



Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024

Race Start: 10 AM • Check-in: 8:45 to 9:30 AM
The Quarry Farm, 14321 Rd 7L, Pandora, OH

The Quarry Farm 5K 2024 run/walk is an easy rural course that takes participants past a historic bridge, two scenic creeks to a rest halfway and back to the finish line at Red Fox Cabin.

Registration is \$25.00 and may be submitted with this form by mail to "The Quarry Farm 5K, 14321 Road 7L, Pandora, OH 45877" or on the day of the race.

All 5K proceeds further the goal and mission of The Quarry Farm Nature Preserve & Conservation Farm to provide the opportunity for people of all ages to increase their understanding of the natural environment of Northwest Ohio and to interact with their fellow inhabitants in a sustainable manner.

REGISTRATION FORM

First and Last Name _____

Email address _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Emergency Contact Name _____

Emergency Contact Phone _____

Entry form and payment must be received before the race start at The Quarry Farm, 14321 Rd 7L, Pandora, OH 45877. Please present ID to receive participation packet on at The Quarry Farm on October 12, 2024.

T-Shirt Size (free to participant; circle one)

Adult Small Adult Medium Adult Large Adult XL

T-Shirt Style (Registration must be received by Sept. 14 receive the 2024 5K T-shirt; white logo shirt available after Sept. 14)

Additional White T-Shirts (\$10 each; indicate quantity)

Adult Small ___ Adult Medium ___ Adult Large ___ Adult XL ___

Event Waiver and Release of Liability

I know that running/walking or rolling (wheelchair) in a road race is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and run/walk unless I am medically able and properly trained. I assume all risks associated with running/walking this event including, but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, including high heat and/or humidity, extreme cold, the conditions of the road and traffic on the course, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts, and in consideration of your accepting my entry to participate in The Quarry Farm 5K Run Walk, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release The Quarry Farm Nature Preserve & Conservation Farm and all sponsors, their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in this waiver. I hereby give my permission to the event organizers and sponsors to use my name and/or picture in any publication, broadcast, telecast or other account of this event without limitation or obligation of further compensation thereof. I certify that I have read this waiver and release and fully understand its significance.

Date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

Print Name _____

Signature _____

The following is required if entrant is under 18 years of age, incapacitated, or mentally challenged:
I assert that I am the parent/legal guardian or otherwise authorized to execute a legally binding agreement on behalf of the registrant.

Guardian's Signature _____

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Summer 2024 Programs & Events

Dress for the weather, including good walking shoes, and meet in Seitz Family Pavilion, 1/8 mile north of 14321 Road 7L, Pandora. There is no fee to participate unless noted otherwise. Tax-deductible donations are welcome.

Leaf-making Workshop

Saturday, July 13, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Join us to create one-of-a-kind leaf-molded birdbaths, bowls and stepping stones from concrete and stone, using large leaves like those from burdock plants. Preregister by Tuesday, July 11. **There is a material fee of \$15 per person for this event. Preregistration is required by Tuesday, July 9 by emailing thequarryfarm@gmail.com.**

Kidfest at Ottawa Memorial Park

Saturday, August 10, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Quarry Farm will be part of the event with our first puppet show, featuring animals and plants that you might see the like of in the nature preserve. Bring a chair, a blanket and listen to a nature tale.

Harvest Moon Hike

Tuesday, September 17, 7:30 p.m.

The Full Moon closest to the September equinox is called the Harvest Moon. It is unique because the Moon rises close to the same time several days in a row. If the moon is behind the clouds, we will still enjoy a lantern hike through the woods. Wear good hiking shoes and bring insect repellent.

The Quarry Farm 5K

Saturday, October 12, 10 a.m. (check-in opens 8:45 a.m.)

Walkers and runners will start at the Seitz Family Pavilion. Check-in is from 8:45 to 9:30 a.m. Please present ID to receive participation packet. The 5K run/walk will start at 10 a.m. (line-up at 9:55 a.m.) The race will be held rain or shine (unless there is lightning) so please dress appropriately and wear layers if necessary. Registration is \$25.00. Complete the registration form on this newsletter and mail with entry fee to The Quarry Farm, 14321 Road 7L, Pandora, OH 45877. **Entry forms are also available at www.thequarryfarm.org under Upcoming Events.** NOTE: Your registration must be received by September 14, 2024, in order to receive the 2024 5K T-shirt.

Follow us on Facebook to find out about pop-up events like night-time Star Walks.



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Mission Statement

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Deb Weston didn't have to rush to capture several stills of Green Heron as it fished for dragonfly nymphs in the quarry wetland this Spring.

The Quarry Farm Newsletter is a quarterly publication for supporters of The Quarry Farm Nature Preserve & Conservation Farm, a nonprofit organization in Pandora, Ohio.

On the cover: People of all ages attended the 2024 Spring Bird Migration Hike.

All photographs printed in this newsletter were taken on The Quarry Farm Nature Preserve & Conservation Farm.

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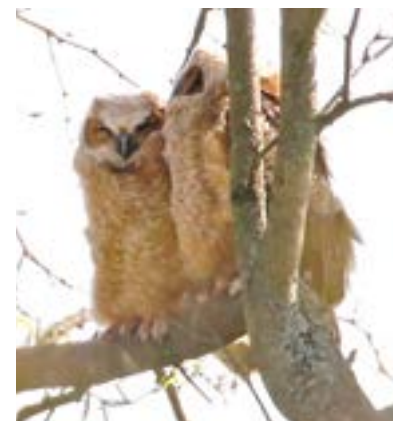
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Under One Big Sky

The total solar eclipse of 2024 brought people from across the United States to the gardens, creek bank and pasture of The Quarry Farm on April 8. People from Ohio, New Hampshire, Michigan, Indiana, North and South Carolina, and Virginia chose to view the phenomenon

from the comfort of camp chairs, alongside the farm animal sanctuary residents, or hiking in the nature preserve. One gentleman arrived after totality. He had driven here from Eugene, Oregon but heavy traffic held him at a Maumee River crossing. He pulled over to watch then drove south to Road 7L where he walked the trails and sampled eclipse baked goods in the summer kitchen bakery. Board member Martha Erchenbrecher observed the behavior of Bruce the Turkey and K the Canada Goose during the eclipse. Her observations were shared with the Solar Eclipse Safari Team of North Carolina State University and Arizona State University. We all noticed that both wild and domestic animals fell silent during totality. A turtle that was perched on a log in the quarry wetland dove under water. The farm animals started to go to the barns. The April 27 "Homegrown Habitat" event at the University of Findlay featured Douglas Tallamy, a professor at the University of Delaware Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology. Tallamy is an advocate for home gardens and landscaping that bridge the gaps between parks and preserves in providing habitats for native species. We were thrilled to have a Quarry Farm booth directly across from his book signing table and to witness the excitement that his presentation brought to the packed Winebrenner Center.

Pandora-Gilboa and Glandorf Elementary students, their teachers and local conservation professionals participated in an annual farm wetland tour on May 7. Activities included biological and chemical water testing. Glandorf Elementary science teacher Chris Brown set Hester-Dendy colonization plates



Fledgling Great Horned Owls watched hiking birders this Spring. (Photo by Deb Weston)



Glandorf Elementary students (above) visited to film educational videos about the total eclipse. On April 8, Martha (below right) monitors the progression of the eclipse.



in Cranberry run two weeks before the event so that his students could study aquatic macroinvertebrates prior to their visit.

Thirty-four of the 110 avian species recorded here this year were observed during the May 8 Spring Bird Migration Hike. David Smith and Deb Weston led a group on a walking tour of the floodplain and upland forest to see and hear vireos, woodpeckers, warblers, both Scarlet and Summer tanagers and more. One week later on May 12, Deb Weston recorded 58 species, including the fly-over of a Double-breasted Cormorant.

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Resident Spotlight: Unicorn

Unicorn is one of four fainting goats that live in the farm animal sanctuary. He must have been de-budded—had his horns removed—as a kid but one horn wasn't chastened. Ideally, the entire goat herd grazes on grasses and leaves in the paddocks and pasture. Unicorn does not accept these boundaries. He finds even the shallowest gap between wire and earth to squeeze his way into the driveway where he prunes pumpkins vines, mints, and shrubs. When he thinks that he has been caught out in his escapades, he startles but no longer falls down. Instead, his back legs lock and he hops with his forelegs until the posterior muscles loosen and he can trot away.

Myotonic goats have a hereditary condition that may cause them to fall over when excited or startled. They are commonly called fainting goats. Most all myotonic goats seem to have originated in Tennessee in the 1880s, although there are reports of goats with this condition in other parts of the world.

The behavior of fainting goats has been studied to further understanding of *Myotonia congenita* in humans, the congenital neuromuscular channelopathy that affects skeletal muscles (muscles used for movement). But the main reason for continuing to breed these goats is that they can be kept in minimally-fenced farms due to their lack of desire to jump over anything over 20 inches in height. Other than shouting, "Surprise!" behind an unsuspecting fainting goat, there is little to stop one from climbing under a fence that is not affixed to the ground.



Pongo and Unicorn (right) greet each other as Bruce the Turkey struts behind them.

Under One Big Sky continued

In 2023, the Putnam County Educational Service Center invited us to hold a half-day of outdoor activities for children in Grades 5 through 8. We all had such a great time that the June 5, 2024, ESC Summer Camp was a full day of hiking, art-in-nature, tree-meeting, and stream exploration.

The rest of June was just plain hot. Much of the Midwest suffered under a heat dome. The Full Flower Moon Hike and the Summer Sketch were cancelled as we filled water pans and hosed down the farm animals. Nemo the Pig listened for the sound of the hose. She lifted herself up from wherever she slept to stand in the spray, turning from one side to the other. She then presented her cropped tail, then her nose and floppy ears until all of her was thoroughly soaked before returning to a shady spot.



The Putnam County ESC Summer Camp ended with a creek walk.

Thank you...

...to Melissa Basinger and the Putnam County Educational Service Center for a day of summer camp

...to Bonnie Brooks for conducting P-G and Glandorf Elementary Wetland Day and Jr. Naturalist programs here

...to Chris Brown and his students at Glandorf Elementary School for preparing Total Eclipse videos and recipes for social media leading up to April 8

...to Jacob Hermiller for excavating the Grassland Loop for pedestrians

...to Ethan Kellaway for preparing recommendations and plans for the Grassland Prairie as part of his Master's program of study

...to David Seitz for honeysuckle and vine removal and hydrological engineering

...to Rita Seitz for leading the art workshops during the Putnam County ESC Summer Camp

...to Deb Weston for leading visiting birders on the trails

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