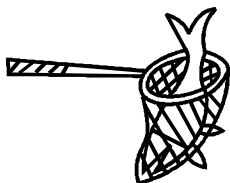


2010 Calendar of Events (May-Dec)



VOA Walking Club- Join friends to walk for fitness and fun with this newly formed club walking on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays at 9am at the Voice of America Park. All ages and fitness levels welcome and a free mileage log to track your progress! See how walking with a group improves your chances of success-weather permitting. FREE! (Motor vehicle permits required.)



VOA Baitshop and Fishing Season is Open! Come try your luck in the freshly stocked, 35-acre lake daily from 7:30am-8pm. Everything you need is available in the baitshop from poles and bait to snacks to make your day a complete success. Bait is always available "to go" to catch the big one at our lake or yours! No state license required, but a MetroParks' fishing license and motor vehicle permit are.



Between Fences Smithsonian Exhibit at Chrisholm

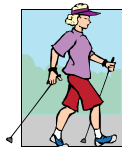
Don't miss this traveling Smithsonian exhibit taking place at Chrisholm Historic Farmstead on May 12-June 10th. Hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 11am-4pm and additional hours by appointment for field and bus trips. Discover what role fences played in local and national history.

Food, drinks and more make this a great family outing! Admission is free but a motor vehicle permit is required.



Night Fishing at VOA Park

Night owls love the dark and so do the fish! Come and see for yourself at the Voice of America Park Lake when fishing is open until 1am the first Friday of the month May-September. (May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6 and September 3). Just because the sun goes down doesn't mean the fun is over! Motor vehicle and MetroParks' fishing permit required.



SOS (Spring in to Summer) Hike at Sebald Park on May 28th at 10am

Come see Mother Nature as she transitions from spring into summer with this guided hike through Sebald Park in Middletown. Check out what is in the creek if weather permits! FREE but a motor vehicle permit is required.

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Breakfast with the Bobolinks on Saturday, June 5th! Meet and talk with local birding experts at the VOA picnic shelter at 7:30 to grab a donut and cup of coffee. Everyone then heads into the field for a few hours to observe and listen to the grassland birds of VOA. This is an excellent opportunity to witness and listen to the interesting courtship displays of the Bobolinks. Also see and hear Eastern Meadowlarks, Savannah Sparrows, Blue Grosbeaks and other resident and migrant birds... maybe even a Henslow's Sparrow! Reservations are requested by May 28th to 513.867.5835 or online. \$5 fee covers breakfast and group motor vehicle permits provided! If it rains, meet at the Lodge for an indoor discussion/presentation.



Veteran Appreciation Day w/the Pioneer Group at Governor Bebb Preserve on June 6th

A salute and thank you to all of the veterans who have served our country making it a better place to live. A military muster to be held. There will also be a performance by the Butler County Sheriff Pipe and Drum Corps. Village open from 1-5pm. FREE (Motor vehicle permit required.)



DogFest at VOA Park on June 12th-13th

Saturday, June 12th from 11am-5pm and Sunday, June 13th from 11am-5pm

This popular annual event will go to the dogs on June 12-13 at VOA Park. Come out for fun games, food and booths centered around man's best friend. Your best friend is welcome on a leash and admission is FREE. (Motor vehicle permit required.)



Make a Splash!

Make a Splash at your local library with a Naturalist from the MetroParks of Butler County. Meet local animals who swim and dive in our waterways, learn how they find food and shelter near Ohio's lakes and rivers. A good time for school age children K-5, no registration necessary, however groups of more than ten are encouraged to call in advance. FREE

June 15th 11am with Trenton Library (location to be announced)

June 17th 10:30am at the West Chester Library

June 24th at 2pm at the Middletown Library (community room)

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Summer Concert Series

Come and listen to the sounds of great bands either lakeside, on the patio, or in the comfort of air-conditioning. Miami University Learning Center and MetroParks present the popular music series: June 13th at VOA Park with the Improv band; June 27 and August 1 at MU-VOALC (band TBA); and back at VOA Park on August 15 (band TBA). Food and beverages (including adult!) will be available so give mom the night off from cooking and bring the whole family out for some fun! FREE! (Motor vehicle permit required.)



Civil War Living w/the Pioneer Group at Governor Bebb Park June 19th -20th

Wonder what the Civil War was like? Get a glimpse as the Civil War re-enactors make you feel like you are there! Village open Saturday from noon-5pm and Sunday noon-4pm. \$10 fee per family or \$5 per person and a motor vehicle permit is required.



National Wakeboarding Event at VOA Park – July 3rd More details to follow... check the website soon!



Passport to Fishing

Tuesdays, July 6th or August 3rd at the Ronald Reagan Lodge at VOA Park from 8:30am-2pm

Enjoy fishing with your kids (ages 6-16) while sharing an important discussion about the dangers of drugs. Children and adults will have an opportunity to talk with West Chester's Crime Prevention Officer about drugs in school and adults will get new ideas of how to talk with children about the dangers of drugs. Fishing poles will be provided. With a limit of 50 children per session, it is open to first time participants only. Participants must attend only one session and be there for the entire time. Please register by calling 759-7312 and leave the date attending, child's name, age, address and home phone number. Please meet at the Lodge at the Voice of America Park at 8:30 to sign in.

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The Crazy CardBoard Regatta comes to VOA Park
July 16-17th !!

Join in on this fun and laughter-filled event as participants attempt to race the boats they made out of cardboard on a 200-yard course. Most will make it, but a few will not and be eligible for the coveted "Titanic Award" for the best sinking! Festivities begin on Friday evening with food, bands and beverages and continue with the races on Saturday. Visit the website at www.metroparksofbutlercounty.org for information on being a boat builder or sponsor. FREE (Motor vehicle permit required to park on-site.)

Miami Valley Re-enactors w/the Pioneer Group at Governor Bebb Preserve



July 17-18th from noon-5pm on Sat and noon-4pm on Sunday

Explore our Native American heritage and pioneer living heritage in the authentic historic pioneer village. What was life like before television and video games? Let your children see! A \$10 donation per family or \$5 per person benefits the volunteer Pioneer Group. (Motor vehicle permit required.)



Bass Pro Annual Kids' Fishing Derby at VOA Park on July 21st

Come have some fun and maybe even win some prizes with your friends and experts from Bass Pro Shops. Registration begins at 5:45. Ages 6-under, 7-12, 13-16 with prizes in each age group. FREE. Bring pole and bait or both can be purchased at baitshop.

(Motor vehicle permit required.)



Walk with Angels at VOA Park on August 21st

Join others as they walk for a great cause at Voice of America Park. More details to follow. Sponsored by an outside group with the WCL Foundation.



Antique Car Display at Governor Bebb Preserve on August 28th

How does the equipment, machinery and vehicles of olden time compare to today? Come see and decide for yourself! Village open from 9am-4pm. FREE (Motor vehicle permit required.)

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BC employees softball leagues at VOA Park from July-August

Any Butler County employee is encouraged to join the fun as these good-natured competitions pit department against department. Contact Shawna Noble for more information and to sign-up. (Motor vehicle permit required.)



This Old Farm Days at Chrisholm on Sept 4th and 5th –Details to follow!



Nature Days w/the Pioneer Group at Governor Bebb Preserve-Sept 12th

Take a fun hike and learn about the plants and animals of the area. Village is open from 1-5pm. FREE! (Motor vehicle permit required.)



Pioneer Days w/the Pioneer Group at Governor Bebb Preserve-Oct 2nd -3rd

Experience life in the 1800's! The village will be lively with everyday life. Demonstrations of school, cooking, crafts, games and many other aspects of daily life during this time brings history to life. Village open on Saturday from noon-5pm and Sunday from noon-4pm. \$10 per family or \$5 per person donation benefits the Pioneer Group. (Motor vehicle permit required.)



1st Annual Howl-O-Ween Dog Costume Parade-VOA Park on Oct 17th 2-4pm

Bring your pooch or pooches dressed in a costume for a parade and fun prizes. Be creative and have some fun as we all celebrate man's best friend! Awards given for 25 lbs and under, 25 lbs and over, best of show and best combination costume that involves the handler too!



Fall Harvest at Governor Bebb Preserve w/the Pioneer Group-Nov 7th

Join us for that special day as we demonstrate how food was prepared in celebration of a successful harvest. Village is open from 1-5pm. FREE! (Motor vehicle permit required.)

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Christmas in the Village at Governor Bebb Preserve w/the Pioneer Group-
Dec 4th-5th

Come celebrate Christmas with us just like it was done in the early 1800's. Join us for dulcimer playing, hot cider and homemade apple pie sampling. Village open on Saturday from 3-8pm and Sunday 1-4pm. FREE! (Motor vehicle permit required.)



Breakfast with Santa December 12th at VOA Park Lodge
Details to follow!

****Please note that due to circumstances beyond our control, this calendar may be altered at any time. Always check the website at www.metroparksofbutlercounty.org for the latest and most up-to-date information.****



MetroParks is always looking for volunteers to help out on the parks! There are things that can be done so call today and see how you can help a park today!

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