

# Friends of South Mountains State Park



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**NEW THIS YEAR**

*JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AT  
THE ANNUAL MEETING OR NATURE DAY  
AND RECEIVE A TICKET FOR A FREE BBQ  
LUNCH AT NATURE DAY!!!!\**

## ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Please be reminded that the Friends Annual Meeting will be held at **9:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 28, 2019** at South Mountains State Park in the Visitor's Center. Please make plans to attend. Items on the agenda include an annual update from the Board, Election of Board Members, special recognitions, and other business as may be presented. Current Board Members whose terms are expiring are Jimmy Summerlin and Dan Jones. Dan has decided to rotate off the Board and the Board has nominated Erma Deen Hoyle (former Director of Lincoln County Parks & Recreation Department) for election to Dan's seat being vacated. Jimmy Summerlin has agreed to serve another term on the Board and has been nominated by the Board for re-election. Nominations will also be taken from the floor.

## 17<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NATURE DAY

**Saturday, September 28, 2019, 11:00 a.m.** Join us for the 17th Annual Nature Day at South Mountains State Park! It's also a great way to celebrate National Public Lands Day. A variety of programs, exhibits, hikes and music are scheduled for your enjoyment. This is a wonderful event for the whole family. Learn. Explore. Have fun! Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Contact the park office for more information at 828-433-4772.

## FROM THE BOARD

It is very difficult to believe that another year has passed. Over the past year, Friends has been actively involved in various projects at the Park, including various volunteer days, fundraising, and other projects. We have also seen several changes at the Park, including the opening of the new "Lake View Trail" on the Clear Creek side of the Park. The ability to open this new trail, maintain others, and construct future trails was greatly enhanced by generous contributions from Michael & Ruth Ann Everett of Hickory, a grant from the Southeast Endurance Riders Association (SERA), special pricing from Carolina Equipment in Asheville, and member contributions to purchase a Yanmar Mini Excavator in October 2018. In addition, thanks to donations from Greyson Peeler's Eagle Scout project, Friends has been able to assist the Park in the purchase and renovation of four Old Town Discovery canoes for future use (one the renovations are complete) in programs at the Clear Creek lake. Finally, thanks to land acquisition in coordination with Foothill Conservancy, the Park has now grown to over 21,000 acres.



We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting and Nature Day.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Summerlin, President  
Walt Gravley, Vice President  
Steve Gurley, Secretary  
Lenore Wortman, Treasurer

Janice Branstrom  
Tom Kenney  
Dan Jones

\*Limit of one ticket for Student/Senior and Individual Memberships, two tickets for Joint Membership and higher.