

# 2017 SUMMER AMPHITHEATER PROGRAM SERIES

**LOCATION: Ottawa Metro Park Amphitheater, 2632 Ada Road, Lima, OH**  
*(In case of rain the program will be held in the McElroy Environmental Education Center located at 2355 Ada Rd., Lima, OH)*



## May

### KARAOKE IN THE PARK!

**Sat., May 27 - 7 p.m.** - Join local DJ, Jeff Houston as he provides the music and you provide the vocals! It doesn't matter if you're a trained professional or a "shower soprano" it's the perfect place to sing the latest songs with your own flair. Perfect for families.



## June

### NATIVE AMERICAN FLUTE, JANICE SUNFLOWER

**Sat., June 3 - 7 p.m.** - Join Janice as she creates a Native American experience you won't forget. Along with her harmonious and calming flute tones she brings many hands-on Native artifacts and presents an educational program on the Indian way of life. CD's will be available for purchase.



[www.sunflowertones.net](http://www.sunflowertones.net)

### MR. PUPPET

**Sat., June 10 - 7 p.m.** - Hot off his "Unplugged Ohio Amish Tour" and back by popular demand is the world-famous, hilarious, hysterical, ventriloquist, puppeteer, comedian-- Mr. Puppet! His fast-paced, action-packed show will have you rolling in the aisles. Family friendly entertainment at its finest. [www.mrpuppet.com](http://www.mrpuppet.com)



### FULL SOUND CHAMBER GROUP

**Sat., June 17 - 7 p.m.** - Sit back and relax to classical music under the evening sky as we introduce the string quintet, Full Sound Chamber Group. The five Loritsch brothers form the string quintet of 2 violins, a viola, cello, and a double-bass. These highly trained and equally talented musicians play a variety of venues throughout the year and we are extremely blessed to have them to play for us in the beauty of our outdoor amphitheater. [www.fullsoundchambergroup.com](http://www.fullsoundchambergroup.com)



### GUITAR MUSINGS OF GARY SANING

**Sat., June 24 - 7 p.m.** - local singer, songwriter, author, producer and musician, Gary Sanning will be playing his favorite songs for you. With his roots based in 70's rock, he incorporates the songs of the Beatles, the Eagles, Bob Dylan and praise and worship music to present an eclectic mix for your listening pleasure.



## July

### A DAY IN THE LIFE OF . . . A PARK RANGER

**Sat., July 1 - 7 p.m.** - Join Chief Ranger, Richard Kimmel and his staff as they present the rigors and routines of their job. These are the folks that make sure you feel safe in every park. They have many unique responsibilities and duties. Cruisers and equipment will be available to view.

### TED YODER, HAMMERED DULCIMER

**Sat., July 8 - 7 p.m.** - Viral YouTube sensation, Ted Yoder will bring his "yoderization" of classic Beatles and Eagles songs on the hammered dulcimer. This nationally known dulcimer champion is a talented singer-songwriter and has plenty of original compositions in his musical arsenal along with his version of the song that broke the internet (with over 92 million views on YouTube); Tears for Fears, "Everybody Wants to Rule the World". When he plays live, everybody becomes his fans (Ted-Heads). [www.tedyoder.com](http://www.tedyoder.com)



### INDIANA WILD

**Sat., July 15 - 7 p.m.** - Inspiring conservation through a combination of education and entertainment, Indiana Wild presents a high-quality live animal show with plenty of audience participation. Will they bring mammals, birds, reptiles, or insects? The answer is all of the above. You can get up close and personal with all of these program animals. Bring your camera and be ready to take plenty of photos. [www.indianawild.org](http://www.indianawild.org)



### MUSIC OF THE CIVIL WAR

**Sat., July 22 - 7 p.m.** - Steve Ball has spent years researching the life and songs of Stephen Foster. Foster was a prolific songwriter and is often referred to, "the Father of American Music". A sampling of his songs include; "Camptown Races". "My Old Kentucky Home", and "Beautiful Dreamer". Steve and his trusty vintage 1860 Martin 2-20 guitar have never failed to hold all in attendance spell-bound. [steveballcivilwarmusic.com](http://www.steveballcivilwarmusic.com)



### LITTLE HOG CREEK DULCIMERS

**Sat., July 29 - 7 p.m.** - A perennial crowd favorite, this home-spun dulcimer group plays whimsical and gospel tunes on their hammered and mountain dulcimers. Peaceful tunes under the twilight summer sky.



## August

### SONGS AND TAILS FROM THE WOODS

**Sat., Aug. 5 - 7 p.m.** Sam Sapp and Sarah Matheny will present their popular fun, entertaining and educational nature program. Following a dream after retirement, Sam began his second career as a singer, songwriter and OCVN. Sarah is a freelance naturalist. Together they bring Songs and Tails from Woods. [www.sammytunes.com](http://www.sammytunes.com)



### HOME GROWN GRASS

**Sat., Aug. 12 - 7 p.m.** - Nothing screams American music more than some well-played bluegrass music. Join these local good ol' boys having fun playing all the standards of Bill Monroe, Flatt & Scruggs.



### TEDDY ROOSEVELT & THE NAT'L PARK SERVICE

**Sat., Aug. 19 - 7 p.m.** - Celebrate the 101<sup>st</sup> year of the beginnings of the National Park Service. Dressed as "T.R." in 1903 when he visited Yosemite with John Muir, Larry Marple presents his program in first person AS Teddy Roosevelt! Learn how TR felt about conservation and preservation throughout his life, how his family felt about it, and how he saved more than 200 million acres of land for future generations to enjoy. [www.troosevelt1904.com](http://www.troosevelt1904.com)



### SPITTIN' IMAGE

**Sat., Aug. 26 - 7 p.m.** - Identical twins, Blain and Brian have created a high-quality musical and comedy duo performance that will end our summer series with a WOW! Interweaving wonderful vocal ability with excellent musicianship, Brian and Blain mix it all with comedy, audience participation, and a high energy show. This is a show NOT to be missed.



For more information contact:  
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# METRO PARK ADVENTURES SUMMER 2016

## METROPARK TRAILBLAZERS (AGES 5 & 6)

### THREE CHEERS FOR TREES

**Dates:** Tues., June 14 & Wed., June 15

**Time:** 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Location:** McLean Teddy Bear Park

Youth ages 5 and 6 years old will explore the world of trees through games, stories and crafts. We will hike through the park to become acquainted with many of the local trees. Please bring a sack lunch and water bottle. Registration along with a \$15 fee is required by June 8.

### EVERY DAY IS EARTH DAY

**Dates:** Tues., July 26 & Wed., July 27

**Time:** 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Location:** McLean Teddy Bear Park

Learn about the importance of taking care of the world around us. The fun will include games, stories, crafts and hikes. Please bring a sack lunch and water bottle. Registration along with a \$15 fee is required by July 20.



## METROPARK DISCOVERERS (AGES 7 to 9)

### CREATURES OF THE NIGHT

**Dates:** Tues., June 21 & Wed., June 22

**Time:** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Location:** McLean Teddy Bear Park

**Fri., June 24 (optional) Time:** 8 p.m.

**Location:** McLean Teddy Bear Park

Learn about the creatures who are awake when we are asleep. We will learn about nocturnal animals such as owls, bats and moths through games, craft and stories. Hikes will be included. Please bring a sack lunch and water bottle. Join us Friday evening for an optional family campfire and night hike. Registration along with a \$15 fee is required by June 15.



### LIFE IN 1812

**Dates:** Tues., July 19 & Wed., July 20

**Time:** 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. **Location:** Fort Amanda Park

Youth ages 7-14 will enjoy learning about the skills needed to survive at Fort Amanda in the 1812 era. Cook lunch over an open fire, throw a tomahawk and barter for your supplies. If being a pioneer for two days sounds like fun, then this is for you! Registration and \$25 fee is required by July 13.

### WET & WILD

**Dates:** Tues., Aug. 2 & Wed., Aug. 3

**Time:** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. **Location:** Ottawa Metro Park

Join us as we focus on aquatic habitats and get "wet & wild" through various activities including games, fishing and creek exploration. Bring a sack lunch and water bottle. Wear old clothing and shoes. Parents might want to pack an extra outfit for the ride home. Registration along with a \$15 fee is required by July 28.



## METROPARK EXPLORERS (AGES 10 to 14)

### SHOOTING SPORTS - ARCHERY

**Dates:** Tues. July 5, & Wed., July 6

**Time:** 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Location:** Allen County Farm Park

Enjoy learning about Native American Archery, as well as modern archery. Youth will have ample time on the shooting range. Please bring a sack lunch and water bottle. Wear close toed shoes, no earrings and long hair must be pulled back. Registration along with a \$15 fee is required by June 29.



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### NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

**Dates:** Tues., Aug. 9, & Wed., Aug. 10

**Time:** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. **Location:** Kendrick Woods

For participants ages 10 - adult who desire to improve their nature photography skills. We will visit several different park areas searching for interesting photos and possibly a winning photograph for the 2016 Nature Photography Contest. Wear comfortable shoes. Pack a sack lunch and water bottle. Registration and a \$25 fee are due by August 3.



## FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER:

Contact the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District Office at 419-221-1232. All programs are supervised and led by the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District Staff.

