

**Paris Mountain State Park Friends
2009 Annual Report - January 2010**



- We welcomed Rob Howell, Stan Freemon and Sue Beattie to the board at the beginning of the year. We are happy to announce two new board members for 2010 – Stephen Gray and Hans Drolshagens. We say goodbye and thank you to outgoing members Curt Stodgill, Dan Powell and Darryl Harrison. Officers for 2010 are Jason Daly (President), Rob Howell (VP), Steve Bomar (Treasurer), Kathy Varadi (Secretary), Allison Walker (Past Pres).
- Forgive me for repeating this each year, but we had another successful Friends Day in April. Approximately 2000 visitors came to the park that day. We had a record number of participants as well. We could not have pulled it off without the help of the volunteers from Bob Jones University, the board and park staff. WYFF was kind enough to broadcast public service announcements about the event. We are currently planning this April's event.
- Discover Carolina school programs served 3,982 school children, yielding \$7,010. Over the years, the Friends have funded water boots, Creative Writing Journals, volunteer shirts, and served as volunteer naturalists for these programs.
- Camp Buckhorn is officially closed for renovation. The Friends contributed \$150,000 towards the renovation, with a match from SCPRT. The annual meeting will be held at Pebble Creek Clubhouse this year because of the closure.
- 110 people attended the Friends Fourth Saturday programs.
- The Friends participated in the Zoo Conservation and Migratory Bird Day.
- 1,831 people attended the Music In The Woods series from April 25th – August 29th.
- The Friends helped fund an Eagle Scout project to create a sandy beach at the swimming area on Lake Placid. We also purchased a new log splitter for the park.
- We have begun looking at development threats to the park. The Friends will pursue purchasing land parcels if necessary.
- Total funds December 2009

Green Fund	\$65,977.88
Operating Fund	\$ 2,354.74
CD	\$21,036.24
Paypal Balance	\$ 874.80
Total Funds	\$90,243.66

Respectfully Submitted,
Allison Walker