



Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation
Chapter Annual Report Form
For 12-month period ending 12/31/18

The Year in Review

Chapter Name: Friends of Pinchot State Park
Information Submitted By: Betsy Leppo, Secretary

Please complete and return this form by January 31, 2019 to:

Marci Mowery

PA Parks and Forests Foundation

1845 Market Street, Suite 202

Camp Hill, PA 17011

or via email: mmowery-ppff@pa.net and pmetzger@paparksandforests.org

Board of Directors (required): Use attached form or provide your own list. Click on green tab below.

Funds Raised (required) : Use attached form. Click on blue tab below.

Projects and Activities : Use attached form. Click on orange tab below.

Please list your greatest challenge this past year:

2018 was a year of transition as we recruited new members to the board. This was both a challenge and a success. One of our primary goals continues to be getting a more active community of volunteers. We are looking for additional fundraisers (and volunteers) to help take the pressure off the wood sales as our primary source of revenue.

What do you view as the highlight or greatest accomplishment of the past year?

In 2018 we filled several recently empty positions on the board: Mary Beth Zeigler and Curtis Gottdiner are co-chairs of the board; Terry Christopher is the new secretary, volunteer coordinator, and Facebook manager; Glen Dunbar is a new board member and newsletter editor; former FOP chair Jim Merlino returns as a board member; Courtney Snyder has taken the position of treasurer; and Betsy Leppo resigned from the secretary position but is continuing as a board member. We are grateful to outgoing board members Sally Ray and Kevin Merlino, both of whom have been with the Friends of Pinchot since it formed in 2009. In 2018 we began a new volunteer campaign to recruit new volunteers. One fruit of that campaign is the Adopt-a-Trail program which is now in place to monitor all the trails in the park. Our social media is also being regularly updated and maintained, which should help bring more interest to Pinchot Park and the Friends group. This year we completed the installation of another playground, this one with several nature-themed elements at the Conewago Day Use Area. We continue to have an amazing firewood fundraiser which is supported by the sustained hard work of board members and volunteers. We are grateful to all the campers who purchase wood when visiting the park, as the proceeds support many improvements in the park. With all the changes of the past year, including the retirement of former park manager, Bob Deffner, we continue to have unflagging support from the park through the assistant park manager, Gavin Smith. Last fall we welcomed a new park manager, Devin Buzard, and are encouraged by his enthusiasm as we begin working together.

- Do you have a current work plan? If yes, please provide a copy. If no, can we help you prepare one?
Do you have a budget for 2019? Please provide a copy.
Please make sure we receive your newsletter, either by mail at the office or email.
Please make sure we have a copy of your membership brochures.
Please make sure we have a copy of your minutes from each meeting throughout the year.
The same goes for any other communications pieces, like events flyers.
Do you have any training needs or is there another way PPF can help you succeed?
Please share your photographs for the library!

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Information For Website Directory and Other Public Use

Point of Contact (POC) for Group : Mary Beth Zeigler, Chair

(The person listed here is the primary person to receive information from PPF and is listed publicly as the chapter contact on our website.)

POC Address : Gifford Pinchot State Park, attn. FOPSP, 2200 Rosstown Road, Lewisberry, PA 17339

POC Phone : Gifford Pinchot Park Office Phone: 717-432-5011

POC Email: FOPSP email: fopsp@aol.com

Web URL : www.friendsofpinchot.org

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofPinchot/>

Web/Facebook Contact : Betsy Leppo (website), Terry Christopher (Facebook)

Does your chapter or board meet regularly?

Yes:

No:

(If yes, on what schedule and where?)

We meet four to six times a year, typically on the second or third Tuesday of alternating months. We meet from 6-8 PM at the Gifford Pinchot State Park office.

Please list all special events planned for 2019

(please update to Pam Metzger at pmetzger@paparksandforests.org as scheduled)

First Day Walk, Tuesday January 1

Native Plant Sale, Saturday April 27

Pinchotween, Saturday October 19

Walking half marathon (TBD, October?)

Please list all known volunteer days planned for 2019

(please update to Pam Metzger at pmetzger@paparksandforests.org as scheduled)

Wildflower meadow maintenance (TBD spring)

Firewood Effort, Saturday April 6

Native Plant Sale Preparation, Saturday April 6 (additional dates the week of April 8 TBD)

Landscaping Project, Saturday April 20

Firewood Effort, Saturday May 4

Trail Care Day, Saturday October 5

Please list any volunteer needs you may have

(e.g., web/Facebook/social media help, membership, trail workers, etc.)

membership database manager

event planning

fundraising

Please list all events planned for 2019 where vendors will be selling goods (for PPF promoters' license application)

(please update to Pam Metzger at pmetzger@paparksandforests.org as scheduled)

Who, if anyone, logs your events into DCNR's website calendar?

Beth Kepley-McNutt, Gifford Pinchot State Park Environmental Education Specialist

Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation
Board of Directors 2019

This list is used internally only by PPF to send updates via email and mail and to assure proper insurance coverage for your board members. The annually required Conflict of Interest form is available on the PPF website.

CHAIR

First Name: Mary Beth Last Name: Zeigler
 2018 Conflict of Interest statement provided

VICE CHAIR

First Name: Curtis Last Name: Gottdiner
 2018 Conflict of Interest statement provided

SECRETARY

First Name: Terry Last Name: Christopher
 2018 Conflict of Interest statement provided

TREASURER

First Name: Courtney Last Name: Snyder
 2018 Conflict of Interest statement provided

DIRECTOR

First Name: Phyllis Last Name: Crooks
 2018 Conflict of Interest statement provided

DIRECTOR

First Name: Glen Last Name: Dunbar
 2018 Conflict of Interest statement provided

DIRECTOR

First Name: Dean Last Name: Gibbons
 2018 Conflict of Interest statement provided

DIRECTOR

First Name: James Last Name: Grove
 2018 Conflict of Interest statement provided

DIRECTOR

First Name: Betsy Last Name: Leppo
 2018 Conflict of Interest statement provided

DIRECTOR

First Name: Jim Last Name: Merlino
 2018 Conflict of Interest statement provided

DIRECTOR

First Name: Ted Last Name: Prindle
 2018 Conflict of Interest statement provided

Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation
PPFF Chapter Financial Report
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REVENUE:

Membership Dues	\$ 1,565.00
Contributions - Individual	\$ 1,170.00
Contributions - Corporate Main+ EE acct	\$ 1,427.00
Events (Revenue from native plant sale.)	\$ 2,726.41
Sales - firewood	\$ 23,775.00
Sales - ice	\$ 4,159.00
Sales - clothing	\$ 729.00
Grants (More information outlined below)	\$ -
Program Fees	\$ -
Small Games of Chance Proceeds	\$ -
Value of In-Kind Contributions	\$ -
Other (Please specify source.)	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 35,551.41

GRANTS

Did you receive any grants in 2018?

Yes: No:

If yes, please list. Attach additional page if necessary:

Grant Source:

Grant Amount:

Project Funded:

Do you plan to apply for grants in 2019?*

Yes: No:

If yes, please list prospective source, amount and project summary:

*** Prior to applying for any grant, Chapters must contact Marci (717.236.7644 or mmowery-ppff@pa.net) to confirm that the application conforms to the PPFF Bylaws, the Chapter workplan and applicable DCNR regulations.**

Do you currently have an additional checking account?

Yes: No:

If yes, have you submitted your year end paperwork to Debbie?

Yes: No:

Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation 2018 Projects and Activities

Service Projects:	# Projects Hosted	Hundreds of recurring workdays and projects
	Estimated Attendance	112
	Project Descriptions ¹ :	Routine activities on many dates throughout the year and larger workdays including: Firewood and ice preparation and sales; light maintenance in campground; miscellaneous park and campground care; trail care including the fall Trail Care work day and Adopt-a-Trail program; Environmental Learning Center; FOPSP related meetings and administrative duties; outreach (website and facebook) vernal pool planting, fencing and monitoring; FOPSP participation and preparation for workdays
Special Events:	# Events Held	3
	Estimated Attendance	42
	Event Descriptions ² :	Native Plant Sale, Vernal Pool Walks
Other Activities:	Other Activities	2
	Estimated Attendance	262
	Other Description ¹ :	FOPSP helped Gifford Pinchot State Park staff host two events this year: The First Day Hike and Pinchotween.
Volunteers:	volunteers your group has had for the year.	117
	Estimated volunteer hours provided	2896

1) Include recurring work days at the park, cleanups, any improvement projects utilizing volunteers, outside service groups, etc. and dates held.

2) Include type of events and date held. "Events" would include annual events such as craft and other fairs, concerts, etc.

3) Include type of activity and dates held for any activity that doesn't fall into one of the above categories (e.g., tabling at malls or other events)

Physical Projects	Count	Description
Playground	1	Completed a playground installation at the Conewago Day Use Area.
Fishing Dock	0	
ADA Launch	0	
Trees (Gardens?) Planted	1	
Number of Trails Maintained	11	The new Adopt-a-trail program was in place by the end of 2018/start of 2019 to monitor all trails.
Miles of Trails Maintained/Built	18	
Trail Bridges Built/Repaired	1	Elevated trail pathway over drainage on Lakeside Trail / Mason-Dixon Trail near Mockingbird Road
Other Projects (Number and Description)	1700 ft	Comprehensive trail rehabilitation on a section of Lakeside Trail / Mason-Dixon Trail near Mockingbird Road