

Trail Hours

Open Daily, Dawn to Dusk.

Our Mission

The NJC promotes the conservation and preservation of natural resources through education, community outreach and personal experience.

2018 Event Dates

February

- 10 Winter Hike, 10-12
- 11 Creative Canvas, 2-5

March

- 8 Silent Auction, 5:30PM

April

- 21 NJC Clean Up, 9-12
- 21 Rain Barrel Workshop, 1-4

May

- Ribbon Cutting for Dock
- 12 Chicken BBQ, 11-2
- 12 Plant Sale Pick Up

June

- 8 Ag in the City
- 23 Family Fishing Day
- 24 Picnic by the Pond

July

- 9 Canvas Painting
- 12-22 Butterfly Exhibit
- 30 Picnic by the Pond

August

- 20 Youth Conservation Camp

September

- 10 Picnic by the Pond
- 17-23 T-County Fair Exhibit

October

- 13 Fall Fest

November

- 3 Santa's Workshop
- 3 Creative Painting Class

December

- 1 Celebrate the Season 3-5
- 1 Luminary 5-7

Office Location

85 E. Iron Avenue
Dover, OH 44622
Phone 330.339.7976
Office Hours 7:30-4
Monday through Friday

Homeschool Wednesday Dates

- Dec. 13
- January 10 Winter Hike
- February 14
- March 14
- April 11
- May 9 Spring Hike

Must Register...Call the office
Programs 9-11 AM, Location varies



Congratulations to **Francis Harding** of New Philadelphia
for winning the four Disney Hopper Passes.
Proceeds go towards the Accessibility Project.

Norma Johnson Center

PRESERVATION CONSERVATION CENTER

normajohnsoncenter.com

330.339.7976

2017 - November

Norma Johnson Center is located 3 miles west of the I-77 Dover Exit 83 on SR 39.

Norma Johnson Center Quick Notes

- * The members of the Norma Johnson Center Foundation Board raised money for several projects at the Center with the help of Americorp member Gabe Riggle and Marsha Freeland. Funds were secured for the Annual Butterfly Exhibit, Conservation Youth Day Camp, Family Fishing Day, Winter Hike, Fall Fest, Accessible Trail Project, Accessible Fishing Dock, Handicap ramps for red barn, picnic shelter and restroom, compostable paper products.
- * The Accessible Fishing dock is in the water on the pond behind the yellow pole barn on SR 39. Monetary donations were received from Chevron, Haman Foundation, Jeanne Souers Garcia Foundation, MWCD, ODNR, Regis Hair Salon, Ruth Carlson Starlight Foundation, Winfield Homemakers
- * We are currently working on securing funds to continue working on the Accessible Trail so one day we will have a trail from the Preservation Side to the Conservation Side
- * We are looking for donors who would want to help raise funds for the Accessible trail. If interested, make a tax deductible donation to the Norma Johnson Center PO Box 1185 New Philadelphia, OH 44663.
- * The butterfly exhibit welcomed 2,610 visitors. Our record day was 494 visitors—yes we were crazy busy. Thank you staff and volunteers for making this happen. We are grateful to the O'Donnell Family for sponsoring this event that the community enjoys.
- * Through programs and events in 2017 over 14,300 people were touched by the Norma Johnson Centers programming. This number does not reflect the number of community members who use the trails through out the year.
- * Michael Blauch completed his eagle scout project at the Norma Johnson Center by inputting a natural play area near the NJC Clubhouse on Conservation Loop. Thank you for making an attraction along our trails for our visitors to enjoy.
- * Cole Wallace is working on his Eagle Scout project and redoing the 3 wooden Norma Johnson Center entrance signs. We love the makeover and the signs look great.
- * Fran LeMasters continues to volunteer her time to the NJC by helping Marsha in the office with several projects from the silent auction to the pollinator plots. Thanks Fran for all you do.
- * The Norma Johnson Center continues to be a venue for weddings. Not only is the barn being used as a location but so are the grounds.
- * We are ever so thankful to community businesses that continue to support the Norma Johnson Center through the year. Advantage Tax, All American Outdoors, Beaver Marine, Buehlers, Farm Bureau, First National Bank of Denison, Hillside Propane, The Kimble Company, Ray Miller, Northeast Outdoors, Stocker Concrete, TMK, TuscParks, Walmart
- * Thank you to the New Pointe Church IMPACT team who volunteered and installed the three handicap ramps at the Center.
- * 343 children and adults participated in our summer children's programs on Tuesday and Thursdays through the summer.
- * Kip Brady, board member and NP Science teacher along with fellow educators continue to bring his students outside to complete studies at the NJC and surrounding nature areas with his students. Hands on learning at its best.



Pictured R-L:
Eagle Scout Michael Blauch
Artist Amy Vance and Marissa
Blauch at one of the new attractions at the at the NJC Clubhouse.



2017
AmeriCorps member
Gabe Riggle

2017 Grants Awarded

Accessible Project \$20,292

Accessible Fishing Dock, Handicap Ramps, Trail Design

\$4,895	Chevron
\$3,757	DNR Aquatic
\$3,600	Jeanne Souers Garcia Foundation
\$2,500	Haman Foundation
\$2,000	MWCD Foundation
\$1,538	Ruth Carlson Starlight Foundation
\$500	Winfield Homemaker
\$1,502	NJC Fundraisers

Butterfly Exhibit
\$2,000 O'Donnell Family

Charitable Foundation
Conservation Day Camp
A hunting and fishing day camp held in August.

\$1,000 Kimble Foundation
\$500 ODNR Step Outside

(pending)
Family Fishing Day
\$500 ODNR Step Outside

Your tax deductible donation at the end of 2017 can help the NJC with their mission in supporting the many programs and events that occur year round at the NJCD. The Accessible Trail Project is another wonderful option for your donation. Imagine a trail that goes along nature's boundaries from the Preservation Sides Yellow Pole Barn to the picnic shelter on the Conservation Side. Another Accessible Fishing dock is in the plans for the conservation Pond by the picnic Shelter.

Check out
Norma Johnson Center's
Facebook Page

Enjoying a prized tackle
box at the Family Fishing
Day in June.



All memberships are from October to September. Membership fees will help support the NJC mission. Send fee to:
Norma Johnson Center PO Box 1185
New Philadelphia, OH 44663

Student/Senior Citizen	\$10.00
Individual	\$20.00
Family	\$40.00
Corporate	\$150.00
Oak	\$250.00
Cherry	\$500.00
Walnut	\$1,000.00

Become a 2018 member
and support the
NJC mission.

Levels of Membership

The Celebration of Life fund was set up to recognize many different occasions. Monetary gifts can be donated to this fund in honor of a loved one that is serving in the military, the birth of a new baby, a special birthday or anniversary or the passing of a loved one.

Celebration of Life

Rain Barrel: Consists of a food grade 55 gallon barrel, overflow, spigot for water release and top entry hole to accommodate the water from the spouting. \$65.00/barrel. Call the office to make arrangements.

Brooms: Made by volunteers on Norma's broom machine dating back to the 1800's. Cost: \$15.00/ large broom and \$10/children's broom.

Stepping Stones: Made by volunteers, the flower or butterfly concrete stones are \$5 each.

Products for Sale



The new fishing dock built by American Muscle was placed on the pond located on the Preservation Side. We are so thankful for our donors who funded the dock, trail design, future fishing deck and the handicap ramps that were installed 3 places on the NJC. Monetary donations were received from Chevron, Haman Foundation, Jeanne Souers Garcia Foundation, MWCD, ODNR, Regis Hair Salon, Ruth Carlson Starlight Foundation, Winfield Homemakers. 2017 Chicken BBQ and Plant Sale proceeds were set aside for this project as well. Many individuals volunteered time and equipment to make this project successful up to this point.



Support this project by
sending in a tax deductible
donation today!

We are working on improving the trail system from the Preservation Parking lot to the Picnic Shelter on the Conservation Side. Imagine if you had a stroller or a person in a wheelchair and you knew that a hike on a nature trail was just what your group needed. The Norma Johnson Center Foundation Board is now raising money for this very project. With the accessible dock now on the pond behind the Yellow Pole barn the next stage is to get an accessible trail from the parking lot to the dock and beyond. We are planning an accessible platform deck to be placed on the Conservation Pond by the picnic shelter with trails coming from the shelter to the present grassy trail along the water. The plan is to connect these two ponds with accessible trail and increase the usage between the two areas. If you are interested in helping fund this project please send a tax deductible donation to the Norma Johnson Center's Accessibility Project at Norma Johnson Center PO Box 1185 New Philadelphia, OH 44663. If you have any questions contact Marsha at 330.339.7976.

We are on the web
normajohnsoncenter.com

Join us February 10, 2018 from 10-12 for a walk on the trails of the NJC. Three trails will be marked for your morning venture along the nature's beauty. After hiking join us in the red barn for hot chocolate and soup. It is a great time to enjoy what mother nature has to offer in the



Winter Hike 2018

Grant Funding Needed to Continue the Development of the Accessible Trail from Preservation Side to Conservation Side

New to the pond behind the yellow pole barn is the Accessible Dock. Gabe Riggle, past Americorp member and Marsha Freeland, NJC Director worked hard to make this a reality. A huge thank you to all of our donors listed on the front of this newsletter along with SWCD staff and community volunteers who made this project happen in 2017. We couldn't have done it without you!

Check Out the Floating Dock Behind the Yellow Pole Barn

the trail by the Clubhouse. Mike talked with Amy Vance a local artist who painted a picture board along with a tunnel kids can walk through. A balance beam has also been placed along the trail to try out ones balance. Mike also created a magnifying glass observation point where students can investigate different objects found along the trail. Thanks Mike! We appreciate all the time and effort put into making this project a success.



Eagle Scout Project Places Attractions Along Trail For Kids

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