

Friends of Fall Creek Falls State Park News

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A Successful 38th Mountaineer Folk Festival

The 38th Mountaineer Folk Festival was a success! With the exception of the rain on Saturday evening, the weather was great and the crowd was excited about the music, food, demonstrations, kids' corner, and crafts.



The Mountaineer Folk Festival started as a small festival in 1978 by Herb Roberts and A.J. Anderson. Back then, the festival featured a few crafters, musicians, and demonstrators. Fast forward to the present and the festival has grown into a three day event with two stages of music, 80-90 crafters, and many demonstrators showing various aspects of the pre-depression way of life. Over the three day span, thousands of people attended our beautiful park and this wonderful festival.

Thanks to all the Friends volunteers who were involved with setting up, demonstrating, emceeing, helping crafters, etc. Together the Friends group logged almost 200 hours of unpaid volunteer time just during week of the festival. This does not include all the unpaid volunteer time in the weeks leading up to that. WAY TO GO!!!

Tennessee Fall Star Gaze

Do you want to view the night sky, learn about night sky equipment, or engage in a discussion with individuals experienced in the field of astronomy? Come and visit with the members of the Astronomy in the Parks Society at the Tennessee Fall Star Gaze on September 30th and October 1st at the Fall Creek Falls State Park Inn and Conference Center. Feel free to bring a telescope if you have one and enjoy an evening under the night sky. The Friends of Fall Creek Falls State Park will also be on hand serving lemonade and coffee for those in attendance. We hope to see you there!

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Friends Donates Emergency Equipment to Fall Creek Falls Rangers

The Friends of Fall Creek Falls State Park recently donated an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to the rangers at Fall Creek Falls State Park. An AED is an effective treatment for restoring a regular heart rhythm during sudden cardiac arrest. The Friends group is dedicated to making sure that these live saving apparatuses are readily available in case they are ever needed. A new Stokes Basket was also recently donated by the Friends group to the rangers of Fall Creek Falls State Park as well. The new Stokes Basket will be much easier for the rangers to transport down trails as it breaks down into two pieces and is lightweight. This should serve the rangers well when it is needed and make response times much quicker.



Volunteering at Tennessee Promise Volunteer Day



In July, the Friends of Fall Creek Falls State Park assisted with the Tennessee Promise Volunteer Day. The Tennessee Promise Volunteer Day is a day for participants to do some community service in exchange for college tuition. Even though the July weather was quite hot, there were several eager college students that were very willing to help to remove invasive plants from around the park. Friends board members volunteered alongside college students and provided water and snacks during breaks.

Your Donations Help

The Friends of Fall Creek Falls State Park strives to make our efforts a continued success. Your donations help. Donation boxes are located at the Nature Center, Inn, Campers' Check-In, Park Office, and Main Overlook of Fall Creek Falls. Thank you for your support!