



**Friends of Lapham Peak Newsletter** Vol. 27, No. 2, April 2019, by Rita Keber  
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### **SPRING WORK DAY**

Get your sturdy boots and gloves ready for Work Day on Saturday, **May 11<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 am to noon. Meet at the DNR Maintenance Shop which is the first left turn after you enter the park. The theme is Work\*Play\*Earth Day. Work in the morning and enjoy the park in the afternoon. Several projects are planned starting with trail restoration from the newly constructed area on the snowmaking loop, Butterfly Garden clean up and new bricks additions on the pathway, and buckthorn and garlic mustard removal. Some tools will be provided, however you may bring any of the following: loppers, shovel, garden rake, leaf rake, and pitch fork. Lunch will follow at noon with pulled pork sandwiches and salads. Please contact [Rita](#) or call 262-547-4827 **if you are staying for lunch by Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Free Fun Weekend in Wisconsin**

No state park admission stickers or trail passes are required **June 1-2**. Bike the Glacial Drumlin Trail. It is also Free Fishing Weekend for people to fish without fishing licenses or state trout stamps. Use one of the grills around the park to enjoy a picnic after hiking the trails.

### **BIRD HIKES**

Join fellow birders at 7:00 am for two hours on Sundays **May 5, 12, 19, and 26**. Meet at Evergreen parking lot. Dress for the weather; bring binoculars and a bird book if you have one.

### **MUGS AT OFFICE**

Stop of the entrance office to purchase a new Kettle Moraine State Forest/Lapham Peak mug. The two styles \$20 each supports the Friends of Lapham Peak. The



handcrafted mugs are made in Neenah, 100% lead free, food safe, and can be placed in the microwave, oven and dishwasher. *Great Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts!*

### **SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION**

See you on **Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm to celebrate summer! Join us at the Mike Fort Picnic Shelter by Homestead Hollow area (follow the accessible trail). Bike Doc, Tom Klein and his band will provide the music, and burgers, brats, and beverages will be available for purchase. Bring a chair if you wish or sit at picnic tables. Proceeds from the event will benefit snowmaking and other park projects. Volunteers will be needed. More information will follow at a later date.

Join us on our Work Day, May 11<sup>th</sup>, for restoration work on the disturbed trail segments, including spreading chips and straw, and planting grass. *Registration for lunch required.*

### **MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEERING**

Thank you for your 2018 membership renewal! There are 179 Friends members. 2018 volunteer hours logged were **9,441.5** for park projects which included Wednesday Night Ski Series, Lapham Loppet, Candlelight Ski, Work Days, Summer Solstice, Colorama, Fright Hike, Butterfly Garden clean up, invasive species removal and burning, cleaning up the park, snowmaking improvements, bluebird monitoring and assisting at Hausmann Nature Center. We couldn't have done it without you! **THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!**

### **SNOWMAKING**

The ski season is complete and very successful, with over 90 days of skiing on

the expanded manmade snow loops. There were 60 days of skiing on the 2.4 kilometers of snowmaking trail that included the entire Phase 3 "Into the Woods" loop. Volunteer snowmakers and snowcat operators put in over 800 hours to make and spread the snow, and break up the frozen base after rain/ice/thaw/freeze events. The DNR staff did a great job of keeping the trails groomed on a regular basis. There were an estimated 54,000 skier visits to the Park in December, January, and February. Installation of pipe and cable for the completion of Phase 3 of the snowmaking loops is planned for the end of April through mid-May, depending on the weather.

**Please be aware that a few segments of trail will be closed and rerouted during the construction.**

### **FRIKIGHT HIKE**

**Fright Hike** benefits Friends of Lapham Peak projects, including our snowmaking efforts. The 2019 Fright Hike scheduled for **October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>**. A separate email will be sent regarding volunteers needed for the event. Please consider volunteering to be a Crew Leader or Co-leader or helping. Securing volunteers now to make the event more manageable.

Check out the Fright Hike [website](#).

### **COLORAMA 2019**

You have all summer to get your legs in shape for the 31<sup>st</sup> Colorama Run/Walk on **Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**.