

2017 Friends Conference Agenda

Pickwick Landing State Park

Friday, November 3, 2017		
3:00 to 5:00 pm		Registration – Inn Lobby <i>Friends' table displays will be set up in the hallway outside of the Conference Rooms</i>
5:00 to 5:15 pm	Conference Rooms B & C	Welcome Jeff Wells, Emcee Director of Interpretive Programs & Education Tennessee State Parks Bob Martineau, Commissioner Department of Environment & Conservation
5:15 to 6:15 pm		Give Good People Good Information, and They Will Do Good Things Jay Miller President, National Association for Interpretation Retired Chief of Interpretation, Arkansas State Parks
6:15 to 7:00 pm		Dinner Hosted by Tennessee State Parks
7:00 to 7:30 pm		Group Introductions Please remember to fill out the survey prior to the conference. Click here to access survey.
7:30 to 9:00pm		Evening Activity
Saturday, November 4, 2017		
6:30 to 7:15/7:30am	Conf. Rm C2	Morning Yoga & Stretching (please bring a mat; instructor will bring extras) Includes Grab and Go Breakfast
6:30 to 8:00 am		Registration – Inn Lobby <i>Friends' table displays will be set up in the hallway outside of the Conference Rooms</i>
7:00 to 7:45 am		Networking Breakfast on your own
8:00 to 8:15 am	Conference Center	Conference Welcome Jeff Wells, Emcee Director of Interpretive Programs & Education Tennessee State Parks Michael Dobis, Park Manager – Pickwick Landing State Park
8:15 to 9:00 am		State of State Parks Brock Hill, Deputy Commissioner – Bureau of Parks & Conservation
9:00 to 9:10 am		Tennessee State Parks Conservancy Cara Ince, Executive Director
9:15 to 9:30 am		Friends of Tennessee State Parks Membership Meeting
9:30 to 9:45 am		Break
9:45 to 10:15 am		Interpretive Training Opportunities Jeff Wells, Director of Interpretive Programs & Education Tennessee State Parks

Saturday, November 4, 2017 (continued)

10:15 to 11:15 am		Concurrent Sessions: Choose One		
	Conference Center	Asking Stupid Questions at a Board Meeting: How to Build Your Ideal Board Nancy Dorman Int. Programs & Education Tennessee State Parks Conference Room C1	Maximizing Social Media for Community Awareness Brad Stewart Founder Big Market Conference Room B	Mapping Progress: GIS in State Parks Sunny Fleming GIS Coordinator Tennessee State Parks Conference Room C3
11:15 am to 12:30 pm		Lunch on your own <i>Group Photo outside prior to lunch</i>		
12:30 to 1:30 pm		Concurrent Sessions: Choose One		
	Conference Center	Invasive Plants & Your State Parks: How Friends Can Help Battle These Invaders Steve Manning President Invasive Plant Control Conference Room C1	Media Training 101 Brooke Barrett Director, External Affairs TDEC Conference Room B	Healthy Park, Healthy Person TN Ryan Jenkins Park Manager Henry Horton State Park Conference Room C3
1:45 to 5:00 pm	Meet in front of Conf. Center	Field Trips - register online or at the conference registration tables <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hike at Big Hill Pond with Randy Hedgepath Shiloh National Battlefield Smithsonian Water Way Exhibit Pontoon Boat Tour (weather dependent) 2 trips of 10 people each 		
6:00 to 8:00 pm	Conference Center	Dinner - hosted by Tennessee State Parks Music by Step N Tyme Display Contest Awards <i>Daylight Savings - Set your clocks back an hour before you go to bed!</i>		

Sunday, November 5, 2017

7:00 to 8:00 am		Continental Breakfast in Conference Room	
8:00 to 9:15 am	Conference Center	Q & A with Friends Description & room location can be found in your registration packet Questions can be submitted ahead of the conference via survey. Click here to access the survey.	
9:15 to 9:45 am		Break & Check Out	
9:45 to 11:00 am		Sharing Sessions – Choose One Descriptions & room locations can be found in your registration packet	
11:00 to 11:30 am		Newsletters & Email Blasts	Engaging Youth
	Wrap Up Discussion <i>Don't forget to turn in your evaluation forms and name badges!</i>		

Conference registrants will receive a 30% discount at the Pickwick Landing State Park Gift Shop when you show your conference name badge.