Raccoon Creek November Meeting

Thursday, March 23rd 2023 at 6:30 pm

Present: Kelsey Daniels, Ashley Grace, Nora Sullivan, Kelly Love, Kate Blyth, Nichole Mazzone, Emily Loudner

Minutes scribed by: Nichole Mazzone

* **Action Items- Completed**
	+ Gallia Expo- Sold some shirts and gave kids BUGZ!
* **New Action Items**
	+ Send recruitment prospects for new AmeriCorps to Amy & Nora-
	+ Request small words from board members and friends about Molly- Amy
* **Treasurer's report**
	+ No change in Saving =
	+ Paid AmeriCorp match > waiting on refund -
	+ Summer Camp registration funds +
	+ Membership fees added- maybe? Ask Amy +
	+ Shelter house for Spring Day -
* **Watershed Coordinator Update**
	+ Scenic Rivers @ Gallia Conservation Club- big success!
		- No one will lose land
	+ Visited Soil & Water Districts for Scenic River support – Hocking, Meigs, Jackson (got canceled), Gallia next month
	+ Scenic Rivers Advisory Council Meeting– Amy presented & they LOVED IT!!
	+ Recruitment for AmeriCorps is in full force! Send us your humans!
		- Flyers available for distribution – Kelsey will email
		- Full time positions, August 2023 – August 2024
* **AmeriCorps Update**
	+ Apple Grafting workshop-April 16th
		- Announcements on social media
		- $10 donation
		- Will be held in classroom of Building 22
		- Derek Mills of Hocking Hills Orchard
		- Root stock arrived and refrigerated
	+ Family Outdoor Day – June 3rd
		- Looking for volunteers
		- A Board member needed for the welcome booth
		- Need someone to drive canoes to the boat launch @ Lake Hope
	+ Spring Nature Day- April 29th
		- Post bio blitz
		- Evening Mothman presentation- Kelly
		- Nature hike
		- Stream stuff & bugs
		- Make terrariums
		- Museum complex visit- nature stuff
	+ Summer Camp **July 17th- 21st** @ RC outfitters- FULL
		- Need volunteers
			* Especially for Tuesday and Thursday
		- Need someone to drive canoes to boat launch @ Lake Hope
	+ Display Board – nearly complete
		- Give suggests or edits if you have any
	+ Spring Newsletter to come – deadline by mid-April
		- Send the AmeriCorps a fun blurb about Molly!
			* Ask Amy to send out reminder for blurb reminder
	+ AmeriCorp panel (virtual) presentation March 7th
		- Tell people to contact Amy if follow-up questions
	+ Will table @ Lake Hope Nature Center for Earth Day Extravaganza – April 22nd
		- AmeriCorp tabling
	+ Spring doser cleaning– April 5th
		- Need volunteers
* **Fundraising**
	+ Step Outside grant for Family Outdoor Day- waiting approval- Amy
	+ T-Mobile hometown grant- Vinton Village submitted grant themselves 😊
		- Will keep an eye out for other opportunities
	+ Let’s do another Duck Derby! – New AmeriCorps
		- Possibly first week in Oct
		- Let people keep ducks
	+ Let’s do Paw Paw Fest! – discuss ‘set down’ and ‘put up’
		- Need to register by July 31st – Nora
	+ Buy Kayak SOON to sell tickets @ April events
		- Price out Kayak- Kate
		- Will raffle off @ Paw Paw
	+ Maybe a Scenic River Themed Float down RC?
		- Sell Merch (and root beer floats)
		- Maybe end of summer
	+ Recruitment Party/Happy Hour – Sarah
		- Spring & Fall event
		- Let’s talk about memberships
		- Let’s talk about Scenic River
* **New Business**
	+ Next Meeting: Thursday, April 27th at 6:30 PM