Winter Camp Park

A Community Gathering Place

Spring 2024

Established 2015

Winter Camp Park is being built and maintained solely with contributions of funding, time and talents of neighbors within The Woods community. 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!

Wednesday Social Hour

Wednesday Socials started April 3rd, with the first 3 weeks having 11, 13 and 24 attendees, respectively, with several newbies and great food. Looking forward to seeing more as the weather continues to improve.

This weekly social is for The Woods community and their guests. This is a wonderful way to meet neighbors you might not meet otherwise. This event occurs every Wednesday, rain or shine, under the large pavilion. It starts at

5PM and lasts about 2 hours although everyone starts eating at 5. 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 by the park. Additionally, horseshoes and badminton are available to play.

This is a **no host** social which was started in 2017 by one of our neighbors. 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, we do need help to set up and clean each week. We need one or two individuals to organize volunteers for this weekly task. 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. With 20 to 50 people attending the socials, there are many who are willing to take a turn. If you are interested in becoming our Social Hour Chairperson and want to learn more, or want to help with the weekly chores, email us at **WCP**.

Park Cleanup

WOW! The weather turned out to be just a perfect day for our annual cleanup on March 28th. A special THANK YOU to all of the 29 volunteers who came out to help! This was the biggest turnout yet, starting at 9am and ending at 3pm, with the park providing coffee, water and donuts to keep their energy up. These volunteers came with cleaning items, rakes, blowers, gloves, water boots, tractors and the sense of having fun and meeting our hardworking neighbors. We would also like to thank those who could not make it but provided backpack blowers, coffee pots, and trucks for this event - they were definitely used!

As a result of their efforts:

- Restrooms were cleaned and water is on.
- Leaves were cleared from everywhere we sit, walk and park.
- Downed trees were cut, and branches and logs moved to a central area.
- All culverts were blown/cleaned and a tree that had fallen across the creek, creating a water flow problem was cleared,
- Picnic tables, chairs and other tables were setup and cleaned and restage under both pavilions and throughout the park.
- New badminton net installed.
- Sails installed on the event stage.

- Horseshoes are available year around and the shoes located in a bucket next to the pits.
- And other tasks.

Today, 20 April, we needed to have another cleanup day; not as big as the previous one, but nevertheless, needed!

- Another tree fell into the creek which during our heavy rains, was blocking the water flow. That was removed. We also walked the creek to remove other obstacles blocking the water flow (who says that adults can't have fun playing in a creek)!
- Had some long trunks that needed to be cut up and removed next to the Pavilion #2.
- Removed more logs and branches between the Restroom and the creek to the gravel road; behind the WCP entrance sign and around the event stage. They were moved to piles which will be getting chip soon.
- After the recent heavy rains, we needed to create a deeper trench from the entrance to the creek and passed it on the left side to stop the water flow from causing damage to the gravel roadway.

We were able to see old friends after our winter hibernation and got to meet new neighbors to the community whom we hope to see more of during the season!

If anyone needs firewood for FREE, please email**WCP** and we can show you what to cut and take.

Restroom is fully operational! The Family section (middle) automatically opens

at 8am and locks at 8pm. The separate Women and Men sections are only opened during special events or when requested during the reservation process.

Save The Date - Mark Your Calendars

- 31 August - Winter Camp Park Annual Music Festival (Live Bands & Food.

More information will be provided in our Summer Newsletter.

Other Events:

- 8 June - WHOA Spring Celebration Festival
- 28 September - WHOA Fall Celebration Festival

Please watch out for emails and posting from WHOA for additional information.

Park & Pavilion Activities

The park is available for Woods homeowners and their guests. Reservations are coming in for the 2024 season requesting dates for reunions, graduations, potlucks, meetings, special events, etc.

If you need to reserve the facilities, please go to**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. Donations for using the facilities are greatly appreciated and critical to the maintenance, operation, taxes, insurance, IT support, and upkeep of the park, including electric/water bills, grass cutting, etc.

Park Upgrades for 2024

For the 2024 season, we would like to add a concrete pad under the large pavilion and add a small pad in front of the Restroom with a walkway. This should enhance the use of the pavilion and allow easier access to the Restroom especially for the handicap.

As donations continue to come in to help pay our yearly expenses, any funds over and above will go toward this effort.

Dog Owners

Since 2015, we have allowed dog owners to use the park to walk their dogs and even have them run around when other folks are not in the area.

During the past 6 months, it seems that the dog owners think that it is ok to leave their collected doggie poop bags in the park. You need to stop that! Please take the bags home with you.

WCP Corporate Friend
C&C Lawn Care LLC - Job Opportunity

C&C Lawn Care LLC is looking for hardworking and reliable Team Members with an upbeat and fun 'Attitude'. Job description would include general landscaping such as mowing, trimming, leaf blowing, mulching, planting, and job site prep work. Pay will be based off of attitude and ambition to get the jobs done correctly.

If interested, please contact Codey Knepper at (304) 270-8924.

Neighbors and Friends of Winter Camp Park

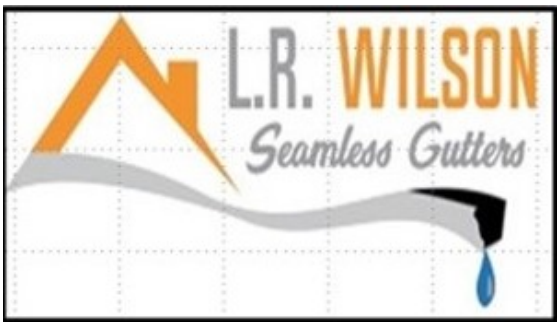
We continue to invite all Woods neighbors to join us as a Friend of Winter Camp Park for a donation of $100. Those who become Friends will receive decals that they can proudly display on their vehicles. With the continued support of our community, we will be able to further enhance the Park for the whole Woods Community to enjoy. For more details on becoming a “Friend” check out our **Contribute** page.

The park is open for use by the Woods Community and their Guests. When we decided to start this endeavor, our intent was to fund the initial purchase and cleanup of the area and to “request” donations 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 donation to the park. Just like any other recreational facility, we have bills to pay. Our estimated expenses for **2024** will be around **$12,000**.

After sufficient funds are raised to cover our bills, we would like to add a concrete pad under Pavilion #1 and a concrete pad and walkway in front of the Restroom.

Corporate Friends of Winter Camp Park

Four years ago, we started the Corporate Friends initiative asking businesses that serve the Woods residents to become a yearly corporate sponsor of the park. Letters are sent to those, asking for renewal, and to other businesses which support the Woods community to participate in this program for a yearly minimal donation of $250. As you click on the corporate sponsors' logo below, it will take you to their respective website or email address. If you use any of our supporters, mention that you saw their ad in the WCP Newsletter and thank them for their support. If you or a company you know of are interested in being a corporate sponsor, please contact us. Additionally, you can view the **Corporate Form** here and print it out and just hand it to your contractor.



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