

# Membership Form

Please fill in the following form and mail to...

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City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in Volunteering at Serpent Mound?

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Do you have a talent or hobby that you would like to use at an event? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If yes, what is it? \_\_\_\_\_

If you can not volunteer, would you still like to attend meeting or events? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If we held an event that included vendors, would you like to be notified as a possible vendor?

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

What is your favorite thing about the Serpent Mound park?

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What concerns do you have about the park?

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Please share any ideas you have toward the future of the park.

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Please feel free to expand your answers on additional paper and send it with this form.

Thank you!



# FRIENDS OF SERPENT MOUND

A Community Support Group for the Great  
Serpent Mound Park

We have been helping the park  
since 2004!

***Protect, preserve, and promote Serpent Mound  
and other Native American sites, while  
facilitating education and experiences for  
visitors.***



"Lighting of the Serpent" our annual event honoring the Winter Solstice alignment. Photo by Tom Cross

Friends of Serpent Mound, or FOSM for short, made up of individuals, organizations, and businesses that care about and see the value in preserving the Great Serpent Mound Park.

FOSM was created from a committee of the Adams County Travel and Visitors Bureau (ACTVB) starting in 2003. During that year the ACTVB Committee started meeting with Park Manager, Keith Bengtson and other representatives from the Ohio Historical Society (OHS) to see how we could help improve the esthetics and accessibility to the park.

During one meeting, it was decided that to show OHS our determination and that people in Adams and the surrounding counties cared about Serpent Mound, we had a membership drive. In less than two months, OHS went from six members in Adams County to over 100! The committee had OHS' attention (plus that of the local residents!) and so FOSM was born.

### Highlights of FOSM

- We have 125+ Members -- 25 were registered Volunteers with the Ohio Historical Society (OHS) before they hired the Arc of Appalachia to manage the park in 2009.
- We hold monthly meeting.
- In 2005, we spearheaded an OHS Membership drive in Adams County that raised 100+ New OHS Members.
- We have eager members & volunteers that are full of energy and ideas.
- We have Non-profit status with both Ohio and the IRS.
- Since 2004, we have helped with park events, and currently we have 5+ annual events that we hold at or near the park.
- In 2004, we held a finale event for the volunteers during the Winter Solstice. We outlined the mound by placing 600 luminary candles along the mound's edge. This event was such a success that it has become a growing annual event -- now with more than 1000 candles and 90 candle-lighting participants! We expect that this event will continue to grow in popularity.
- Donated \$2000 to Dr. Romain's carbon dating project at Serpent Mound.

### Projects Ideas that we've helped with over the years...

- Summer and Winter Solstice, and Equinox Evening Events
- Getting donated materials for the Observational Tower improvements
- Planting and caring for the Native Gardens
- Helped clear the area between the Serpent's head and the tail, which align to true north.
- Assisted with after-hours requests and special projects.
- Invited various speakers and presenters to the park, which have continued to receive a good turnout response.

### We have encouraged events like...

- Astronomy Night - Observing the Perseids meteor shower
- Earth Day / National Arbor Day - Tree planting

### More Responsibility

In 2008, FOSM was given the opportunity to carry more responsibility including helping operate the Museum and Toll Booth, plus we worked on the following projects...

- Improved the safety and esthetics throughout the park.
  - Trail maintenance
  - Upgrade railings
  - Fix, paint, or replace picnic tables and benches.
  - More informative signage
- Added more info on the special geology of the Serpent Mound Crypto-explosion National Natural Landmark.
- Put up the astronomical alignment signs around the Serpent effigy.
- Cleared out the Springhouse area and would like to add new trails to and from it.

### Research and Education

The group is interested in every aspect of Serpent Mound, archaeological, ecological, historical, scientific, and spiritual. Through ongoing communications with those researching the site, we expand our knowledge, which will better help us understand and promote the park. Two current projects are...

- Working on locating the stones to the original altar in the Oval, and learning more about the newly discovered earthworks and "pit" adjacent to the Serpent.
- Working on updating a self-guided tour and site map.
- Helped Dr. Romain with his dating project.