



FPOSP Membership and Friends Groups

We hope that this e-mail finds you healthy and safe. After nearly two years of Coronavirus issues, we can only hope that 2022 will be a better year for our Ohio State Parks Friends Groups. We are sure that ODNR, Ohio State Parks and Watercraft will do their best in making sure we have a safe year ahead for everyone.

The FPOSP has not gone away. Even though we were not working out front, we were behind the scenes, most times virtually, doing what we could to promote and assist our groups.

- We shared answers to current questions with groups with the best up-to-date information available to us.
- We assisted new groups in answering question on the formation of a new Friends group in their park.
- Answered questions to help re-ignite the interest in groups to help maintain their history.
- Maintained contact with ODNR and Ohio State Parks management and staff, meeting virtually to stay up to date with current issues and sharing information.

We strongly believe that you will continue to benefit from your FPOSP membership, and that you'll receive our ongoing support and representation at the state level to help you succeed into the future.

- **Receive 501(c)(3) Support.** If you don't already have your 501(c)(3), we can help you navigate through the application process. We can also advise which events may require your organization to have this standing. We have a grant opportunity where you may receive up to \$250 towards your 501(c)(3) filing fees.
- **Get Fundraising Ideas.** Because we network across all of Ohio's state parks, we can share best practices and ideas for projects and events along with templates to help you get started.
- **Use our Matching Grant.** As a FPOSP member with a 501(c)(3) and good standing, you will be eligible to apply for our matching grant to support your funding for events and projects.
- **Attend our Fall Symposium.** You'll receive updates from ODNR leadership on the state of Ohio State Parks and what they're planning in the future. You'll also be able to network among other Friends groups to learn what the best of the best are doing to help their parks succeed.
- **NEW FOR 2022!** We are developing a MEMBER ONLY Facebook page. Members will have access to this Facebook page where we will post exclusive information and additional resources to help your group start, grow or continue the great work you do. We want this to be packed with resources so we will ask for your thoughts and requests to make it great, send us those ideas to [Ideas for FPOSP](#)

We encourage you to join/renew your FPOSP membership to receive access to these benefits. We've simplified the process to join/renew your membership by including a link on our Website: [Join/Renew FPOSP Membership](#).

Because of the level of activity that we're experiencing, we're looking to add new board members to help us work more closely with member organizations to achieve our goals. If you're interested or know someone who may be interested, visit our Website for further details and complete the [Board of Directors](#) interest form.

If you have any questions, please reach out to any of our officers or trustees.

Bill Martin, President

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