



Friends of Pickwick Landing State Park

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Monthly FOP

meetings are the

third Tuesday of each

month at 6 pm.

Meetings are held in the

Board room at

Pickwick Inn

Your membership investment is very important to your park.

Seasonal Interpretive Ranger:

Meet Autumn King

Who is Autumn Renee King? Well, for starters, I am twenty years old and from McNairy County; I love sports and am absolutely in love with the outdoors. I've played soccer and basketball in high school; and I played softball for twelve years including four years in high school and one year for Lambuth. I have bled blue for Lambuth University for the past three years and heartbroken to be forced to leave although I am overjoyed to be graduating with a degree in environmental studies from Lambuth.

I work for Tennessee State Parks as a Seasonal Interpretive Ranger at Pickwick Landing State Park. This means that I use interpretive programs to educate and entertain the visitors here at the park.

After graduation, I will continue to work at Pickwick through September. Afterwards, I hope to pursue a full-time job with Tennessee State Parks as a park ranger; it will most likely be a long and drawn out process that may

take a few years. Hopefully, I will be able to work as a Seasonal Interpretive Ranger until I am able to gain full-time employment.

If I cannot obtain employment with State Parks, I will pursue other jobs in my field of study maybe with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency or the United States Department of Agriculture.

Come meet me at the Park this summer. There will be weekly activities posted at the Inn and the Park office.

Contact number is 731-689-3129.

-Ranger Autumn



Easter Bunny Hops to Pickwick Landing State Park with Prizes, Surprises

The annual Easter Egg Hunt at Pickwick Landing State Park was held on Saturday, April 23rd at 1 PM.

There was a little egg-stra egg-citement in the air when the dozens of children - and children at heart - learned that at least three of the 3,000 eggs held special prizes, contributed by the Friends of Pickwick Landing State Park.

"This is the first year we've ever given away any substantial prizes." remarked "Ranger Tim" Dudley.

According to Ranger Tim, three of the hidden eggs held his "magic business card", which, when found by the lucky child, would earn the child a certificate that could be redeemed at the Savannah Wal-Mart for a shiny new bicycle.



The children were divided into three age groups and a certificate was awarded for each group.

The total value of the three certificates was nearly \$300 and the certificates were contributed by the Friends of Pickwick Landing State Park. Members of the group support the Park through volunteer activities, annual dues and fund raising events.

Allie Easley, of Olive Branch was presented a bicycle certificate in the 0-4 age



Caden Hughes, of Jonesboro AK was presented the bicycle certificate in the 5-6 year



Emily Davis of Pickwick was presented the bicycle certificate in the 7-9 year old age

Mike Pitts Memorial Million Dollar Shootout and Taste of Pickwick

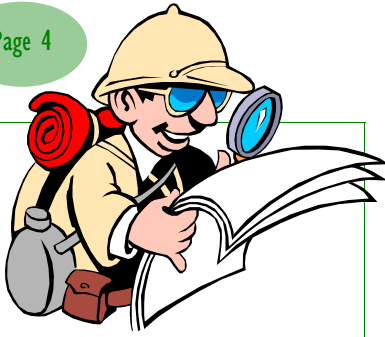
Lots of excitement at the Shootout but no hole in one....
Congratulations to Randy Rinks for closest to pin!
Pictured here and flanked by Friends Shootout
chairmen Kevin Grauer and Jim Merry.



Taste of Pickwick

at the Shootout was a huge success!
A big Friends thank you to all the volunteers and
sponsors...especially Central Bank for sponsoring the
shootout and the area restaurants that served some
delicious food. *We can't wait til next year for it will
be even bigger and better!*

*Enjoying some Pickwick food
are Friends Willow Merry,
Laurel Merry and Asa Baker.*



Coming Soon! Family Naturalist Backpacks

The Friends of Pickwick Landing State Park Education Committee is putting together backpacks that will be available for families and individuals to "check out" from the Inn or the Park office.

The packs will be packed with all sorts of fun, educational items that the young naturalist will need in exploring the park! Each backpack will include: Peterson's Field guides on-butterfly, tree, flower, birds and reptiles- a park checklist of plants and animals, compass, binoculars, magnifier, flashlight, nature journal, bug boxes, fun activities book.

The Friends are excited about this project and believe it will be a great asset to Park programs. If you wish to sponsor a backpack, cost for one backpack is \$200. Send your donation to the Friends, PO Box 15, Pickwick Dam, TN

Your investment dues and contributions are accomplishing great work....

<u>Project</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>PROGRESS</u>
AED Unit for Duty Ranger	1,040.00	100% complete
Business Center at Inn	442.79	100% complete
Bird bath/feeders Business Center	99.12	100% complete
Golf course yardage markers	1,334.83	100% complete
Redesign web site	350.00	100% complete
Friends Donation Box	219.65	100% complete
Seasonal Ranger program	250.00	100% complete
Butterfly garden	2,500.00	100% completed
Games, balls for Inn guests	241.95	100% complete
Audio visual projector / Conf Center	721.98	100% complete
Wine tasting party	0.00	100% complete
Butt cans by swing sets(2)	149.60	100% complete
Santa Claus house	500	100% complete
Butterfly Garden Sign	190	100% complete
Paint Pickwick sign at marina entrance	450.00	100% completed
Easter egg hunt prizes 3 bikes	285.00	100% complete -
Pea gravel for playground	587	100% complete
AEDC for park ranger	1324	100% complete
Seasonal Ranger Program	250	100% complete

Projects in the works!

Your support is needed to continue the work!

- ◆ Golf Course landscaping at Pro Shop
- ◆ Golf Course scoreboard
- ◆ Floral sign at 4 way
- ◆ Infant swings at playground
- ◆ Boating ramp area / picnic tables
- ◆ Back pack program





Plant a Tree

The Odwalla Juice Company is once again donating \$100,000 to plant trees in state parks across the US. You have a vote in where those trees will be planted!

Visit

www.odwalla.com/plantatree
and plant your tree in
Tennessee.

"Each tree planted online equals \$1 our state will receive to plant real trees in Tennessee State Parks," urges Parks and Conservation Deputy Commissioner Brock Hill.

Last year Tennesseans helped raise more than \$2700 for trees at six state parks, including Big Ridge (35 trees), Davy Crockett Birthplace (8 trees), Harrison Bay (3 trees), Henry Horton (24 trees), Norris Dam (14 trees), and T.O. Fuller (10 trees). More than 90 trees, including red maple, dogwood, red bud, birch,

red oak, sourwood, tulip poplar and black walnut are being planted at the six state parks as a result of this effort. Deputy Commissioner Hill also added "Kudos goes to Tennessee State Parks' Friends and volunteers for supporting "free" tree plantings at state parks in 2010."

The Odwalla 2011 Plant a Tree Program contest will end when there are 100,000 votes, so please go on line and place your vote.

As of last week, 1431 trees are to be planted in Tennessee in 2011 and 69,522 across the US in 2011.

ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS AT PICKWICK

The Hardin County Convention & Visitors Bureau is hosting the 2011 4th of July Fireworks Show sponsored by ISR Group. This annual event will be held at Pickwick Landing State Resort Park, Monday, July 4, beginning at 9 p.m.

There is no admission charge and everyone is invited to attend.

High Tech Special Effects will shoot the fireworks from Sandy Beach, which will not be accessible to visitors at any time on July 4.

The fireworks show is visible

anywhere on or around the park. Get there early and find your favorite spot for the family!

WKWX 93.5 will broadcast live beginning around 7:30 p.m. and the fireworks show will be set to music.

Be sure to tune into WKWX 93.5 each weekday morning, June 27 thru July 1, for your chance to win two tickets aboard the Pickwick Belle for their Pickwick Landing Fireworks Extravaganza Cruise on July 4 - sponsored by the Hardin County Convention & Visi-

tors Bureau.

For more information, call 731-

925-8181 or visit www.tourhardincounty.org.



Come enjoy the holiday weekend at Pickwick Landing State Park. For Park info call the park office at 698-3129 or the Pickwick Inn at 689-3135. Enjoy your Park...golfing, swimming, playground, walking trail, boating, picnicking and the State Park Inn restaurant.



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Landing State Park*

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Pickwick...where paradise begins.

We're on the web!

Please support our many projects by renewing your
Friends Membership
and inviting Friends to join!
It is your generous support that makes our Park
a great place to visit!

Recycle this newsletter or better yet pass it on to a 'Friend'

happy fourth of july!

come celebrate at the park...

annual fireworks show is

monday july 4 at 9pm