



Winter Camp Park *A Community Gathering Place*

February 2026 Winter Update



Winter Camp Park is being built and maintained solely with contributions of funding, time and talents of neighbors within The Woods community as well as from our generous Corporate Sponsors.

The park is open to all Homeowners, Residents, and their Guests.
NO MEMBERSHIPS, NO FEES!

Our goal is to continue to create and maintain it solely with volunteer funding.
It is privately owned by some homeowners and is NOT associated with
WHOA, PVP, or The Woods Club.
Donations are greatly appreciated!

Thank You!

"We'd like to start the year by thanking our Winter Camp Park Friends and Corporate Friends. We want to recognize

you first and foremost because your support makes our park possible!"



Corporate Friends of the Park New Levels for 2026!

We are extremely grateful to our Corporate Friends, both past and present! These companies' generous donations continue to go a long way to support our park's operations. Through their sponsorship, they show our community just how much they care about all of us!

We are excited to announce an enhancement to the Corporate Friends program – starting this year, we have a two-tiered program with **Premier Corporate Friends** contributing \$250 or more and **Corporate Friends** contributing \$125-\$249. You can learn more about the benefits of becoming a **Corporate Friend** on our website by clicking on the [Contribute](#) page.

Here are the two requests we have for you, our readers and fellow community members:

- Are you looking for a service that is provided by one of our **Corporate Friends**? How about checking them out. And let them know you heard about them through their support of the **Winter Camp Park Corporate Friends** program!
- Are there any businesses that you know of or do business with that may be interested in getting their names to other potential customers in our community? For only \$125, they can become a **Corporate Friend** and for only \$250 a **Premier Corporate Friend**. You can either point them in our direction...or even better, send us an [email \(click here\)](#) with the company name and contact information, and we'll take it from there.

So far in 2026, the following companies have joined or re-joined the program – we have also included links to their websites, Facebook or email addresses by clicking on their business cards.

Thank you for your generous support!

2026 Premier Corporate Friends





Friends of Winter Camp Park Get your 2026 Winter Camp Park decal now!

A BIG **Thank You** to all of our 2025 **Friends of Winter Camp Park!** Your financial support was vital to running the park safely and efficiently. We greatly appreciate **any and all contributions** in any amount – your generous contributions, whether by check, PayPal, credit/debit card, or cash given during park events, help keep **your** park open.

We would be remiss if we didn't also highlight the **untold VOLUNTEER HOURS** that you also contributed at last year's Park Clean-Up, which enabled the park to open on time for the enjoyment of the community. Thank you for your dedication! And we know we can count on you again this year – **March 28th (Saturday) at 9am.**

And now for 2026 – if you want the new **2026 Friend Decal** to proudly display on your vehicle and to have your name included on **Our Treasured Supporters** page, we kindly ask for a contribution of **\$100 or more.**

For more information on becoming a **Friend**, check out our [**Contribute**](#) page. You can also use the following QR Code to contribute via PayPal, Credit or Debit cards!

Thank you in advance for your continued support of the park!



Fall Cleanup

After the end-of-season newsletter on November 1st, and as everyone was getting prepared for the upcoming holiday season, we needed to perform some needed cleanup of the park.

We removed 9 trees that were dead and leaning toward our structures and did some cleanup between pavilion #1 and the restroom. After receiving multiple quotes, the work was performed by 2 of our Premier Corporate Friends (C&C Lawn Care and Pioneer Landscaping). Thank You!!!

And with all the wind that we are having, no trees have fallen since. YES!



55 Foot Boom



Cleaning Up The Mess

2026 Park Cleanup - Volunteers Needed

Mark your calendar for our annual cleanup day on **March 28th (Saturday) at 9am** (weather permitting) to get the park ready for the 2026 season. We will need folks with backpack blowers and heavy-duty hand blowers. Even if you do not have a blower, we need folks to walk the main areas and remove any down branches and limbs.

We will need to reset picnic tables and chairs, turn on utilities, clean the interior of the restroom, cleanup the flower beds, spread some mulch and install the sails on the event stage. If you are helping with the sails, bring your 6-to-8-foot stepladders.

If you can volunteer, please email us [here](#), so we can have an idea of who is coming!

Opening Date for the Weekly Socials

This past year we decided to move the weekly socials to Friday with the thought of making it convenient for weekenders and moving to a later start time. The beginning was good, but the attendance diminished significantly!

So, we are going to try something different for **2026**. The park will reopen with our **NEW** weekly social night (**Thursday**) on April 2nd, from 6-8pm.

This weekly event brings friends and their guests to meet other Woods neighbors. This is a wonderful way to meet neighbors you might not meet otherwise. Folks normally bring their own drinks and often food to share. You can bring hot (we have electric) or cold appetizers or main dishes, salads, desserts, soups, chili, chips, etc. to share, or just come and socialize. All paper products and utensils are provided. This is a no host social which started in 2017. Originally everyone brought appetizers to share, but it has evolved to a true potluck. This was because no one wanted to go home and cook after the social. Now, no one goes home hungry!

Even though this is a very casual event, it does need help to get it set up and cleaned each week. Thanks go to Dawn McClure (Social Chairperson) for organizing this. The volunteers only need to arrive a little early, wipe the tables and chairs, and place the paper products on the buffet tables, then put everything away at the end. Setting up takes about 15 minutes and tearing down is quicker, because everyone helps.

We would like to acknowledge two special individuals in particular, **Cheryl Foster and Karen Fields**. During the 2025 social season, both Cheryl and Karen stepped up numerous times to kick off the social evening by getting things ready before everyone arrived. Thank You Cheryl and Karen!

If you are interested in volunteering, click [here](#) to send us an email and we will get back to you. If volunteers do not step up, a decision will be made whether or not to continue this weekly event!

2026 Community Events at the Park Scheduled to Date

- Park Cleanup – Saturday, March 28 @ 9am
- WCP Social – Every Thursday starting April 2 until October 15 (6-8pm)
- WHOA Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 4 @ 1pm
- WHOA Community Celebration – Saturday, June 13, 1-5pm (after the WHOA Annual Homeowners Meeting)
- Special 4th of July Social - Friday, July 3, 4-8pm
- WHOA Ice Cream Social - Saturday, August 15, 6-8pm
- WCP Labor Day Festival – Saturday, September 5, Time (TBD)
- WHOA Fall Festival and Chili Cook Off– Sunday, October 4, 1-5pm
- WHOA Trunk or Treat – Sunday, October 25, 4-6pm

Park & Pavilion Activities and Financial Needs

Did you know that the park and the pavilions are available to be reserved by Woods' homeowners and residents for personal use? The pavilions have been reserved for birthday parties, farewell parties, band practices, committee meetings and discussion groups, family reunions, weddings, golf group gatherings and more many, many times during the last decade.

If you need to reserve the pavilion(s), please go to our [**Reserve Facilities Form**](#). Before filling out the form, please check the [**Calendar**](#) first to ensure it is available on the day and time you want it. Please read the Facilities form carefully.

As we have shared over the years, we do not charge user fees for park reservations. Our intent has always been to request contributions from the community to operate and increase the park's capability. **When you reserve any of our facilities, we politely ask that you consider a contribution to the park.**

Winter Camp Park is a valuable resource for the whole Woods community – for those that actively use it, as well as everyone that benefits from the increased property value it brings to our homes and property. Besides those that use it for hiking, having picnics, walking dogs, attending weekly socials, participating in community events and using it for family and club events, many real estate brokers highlight the park when selling homes. We have heard from many new homeowners that it is one of the main reasons that they bought in The Woods. As you know, the park is operated solely on contributions from the community and companies that support the community, as well as thousands of hours of volunteer time of the WCP partners and neighbors. No one receives a salary nor makes any money on the park. All contributions are put into the park to pay the operating expenses and make enhancements.

When we decided to start this endeavor, our intent was to fund the initial purchase and cleanup of the area and to request contributions from the community to operate and increase the park's capability.

Our estimated expenses for **2026** will be around **\$15,470**.

What are the funds used for?

Description	Estimated Expenses
Utilities (Electric/Water/Sewer)	\$1,020
Accountant/Tax Services	\$2,800
IT Support	\$1,190
Lawn Care	\$1,300
Operating Supplies	\$840
Real Estate Taxes	\$1,720
Property Insurance	\$1,600

Tree Removal/Park Maintenance

\$5,000

**Independence Day Celebration (250 Years)
at
Winter Camp Park
SAVE THE DATE**



A graphic of Uncle Sam pointing directly at the viewer, surrounded by a red, white, and blue striped background with stars, a classic recruitment poster for the U.S. military.

We Want You

Join us at Winter Camp Park
Friday July 3rd 4pm - 8pm

Dancing **LANA SPENCE BAND** *Singing*
ON STAGE 5PM - 7PM

Horseshoes **Please bring a dish to share-not required to attend**
Electric provided for hot dishes
Bring your own beverage *Cornhole*

Show off your patriotic flare and be ready to have fun!

Facebook Page - NEW



JOIN US ON OUR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE!

“Winter Camp Park”
(A Private Group)

We look forward to sharing all
things Winter Camp Park with you!

Please “excuse the dust” as we build the page.

Visit our Facebook Page

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