

Vacationers and Visitors Welcomed



Body painting fun at Railey Mountain Lake Vacation Rentals' Welcome Party.



A hands-on ATV experience at Long and Foster's Super Sunday Outdoor Expo.



Cruising Raystown Lake on an 80 foot houseboat.

Visitors and vacation renters are welcomed at special “get to know us, get to know you” parties held on their behalf. Welcome Parties are held once a week during the summer months. Refreshments, entertainment and door prizes are just a few activities available. The parties also feature area vendors with opportunities for them to show the activities they offer. Fishing, boating, ATV tours, horseback riding, crafts, and places to go and things to do while on vacation are offered by the various vendors and area businesses, including everything from passive to extreme. Visitor parties are held early in the week of the vacationer's rental in order that they can make arrangements with vendors for the week. There are three different welcome parties in the region every week hosted by various agencies.

The welcome parties are a great way to meet new friends, learn about the area, or see old acquaintances and find out what's new.

Railey Mountain Lake Vacation Rentals was the first at Deep Creek Lake to have a welcome party, beginning in summer 2001. It continues to be a great success. This year the parties are held on Mondays, June 13 through August 22 at the “Fort” in McHenry. Along with refreshments, the opportunity is provided to meet many Nature Tourism vendors. Also, each vendor provides a gift certificate equivalent to \$25, a drawing is held and the lucky visitors win the gift certificates. On average there are 25 to 30 gift certificates given out at each party.

Railey Mountain Lake Vacation Rentals now has an exciting new “Kid's Adventure Club” with many great offers and opportunities for the kids. Check it all out at www.deepcreek.com, or for more information call 1-800-846-7368.

Long and Foster Resort Rentals is offering a different welcome party called “Super Sunday Outdoor Expo,” featuring a hands-on experience. The event is held at Wisp in McHenry every Sunday afternoon during the summer months. Like the other welcome parties, this is a family affair. Free entertainment and refreshments are available, as well as hands-on opportunities provided by area vendors. This is your chance to find out what it's like to ride an ATV, shoot a paint ball gun, and many other exciting activities. Also included are activities for the very young. For more information contact Long & Foster Resort Rentals at 800-336-7303 or visit online at www.DeepCreekResort.com.

Welcome parties are held on Monday evenings, Sunday afternoons and now every Tuesday morning. Nearby **Raystown Lake** is offering a “Visitor Wake-Up Reception” being held at the beautiful **Raystown Lake Visitor Center** in the Seven Points Recreation Area. The reception is held during the summer months and offers visitors the chance to learn about area attractions and activities by various vendors and businesses. There are many educational opportunities at this event that include, among others, the U.S. Coast Guard Power Squadron on hand to answer any boating questions. A free tour of Raystown Lake on a beautiful eighty-foot houseboat is provided to visitors at the reception.

This event is hosted by the Huntingdon County Visitors Bureau membership, staff and volunteers. For more information call 1-888-RAYSTOWN or visit www.raystown.org.

