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