

## 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

### Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation: Friends of Pinchot State Park

12-month period ending 12/31/2009

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**Mission Statement:**

To preserve, protect and enhance the natural and recreational resources of Gifford Pinchot State Park for present and future generations.

## 2009 Accomplishments

The following accomplishments have been conducted by **49 volunteers (4,985 hours)** and within the guidelines of the by-laws of the Friends of Pinchot State Park, a chapter of the Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation, and with the approval of DCNR Pinchot state park manager.

### Accomplishments:

- Established board of directors
- Web site
- Friends group brochure
- Quarterly news letter (Pinchot Eagle)
- Develop volunteer sign-in sheets
- Develop appropriate forms to meet the needs of the FOPSP
- Solicit volunteers
- Administrative functions
- Implementation of firewood sales at the campground
- Environmental enhancements at the contact station
- Volunteer day at the park
- Campground hosting
- Trail maintenance
- Shoreline monitoring
- Parking lot line painting
- Handicapped parking stalls painted
- Roadway pavement directional arrows painted
- Sign maintenance throughout the park
- Bat box monitoring
- Removal of invasive species
- Habitat restoration of old fields and cedar meadows
- Inventory picnic tables to be repaired / replaced
- Paint NO BIKE signs on pavement at the bath houses
- Weeding and tan barking of garden at the nature center
- Staffing nature center during summer months as requested by DCNR
- Maintenance of blue bird boxes through the park
- Assist park staff Christmas in July and Pinchotween
- Trail cleanup
- Shoreline cleanup
- Assist park staff as requested

## 2009 Financial Report

*Note: We are tracking the funds in two subaccounts - one for Environmental Education (EE) and one for all other FOPSP activities.*

Revenue (FOPSP)	
Membership Dues	390.00
Contributions (individual)	5.00
Sales (firewood)	3115.41
Other: Transfer of funds from Pinchot Interest Group	12408.56
Revenue (FOPSP-EE)	
Contributions (individual)	200.00
Contributions (corporate)	979.00
Total gross revenue (FOPSP)	15918.97
Total gross revenue (FOPSP-EE)	1179.00
<b>Total gross revenue (FOPSP and FOPSP-EE)</b>	<b>17097.97</b>
Expenses (FOPSP)	
Website support	50.00
Stock for park store	613.70
Postage	12.40
Firewood supply	1286.03
Banking fees - PPF	27.00
Expenses (FOPSP-EE)	
Supplies summer camp	330.50
Supplies summer camp	199.80
Banking fees - PPF	6.00
Total expenses (FOPSP)	1989.13
Total expenses (FOPSP-EE)	536.30
<b>Total expenses (FOPSP &amp; FOPSP-EE)</b>	<b>2525.43</b>
Net income (FOSPS)	13929.84
Net income (FOPSP-EE)	642.70
<b>Total net income (FOPSP &amp; FOPSP-EE)</b>	<b>14572.54</b>

## 2010 Annual Work Plan

### Procedure to be followed:

All work projects, fund raisers and purchases to be approved by the Friends of Pinchot State Park board of directors, DCNR Pinchot state park manager and to be within the parameters of current by- laws of the Friends of Pinchot State Park, a chapter of the Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation.

### Work Projects:

- Trim brush and trees at campsites
- Bundle and stack fire wood
- Environmental enhancements throughout the park
- Staffing of the nature center as requested by park management
- Trail maintenance
- Habitat restoration of old fields and cedar meadows
- Assemble picnic tables
- Refinish benches at the environmental center
- Install stone around fire rings at the campgrounds
- Provide volunteers approved by DCNR for campground host
- Explore the availability of grant funding for playground equipment
- Refinish bulletin boards throughout the park
- Assist DCNR staff with spring, summer and fall activities
- Firewood sale
- Pilot program for the sale of ice at the campground
- Replace trail signs and markers
- Maintain wildlife structures i.e. Turtle basking platforms and blue bird boxes
- Additional projects as requested by Pinchot state park manager

## 2010 Planned Events

The Friends of Pinchot State Park are planning a number of events for 2010 but do not have dates scheduled at this time. Please visit the 'Events' page on our website where we will post information on upcoming events at <http://www.friendsofpinchot.org/home/calendar>.

### Upcoming events for this spring and early summer include:

- Vernal pool walk
- Wildflower walk
- Members social