

Craigstock on the Delaware River!

Word must have spread about how great last year's rafting camping trip was because this year it was even bigger and better.

This year's trip was another huge success. What an awesome job Wendy Brescia did in organizing this trip. All sign-up reservations were designed with an on-line tool utilizing Google Docs.

The Craigmour Ski Club took over the field of Kittatinny campground in Barryville, NY on Friday, July 31st through Sunday, August 2. A little rain never keeps this group from doing anything! As the group started to arrive and set up camp in the large field area, it was first come, first serve for the tents. Tents of all sizes from the smallest to the largest appeared in the field area. As tents were being set up – some decorations also started to appear. There were some of the usual items like Larry & Sue's garden gnomes, some pink flamingoes, and a palm tree or two. Various party tent set ups appeared throughout the campsite also.

Sue quietly brought out one of the best decorations of the entire Craigmour campsite and hung a fabric picture of President Larry "Obama" Ticotin on a pole in front of their tent. The story seems to be that Sue crafted a picture of Larry out of various kinds and colors of fabrics. Entered her artwork in an ugly fabric contest and won a prize with it! Needless to say some club members had a little fun with the picture on Saturday morning and stood behind it and had their pictures taken. Can you guess the body? President Larry woke up – came out of his tent and just shook his head.

When all of the tents were set up it was Craigstock on the Delaware! Complete with great bonfires, various party tent set ups and DiaMon Catering cooking all of the food once again. All you needed for this weekend was a tent and your favorite beverage and have lots of F-U-N!

Saturday was a beautiful sunny day. It never rains when Craigmour plans to do something exciting and adventurous. Enjoying a day on the river is

the best thing you can do with a large group of friends and mother nature providing top notch weather like she has done today!

This year the river was raging and as soon as the rafts were launched from the shore they were quickly swept down river with their passengers. The group included some people who brought their own kayaks as well as canoes. They tried to catch up with the rest of the group but the water was moving so fast that most of the rafters finished the river trip fairly quickly. This year there was no large flotilla down the river with all of the rafts tied together since the water was moving so quickly.

After the rafting, the group returned to the campground, cleaned up and relaxed in their chairs and enjoyed some beverages.

Oliver Monod and Diane Bogert of DiaMon Catering provided fantastic food for the weekend. Oliver's pasta dinner Friday night was a big hit. Saturday afternoon people anxiously stood in line for their turn to get some of the tasty hanger steaks, hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, fresh fruit, and...ice cream!

Saturday night there was another fantastic bonfire courtesy of Lee DeSantis and his huge "truck 'o-wood". We were entertained by lots of Brazilian music from one of the nearby campsites too! Was that the same song played over and over or did it just seem like it?

Several rousing games of Left, Right, Center were played on Saturday evening. Wendy was even prepared to play – at least for the first few games. This year all of the luck seemed to be with the ladies. A few of them won more than once! It's about time the ladies win! (TRACIE)

I would like to give a tremendous thank you to Wendy Brescia who put this weekend event together. Wendy – AWESOME job! Can't wait to see how many people sign up next year! Many thanks to DiaMon Catering – fantastic food for the entire weekend! What other club goes camping and brings their personal caterer? Lee DeSantis – thanks for the "truck o'-wood. Justin Stone – thank you for transporting everyone's personal

kayaks and canoes back to the campsite. It saved a lot of time not having to jockey cars and trucks around.

This event is quickly becoming the biggest event of the season. It is THE place to be! We hope to see you next year!

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