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INNINGS

Monday July 10, 2017 at 7:00 - 8:55 p.m.

University of Cincinnati- Sustainability Program

by Mary Beth McGrew; Senior Associate V.P.

What is going on at the University of Cincinnati in sustainability? This will be a brief overview of what the students, faculty and staff are doing, the goals moving forward, some lessons learned and a few big ambitions. Mary Beth McGrew will be talking about initiatives at the University of Cincinnati in the area of sustainably including current activities, challenges and opportunities.

Mary Beth McGrew is the University of Cincinnati's Sr. Associate Vice President of Planning + Design + Construction and the University Architect.

Miami Group Annual Picnic - Sunday, August 13

*****NOTE*** There is no Regular Innings Meeting in August.**

In August, Miami Group DOES NOT have a monthly meeting (Inning). Instead we have our annual picnic – this year on the second Sunday. Our picnic will be held in Loveland at the Izaak Walton League Lodge, located between the Bike Trail and the Little Miami River. Appetizers & conversation begin around 4 PM and we will eat about 5:30 PM. Bring something to share for the picnic – appetizer, salad, vegetable, something to grill or a dessert – and your drink. We'll have a hot grill, plates, plasticware, cups, napkins, water & coffee.

Come earlier in the day, place your contribution in the refrigerator or coolers, and enjoy these activities:

If the water level on the Little Miami River is high enough you may want to paddle the river. Check our Meetup (www.meetup.com/SierraOutings) or call 513-382-7377.

To paddle on your own or with a few friends, contact the Loveland Canoe Livery, just up the road from the Lodge.

Ride the River (Experienced 24 miles roundtrip bike ride) Start at 1:30 PM at the Lodge, ride along the river to Avoca Park and back.

For a shorter bike ride see who's biking at 2:30 PM from the Lodge & ride north along the river to Nesbit park for ice cream and back.

Hike - on your own or join a group leaving the lodge at 3 PM.

Slides, equipment to climb, and a sand box/ toys for little ones.

Sit in the shade, watch the river float by and visit.

After dinner - live music.

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Innings is our general membership meeting, held on the first Monday of the month (Except Monday holiday)

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Fellow Miami Group Sierrans,

Hello to everyone looking forward to a few long summer nights with thunderstorms banging away the wee hours of dawn and balmy humid days that never seem to end. Southwest Ohio has a great summer full of hot temperatures and nice storms to break long spells of heat. Fireflies (*Elateroidea lampyridae*) are out after dark now and that for me sparks my romance with Summer.

My May days late in the month found me in Washington DC for the People's Climate March. I met Akshai Singh and Eric Britton from the Ohio Chapter Executive Committee in DC and found fellowship among the ranks of 300,000 environmental activists there. My bus full of travelers from Columbus Ohio walked to the Metro Station from RFK Stadium. We met at the Air and Space Smithsonian before marching almost six miles in ninety-degree weather. We sang songs and called cadence to new awareness of climate issues. We finished the street hike around four thirty and once returned to RFK Stadium, we boarded for home. All in all, it brought a pleasant experience with lively chat and a proud sense of democracy instilled in young and old alike.

June's first weekend allowed me the opportunity to visit Mammoth Cave State Park in Kentucky. Without a lot of detail, a Sierra Club member and my best friend Matt Roper and I camped and toured the park. We took time to tour the Onyx Cave and visited the Louisville Zoo before returning home. The zoo is home to a great sea lion and sea otter aquarium exhibit. I found lots of the big cats active too. The snow leopard and jaguar were up and pacing their lair in humid midday temperatures to the delight of us onlookers.

Only three days ago, the Dayton Connections meeting at the Brixx Ice Co. gave me and three other Sierra Club members the chance to form a questionnaire for the Miami Group Political Committee. The questionnaire, if approved by the Miami Group Executive Committee, would then be emailed to Dayton area candidates running for public office. Four questions that pertain to local issues will be considered at the July meeting. More news on those developments next month.

Additionally, June is a nice month to bike the Dayton bike paths from as far south as the Miamisburg low dam

along the bike corridor past the Carillon Park and RiverScape Park downtown to Eastwood Lake MetroPark (where the Midwest Outdoor Experience is held in October) out Harshman Road and Rt. 4 to parts north and the Buckeye Trail. Glen Helen and John Bryan State Park in Yellow Springs Ohio off Route 68 is a summertime fave for many who like to stop there between Columbus and Cincinnati or Athens. The historic HaHa Pizza restaurant and the Ye Olde Tavern are worth the trip!

As for me, well I hope to enjoy nature with happy, fun summer days with time to smell the roses and some tennis and the advantage of daring night hikes with flashlights before Autumn again brightly colors the Miami Valley deciduous trees in cool fashion!

Scott Bushbaum
Sierra Club Miami Group
Executive Committee,
Dayton Connections volunteer

Backpack Yahoo and Princess Falls May 2017

By Jay Freeman, Trip Leader

The Trip was designed to be a beginner trip but alas no beginners attended. There were six of us though and we had a wonderful relaxing trip. We hiked into camp (3 miles) after lunch on Saturday. We knew there was supposed to be rain, so we decided to base camp at the junction of Negro Creek and The Big South Fork River. Saturday night proved to be stormy, but the sun was out for our 11 mile hike without backpacks on Sunday. Remarkably, there were very few people in the area. We had expected to see many since it was Memorial Day weekend and were pleasantly surprised to see only a few day hikers and one backpacker.

On Monday we packed up under sunny skies and retraced our hike from Saturday to our cars.



July 2017 Outings

Outings Information

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Who may join us:

Outings are for Sierra Club members, and interested others on a space-available basis, subject to acceptance by the outing leader. Please be considerate of the leaders and call before 9:30 p.m. except in a dire emergency. If you make a reservation, you are obligated to arrive promptly or to advise the leader in advance if you are unable to attend. Don't leave others waiting for you!

Ratings:

Each outing has a difficulty rating of 1-4 from easiest to hardest. This is an estimate and it is up to the participant to choose an outing appropriate to the person's ability.

Last Minute Outings Information:

Following is the outing list at the time the Happenings was put together. Please check the Miami Group website at <http://www.MiamiGroup.org> for any additions since this was published.

INCLEMENT WEATHER may cancel an Outing. Be sure to check with a leader before heading out to an Outing if you question the weather.

Outings Calendar:

The Outing Committee has worked to find better ways to reach out to interested people regarding scheduled Outings or last-minute ones. We have a Meetup site at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>. Join now to learn the latest in Outings and other events. The Miami Group website will also have up-to-date activities but the Meetup Group will let you know on a weekly or even daily basis.

Sierra Club Important Announcement

In order to participate on one of the Sierra Club's outings, you will need to sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver prior to the outing, please see <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/> or call 415-977-5630.

In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ride sharing or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

July 1-2; Paddle Outing on

Hiwassee River, Tennessee

2-3. Come join the fun on the beautiful Hiwassee River.

This is a class 2 river in Eastern Tennessee. You must have a boat and equipment or rent. You must wear a helmet and life jacket at all times while on the river. You must call Sandy Wood 513-731-9808 or Greg Wood 859-391-6435 or e-mail to go. Woodlets@fuse.net

Thurs. July 13; Service Outing on the Little Miami Bike Path 1.

We will meet at the Avoca trailhead at 5:00 PM and work for a couple of hours maintaining the right of way of the bike path. Wear sturdy shoes and gloves. I have tools, but bring your own if you like. Call Jay Freeman at 513-631-7642 or 513-910-5288(cell) for details or sign up on the meetup site at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>.

Sat. July 15; Bike the Roads from Miami Whitewater 2-3.

We will meet near the boat house at 9:00 AM and bike the roads for about 25 miles. The route is not terribly hilly, but there are some hills. We will eat lunch after the ride. Helmets are required. Call Jay Freeman at 513-631-7642 or 513-910-5288(cell) or co-leader Denise Tingle at 513-460-9430 for details or sign up on the meetup site at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>.

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July 16; Paddle Outing on the Best Local Water 2. You must wear a helmet and life jacket. Call or email Sandy Wood 513-731-9808 or Greg Wood 859-391-6435 or email woodlets@fuse.net to go. Check the meet-up for updates.

Tues. July 18; Service Outing on the Little Miami Bike Path 1. We will meet at the Avoca trailhead at 5:00 PM and work for a couple of hours maintaining the right of way of the bike path. Wear sturdy shoes and gloves. I have tools, but bring your own if you like. Call Jay Freeman at 513-631-7642 or 513-910-5288(cell) for details or sign up on the meetup site at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>.

Thurs. July 20; Day Hike 1-2. Meet at a Frisch's at 9:00 AM for an optional breakfast followed by a one - two hour hike at a nearby park or hiking area at 10:00 AM. We are usually off the trail by about Noon. We decide where to hike usually Tuesday afternoon before the hike depending on the weather then send around an e-mail with the details. NOTE: Participants will need to RSVP and leave a contact number and email in case of cancellation due to sudden weather change. If you want to be put on this e-mail list, send an e-mail to Alvin Denenberg at alvingden@gmail.com.

Wed. July 26; Bike from South Lebanon 2-3. We will meet at 5:00 PM where the bike path crosses Main St. and bike a combination of the bike path

and roads for 27 miles. Helmets are required. Call Jay Freeman at 513-631-7642 or 513-910-5288(cell) for details or sign up on the meetup site at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>.

Sun. July 30; Paddle the Little Miami River 2. We will meet at Kelly's Nature Preserve at 10:00 AM and paddle to Armleder Park. Bring a lunch. Call me if you need to borrow a canoe I might have one to lend. Call Jay Freeman at 513-631-7642 or 513-910-5288(cell) for details or sign up on the meetup site at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>.

August 2017 Outings

Sat. Aug. 5; Bike the Roads Near Rabbit Hash, Ky. 3-4. We meet at elementary school in Bellevue, Ky. at 9:00 AM and ride for about 35 miles. There are couple of significant hills (there is no hill too steep to walk). Bring a lunch and helmets are required. Call Jay Freeman at 513-631-7642 or 513-910-5288(cell) for details or sign up on the meetup site at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>.

Wed. Aug. 9; Service Outing on the Little Miami Bike Path 1. We will meet at the Avoca trailhead at 5:00 PM and work for a couple of hours maintaining the right of way of the bike path. Wear sturdy shoes and gloves. I have tools, but bring your own if you like. Call Jay Freeman at 513-631-7642 or 513-910-5288(cell) for details or sign up on the meetup

site at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>

Aug. 17-20; Backpack in Michigan 3-4. We will leave Cincinnati at 7:00 AM and travel to Michigan and backpack about 22 miles, hopefully in the Manistee National Forest. We return Sun. evening. The trip is for experienced backpackers but should not be too strenuous. Call Jay Freeman at 513-631-7642 or 513-910-5288(cell) for details or sign up on the meetup site at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>.

Sun. Aug. 27; Bike the Roads of Butler and Preble Counties 3-4. We meet at Kercher Park in Germantown, Ohio. at 9:00 AM and bike for about 35 miles. Bring a lunch and helmets are required. Call Jay Freeman at 513-631-7642 or 513-910-5288(cell) for details or sign up on the meetup site at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>.

Thurs. Aug. 24; Service Outing on the Little Miami Bike Path 1. We will meet at the Avoca trailhead at 5:00 PM and work for a couple of hours maintaining the right of way of the bike path. Wear sturdy shoes and gloves. I have tools, but bring your own if you like. Call Jay Freeman at 513-631-7642 or 513-910-5288(cell) for details or sign up on the meetup site at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>

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First Monday of the Month

7:00 p.m. to 8:55 p.m.

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If inclement weather causes the (Scouting Achievement Center) to be closed, there will be an ongoing message after the welcome message at 513-577-7700

If we cancel an Inning, then the (Scouting Achievement Center) will not give a message. Members would have to check emails and meetup.

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