is a worldwide treasure hunt using GPS receivers that is taking the world by storm. Come "cache" in on the fun and learn the basics, including how to access coordinates online, use GPS receivers and good search tips, and the do's and don'ts of geocaching. A limited number of GPS units will be available, but bring your own if you have one. Instructor: Ben Orner and the Blue Ridge GeoRaiders. *Pre-registration required. Program fee: FSSP members, free; non-members, \$5.*

Celebrate with Friends!—Saturday, September 5, 11 am until 5 pm. Join us for another day of family fun at this year's 7th Annual Salt Springs Celebration.

Each year John and Marian Miskell tweak the food menu. New this year are muffins and coffee in the morning and side salads and George Schreck's homemade chili for lunch. As in past years, we will again offer veggie burgers, hotdogs, gyros, Italian sausages, and board of directors-baked brownies.

Sandy Babuka has scheduled a great afternoon of music. Tom & Marie will start things off at noon. Then enjoy The Fine Companions at 1 pm, Greg Connor at 2 pm, and Brian Wahl and the Ring of Fire at 3 pm.

Another new touch this year will be numerous old-time games, toys, and races. Those of us who remember playing croquet can share it with those who've maybe never heard of it. In our new horseshoe pit, those of you who know how to pitch horseshoes can show those of us who don't. Other games will include the bilboa, cups & balls, Jacob's ladder, and the game of graces. Never heard of some of these? Come check them out!

Dennis Wilson will again set up the llama obstacle course (see below), Michaela Steele has arranged for many more children's activities, including crafts and bug searches. And, as always, the Carriage Barn will be full of "just have to have" items for the Silent Auction.



The Martin Family Band

What a Donation!

We received the following note from Elaine Martin: "We are looking forward to staying at Salt Springs Park again...it will be our second time. We are excited about what you are doing there.

We are a family of musicians traveling through to perform the Clinton Arts Festival in New York and thought it would be fun to combine it with camp-

ing. We would be willing to provide some acoustic entertainment for you and the park guests on Friday evening, August 28, if you would like, as a donation to the park." We accepted with delight. The Martins play Celtic music and Irish dance, along with some American fiddle tunes. Check out their web site at www.martinfamilyband.net.

Mark your calendars and join us on **Friday, August 28, 7 PM**, at the Pavilion. Bring chairs and blankets for your comfort. Rain or shine! There will be no charge, but your donations would be appreciated too when we pass the hat.

Budding Archaeologists?

Binghamton U's Public Archaeology Facility sponsors a week-long summer camp for kids. This year, they put all they learned to work at the old foundations at Salt Springs.

They measured the Haggerty foundation, examined bits of glass and metal in the Buckley "yard," and even tasted the water at the salt spring.



Support the Friends with Community Foundation Endowments

The Community Foundation of Susquehanna & Wyoming Counties currently manages two endowments established by the late Kenneth and Mary Leasure that provide permanent support for Salt Springs Park and that can receive additional tax deductible donations to enhance the benefit for the park. The Friends of Salt Springs Legacy Society recognizes those who have created estate plans to contribute to these two endowments or to establish additional endowments for support of the Park. For more information, or to make a donation, please contact The Community Foundation at 36 Lake Avenue, Montrose, PA 18801; 570-278-3800; Foundation@epix.net.

- Friends of Salt Springs Park Endowment
- Mary K. Leasure Memorial Bench Endowment
- Legacy Society Members:
Nancy Wottrich and Bruce McNaught since 2007
Hedi and Charles Randall since 2008