

A note from the RJRD Board

Over 600 people attended the Snowbird Festival at Richfield Heritage Preserve on Sunday, January 26, 2025. The event was hosted by the Richfield Joint Recreation District, the Village of Richfield, and Richfield Township. Attendees enjoyed a live animal presentation from the Akron Zoo, dogs from the Siberian Husky Club of Greater Cleveland, face painting, crafts, outdoor games, story time, and bingo hosted by the Richfield Library.

Delicious food included chili from Teschner's Tavern, grilled hot dogs cooked by the Richfield Fire Department, cookies and cupcakes from Especially Confections and Richfield Township, toasted marshmallows, and hot cocoa. Additional activities featured sledding, Brr basket raffles, live painting by Art by Ereny, and much more! Thank you to everyone who made this event possible.

I was asked to volunteer as the event photographer, and while walking among all of the attendees, it gave me a real sense of what it meant to our community and its families. The adults and kids had a great time.

- Steve McPeake, RJRD Trustee

March Upcoming Events -

Please see <https://rjrd.recdesk.com> for a complete program listing and to register.

Mar. 6 - SMOOTHING IT (NOT ROUGHING IT); 7-8PM; Park Office.

FREE series with group conversational format.

Topic is **TENT CAMPING: Where to Go and How to Enjoy It.**

Different emphasis each month on how to tent camp, with something on travel each time: U.S., Canada, & mostly Ohio.

Session 2: TENTS (Rescheduled from February)

Lead by Hugh Groth. Registration encouraged.

Mar. 9 - LET'S MAKE: A REVERSE TREE OF LIFE PENDANT;

1-3PM; Park Office. Learn how to make a tree of life in negative space, pinching a raw stone into place. Seed beads are optional for this project. Tools and materials will be provided. Difficulty: Advanced x2

\$40 Lead by Sarah Mitschke / Different Branches LLC.

Mar. 16 - NATURE ADVENTURERS; 10-10:45AM; Chagrin Valley Cabin.

"Hop into Nature": Celebrate Easter with your nature-loving friends! We will have a make & take Easter craft and lots of themed activities to explore and play with. We will learn about the change of seasons and Spring. Unique family friendly activity, inclusive for children of all abilities. Lead by Shannon Kerns / Wild & Free OT, LLC. \$22 per child; pre-registration required.

Mar. 16 - LET'S MAKE: A SUN PENDANT; 1-3PM; Park Office.

Learn how to make a sun using a design that utilizes negative space. Tools and materials will be provided. Difficulty: Intermediate - \$30

Lead by Sarah Mitschke / Different Branches LLC.

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From our Park Director

This month I hope that you are able to enjoy the Richfield Heritage Preserve. The snow is starting to melt as the days slowly warm up from the deep winter months.

Please take time to read through our program guide listing all of our programs, classes and special events.

You can pick up some copies at the park or view the guide online!

Our next big event is set for May 3rd, which is the annual Goat Derby and Craft Fair! This year we have the special musical guest BAD JU JU performing. They are the hottest band around, so you do not want to miss this event.

Until next time, I hope to see you out on the trails!

- John Piepsny, Park Director
park-director@rjrd.org



See your photo in print!

Remember to email your beautiful or interesting photo of Richfield Heritage Preserve to office@rjrd.org. We want to see what *you* see in your park!



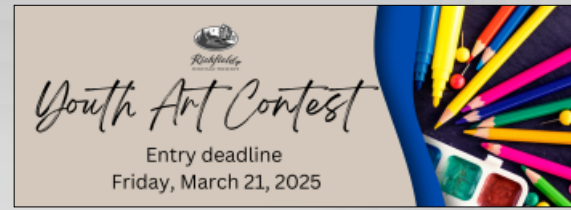
Laurie Patton contributed this month's photo of a waterfall along the Buckeye Trail. It was taken on February 2, 2025. Thank you, Laurie, for your contribution.

From our Volunteer Coordinator/Recreation Programmer

As the days grow longer and the hint of spring fills the air, the park awakens with promise and possibility. Plan to visit your park to appreciate its natural beauty.

Save the date for upcoming programs and events. These community events connect people, foster relationships, and cultivate a sense of belonging.

Richfield Heritage Preserve invites all K-8 students from public, private, or home school groups to enter the 3rd Annual RHP Youth Art Contest. Art will be displayed in the park on Sunday, April 6, 2025, from 2 to 4 p.m.



The 3rd Annual Goat Derby and Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025. Join us for this exciting event that celebrates community and creativity. It will feature live goat races, delicious food trucks, live music, talented craft fair vendors, costume contests, raffle baskets, and more!

Even when the weather forecast predicts cold and snowy conditions, the dedicated staff and volunteers at RHP continue their work on various projects. Over the past few weeks, they have made significant upgrades to The Lodge that will leave a lasting impression.

Additionally, they split firewood in preparation for upcoming rentals and reservations. We appreciate their hard work and dedication!



For more information, please contact the RHP Volunteer Coordinator/Recreation Programmer at volunteer-info@rjrd.org or 330-317-2597.

- Susan Czaplicki,
RHP Volunteer Coordinator/

March Upcoming Events (continued) -

Mar. 20 - "DANGER AT DUSK" BOOK CLUB; 6:30-8:30PM; Park Office. Presented by Richfield Library. Contact the library for book title and to register.

Mar. 25 - ASTRONOMY: BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO THE UNIVERSE; 7:30-8:30PM; The Lodge at RHP. Join us for an exciting monthly series hosted by the Summit County Astronomy Club. Each session invites participants to delve into captivating facts about the universe, sparking curiosity and inspiring lively discussions. Explore the intricacies of the cosmos while learning more about the Summit County Astronomy Club's impressive telescope, a gateway to experiencing the night sky like never before. Whether you're a seasoned stargazer or a curious newcomer, this series promises to deepen your appreciation for the vast mysteries above us.

Look at all that's happening in RHP!

Goat Derby and Craft Fair Opportunities

On May 3 the third annual Goat Derby and Craft Fair will be held at Richfield Heritage Preserve. This is an exciting, family-friendly event with a variety of enjoyable options for fun and entertainment.



Ways to support the event and RHP:

- **Sponsorships:** different levels of benefits, including naming rights, parking passes, and access to VIP areas. Promote your business or hear your family's name announced while cheering on your favorite goat.

- **Raffle basket donations:** Donate a basket or items including gift cards to our raffle. Each year we offer a variety of baskets for which Derby attendees can buy tickets and try for a chance to win their favorites.



All of our sponsors and our raffle donors receive recognition on social media and on signage at the event.

- **Craft fair vendors:** Are you a crafter? Reserve a table to sell your wares at our popular craft fair, adjacent to the goat races.

For more information or to sponsor, donate, or reserve a craft table, contact park-director@rjrd.org or volunteer-info@rjrd.org.

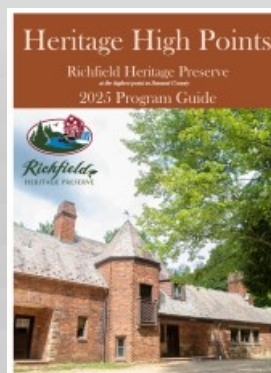
Oviatt House Inc.

If you have not yet read Oviatt House's [2024 Annual Report to the Community](#), please check it out by clicking on the link or visiting our website at oviathouse1836.com. We are so thankful to everyone who has been a part of our Oviatt House Community!

- Tricia Steiner, President,
Oviatt House, Inc.



Heritage High Points 2025



program guide

Remember to check out our program guide online or pick up a copy in the park office.



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