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## **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Septemberfest to Feature Races, Live Music, Nature Programs – Activities for All**

*Yellow Creek State Park Celebration and Fundraiser*

*Penn Run, PA -- September 12*



Puddle Duck Racers (homebuilt wooden sailboats) will participate in a Septemberfest race

The Friends of Yellow Creek will host the second Annual Septemberfest, from 9am – 7pm on Saturday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> at Yellow Creek State Park. Events will be centered at the Day Use Area and beach. Admission is free.

The celebration of the park will feature events and activities for all ages and tastes. Active visitors can enjoy free canoeing, kayaking, and paddleboating. Park staff will offer pontoon boat rides. Guided plant walks along the shore and a kayak tour will be led by volunteers and the park naturalist.

For the first time, a 5K Race will be held in conjunction with Septemberfest. Runners may pre-register by September 10<sup>th</sup> or on race day. Registration forms are available at the FOYC website: <http://www.foyc.org/node/39>

Activities of special interest for children include children's games and Earl Shriver's

“Birds of Prey” demonstration, sponsored by Friends of the Parks of Indiana County.

The day begins with Yoga on the beach, followed this year by three different kinds of races. On wheels, Mountain Bikers will cycle off-road; this will be followed by a 5K Running Race. And for the first time in Indiana County, there will be Puddle Duck Sailboat races. Sailors are expected to come from throughout Western PA. Friends of Yellow Creek sponsored a wooden sailboat building project this past winter.

In addition to physical activities, five musical acts will perform throughout the day. These include Cornsilk (Folk Music), Chuck and Lynne (Acoustic), Grist for the Mill (Blues), Sheila Bridges and Friends (mainly Northumbrian) and Kittiphong “Mu” Praphan (World).

“Septemberfest achieves two goals,” according to Friends of Yellow Creek co-chair Ken Sherwood. “This celebration helps promote the park by bringing out visitors from across the county to enjoy this valuable commonwealth resource.” “The event also serves as FOYC's primary annual fundraiser.” FOYC uses all funds raised through food sales, the races, and T-shirts, as well as memberships to enhance the park.

## **Event Details**

**Who: Friends of Yellow Creek (non-profit)**

**What: Public outdoor festival**

**Where: Day Use Beach, Yellow Creek State Park**

**When: Saturday, Sept. 24, 9am to 7pm.**

## **Media**

For more information the media can contact the event organizer direct at [friendsofyellowcreek@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofyellowcreek@gmail.com) Additional information on Septemberfest and Friends of Yellow Creek can be found at <http://www.foyc.org>

## **Overview of Specific Event Times**

### **MUSIC**

10 am Kittiphong "Mu" Praphan

11 am Cornsilk (Folk Music)

12 noon Chuck and Lynne (Acoustic Duo)

1:00 pm Sheila Bridges and Friends (Mainly Northumbrian)

3:30 pm Grist for the Mill (Blues)

### **Special Event Times**

9:00 - Yoga on the Beach

10:30 - Mountain Bike Race (Yellow Creek Monthly)

11:00 - Kids games and crafts

12:00 - Sailboat Race (PDR "Pirate Chase")

1:00 - 5K Running Race

2:00 - Earl Shriver's "Birds of Prey" demonstration  
(sponsored by Indiana Friends of the Parks)

3:00 - Sailboat Race (PDR around-the-buoys race)

3:30 - Guided Plant Walk

4:00 - Group Mountain Bike Ride

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Organization homepage: [www.foyc.org](http://www.foyc.org)

Race form: 5K Race Form

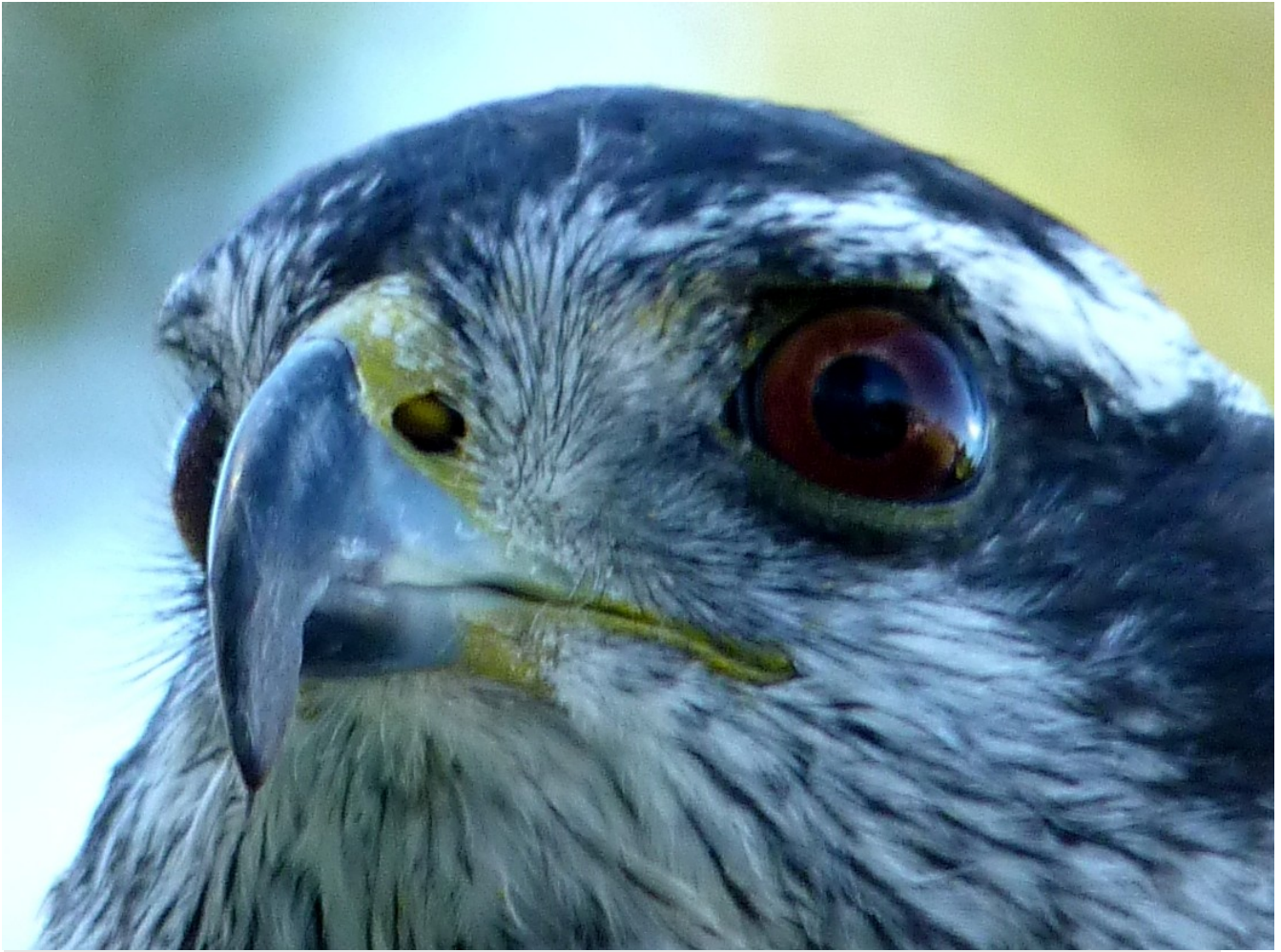
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***Grist for the Mill, shown here at last year's festival, features Patti Holmes, David Loomis and Bob Bonnet. They return this Sept. 24 to play at 3:30pm.***



Courtney Thompson Scherf will lead Yoga on the Beach as the first activity of the day.



Earl Shriver returns with live Hawks, Falcons and other birds of prey.