



FRIENDS OF
Nolde Forest
Pennsylvania Parks & Forests Foundation



Become a Friend of Nolde Forest Today!



Current opportunities include:

- Assist Gardening Committee with the care of native plant gardens
- Help collect, preserve, and interpret the rich history with the History Committee
- Parttime librarian to organize, label, and cull extensive natural history collection
- Welcome visitors and learn to tell our stories during Mansion Open House events
- Get your exercise while maintaining and improving our trails with the Trail Crew
- Utilize your planning and communication skills through Special Events Coordination
- Share your love of Nolde Forest with others and help support environmental education and historic preservation with the Fundraising Committee
- *And much more!*

Monthly Meetings are open to all members on the first Wednesday of each month.

The Friends of Nolde Forest hosts a Mansion Open House and Tour on the first Sunday of most months. Check the calendar of events for updates. Search: DCNR and Nolde Forest

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Membership fee: \$10 individual _____ \$25 Family _____ Additional contribution _____

Please make checks payable to: **PPFF** (PA Parks & Forest Foundation)

****Include "Friends of Nolde Forest" on memo line.**

Mail to: NFEFC Friends, Nolde Forest EEC, 3025 New Holland Road, Reading PA 19607

THE FRIENDS OF NOLDE FOREST

The Friends of Nolde Forest provides both physical and financial support to the educational, recreational, and historical aspects of Nolde Forest Environmental Education Center. We were founded in 2005 by a few individuals, like you, who care about nature and education. We assist with programming, maintenance, and improvements to increase accessibility, enhance visitor experiences, and preserve and protect the natural, cultural, and historical resources for future generations.

The goals of the Friends of Nolde Forest directly aligns with PPF's 2020 strategic plan. Most notably, our goal of investing in transformative projects and opportunities to enhance and conserve our public lands, with a specific focus on improving the health of our community and environment.

We've accomplished great work, and with your contributions there is so much we can do!

- Making critical repairs to the Historic 1830's PA Bank Barn so it will be here 200 more years ✓
- Installing pathway lighting for improved visibility during evening programming ✓
- Replacing the boardwalk at Painted Turtle Pond Teaching Station ✓
- Improving accessibility over existing trails to enhance visitor experience ✓
- Preserving the stories of the land through historic preservation and storytelling ✓
- Fundraising to construct a teaching pavilion for increased outdoor education opportunities

NOLDE FOREST

Nolde Forest Environmental Education Center encompasses more than 725 acres of deciduous woodlands and coniferous plantations open to the public daily from sunrise to sunset. A network of more than ten miles of trails makes the EE Center's streams, ponds, and diverse habitats accessible to both students and visitors. In addition, Nolde Forest education staff visits classrooms, creates virtual content, welcome school students, and host community programs throughout the year. Nolde Forest EE Center is not only one of Pennsylvania's 124 state parks, but it also has the distinction of being Pennsylvania's *first* Environmental Education Center operated by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

THE PENNSYLVANIA PARKS AND FORESTS FOUNDATION

Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation (PPFF) began in 1999 as a statewide nonprofit organization to provide a voice for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's state park and forest lands. With PPFF, individuals can donate money to specific state parks and forests, become active and involved volunteers in the park and forest system, and participate in fun and educational opportunities. PPFF's status as a registered 501 (c)3 non-profit charity allows chapter friends groups, such as Friends of Nolde Forest to operate on our public lands for the benefit of everyone.

PARTNERSHIPS

The Friends of Nolde Forest partners with a wide variety of local organizations to help improve the physical and mental well-being of our community. Our relationships with organizations such as the Angelica Creek Watershed Association, Mengel Natural History Society, Mifflin Community Library, Baird Ornithological Club, Barrio Alegria, Art Plus Gallery, Pagoda Pacers, and the PA Master Watershed Stewards helps promote and encourage diversity, equity, and inclusion within Berks County and beyond.