

Become a Friend Today!



**MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
BECOME A FRIEND TODAY!**

*Friends of Stark Parks is a 501c(3), non-profit organization.
All membership contributions, donations, and sponsorships
are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.*

**The Wildlife Conservation Center
cares for nearly 2,000 patients
each year with support from
Friends of Stark Parks.**



Friends of Stark Parks is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to promoting the development and use of Stark County Park District parks, trails, facilities, educational programs, and events.

Our vision is to be the community leader in the promotion of the responsible use of Stark County's natural resources; in educating our community and enlisting its involvement in conservation education; and in supporting facilities and programs available through Stark Parks.

Our goal is to support Stark Parks as a partner in preserving and protecting the quality of life for all who live and work in Stark County through fundraising, grant seeking, volunteerism, and promotions.

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 Friends of Stark Parks

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Friends of Stark Parks has established an endowment fund through the Stark Community Foundation to help raise the needed funds to continue providing quality community services.

Membership Levels and Sponsorships:

Become a member of Friends of Stark Parks!

Student.....	\$20
Senior.....	\$20
Individual.....	\$25
Family.....	\$35
Corporate.....	\$250

Who We Are

Since 1997, Friends of Stark Parks (FOSP) has fostered Stark Parks' mission of conservation, education, and recreation by raising funds for special purchases and projects not included in the park district's allocated budget. Our volunteer organization is an advocate of environmental stewardship in our community.

Friends of Stark Parks provides all of our members, donors, and sponsors exclusive e-newsletters and opportunities for special events.

Accomplishments

Friends of Stark Parks takes great pride in our community partnerships and healthy lifestyle programming. We've partnered with **Live Well Stark County**, a health-initiated organization, to coordinate programs to decrease childhood obesity, provide community gardens in food deserts, and promote exercise and recreation. FOSP, has also joined with Stark Parks to create the award-winning program **Hike-A-Hundred**, challenging people to walk 100 miles in their Stark Parks. The success of this program lead to two additional programs, Running Stark and Let's Ride Stark - all three now under the umbrella **Healthy Adventures**, providing the opportunity to walk, run, or bike in Stark Parks.

FOSP supports many park asset programs, including providing benches and trees throughout Stark Parks, as well as a **Celebration Garden at Molly Stark Park** located in Louisville. Friends notably supports the needs of **Stark Parks' Wildlife Conservation Center** and ambassador animals. The center is one of only a few wildlife rehabilitation centers in this area.

New Members will Receive

- a FOSP exclusive hickory hiking stick;*
- a complimentary one-hour canoe, kayak, or row boat rental;
- 10% discounts at the Magnolia Flouring Mills and the Lily Pad Gift Shop;*
- a listing in one issue of the Stark Parks seasonal newsletter; and
- exclusive e-news with event information with special event discounts throughout the year.

Renewing Members will Receive

- the current year hiking stick fob;
- 10% discounts at the Magnolia Flouring Mills and the Lily Pad Gift Shop;*
- a listing in one issue of the Stark Parks newsletter;
- exclusive e-news with event information with special event discounts throughout the year; and
- 5, 10, and 15 year members will be rewarded with special edition shields to add to their collection.

Corporate Members will Receive

- a listing in one issue of the Stark Parks newsletter;
- a free weekday shelter rental (M-TH); and
- two tickets to one FOSP fundraiser.

Sponsorships and Major Gifts are gratefully accepted and include a variety of incentives for businesses, organizations, and individuals. We welcome the opportunity to discuss how your generous donation will benefit the mission of Stark Parks, while also assuring you will be properly recognized. Please call us at 330.477.3552 to set up a meeting.

*Additional hiking sticks can be purchased for \$15 each. **Some restrictions may apply.



I am committed to helping the Friends of Stark Parks!

Name or Company Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

New Member Renewing Member

Membership Levels:

\$20 Senior \$20 Student \$25 Individual
 \$35 Family \$250 Corporate

I would like to make a tax deductible contribution of \$ _____

- Please send me information on Healthy Adventures.
- Please send me information on fundraising events.
- Please send me information on sponsorship opportunities.
- Please send me information about volunteering.
- Please send me information about becoming a FOSP Board Member

I'd like to send a gift membership to

(Name)

(Address)

Make check payable to Friends of Stark Parks
5300 Tyner St. NW, Canton, OH 44708

Online registration and payment at
StarkParks.com/Friends