



Volunteer News

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Extra! Extra!

The Lake County Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for managing 12 parks and recreation areas, two golf courses, a nature preserve, two facilities listed on the National Register, Deep River Waterpark, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, a beach on Lake Michigan, and numerous playground and picnic facilities. More than 200 volunteers are busy at different tasks at different locations. This newsletter is designed to help us all be informed of the wonderful jobs you have been accomplishing, and what opportunities are coming up. This will be sent to you periodically.

Invite your family and friends to view this at: www.lakecountyparks.com.

What's Been Going on

- Lots of new costumes were sewn this winter/spring during the sewing workshops at **Buckley Homestead**. Some of the items were sewn for:
 - *Fall Festival at Buckley Homestead in October
 - *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow in September
 - *150 aprons that were give-a ways for the "La Tea Da" luncheon
 - *Patriot banners for the WWII Tribute
 - *Voyageur Rendezvous- an 18th Century Fur-Trade reenactment.
- Many **volunteers**, **Garden Club members** and **Wild Ones members** have started, planted, and tended to thousands of plants through out the parks.
- The **Vietnam Veterans Committee** presented a special service at Stoney Run Vietnam Veterans Memorial in May. If you would like to place an ad in the Veterans Memorial Book, contact: 219-763-3687
- The members of the **Great Lakes Woodland Alliance** are busy portraying life in their Indian village at Buckley Homestead.
- Many volunteers continue to help with the **school tours** that visit Buckley, Gibson Woods, and Deep River.
- **Reenactors** lend us their passion for education and history by serving on the coordinating committees for historical reenactments.
 - *WWII Tribute-Buckley Homestead
 - *Voyageur Rendezvous- Grand Kankakee Marsh

YOU NAME IT!

Help name this new publication! Call or email suggestions to Dawn by July 30th.

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Meeting Menu

Many of our volunteers are members of clubs and groups. Look to this column for club news and meeting information.

Gardening Club:

Got a green thumb and love to garden? This group helps start, plant and maintain our parks flowers. They meet at the new greenhouses near Deep River Waterpark.

*Meets second Tuesday-10am

*Contact: Sue Foster - 219-947-7275

Wild Ones:

Native plants and grasses are their specialty. They grow native material at the greenhouses at Oak Ridge Prairie, Griffith.

*Meets first Saturday 10am at Gibson Woods, Hammond

*Contact: Joy Bower - 219-844-3188 (no July/August meeting, resumes September 5)

Quilting Bees:

Hand quilting is almost a thing of the past. These ladies gather around the quilt in the historic Wood's Grist Mill at Deep River County park. Come and help hand sew on the Quilt-a-Potsa quilt.

*Meets fourth Sunday of the month at Deep River Visitor Center

*Contact: Joanna Shearer 219-947-1958

Buckley Sewing Parlor:

Ladies with various degrees of sewing experience meet at Buckley Homestead in Lowell during the off seasons. They create and mend period costumes and accessories for the departments programs.

Non-sewers are welcome.

*Contact: Megan Faulkner 219-947-7275 (Costume workshops will resume in the fall)

Red Roc Disc Golf Club:

Disc golf is a popular sport where Frisbee-like discs are thrown at goal baskets. There are fairways and tee boxes like ball golf. The Red Roc volunteers have helped finish the White course and won the bid for the 2010 Worlds Professional Championship which will be held at the Lemon Lake County Park Disc Golf Course. Call for volunteer opportunities.

*Contact Brian Cummings at: 219-836-8240

*visit their website at :www.redrocdiscgolfclub.com



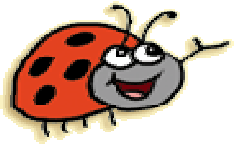
Deep River Grinders, Vintage Base Ball Team:

These volunteer gentlemen play according to the rules of 1858. To join the team, or learn more-

*Contact Joanna Shearer at: 219-947-1958

*visit :www.lakecountyparks.com

Sometimes we need STUFF!
Look here for a list of things we need!



Wanted

Buckley Homestead Fall Festival Children's Crafts:

1. Men's old dress shirts- will be used as paint smocks
2. Old metal muffin pans- for paint palettes
3. Painting easels- table top or free standing .
4. Tempera paints- not acrylics, watercolors, or oils.

Items needed by September 25.

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Save the Date

"Partners In Excellence"

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

November 8, 2009 4pm

Turkey Creek Banquet Facility

Volunteer Opportunities

School Tour helpers-

- Deep River- Hobart
- Gibson Woods - Hammond
- Buckley Homestead-Lowell

Schools from across the region come to these parks for educational tours. Your position could include guiding the groups around the site, interpreting historic information, and exploring nature with the children. On-site training is conducted.



Fall Festival Workers-

- Buckley Homestead -Lowell
- Annual Fall Festival
- Oct. 3rd & 4th

It is an old-fashioned family fun weekend! There are lots of historic demonstrations, activities and entertainment. Many volunteers are needed throughout the park for children's activities and other areas.



Open our web page and scroll down the blue tabs on the left. Click on the Volunteer button. This will take you to a link for more opportunities.