



# Cuyahoga Valley Ski and Social Club Newsletter ~ February 2025

## Officer Reports

### President ~ Tim Lavey

What a great ski season! Snow, snow, snow, and more snow. I love it! We have not had a real winter for some time, and this winter is shaping up to be a great one. I'm not a big fan of single-digit temperatures, but I guess I can't complain too much about it.

Now for the ski report. I've been going to Boston Mills on Monday mornings and always see Gerhard and Sharon. You should come out and join us. The conditions have been fine. My side trip to Peek'n Peak was great, and I'd like to go again. Please let me know if you are interested, and we'll work on setting a date. I prefer to go on a weekday. I've also been doing a lot of cross-country skiing. This is a real treat for me, because we have had some really rotten cross-country skiing over the past few years. The cross-country skiing course at Silver Creek Metro Park is one of my favorite places to go. Please let me know if you like cross-country skiing. If you would like, I'd like to make arrangements to ski with you. Probably the best way to contact me about a trip to Peek'n Peak or a cross-country skiing outing would be via email. Remember, I'll be bringing my cross-country skis to the winter hike at Horseshoe Pond on Saturday, February 8.

We've had some great winter hikes this year. Check the schedule and come join us. I'd like to see you, and I know you'll have a good time. There have been some hiccups with the schedule, and I apologize for that. Please check the website for the most up to date details, and feel free to call myself or Sharon if you have any questions.

We are having officer elections in April. If you are interested in becoming an officer, please feel free to talk to any of the officers about it. We will be more than happy to help you. Luckily, all of the officers up for re-election have agreed to serve another term. However, we are always looking to recruit new officers. I'll admit being an officer is a lot of hard work, but it is worth it, so please don't hesitate to let us know you are interested. We'll work together, and we'll make it happen.

Hope to see you on the trail.

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**CVSSC Meeting**  
Tue, Feb 11 at 6:30 PM  
**Chili's Montrose**  
4022 Medina Rd, Akron



## Upcoming Social Events



### February Birthdays

- 08 Mary Beth Fazio
- 09 Dave Corl
- 17 John Vorhies
- 26 Paula Lavey
- 27 Todd Ackerman
- 27 Jim Birt

### New Members

- Dan Lipka
- Ira Sasowsky



January 50/50 Drawing  
Les Wise won \$50

**Winter Walk #4 – Sunday, February 2 at 3 PM**

Lake Medina. Sharon Kaffen. See page 4.

**Winter Walk #5 – Saturday, February 8 at 3 PM**

CVNP Horseshoe Pond Trail. Camille Barbuto. See page 4.

**Super Bowl Party – Sunday, February 9 at 6 PM**

10209 Stone Rd, Valley View OH 44125. Please carpool if you can!  
Contact Bob Swidarski at 216-870-7465. See page 3.

**CVSSC Monthly Meeting – Tuesday, February 11 at 6:30 PM**

Chili's Montrose, 4022 Medina Rd, Akron OH 44333.  
Dinner starts at 6:30, followed by the business meeting at 7:30.

**Winter Walk #6 – Sunday, February 16 at 2 PM**

Bedford MetroPark Sagamore Creek Trail. Bob Swidarski. See page 4.

**Canton Foodbank – Friday, February 21 at 9–11:30 AM**

1365 Cherry Ave NE, Canton OH 44714. Sharon Kaffen. See page 10.

**Winter Walk #7 – Sunday, February 23 at 2 PM**

Hike and Bike Trail, Route 303. Kathy & Mike Neag. See page 4.

**CVSSC Monthly Meeting – Tuesday, March 11 at 6:30 PM**

Chili's Montrose, 4022 Medina Rd, Akron OH 44333.  
Dinner starts at 6:30, followed by the business meeting at 7:30.

**Hike the Hills at Hocking Hills – Friday, May 2 to Sunday, May 4**

Drive yourself. Sign up by February 16 and save \$10. See page 14.

Check out the [CVSSC Bulletin Board](#) for more fun!

## Cuyahoga Valley Ski and Social Club

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## Vice President ~ Mike Neag

Run'n It Back! Activities Committee Update.

A special thanks to our event organizers, activity planners, and trip organizers for taking time to meet this past January to review our 2024 activities and plan for 2025. I really appreciated the thoughtful and collaborative effort. Aside from simply getting it on the calendar, we paid special attention to spacing our activities so we could avoid oversaturating a given week or month. I think we were all pleased with the result. Hats off!

So, what's up for 2025? Put simply, we are running it back. I'm not sure if we will match the 87 activities from 2024, but after working through our list and getting it on paper, our 2025 schedule will look almost exactly like last year's. We've already had a couple of hikes, and Bob Swidarski is hosting CVSSC's very first Super Bowl party (yes Sharon, complete with squares!). It will be at Bob's home (he's got space for upwards of 50). If you have an idea for something you'd like to do, please email or text Mike (VP of fun – 330-888-9050) so we can work it into our 2025 plan. As an aside, the one thing missing from last year's plan was "Fun at the Foundry". I am hoping that one of you will step up to organize this one. Let me know, I can share details from our last visit to the Foundry.

The rest of the year's activities are scheduled, and all we need is you. So, keep an eye on the website calendar for our hikes, bikes, winery stops, craft beer tour, Euchre parties, the "Ducks" game, Scotch doubles bowling, road rally, golf outing, chili cook off, annual picnic & Christmas party. Soooo looking forward to another excellent year with the CVSSC "family"! Onward!

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### First Ever Cuyahoga Valley Ski & Social Club Super Bowl Party

**Sunday, February 9 at 6 PM**



**Bob Swidarski ~ 216-870-7465**

**10209 Stone Rd, Valley View, OH 44125**

Parking is limited ~ Please carpool if you can ~ SB squares \$1 per square

Please bring a snack to share ~ Bob will provide pizza and wings

## Winter Walk Series - Sharon Kaffen

Thanks to all who have offered their favorite trails for our Winter Walk Series! It looks like we have completed our schedule, but if you missed out for the Winter Walks, save your ideas for our Spring hikes! See you out there!

Click on Walk # to link to CVSSC website.



Date & Time	Host	Hike	Address	Eat/Drink
<a href="#">Walk #4</a> 2/2 Sun 3:00 PM	Sharon Kaffen	Lake Medina (Rt.18 Entrance)	3751 Medina Rd. Medina, OH	<a href="#">Yours Truly Medina</a> 3725 Medina Rd Medina
<a href="#">Walk #5</a> 2/8 Sat 3:00 PM	Camille Barbuto	<a href="#">Horseshoe Pond</a> CVNP	2075 Major Road Peninsula	<a href="#">Winking Lizard</a> 1615 Main St Peninsula
<a href="#">Walk #6</a> 2/16 Sun 2:00 PM	Bob Swidarski	<a href="#">Sagamore Creek Trail</a> Bedford MetroPark	7733 Canal Rd Valley View	<a href="#">Winking Lizard</a> 511 E Aurora Rd Macedonia
<a href="#">Walk #7</a> 2/23 Sun 2:00 PM	Kathy/Mike Neag	Hike & Bike Trail Route 303 Trailhead	64 W. Streetsboro Rd Boston Heights	<a href="#">veg+</a> 5893 Akron Cleve Rd Hudson
3/1-3/2		No Hike – Snowmass Trip		
<a href="#">Walk #8</a> 3/9 Sun 3:00 PM	Tim Lavey	Flower Hike Hinckley Reservation	432 Bellus Rd Hinckley	TBD
<a href="#">Walk #9</a> 3/15 Sat 3:00 PM	Paula Lavey	<a href="#">Sippo Lake Park</a>	Parking TBD	<a href="#">Bombay Sitar</a> 5111 Fulton Dr NW Canton
<a href="#">Walk #10</a> 3/23 Sun 3:00 PM	Sharon Kaffen	Buckeye Woods	6335 Wedgewood Rd Medina	<a href="#">On Tap Medina</a> 2736 Medina Rd Medina
<a href="#">Walk #11</a> 3/30 Sun 2:00 PM	Derek/Sally Rance	Blue Heron Trails	3227 Blue Heron Trace Medina	<a href="#">Blue Heron Brewery</a> 3227 Blue Heron Trace Medina

## Trip Officer Report ~ Janie Burke

By the time you receive this month's newsletter we will have completed our first two ski trips of 2025 – Holiday Valley/Kissing Bridge and Sun Valley. As I write, however, the Sun Valley trip is still a few days away, so all I can say right now is I'm sure it will be a great time! The Holiday Valley trip was awesome as always and was blessed with the best snow conditions we've seen in a while. The company was pretty good, too. Thanks again to Betty for leading the trip. And now on to Snowmass in March!!

On January 20 our trip committee met for about 1½ hours (that's 3 logins to Zoom!). With all our planned and yet to be planned activities there was lots to talk about. Here's a brief summary of our meeting:

- **Holiday Valley:** Next year's trip does conflict with Winter Park, so we need to plan accordingly. We need feedback on people's thoughts on Kissing Bridge as it was a new trip this year.
- **Sun Valley** and **Snowmass** trips: Good to go!
- **Hocking Hills** trip May 2-4: Joan presented some great ideas for activities during our trip. Details will be added to the flyer as they are solidified. We want to make sure the trip is filled so getting the word out is a priority.
- Fall non-ski trip: **Presque Isle** was suggested by Randy who has also offered to be the lead, so thank you, Randy (and Mary Beth). This trip will take place on the weekend of September 20. Mary Beth presented some ideas for activities, and we will follow up as the details are worked out.
- 2026 trips: **Winter Park** is set for Jan 11–16. Betty will lead the trip. **Big Sky** is set for Feb 28–Mar 7. Linda will lead that trip. A HUGE thank you to both Betty and Linda for agreeing to lead the trips.
- 2027 big ski trips: It's getting close to time to decide on our destinations. We will use feedback from last year's survey as a guide. Much more to follow.
- We need to increase our pool of trip leaders, particularly for our "big" ski trips. We will be scouting 😊

If you have any questions or ideas, let me or any of the committee members know. As a reminder, the committee members are Bruce Bluell, Norbert Majerus, Linda Slicker, Betty Wise, Joan Leidy, Jody Payne, Mary Beth Grether and Theresa Gifford.

**JUMBLE** THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

SSOLH

SIYDA

TKNITE

WSLIVE

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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*Jumble solution on page 11*

A DOZEN LONG STEM ROSÉS

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*Fred knows the way to a girl's heart.*

## Find the Heart Among the Flamingos

Solution on page 13



Q: Why couldn't anyone find the flamingo?

A: It was in de skies!

## Kissing Bridge/Holiday Valley 2025 ~ Betty Wise

What a wonderful snow ski season 2025 is turning out to be. Fourteen members of the club departed on Wednesday, January 15 to travel to New York. The early birds out were Tim Lavey and Gerhard Kunze who rode together and stopped at Kay's Diner for breakfast. After breakfast they headed to Peek'n Peak and enjoyed a full day of skiing. They said the conditions were excellent, with lots of powder, and they had a great time.

The rest of the group drove directly to Ellicottville, some getting there earlier and some later. We have stayed at the Wingate Hotel for several years, so everyone seemed to know the location and general routine. Several of us met at the Mill Street Tavern (formerly Finnerty's Bar) for a drink, and after some discussion we decided to go to dinner at the Gin Mill Tavern. The food was good, and we even enjoyed some live music while there. Later in the evening many of us enjoyed playing games in the lobby of the Wingate, especially a Baby Boomer Trivia game and Euchre.

Thursday morning found everyone enjoying the hotel's complimentary breakfast, and then we headed to Kissing Bridge Ski Resort (about a 40-minute drive from Ellicottville). The snow continued to come down, and parts of the drive were a bit snowy, but everyone made it there safely in time for opening at 10 AM. There is a new owner of KB, and he has lots of plans for updates/improvements in the next few years. The snow was good and soft with lots of opportunities for powder skiing. Everyone traveled back to Ellicottville and enjoyed dinner at the Ellicottville Brewery then played games again in the evening.

Friday morning, we all traveled to Holiday Valley and enjoyed the skiing there. Since we all drove separately, I'm not sure of the times that everyone left, but I did not hear any bad news from anyone, so I assume all made it home safely ... and a lot of fun was had by all!! Thanks to everyone who joined in.

Betty Wise, Trip Leader

## Peek'n Peak ~ Tim Lavey

Wow! It was a 'Pow Pow' day at The Peak!

Gerhard and I pulled into a snow-covered parking lot at Peek'n Peak, and it was practically empty. It was like a dream come true. A powder day and no crowds? Is it really true? Yes, it was! Pow Pow Baby! Yea!!!

We met Bob and his buddy Mark when we took a break, and they agreed the skiing was phenomenal. The powder was of the Champagne variety, and it was up to your knees. Amazing stuff. Even at the end of the day it was still like skiing fresh powder. The surface was tracked up from the traffic, but below the surface the powder from the morning was unchanged. Instead of being pushed around all day, the powder just sat there. It did not get rutted up like we are used to seeing. It literally closed in behind you as you skied through it, leaving the next run as good as the first run. Amazing stuff. About twelve years ago I had a similar day at The Peak - Champagne powder and no waiting in the lift line. Peek'n Peak might be a little place, but they have really good snow, and it is not crowded on the weekdays. Definitely worth the drive for a day of skiing.

That said, I plan on going again. I'll pick a date and put it on the 'Sideboard', so please come to the February meeting. We'll talk and make plans for a day trip to Peek'n Peak. If you can't make it to the meeting, drop me an email, and I'll get in touch.

Hope to see you at The Peak.

## Marketing Officer ~ Sharon Kaffen



Well, Ron and I just got home from our Monday morning ski session at Boston Mills. It was probably one of the prettiest days I've ever skied! Beautiful blue sky, short lift lines, AND some pretty terrific snow! I love seeing our members out there hanging out and taking a few runs. We've been meeting up at our favorite local resort for a few weeks with the hope of making our club more visible to the public. It can be hard to know how successful this strategy will be in meeting our next new members, but we sure are having fun trying! Thanks to Gerhard, Tim, Bari, Judy, Howard, and Kathy (and Mike once) for making this happen.

Speaking of new members, we had some of our newest members join us for last week's Winter Walk in Firestone Park! Ira, Sherilynn, and Bob made it a great day, including a wonderful meal at Jerzee's (including a perfect chicken pot pie). I even found out that Ira has been caving within a mile of my farm in Virginia ... small world!

So, make sure you are spreading the good news about our great ski club – get out there to socialize with our new folks. I know you'll enjoy the fun!



### [CVSSC Bulletin Board](#)

Send me your items to put on the website CVSSC Bulletin Board (and I'll pass them along to Tim for the hard copy!) Remember, this is for things that you are doing that aren't actually club events but could be enjoyed by some members.

New items to check out:

- Mike and Kathy are going to the Akron Civic Theater for [Wine, Cheese, and Chocolate, Darling](#) on Saturday, February 8 at 7:00 PM.
- Several of us are going to the [Cleveland Monsters](#) hockey game on March 8. It's 'Bring Your Pup' night!! You will need to purchase a ticket for your dog.



# Winter Walk Gallery



## Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank ~ Sharon Kaffen

Get ready for another year of giving at the Akron and Canton Food Banks!! The schedule will start in February and will follow pretty much the same schedule as last year. All but one of our visits will be on the 3rd Friday of every other month. The April visit will be on the 2nd Friday, avoiding Good Friday! As usual, we'll help out 9:00–11:30 AM.

Day	Date	Time	Location
Friday	February 21	9:00 to 11:30 AM	1365 Cherry Ave NE, Canton OH 44714
Friday	April 11	9:00 to 11:30 AM	350 Opportunity Pkwy, Akron OH 44307
Friday	June 20	9:00 to 11:30 AM	350 Opportunity Pkwy, Akron OH 44307
Friday	August 15	9:00 to 11:30 AM	350 Opportunity Pkwy, Akron OH 44307
Friday	October 17	9:00 to 11:30 AM	1365 Cherry Ave NE, Canton OH 44714
Friday	December 19	9:00 to 11:30 AM	350 Opportunity Pkwy, Akron OH 44307

PLEASE COMPLETE A VOLUNTEER APPLICATION – If you have not volunteered with the Foodbank in the past 2 years, please complete a volunteer application.

[Adult Volunteer Application](#)

[Youth Volunteer Application \(ages 10-17\)](#)

**Akron Main Campus:** Please park in our visitor/volunteer lot and enter through our front glass doors. The Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank's Main Campus is located at 350 Opportunity Parkway, Akron, OH 44307, at the corner of Dart Avenue and Opportunity Parkway off of OH-59 near Downtown Akron.  
[Get Directions.](#)

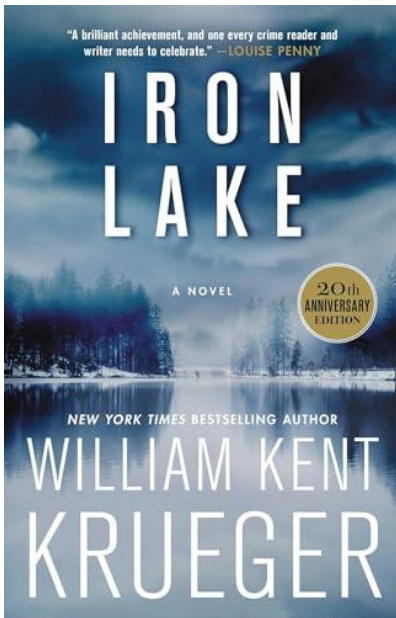
**Stark County Campus:** Please park in our visitor/volunteer lot and enter through our front glass doors. The Regional Foodbank's Stark County Campus is located at 1365 Cherry Ave. NE, Canton, Ohio 44714.  
[Get Directions.](#)

**What to wear:**

- Per Centers for Disease Control and Prevention COVID-19 and mask guidance, masks are optional for guests and volunteers.
- Safety is our priority! Please note that open-toed shoes are not permitted in the warehouse. Jewelry is not permitted in the clean room, and we recommend wearing limited jewelry when volunteering.
- Comfortable shoes are recommended as you may be on your feet the entire time.
- It is best to dress in layers. The weather outside may affect the temperature inside the warehouse.

## I ❤️ a Snowy Mystery ~ Suzanne Nappi

There's just something about wintry weather that puts me in the mood for a snowy mystery. And there certainly has been plenty of wintry weather this year. Whether you are headed to a ski resort this winter or staying home, *Iron Lake*, the first book of the bestselling Cork O'Connor mystery series, is a great read.

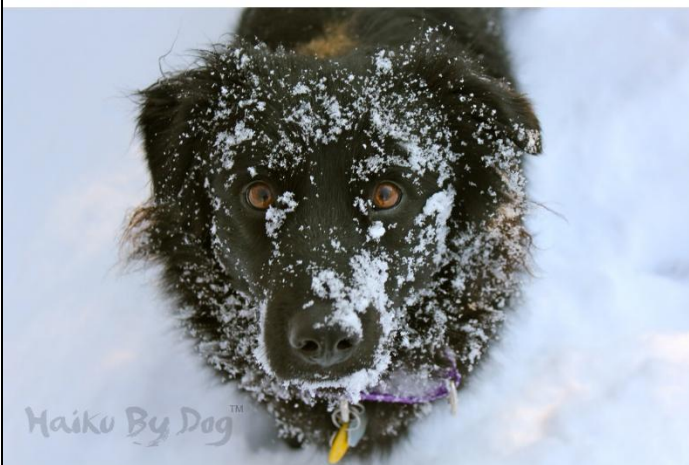


Part Irish, part Anishinaabe, Corcoran "Cork" O'Connor is the former sheriff of Aurora, Minnesota. Embittered over losing his job as a cop and over the marital meltdown that has separated him from his wife and children, Cork gets by on heavy doses of caffeine, nicotine, and guilt. Once a cop on Chicago's South Side, there's not much that can shock him. But when the town's judge is brutally murdered, and a young Eagle Scout is reported missing, Cork takes on this complicated and perplexing case of conspiracy, corruption, and a small-town secret that hits painfully close to home.

As a blizzard buries Aurora and an old medicine man warns of the arrival of a blood-thirsty mythic beast called the Windigo, Cork must dig for answers hard and fast before more people, among them those he loves, will die.

*Krueger writes a mystery series set in the north woods of Minnesota. His work has received many awards, including the Minnesota Book Award, the Loft-McKnight Fiction Award, the Anthony Award, the Barry Award, the Dilys Award, and the Friends of American Writers Prize. - Goodreads*

snow, like life, offers  
delight and difficulties  
sticks to fur and snout



sometimes the shortest  
distance between two points is  
a series of leaps



JUMBLE SOLUTION: SLOSH, DAISY, SWIVEL, KITTEN, SWIVEL - "KISS WITH A SEAL"

## Exploring Akron’s Hidden Charitable Landscape: Continuing the Call to Action:

This article marks the second in an ongoing series that delves into the human capital supporting Akron and surrounding communities. These articles have three key objectives: *first*, to illuminate the services available; *second*, to foster understanding of these organizations’ impact; and *third*, to encourage you to contribute—through time, talent, or treasure—to the organizations supporting those who experience hardship(s) in life. Let’s look at the history, mission, volunteers, funding, and impact of the CASA program in Akron and Summit County.



**Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program in Akron Metropolitan Area: A Beacon of Hope for Children in Need.** The Akron and Summit County CASA program began in the early 1990s as part of a broader effort (started in Seattle, 1977) to address the increasing number of children entering the foster care system. Its mission is simple yet vital: to provide trained volunteer advocates to represent the best interests of children who are involved in court proceedings, ensuring that the voices of children who have experienced abuse, neglect, or are otherwise involved in court proceedings are heard and their needs are addressed.

**Funding and Support:** The CASA program in Akron is a non-profit funded through grants, donations, and fundraising events. The program also benefits from support from both local (Akron Community Foundation) and national organizations. CASA also partners with government agencies, including the Summit County Juvenile Court. The funding covers operational and administrative costs. However, *much of the program’s success is due to the dedication and commitment of the volunteers.*

**CASA Volunteers (maybe you?):** At the heart of the CASA program are the volunteers that share a passion for helping children and making a meaningful difference in their lives. They are often the only consistent adult presence in the child’s life, providing a sense of stability and continuity during a turbulent time. CASA volunteers undergo an extensive screening process that includes background checks, interviews, and a rigorous 30+ hours of training that prepares them to understand the intricacies of child welfare law, the foster care system, and the emotional and psychological needs of children who have been exposed to trauma.

Once trained, CASA volunteers are appointed by judges to represent children in the court system. Their role is to investigate the child’s situation, attend court hearings, and make recommendations based on their findings. CASA volunteers advocate for the child’s best interests; they work closely with children, foster parents, social workers, and other professionals involved in the case. They help ensure that children’s needs—whether related to health, education, or emotional well-being—are being met. Want to get involved or learn how to support CASA? Check out <https://www.volunteermatch.org/search/opp70139.jsp>

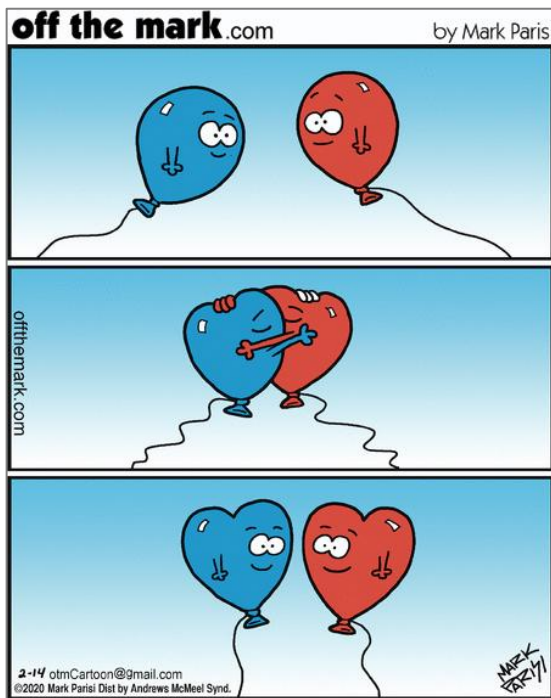
**Demographics and Support:** On average, Akron CASA supports **over 200 children annually**. The children may be in foster care or may be involved in cases of family reunification, adoption, or other legal proceedings. The children served come from a range of backgrounds, but they all share one critical characteristic: they are children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. These children often come from low-income households and may have experienced physical, emotional, or sexual abuse. Many of them struggle with feelings of abandonment, isolation, and trauma. The CASA volunteers provide much-needed stability for these vulnerable children by ensuring that their voices are heard in the court system.

**Outcomes and Benefits:** The impact of the Akron CASA program cannot be overstated. Studies have shown that children who have a CASA volunteer are more likely to receive timely services, such as medical care and educational support. They are also more likely to experience permanent placement in a safe and loving home.

**Conclusion.** Put simply, CASA plays a critical role in advocating for children’s rights, helping to ensure that they have a fair chance and that their voices are heard. By continuing to provide advocacy, stability, and support, Akron/Summit CASA lays the groundwork for brighter futures for vulnerable children, and indirectly, a stronger Akron. We should be proud.

**Read on...**Want to know more or *how to get involved*? Then check out a few important references and reviews regarding the Akron/Summit County CASA program:

1. **“The Impact of CASA on Foster Care Children” (National CASA Association)** – A comprehensive study by the National CASA Association that highlights the benefits of CASA volunteer advocacy on children in the foster care system.
2. <https://everydayakron.com/2024/03/30/summit-county-casa-non-profit-feature/>
3. <https://www.facebook.com/SummitCountyCASA/>
4. <https://www.volunteermatch.org/search/opp70139.jsp>



CVSSC Presents ~ Drive Yourself  
"Hike the Hills at Hocking Hills State Park"



Friday, May 2 to Sunday, May 4, 2025

Member Price: \$360\*

**Price Includes:**

- 2-nights lodging at [Hocking Hills Lodge and Conference Center](#).
- The price is per person based on double occupancy.
- Breakfast is included both mornings, but all other meals will be at your own expense.

**Planned Activities:**

- Stop at Visitor center and Nature Center
- Ziplining \$115 plus tax, call Joan for further details.
- Biking & hiking
- Restaurants around Logan do not take reservations, but we will try group dinners.
- Evenings games at the Lodge

\*Member early sign-up price: \$350 (before February 16, 2025)

\*Non-member price: \$370

Make checks payable to Cuyahoga Valley Ski and Social Club. Mail payment and signed trip agreement to the trip leader no later than February 26, 2025.

**Trip Leader:**

Joan Leidy  
1633 Halifax Way SE  
North Canton, OH 44709

Phone: 330-904-7379  
Email: [jleidy@comcast.net](mailto:jleidy@comcast.net)

## Cuyahoga Valley Ski and Social Club (CVSSC) Trip Agreement (Revised May 1, 2023)

Unless otherwise noted, all prices are "per person, double occupancy". All trip reservations require a signed application with payment.

**Make all checks payable to the Cuyahoga Valley Ski and Social Club. No post-dated check(s) will be accepted for any CVSSC trip. Unforeseen costs from changes to air travel, ground travel, lift tickets or rooming will be passed on to the trip participants.**

**CANCELLATION AND/OR CHANGES:** CVSSC reserves the right to: (1) withdraw the trip; (2) refuse, at any time, to accept or retain any person as a trip participant; and/or (3) prior to departure, make changes in published itinerary, whenever, in its sole judgment, conditions warrant.

**FUEL SURCHARGES:** The CVSSC may incur additional fuel surcharges to the contracted transportation at any time before trip departure. It is the responsibility of the participant to pay any such increases. Participants having any questions regarding this policy should contact their trip leader.

**ROOMING PREFERENCES:** Due to the nature of our trips, the number of participants, the bedding configuration, and the accommodations secured for the trip participants, the CVSSC cannot guarantee that the requested rooming preference will be provided.

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** Room rates are based upon double occupancy. If you are a single participant, without a roommate preference, every effort will be made to find you a roommate. If that is not possible, you will be required to pay any single supplement charges that may be imposed.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** CVSSC is acting as the applicant's agent and will not be liable for any loss or damage to baggage or property, or any personal injury, or any other loss occurring or occasioned by applicant's participation or lack of participation in a trip. CVSSC will not be responsible for any cost increase(s) due to increases in local, state, or Federal taxes, fuel surcharges, baggage fees, etc. Any participant under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

**REFUNDS:** Applicant will receive a full refund if the CVSSC cancels a trip, except and unless such cancellation is necessitated or caused, either wholly or in part, by applicant's cancellation or failure to make timely payment. 1) Where applicant cancels at any time and trip departs 100% filled, the applicant may be entitled to a refund, less a \$5 service charge on any one-day trip; a \$15 service charge on any weekend trip; or a \$25 service charge on any trip over three days. 2) Where applicant cancels and a trip departs less than 100% filled, the applicant may be liable for the entire cost of the applicant's trip, including deposit, final payment and/or balance due. 3) Applicant shall be liable to the CVSSC for any monies expended or paid by CVSSC over and above payments made by the applicant to the CVSSC.

**NSF CHECK:** For any check returned for insufficient funds, the participant will be assessed a \$25 minimum return check fee, plus any daily penalties incurred by the CVSSC. The return of any check will be cause for cash payments to be made to the CVSSC Treasurer. If checks are returned for insufficient funds, the Treasurer shall notify the participant and allow him/her fourteen (14) days to cover the check. If funds have not been paid within the fourteen-day period, the member may lose his/her position on any CVSSC trip or activity.

**TRIPS OUT OF THE COUNTRY:** You must have a current passport, which does not expire until 6 months after your return. If you have been convicted of a crime, including D.U.I., you may be refused entry into the subject country and should contact the country's embassy or Consular General for the proper procedure or clearance. The CVSSC is not responsible for the denied entry and may not issue any refund.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBER:** To protect the CVSSC's non-profit status, each non-member is charged an Associate Membership fee based upon a non-refundable fee structure of: \$5 for each one-day trip; \$10 for each weekend trip; and \$20 for any trip longer than three days. This fee allows an individual to participate on a current season ski trip. Within one month from the ending date of the respective trip, the Associate Membership fee may be applied toward a full membership. The fee does not entitle the Associate Member to receive the monthly newsletter or any other CVSSC benefits. The Associate Membership fee will be in effect only after a trip is opened to non-members.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Any items not specifically mentioned as part of the trip, such as: meals, phone calls, transportation to the point of trip departure, items of a personal nature, fees charged for airlines for checked baggage, etc. are the sole responsibility of the trip participant.

**RELEASE:** In consideration of being permitted to participate in trip activities, by signing the application, I, as an individual hereby release the CVSSC, its officers and agents, from all liability for injury, death, damage, or loss resulting from such participation. I understand the dangers inherent in trip activities and acknowledge that I have had an opportunity to make all necessary inquiries regarding the transportation and facilities involved. I release the CVSSC to use my likeness which may appear on their website to publicize their ski trips, which may appear in their photo albums, or which may appear in other media used to publicize the CVSSC and its activities. I am gifting a portion of my trip fee (eligible reimbursement/# of trip participants) to the Trip Coordinator. I intend this release to be binding on my heirs and personal representatives. If I am the parent or legal guardian of a trip participant, I intend the above release to be applicable to the participant as well as to me.

Trip # \_\_\_\_\_ Destination \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Full Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_ (MM/DD/YYYY)  
(As shown on passport or driver's license)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_ (MM/DD/YYYY)  
(As shown on passport or driver's license)

If applicable: Known Traveler Number \_\_\_\_\_ Airline Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Rooming Preference \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I, we, have read and agree to the terms and conditions set forth in the Trip Agreement, as they pertain to this trip.

## Cuyahoga Valley Ski and Social Club Membership Application ~ Valid thru Sept 30, 2025

In addition to my name, CVSSC has my permission to include items listed in this box in the member directory.  
 (Cross off any items to exclude.) Mailing Address — Home/Work/Cell Phone — Email — Birthday

\_\_\_\_\_ New Member (Referred by) \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday MM/DD \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Adult \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday MM/DD \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Child \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday MM/DD \_\_\_\_\_

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Child \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday MM/DD \_\_\_\_\_

Child \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday MM/DD \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Fees (please circle amounts)**

Single Adult \$25.00

Family (single plus dependents) \$25.00

Two Adults or Family (couple plus dependents) \$50.00

*Dependents under 18 years of age must be listed by full name in the spaces above in order to be included in the family memberships.*

**Total Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to  
 Cuyahoga Valley Ski and Social Club.  
 Send check and completed application to:**

**Cuyahoga Valley Ski and Social Club  
 3465 S. Arlington Rd, Ste. E #178  
 Akron, OH 44312**

By signing below and/or accepting any membership benefit, and/or by participating in any Club activity, applicant releases the Cuyahoga Valley Ski and Social Club (Club), its officers, board members, chairpersons, and members from any and all liability or claim, including theft, property loss, accidents, death of or injury to themselves, family members, or guests, arising from participation in any Club activity, whether resulting from negligence or otherwise. I am also gifting a portion of my dues (eligible reimbursements divided by number of members) to Club officers and supplemental positions.

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If under 18, parent(s) or guardian(s) must sign.