



Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022

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

The Quarry Farm 5K 2022 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.

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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 1, 2022.

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. 2, to receive the 2022 5K T-shirt; white logo shirt available after Sept. 2.)

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

Summer 2022 Programs & Events

Dress for the weather for outdoor programs, including good walking shoes, and meet in Seitz Family Pavilion, 1/8 mile north of 14321 Road 7L, Pandora. Tax-deductible donations are welcome.

Bluffton Public Library: Underwater Life in Our Watershed Tuesday, July 12, 6 p.m.

Did you know that the insects, mollusks and crustaceans—aquatic macroinvertebrates—that live in our streams and rivers are like the canaries that miners used to keep down in the coal mines? Their presence (or absence) can help us determine the health of our waterways. Meet some of these 'water canaries' when you join representatives from The Quarry Farm at the Bluffton Public Library. This program is for Adults and Teens as well as children with a parent or guardian present. **Registration is required by July 8 at The Bluffton Public Library at 419-358-5016.**

You Say You'd Like to Volunteer Here?

Saturday, July 30, 1 to 2 p.m.

Meet in Seitz Family Pavilion, 1/8 mile north of 14321 Road 7L, Pandora

It takes a lot of willing hands and hearts to keep the trails and gardens in shape, to remove invasive honeysuckle from the nature preserve, to mend fences and repair buildings in the farm animal sanctuary, and to meet and greet visitors during special events. Spend some time with us to see if you would like to be part of the dedicated volunteer team.

8th Annual Quarry Farm Jam

Saturday, September 10, 6 to 9 p.m.

Seitz Family Pavilion, 1/8 mile north of 14321 Road 7L, Pandora

Whether you play an instrument like a virtuoso, just like to pretend or sing along or listen, spend a sweet late summer evening with music under the big red roof alongside calls from the nature preserve. Bring your own chair. Refreshments will be available, including homemade cookies.

The Quarry Farm 2022 5K

Saturday, October 1, 10 a.m. (check-in opens 8:45 a.m.)

Meet outside the Seitz Family Pavilion, 1/8 mile north of 14321 Road 7L, Pandora

Walkers and runners will start at the Seitz Family Pavilion. Check-in is from 8:45 to 9:30 a.m. in the Seitz Family Pavilion, 1/8 mile north of 14321 Road 7L, Pandora. Please present ID to receive participation packet. The 5K run/walk will start at 10 a.m. (line-up at 9:50 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. **NOTE: Your registration must be received by September 2, 2022, in order to receive the 2022 5K T-shirt.**

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





Mission Statement

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The Wood Thrush learns the flute-like phrase "ee-oh-lay" from other wood thrushes and creates variations. A male can easily sing over 50 distinct songs. (Photo by Deb Weston)

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: Visitors to Spring Family Day 2022 were hands-on with aquatic macroinvertebrates. Learn more about underwater life on July 12 at the Bluffton Public Library. (Photo by Rita Seitz)

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Ottawa area Cub Scouts grabbed bush honeysuckle hiking sticks and put them to work on a wetland hike.

participating in a new moon and star viewing night hike. In order to earn their Silver Award, the Leipsic and Ottawa troop members collected, sorted and cleaned over 200

pounds of plastic caps over the last year. The caps were taken to Green Tree Plastics in Evansville, Indiana, where they were turned into a heavy plastic "wood" bench. Each girl worked over 20 hours to collect, sort, clean, weigh and bag all of the caps for this project. All their hard work paid off and, with the help of family and friends, they placed the bench on the ridge above Cranberry Run on April 23. We enjoyed several other Girl Scout tours and badge workshops this season.



Evie Parkins, Heidi Turner and Makenna Haughn took the first seat on the Rainbow Bench that they donated to The Quarry Farm



Trinity Preschool painted cool, colorful shirts.

graders from Ottawa Elementary made their own hiking sticks, took them for a ramble and visited with the animals, too. Between the May visitors, the goats, pigs, donkeys and turkeys had much to munch on.

Under One Big Sky

As a heatwave blankets the Midwest, it's refreshing to look back at cool spring things that happened here on The Quarry Farm. Cub Scouts from Ottawaland went for a hike around the quarry wetland on April 14. These sweet guys saw and heard toads and frogs, the first wildflowers, and brought peanuts and carrots for the farm animal sanctuary residents. There were carrots everywhere! The goats were especially happy.

Members of Girl Scout Cadettes Troop #20024 chose to donate a bench to The Quarry Farm after visiting and

A week after the bench was delivered, over 30 young persons and parents spent Arbor Day morning outside the Seitz Family Pavilion, collecting Spring leaves and creating lasting leaf T-shirts together before visiting with the animals.

Birder Deb Weston logged 56 avian species on the morning of May 9 to get an idea of what we might see during the May 14 Spring Migration Bird Hike. Only a Magnolia Warbler and Red-headed Woodpecker cooperated for her camera that day, but she ventured back out on May 13 and noted Wood Thrush music everywhere. That bird didn't disappoint the following day, chiming away near Nature's Classroom. Two Hairy Woodpeckers took great offense to our presence in the upland maple forest.

We enjoyed a lovely mid-May morning visit with RMS of Ottawa. The farm animal sanctuary residents respond to quiet kindness and the visitors offered that. Nemo even woke up to say 'hi'. And just before the school year ended, third-

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Resident Spotlight: Nemo

Nemo the Pig has been featured in this space before. She came to us in 2015 as a tiny shoat. She was scraped, bruised and broken from a fall onto I-270 from a transport truck in Columbus. A kind, determined person rescued her, nursed the piglet's wounds and brought her to us. For a couple of weeks, we socialized little Nemo by carrying her around to programs in a baby sling. She housebroke easily, although she outgrew the house and was unable to turn around in hallways. At six months of age, the age that young pigs are typically "finished" and loaded into a crowded transport to be "processed," Nemo was spayed at Ohio State University. For the first few years of her life, she was one of the first farm animal sanctuary residents to greet visitors. "I've never seen a pig that big," everyone still says when they see her for the first time. There's a reason that they haven't.

Nemo excavated a mud wallow that is so deep and wide that the geese and ducks swim in it when rainwater fills it to the brim. She made friends with Carlton the Pot-bellied Pig, a buddy system that continues to this day. They allow the other pot-bellied pigs, the geese, ducks and the occasional chicken to use their mud wallow.

Seven years on, visitors don't often see Nemo, especially when the sun is high and the air is hot. Children love to see her, but she doesn't often run to greet them, even when we mention the word "apple." I did coax her out to see third-grade students from Ottawa Elementary in May. She walked out of her favorite building, stared across the pasture at the kids waving at the fence, then turned and walked away to her muddy spa. "Not today," she seemed to say. I explained to the students that, while they could shed their coats and put on sun screen, Nemo can only protect her fair skin and floppy ears with sparse, fair pig bristles, cool mud and shade.

For those lucky enough to visit on a cool day, Nemo allows a soft jowl rub. She sighs the deep, rumbling sigh that one would expect to emanate from a body such as hers, closes her blonde lashes and rolls over for a belly pat.

(Under One Big Sky continued)

Mark Macke and members of Ignite from St. John's Mennonite Church were weeding warriors on June 8 in the Red Fox Cabin gardens. They pulled the overabundance of garlic from border rows and even took a few bulbs home.



Spring Family Day was very warm, but a good breeze, lemonade,

ice water and snickerdoodles cooled the 30+ people who stopped in to check out the wetlands, gardens and the turkeys who ventured under the shade of the pines. New volunteer Sarah Smith didn't let the heat keep her away that day. We thank her for showcasing some of the work that happens on a daily basis here on these 50 acres.

Youth members of Ignite from St. John's Mennonite Church cleared out the overabundance of garlic in the gardens.



Visitors from RMS of Ottawa brought carrots, making Molly and Missy quite happy.

Thank you...

...to Martha Erchenbrecher, Paula Harper, Rita Seitz and Deb Weston for volunteering their time at Spring Family Day

...to Martha Erchenbrecher for donating jam as a fundraiser and for weeding

...to Girl Scout Cadettes Troop #20024 for collecting bottle caps, having them made into a bench and donating that bench to the Red Fox Cabin gardens

...to Putnam County Master Gardeners for upkeep in their Pollinator Garden

...to the St. John's Mennonite Church Ignite youth program for working in the gardens

...to David Seitz for honeysuckle removal, trail clearing and hydrological engineering

...to David Smith for his birding expertise during the Spring Migration Bird Hike

...to Sarah Smith for weeding in the gardens

...to Deb Weston for her birding expertise during the Spring Migration Bird Hike and for advising on the Grassland Project



Putnam County Master Gardener Tim Macke works along the path in the Pollinator Patch.

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