

**WESTMORELAND COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
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Join in the March For Parks

"Hear the Music, See the Goal! Help Us Score For Our Parks!"

Saturday, March 23, 2013 is your chance to show support for your Westmoreland County Parks and Trails! The place is Twin Lakes Park, where people from all over the county will gather to participate in the March for Parks. The event is presented by the Westmoreland County Parks and Recreation Citizens Advisory Board and is sponsored by Kennametal, UPMC Health Plan, Chick-fil-A, Comcast, and Excelsior Health. Event hours are 9:00am to 12:30pm.

The theme of the 2013 March for Parks is "Hear the Music, See the Goal! Help Us Score For Our Parks!" The Westmoreland County Parks Citizens Advisory Board is currently in the process of starting the third phase of the Twin Lakes Park Expansion project. New facilities will include a deck hockey and skating rink and an outdoor amphitheater for concerts in the park.

Prior to the event, marchers collect monetary contributions to support the March. Those marchers who collect \$25 or more will receive a t-shirt. People that collect over \$100 or more will receive a gift card to Target. The more you raise, the more the gift card will be worth!

Walkers and runners may participate as individuals or teams. Any group of three or more people can be a team. Organize your friends and family, school, place of worship, company or community organization. Complete the team information when you register to become eligible for awards that will honor the top fundraising teams.

The money raised at past Marches has really made an impact in the community. Marchers will have the opportunity to designate the funds they raise to projects that will make our County Parks great places to visit. **Choices include:** the deck hockey and skating rink and amphitheater at Twin Lakes Park, Mammoth Park Lake Dredging, the Little Crabtree Creek Trail, extending the Westmoreland Heritage Trail from Saltsburg to Trafford, and the Cedar Creek Park Dog Park. Non-designated funds will be used where they are most needed.

DJ Dave Haering and Mike the Balloon Guy head the list of fun activities at the event. **There will be** a picnic lunch after the March and the event will conclude with raffle prizes and an awards presentation for the top fundraising teams. **Home Depot** will also be sponsoring a kid's workshop at the event and there will be fun

things to do for everyone!

Registering online is the easiest way to sign up for the March. Just visit www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/parks. To receive a registration form by mail, call (724) 830-3950. Join in the March for Parks and help us to "Keep Westmoreland County Green!"

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