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Subject: See you at Buckeye TrailFest Soon! Details before you go...

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for joining us for Buckeye TrailFest 2023 in Shawnee State Park, August 17-20!

We are looking forward to everyone enjoying a weekend celebrating Ohio's Buckeye Trail thanks to the Appalachian Foothills Chapter of the Buckeye Trail Association.

I apologize that some of you did not receive a registration confirmation email due to some unknown glitch in our database system. Here are a few things to know as you prepare to arrive at Buckeye TrailFest 2023.

On-site Check-in:

Please come to the right side wing of Shawnee Lodge where most Buckeye TrailFest activities are based. **Registration opens at 4pm on Thursday August 17** and then will be on a posted schedule. BTA volunteers will be setting up prior to that time so please be patient with us. You will see Buckeye Trail signage to direct you. The TrailFest registration table will be one of the first things you see inside and BTA volunteers Steve and Debbie Wilkinson are looking forward to meeting you and getting you oriented!

Camping

If you purchased camping for TrailFest please check in at the TrailFest registration table at the Lodge first to receive your campsite assignment. Once you are checked in for TrailFest BTA volunteer camp hosts Joe Carter and Petra Schmalbrock will be waiting for you down at Turkey Creek Campground to help orient you.

Lodge Rooms and Cabins:

If you reserved a Lodge Room or Cabin it is through Shawnee Lodge and you will be directed to their front desk just down the hall.

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If you purchased meals you will have individual meal tickets in your name badge at registration. Please see the attached menu. If you did not purchase meals Shawnee Lodge has a full service restaurant and bar. You may bring your own food, but you may not bring it into the Lodge.

Program Schedule:

Please see the attached amazing program schedule to start planning your difficult choices.

Hike and Outing Signup:

Near the registration table there will be sign up sheets for each individual hike and outing. There are capacities for each hike/outing and it will be first come first serve. Most off site hikes and outings will meeting at designated points in the Lodge parking lot and carpool to the starting point. Hikes and outings are guided by local experts so be sure to ask lots of questions.

Please remember your best footwear for hiking, bug spray, plenty of water, and be prepared for the day's weather. Please pay special attention to the heat.

Presenters and Partners:

Please Do bring your table top displays and hand out materials, we will accommodate you the best we can in the foyer area near the registration table.

Campfire:

There will be a campfire each evening behind the lodge and the tiki bar will be open. Chairs will be available, but please feel free to bring your own camp chair. Please bring your musical instruments to share a song.

The Appalachian Foothills Chapter will be selling pint glasses at the tiki bar as a fundraiser for great local projects to benefit the BT. Let's send them home with an empty box!

Partners, Sponsors, and Buckeye Trail Volunteers!

We couldn't do it without you! Thank you for all of your support for this great weekend to gather Buckeye Trail members, hikers, and volunteers to celebrate and learn about Ohio's Buckeye Trail!

Thank you! Buckeye TrailFest Partners, Sponsors, and Volunteers!











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Please remember to take pictures of your hikes at TrailFest and share them on social media and the Buckeye Trail Facebook page with the rest of the BT Community. https://www.facebook.com/buckeyetrail/

Questions:

Contact us at <u>TrailFest@buckeyetrail.org</u>

Be sure to check out: <u>BuckeyeTrail.org</u> for more Buckeye TrailFest event details.

Thank you for being a part of Ohio's Buckeye Trail!

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