

FRIENDS OF LAPHAM PEAK  
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### 30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COLORAMA RUN/WALK

Enjoy a beautiful fall day on **Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** for the 5K/10K run. Walk the 2.5 paved accessible trail suitable for wheelchairs and strollers or the 5K route. Smokey Bear Fun Run (10 & under) course circles the pond at Homestead Hollow. Registration forms are available on the Lapham Peak Friends [website](#). Registration will also be available the day of the event or [online](#) until October 4<sup>th</sup>. **Contact Rita at [rkeber@milwpc.com](mailto:rkeber@milwpc.com) 262-547-4827** or by September 15<sup>th</sup> if anyone owns a business and wishes to **donate an item** for the free prize drawing **OR** to **donate 2 dozen cookies/bars and/or apples!** Food may be dropped off at the park office any day from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm or on a stand outside the office door if no one is attending the office window.

Contact our Fright Hike Coordinator, Angela [frighthike2018@gmail.com](mailto:frighthike2018@gmail.com) or Anne at 262-547-8410, [annemriendl@gmail.com](mailto:annemriendl@gmail.com) or at the Snowmaking website if you are interested in helping. If you are not volunteering, get your \$10 tickets early to ensure your entrance to this popular event. Check out the event on [frighthike.org](http://frighthike.org) or the Facebook [www.facebook.com/laphampeakfrighthike](http://www.facebook.com/laphampeakfrighthike). Note, Fright Hike is intended to be a fun but scary experience and generally not recommended for very young children (use your own discretion if you choose to bring them with you). With large crowds of people and horses at this event, for the safety of the cast members and other guests, we cannot permit pets at Fright Hike. For this special event, Lapham Peak requires a \$5.00/vehicle fee or valid annual State Park sticker to access the park. Carpooling is encouraged.

### FRIGHT HIKE



The 21<sup>st</sup> annual Fright Hike on **Friday and Saturday, October**

**12 & 13, 6-8:30 pm.** Beginning this year, the Friends of Lapham Peak and our Snowmaking Project have full ownership of this event. Proceeds benefit the Friends of Lapham Peak's Projects that directly support Kettle Moraine State Forest - Lapham Peak Unit! Volunteers are needed for all aspects of the event, with help needed as early as Wednesday & Thursday the 10-11<sup>th</sup> for set up, Friday & Saturday the 12-13<sup>th</sup> to help run the event, and Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> to pack it all up and store it for next year! FLP will provide help with decorating the trails, security for safety on the trails during the event, direct parking, handle tickets and admissions, and other general support functions. Please consider [volunteering](#) and enjoy the moonlight, forest trails, costumes and skits.

### WORK DAY



Bring your leather gloves, sturdy shoes, garden rake and loppers to assist with trail work **Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 am-noon.** Preliminary plans are for cutting and stacking buckthorn (thus leather gloves and boots), picking stones and spreading woodchips. Meet at the Maintenance Building which is the first left after entering the park. Stay for a chili lunch. Bring bread, dessert or another item to share.

### ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendar for the Friends Annual Meeting on **Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm** at the Hausmann Nature Center. Socialize, enjoy treats and catch up on the year's events with a short business meeting.

Our speaker will be Gail Grenier, author of the book "Young Voices From Wild Milwaukee, the Urban Ecology Center and Me." The book tells how a nature center and mentors have markedly improved the lives of young people. Gail will be telling the uplifting story of Milwaukee's Urban Ecology Center and the universal applications possible from its lessons. See [www.gailgreniersweet.com](http://www.gailgreniersweet.com). Gail has published articles for magazines and newspapers since 1977. Her prize-winning column was syndicated. Besides two novels, she's published two books of essays and two anthologies. She has taught Creative Writing for Publication since 1993 at Waukesha County Technical College in Wisconsin. Her book will be available for purchase at the meeting with proceeds benefiting the Urban Ecology Center. Park at the Hausmann Nature Center parking lot and follow the lighted path to the Center. See you there!

### **HAUSMANN NATURE CENTER**

The Nature Center will be open every Saturday and Sunday from 1 - 4 pm in September through the end of October. Stop by on a beautiful fall afternoon hike and check it out. Bring cash to purchase items at the Coneflower Gift Shop. Children can check out the Kids Korner for a variety of activities.

### **BUTTERFLY GARDEN BRICKS**



Shop early for the holidays with an engraved brick for the Butterfly Garden Pathway. Prices are \$75 for a 4x4 and a \$150 for an 8x8 engraved brick.

Volunteers are also needed to keep up the garden. We are looking for a person who would be willing to lead future plantings and learn about the garden. Contact Liz if you are interested.

### **EVERGREEN SHELTER UPGRADES**

Several Improvements will be made to the Evergreen Shelter during the month of September. A new concrete patio entry at the doors should be done by the time you read this. There will also be a new west door installed. The building will be completely

re-sided with LP Smart Panel material, starting after September 17<sup>th</sup>. Funding is covered through a Federal Recreational Trails Grant, Friends of Lapham Peak, and WI DNR. The project will be done long before the snow flies!

### **PHASE 3B SNOWMAKING TRAIL EXPANSION**

Construction on the expansion of the snowmaking system will begin in mid-October, after Fright Hike. The construction, identified as Phase 3B, will involve trenching for approximately 1400 feet of new water supply piping and new buried electric lines. Segments of the trail system south of Summer Stage and west of Two Tier will be closed to the public for about four to six weeks.

The snowmaking system improvements will be installed by a volunteer construction team, and is entirely funded by donations to the snowmaking project. It is anticipated that additional pipe and wire will be installed in the spring of 2019, completing Phase 3 of the project, and adding about one kilometer of new snowmaking trail, "into the woods", for a total snowmaking trail system of about 2.3 kilometers.

### **BUCKTHORN BUSTERS**

We have volunteers who work year-round on Habitat Restoration / Invasive Species Removal projects. This includes removing garlic mustard (and other invasive plants), prairie restoration and wildflower management, and once cooler fall/winter temps return we will be cutting and burning buckthorn & honeysuckle (and a few others). We have a group that works Mon/Wed/Fri (9-noon) and another on Tue/Thur (10am-1pm). We'd love to get you involved - we use emails lists to let volunteers know when we are working (or not) so that you can participate if you're free at that time (no regular commitment is needed; no experience necessary, we provide the tools)! To get onto our email list, send John a note: [John@JHillmer.com](mailto:John@JHillmer.com) or call him: 414-333-6337.

### **CANDLELIGHT 2019**

Mark your calendar for the 2019 Candlelight Ski/Hike on **Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**.