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## **CONSERVANCY FOR CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK CELEBRATED UNDER THE STARS WITH MORE THAN 900 GUESTS DURING WEEKEND EVENTS**

**PENINSULA, OH** – After a two-year hiatus the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park was excited to host two of its extraordinary celebrations, Elevation and Topography, again at Ledges Shelter in Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) on June 24 and 25. More than 900 guests came together to help raise over \$80,000 for park trails through ticket sales, sponsorships, and gifts.

During Elevation on June 24, over 500 guests enjoyed a wonderful meal, hiking, live music, dancing, a make-your-own trail mix bar (sponsored by Mustard Seed Market & Café), campfires and s'mores. At Topography on June 25, nearly 400 guests delighted in cocktails as well as Hors D'oeuvres on the Overlook and along the trails, an amazing dinner under the stars in the meadow followed by campfires.

“The focus of the fundraising events, The Trails Now fund, aligns with Dan and my passion for creating access for all users within the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Events like Elevation and Topography are such enjoyable ways to support and celebrate all that the Conservancy and CVNP offers to our community,” said Michelle L. Johnson, director, Environmental Design Group.

The work of maintaining and improving the more than 125 miles of multipurpose trails is never done. Consider joining others who made a gift this past weekend to the Conservancy's new [Trails Now fund](#). Current projects provide immediate support to bridle trail improvements, the replacement of pedestrian bridges, and the large ongoing renovation to the Stanford Trailhead.





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### **Topography**

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### **Elevation**

**Peak:** Appalachian Outfitters, Cargill, Cascade Subaru, Davey Tree Expert Company, Heidelberg Distributing Company, KeyBank, Mustard Seed Market & Cafe, North Coast Litho, Root-InfoTech, Sequoia Financial/Cohen & Co., Thirsty Dog Brewing Company, and Western Reserve Racing

**Summit:** Century Cycles, Eddy's Bike Shop, ForTec Medical, and Dan and Michelle Johnson

**Base:** Dan and Maria Blakemore, Community Life Collaborative, Cuyahoga Valley Trails Council, Lynn and Don Hanigan, and Lisa Ramirez-Shah

### **About Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park**

The Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park is the official friends group and philanthropic partner for Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP). With a mission to enrich people's lives and enhance our region by inspiring use, preservation and support of Cuyahoga Valley National Park, the Conservancy offers cultural and educational programming, co-manages the park's volunteer program, provides venues for weddings, meetings and special events, and operates park retail spaces.

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