



GEAUGA PARK  
DISTRICT

The new lodge at Bass Lake Preserve

# VOICES OF NATURE

Fall 2010  
Volunteer Edition

*M*y mornings start by logging into the volunteer website and scanning the list of volunteer requests for jobs yet to be filled. Then I plan my day by deciding who I might ask to fill those vacant jobs and go about that task. But increasingly I find that there are fewer and fewer unfilled volunteer positions...and I must say a hearty THANK YOU! In some cases, I've even posted volunteer needs to find them filled within the same 15-minute span! Geauga Park District volunteers are simply the best; we appreciate your dedication to Geauga Park District and its mission.

To show our appreciation, we are inviting you to a special volunteer gathering at the NEW Bass Lake Shelter on Saturday, November 13, 2010, at 9:30 AM. We want to keep you well informed, so Executive Director Tom Curtin will be on hand to share park updates and other information you might enjoy. We encourage you to attend to be 'in the know' this fall!

Fall is my favorite season with the crisp air, the low clouds and the vibrant leaves. I know I'll be out in the parks making the most of the weather... be sure to enjoy the beauty of fall at your favorite park, too!

*Holly*

**PARK COMMISSIONERS**

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## volunteer trainings

### **GEOLOGY ROCKS: A GEOLOGY PRIMER**

*Tuesday, November 9, 10-11:00 AM*

*The West Woods Nature Center*

With the popularity of our Geauga Geology Rocks program with schools, this training gives volunteers a better understanding of our local bedrock and covers hands-on classroom activities with the stream table and rock samples (don't worry, you don't have to be a rock expert), geology exhibits in the exhibit room, and the hike to Ansel's Cave.

### **WINTER SOLSTICE TRAINING**

*Wednesday, December 8, 6:30 PM*

*The West Woods Nature Center*

Volunteers will review the various positions, costumes and event details of this popular winter program. Scripts will be provided for those in important station roles so that they have time to review them before the program. Dress for an outdoor walk.

NOTE: NEW LOCATION!

## citizen science updates

The ospreys on the platform at Headwaters Park had a very successful year, fledging 3 beautiful youngsters. We now know of at least 6 nesting pairs in Geauga County. Check the tops of cell phone towers for their bulky nests!

Volunteer John Swaney has been busy surveying the snakes at Observatory Park this year. The snakes hide beneath strategically placed metal coverboards. Once captured they are identified, weighed, measured, marked and released. Watch for final reports on the NRM website this winter to find out what he captured.



The Ohio Division of Wildlife placed several satellite transmitters on Sandhill Cranes this summer in an attempt to track their migration. Six cranes were captured in Northeast Ohio. Visit <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/tabid/18911/Default.aspx> to track their migration starting this fall.

Monarch butterflies had a successful year in Northeast Ohio due to perfect weather conditions. Field Naturalist Tami Gingrich

raised close to 1,000 -- 500 of which hatched for all to see at the Park District Booth at The Great Geauga County Fair.



## special programs

### **WEBELOS FORESTER ACHIEVEMENT**

*Saturday, November 13; 9:30-11:30 AM*

*The West Woods Nature Center.*

Two volunteers to assist with check-in and forest activities. OCVN opportunity - contact Judy for information.

### **BROWNIE GIRL SCOUT WATCHING WILDLIFE TRY-IT**

*Saturday, November 20; 9:30-11:00 AM*

*The West Woods Nature Center.*

Two volunteers to assist with check-in and activities. OCVN opportunity - contact Judy for information.

PLEASE JOIN US...

## *Volunteer Gathering*

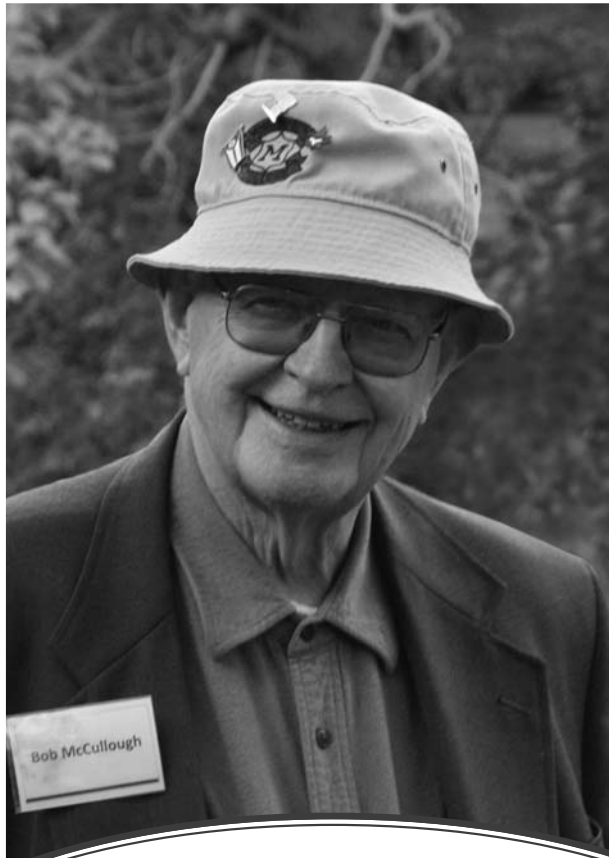
with Executive Director Tom Curtin!

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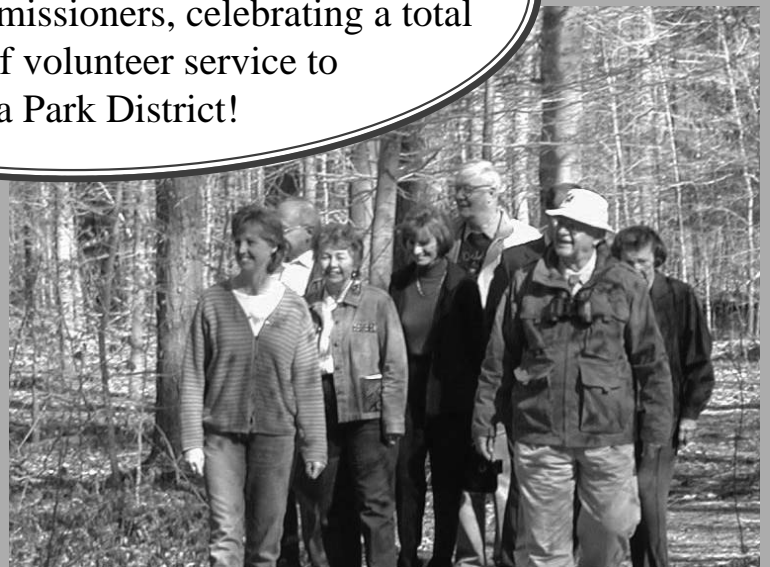
Bass Lake Lodge

11445 Lakeview Drive, Munson Twp.

*Tour the brand new Bass Lake Lodge, and get VIP volunteer access to park updates and information. Information will be mailed soon, please RSVP at the volunteer section of [www.geaugaparkdistrict.org](http://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org) or to [hsauder@geaugaparkdistrict.org](mailto:hsauder@geaugaparkdistrict.org).*



***THANK YOU***  
**Bob McCullough!**  
Retiring after 38 years of service  
on the Board of Commissioners, celebrating a total  
of 48 years of volunteer service to  
Geauga Park District!



# Volunteer opportunities

**Reminder:** Program start times are listed below.  
Volunteers should plan to arrive 15 to 30 minutes earlier.

## October

- 10/2 Chickagami Park Dedication 10AM  
(Chickagami Park)
- 10/3 Bird & Berry Walk 8AM  
(Eldon Russell Park)
- 10/3 Fall Color Bike Ride 2PM  
(Headwaters)
- 10/8 Little Explorers 9:30AM  
(Sunnybrook Preserve)
- 10/8 Naturetime for Two's 10:30AM  
(Sunnybrook Preserve)
- 10/9 Orienteering with Map & Compass  
10AM (Swine Creek Park)
- 10/10 Ice Age Canoe NOON  
(Burton Wetlands)
- 10/10 Ice Age Canoe 3PM  
(LaDue Reservoir)
- 10/16 Sunrise Stroll 7AM  
(Burton Wetlands)
- 10/17 Halloween Wagon Rides 1PM  
(Swine Creek Reservation)
- 10/19 Nature in Music 7PM  
(The West Woods)
- 10/20 Timbertots 10AM & 1PM  
(The West Woods)
- 10/22 Timbertots 10AM  
(Sunnybrook Preserve)
- 10/23 Timbertots 10AM  
(Sunnybrook Preserve)
- 10/23 Moonlight Horse Ride 6PM  
(Headwaters Park)
- 10/24 Geauga's Mammals 1PM  
(Sunnybrook Preserve)
- 10/24 Halloween Wagon Rides 1PM  
(Swinecreek Reservation)
- 10/28 Jam Session 7PM  
(The West Woods)
- 10/30 Backcountry Hike 1PM  
(Swine Creek Reservation)
- 10/31 Hound Hike 2PM  
(The West Woods)

## November

- 11/6 Loonacy on Lakes 9AM  
(Headwaters Park)
- 11/7 Heron Hike 1PM  
(The Rookery)
- 11/7 Meet the Artists 2PM  
(The West Woods)
- 11/9 Little Explorers 9:30AM  
(The West Woods)
- 11/9 Naturetime for Two's 10:30AM  
(The West Woods)
- 11/11 Food & Farms 6:30PM  
(The West Woods)
- 11/12 Homeschool Days 1PM  
(The West Woods)
- 11/13 Backcountry Hike 1PM  
(The Rookery)
- 11/14 Ice Age Indians 1PM  
(The West Woods)
- 11/14 Tool Time: Ice Age 3PM  
(The West Woods)
- 11/14 Timbertots 3PM  
(The Rookery)
- 11/16 Timbertots 10AM & 1PM  
(Big Creek Park)
- 11/17 Timbertots 10AM  
(The Rookery)
- 11/18 Jam Session 7PM  
(The West Woods)
- 11/20 Moonrise/Sunset Hike 4PM  
(Beartown Lakes Reservation)
- 11/21 Fitness Hike 1PM  
(The West Woods)
- 11/27 Nature's Winter Nap 1:30PM  
(Sunnybrook Preserve)
- 11/28 Birds of Prey 2PM  
(The West Woods)

## December

- 12/4 Holiday Greens Workshop  
9AM & 1PM (Swine Creek)
- 12/5 Timbertots 1PM  
(Swine Creek Reservation)
- 12/5 Nature's Ornaments 3PM  
(Swine Creek Reservation)
- 12/7 Timbertots 10AM & 1PM  
(Swine Creek Reservation)
- 12/8 Timbertots 10AM  
(Swine Creek Reservation)
- 12/9 Art Takes a Bough 6PM  
(The West Woods)
- 12/11 Winter Camping/Survival 1:30PM  
(Big Creek Park)
- 12/15 Little Explorers 9:30 AM  
(Big Creek Park)
- 12/15 Naturetime for Two's 10:30AM  
(Big Creek Park)
- 12/16 Jam Session 7PM  
(The West Woods)
- 12/21 Winter Solstice Walk 7:30PM  
(The West Woods)
- 12/26 Dr. Scat! 1PM  
(The West Woods)
- 12/28 Grandparents in the Park 1PM  
(The West Woods)



## thank you!

Volunteer hours for May, June and July are 2,563!

ALLEN, KATHY	CUPP, ELIZABETH	HOSIER, PAIGE	MOSTER, SANDIE	SKINNER, CAROL
ALLENSON, STEPHEN	CVERNA, FRAN	HOSMER, PAT	NEMETH, JANE HALL	SKINNER, DAVID
ANDREAS, MARIE	DESANTIS, ALAN	HOSMER, WAYNE	NEMETH, WILLIAM	SKINNER, IOLA
ARMBRUSTER, DEBBIE	DIVELY, FRED	HUDAK, AUDREY	NICHOLS, TIM	SLEPKO, JOSEPH
BALCER, KELLY	DIVELY, JEAN	KECO, JOY	NOBLE, KATHLEEN	SMITH, BRIAN
BANZER, CHARLOTTE	DORN, GLENN	KEICHEL, CLIFFORD	O'DONNELL, JOHN	SMITH, MICHAEL
BANZER, JOSEPH	EIPPERT, JOAN	KIEVETS, CLARA	O'NEILL, MARY BETH	SPECK, NANCY
BARBER, MADISON	FATH, JOAN	KOBALLA, CRYSTAL	OWENS, CAROL	STEHLI, FRANK
BARNHART, JUDY	FATH, MIKE	KOBALLA, PAUL	PAGANO, EMILY	STEIGERWALD, GEORGIE
BARNHART, SAM	FISH, BONNIE	KOVACEVIC, JOHN	PAGE, BOB	STEIGERWALD, JOHN
BELLITTO, RITA	FISH, GARY	KOVANES, SANDRA	PARKINSON, BARBARA	STROJAN, JEAN
BENEDICT, HENRY	FLETCHER, CHARLES	KOVANES, WILLIAM	PILARCZYK, ROBIN	SWEENEY, DAWN
BERGER, SUE	FORD JR., DAVID	KOZA, CHERYL	PODOJIL, GENIE	SZUTER, KEITH
BERGER, WILLIAM	FRANCIS, JOAN	LEAVENWORTH, KATHY	PODOJIL, ROY	TADDEO, ANN
BERMAN, TED	FRANZ, BILL	LEECH, JOHN	POLITZER, JUDITH	TERRAZZINO, SUSAN
BEST, EMMA	FRASER, WILLIAM	LEECH, PAT	PRUSZYSKI, ROBERT	TITTL, JESSICA
BLAIR, CHRISTINE	FRENCHIE, RICHARD	LIESER, ED	RABB, SHELDON	TOMPKINS, KEITH
BLAIR, JAMES	FROHRING, JEAN	MANWARING, ROSA	RALSTON, DOUG	TURPIN, STEVE
BLOCH, BARBARA	GARVER, BEBE	MATHIOTT, DOTTIE	RAMSEY, GLEN	ULLMAN, CATHERINE
BOEHNLEIN, SISTER	GILBERT, LINDA	MATHIOTT, HEIDI	RASMUSSEN, BARBARA	VANEK, RACHEL
JULIE	GILES, JAY	MATHIOTT, RACHAEL	RAWLS, SHA'YUMA	VOLIN, EVELYN
BOWMAN, DEBBIE	GORDON, DANIELLE	MCKINNEY, RACHEL	RAY, TODD	WEAVER, ABE
BRETSCHNEIDER,	GRANGER, PAM	MEER, KELLI	ROBBINS, THOMAS	WHITE, ALAINE
ELAINE	HANNAN, PEGGY	MERRYMAN, ALICE	SAUDER, RACHEL	WIEBUSCH, SANDY
BUCH, HARRY	HANNAN, TOM	METYK, BONNIE	SAUDER, RYAN	WINTON, DON
BUEHNER, LARRY	HAYES, LOIS	MILLER, MARLENE	SCHIEMANN, LEE	WOOLF, SANDY
CALLAHAN, JOYCE	HECKLER, JERRY	MITCHELL, PATRICIA	SCHMID, HARRY	YOON, SUZY
COCCO, MARIA	HEDLUND, GEORGIA	MOONE, CHERYL	SEDIVY, MARY ANN	ZACK, AL
COMBS, RITA	HEROLD, DEBORAH	MORGAN, KAREN	SICILIANO, SALLY	ZEITZ, JAMES
CONNER, AMY	HODAKIEVIC, JAN	MORGAN, KEVIN	SICKLING, KATHRYN	ZRINYI, GENE
COOK, PATTI	HOLM, RUTH	MOSTER, JANET	SIMON, MARSHA	

*Thank you to all the volunteers! Geauga Park District truly appreciates your time and hard work.*

## news to use

- To access the online volunteer database, you'll need the username and password you created. If you can't remember them, please send me an email and I'll forward them to you. Once logged in, the programs that still need volunteer assistance will have our volunteer logo, the "V" in the Maple Leaf, on the left side of the program. Simply click the program title for more details or to sign up.
- The programs for each quarter are posted online on the 20th of the month of the preceding quarter. So mark your calendar for September 20 for the fall programs, December 20 for the winter programs, March 20 for the spring programs and June 20 for the summer programs.
- Volunteer Lifetime Hours are visible when you log in. The data for each month is entered into the database in the first few weeks of the following month, so your total should be up-to-date by the second week of each month.

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## other opportunities & events

### **HALLOWEEN WAGON RIDES**

*Sundays, October 17 & 24, 1-4:30 PM  
Swine Creek Reservation*

Our annual tractor-pulled wagon rides are an enjoyable fall event, and volunteers make this program a success. Volunteer roles include greeters, ticket takers, wagon assistants and Halloween station hosts. Costumed and non-costumed roles available. Contact Linda Gilbert at 440-286-9516, Ext. 2012, or [lgilbert@geaugaparkdistrict.org](mailto:lgilbert@geaugaparkdistrict.org).



### **WINTER SOLSTICE**

*December 21, 7-10 PM  
The West Woods Nature Center*

The annual Winter Solstice hike is in a NEW location this year -- The West Woods Nature Center! Training details are inside; sign up now to ensure your spot in this winter tradition.

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