



# Friends of Hidden Valley, Inc.

The mission of the Friends of Hidden Valley is to provide support to the Lawrence Hidden Valley Committee, Inc., in programs, development, maintenance and goals that promote and benefit Hidden Valley Camp. [www.friendshv.org](http://www.friendshv.org)

Summer 2016

## Save the Date for the Fall Frolic 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Join the Lawrence Hidden Valley Board Committee, Friends of Hidden Valley members, families and guests, and Girl Scouts from Douglas County on Saturday, September 24, 10:00 to 2:00 for a pollinator themed Fall Frolic through Hidden Valley Camp. We are planning activities and displays throughout the camp to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the camp and a dedication of Dogwood Forest.

Many improvements and additions have happened at Hidden Valley during the last 10 years, since we celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We will be highlighting these and the volunteers responsible. Many of these improvements are in Dogwood Forest, which has been transformed into an adventure area that is sure to delight! The cabin, Arcalooka, has received a facelift with a new roof, windows, skylights, furnaces, counters and cupboards, as well as chimney replacement through the Brick 4 Bricks fundraiser, and a Memorial Pathway. Evelyn's Attic has a new roof, windows and paint. We also now have two new campsites, two zip lines and an archery range that are very popular.

**FHV members**, please watch for more details including an invitation and voting ballot in the mail by September 1. An abbreviated FHV Members Annual Meeting and election of new Board members will follow the ceremony. This is different than previous years in which we met on the third Thursday of September. More information will be posted on our Friends Facebook page, Friends website, and the Douglas County Service Unit website. Come help us celebrate!

**Not a current member?** We would still love to see you and for you to see all the new developments! You can also stop by the Friends table to renew your membership for 2017. Not sure if you're current? A star above the label indicates current membership through December 2016. All returning members can help us keep costs down by renewing at the Fall Frolic!

### Come Check Out These Fall Frolic Activities & Exhibits:

- \*Monarch Butterfly Exhibit
- \*Tag a Monarch
- \*Collect & Identify Insects
- \*Insect Displays
- \* Help Build a Bee Hotel
- \* Milkweed Display Garden
- \*Pollinator Gardens
- \*Make & Toss a Seed Ball
- \*Nature Scavenger Hunt
- \*Craft Station for our Festival of Trees Entry
- \*Historical Displays of Hidden Valley
- \*Friends of Hidden Valley Membership Table
- \*Brick 4 Brick Display for next Funding Project
- \*Volunteer Recognitions at our newest Developments
- \*Vintage Campsite with Traditional Arcalooka Stew Tasting.
- \*Games and Songs
- \*Photo Opportunities
- \*Campfire-roasted Hot Dogs and S'mores
- \*Dedication of Dogwood Forest and Butterfly Alley

## Come Frolic With Us...





## ... To Learn How We Engage Young Leaders,...



Teen archers helped plan the Sherwood Forest Dedication during Day Camp, and wrote and recited several haiku poems about their exciting first archery experiences. The dedication finale was an archery demo by the teen archers.

Haikus:

*Through bows and arrows we unite.  
Archery teaches strength and might.  
So thanks for all the things you gave.  
We'll take these lessons to the grave.*  
--Ruth and Grace

*Archery  
We came to camp.  
We learned how.  
At first, it was hard.  
But I didn't give up.  
I got a Bulls eye.  
Suddenly a new interest.  
Archery.  
--Ellis*



**Left:** The Tent Committee worked with young Girl Scouts attending Brownie Play Day in March. After explaining proper use of tents, the Brownies took part in a survey to determine which tents were too "stinky" or worn to keep. The results were mixed!

**Right:** During a service event at the camp, older scouts practiced their fire building skills to burn excess honeysuckle brush, under the watchful eyes of Jill Baringer, left, and Margaret Verhage, right.

Girl Scout individuals, troops, and leaders are the backbone of how we engage young leaders. The Friends of Hidden Valley assures that Girl Scouts are recognized for their contribution to Hidden Valley and leadership development. Ambassador Girl Scout Dani McEathron was presented the Friends' Mariana Remple Recognitions Award, with her essay "Why I Love Hidden Valley". She will use the \$150 award to attend a National Youth Leadership Training this year. A quote from her essay read, "I love Hidden Valley because it has impacted me through its beauty and memories. I value work days because maintenance is required to conserve Hidden Valley and it pays off in authentic preservation of the camp's beauty." Two Junior troops led by Emily Malin and Mindie Padget were awarded the Friends Troop Rewards of \$50 each, for their service to Hidden Valley Camp. According to them, Hidden Valley is "definitely a FUN place to go and it has much to explore."





**...to see recent improvements, ...**



*Girl Scouts of all ages attend the Friends' sponsored workdays.. On this April 16 workday, we had 115 volunteers for the day! On June 4, we had a near record turnout of 23 volunteers for trail maintenance work!*



*Several volunteers were recognized at the Sherwood Forest dedication. From left: Lysette DeBoard, Day Camp Director and inspiration behind the archery zone; Cris and Jeff Bandle, and Cindi McCracken, a member of the Westar Green Team, who helped with the platform build. Gwen Macpherson, not pictured, was recognized for overseeing the building of the footbridge.*

**Right:** The creation of Dogwood Forest began in 2007, with clearing the woods and building this 30' diameter yurt. Other improvements were a girl-built tree house, fire rings, a large storage shed with composting toilets, and a climbing tower. Stream bank stabilization projects, native woods restoration, and the creation of a flowering bioswale were made possible from the Elizabeth Schultz Environmental Fund and several anonymous donors.



*Thanks to the Merc Change Program, increasing pollinator habitat, like this garden near the wetland, has been a priority*



*Two kiosks, donated by KU from the Stouffer Place demolition, are spruced up by KU students of Weekend Alternative Break. We can't wait to fill them up with camp trivia!*



*KU students, along with many other volunteers, assist the Westar Green Team in building the archery shooting platform in Sherwood Forest in only one day!*





## *...To recapture your childhood, ...*



Several streams, large and small, run through Hidden Valley Camp, and provide hours of entertainment, even when dry!



Nature-inspired crafts are easy to find in this 40-acre urban wilderness.



**Top:** Girl Scouts from Daisies to Seniors learn the finer points of a flag ceremony, raising and lowering the flag at the starting and closing ceremonies each day during Day Camp.

**Middle:** The Volunteer Youth Corp takes time out from their service at Hidden Valley to partake in the tire challenge! Thanks to the Sunrise Project, the Summer of Service program continues to provide young volunteers with community service opportunities.

**Bottom:** Day Camp provides many new and unusual activities, including walking across the rope "monkey bridge", a popular stopping point during the day!





*...and To Experience Nature.*





## ***Join us for the Fall Frolic: 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Experience All Hidden Valley Has to Offer***



### ***Support the Friends of Hidden Valley***

There are a number of ways to show your support for the Friends of Hidden Valley, including:

- **Join us on the next Work Day on September 11<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00-3:00,**
- Indulge your inner warrior by joining the Honeysuckle Warrior Crew,
- Maintaining your annual membership,
- Join us on a work day or monthly hike,
- Make a donation to support Hidden Valley,



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