



## Saturday, October 3, 2026

Race Start: 10 AM • Check-in: 8:45 to 9:30 AM  
The Quarry Farm, 14321 Rd 7L, Pandora, OH

The Quarry Farm 5K 2026 run/walk is an easy rural course that takes participants past a historic bridge, two scenic creeks to a rest halfway and back to the finish line at Red Fox Cabin.

Registration is \$25.00 and may be submitted with this form by mail to "The Quarry Farm 5K, 14321 Road 7L, Pandora, OH 45877" or on the day of the race.

All 5K proceeds further the goal and mission of The Quarry Farm Nature Preserve & Conservation Farm to provide the opportunity for people of all ages to increase their understanding of the natural environment of Northwest Ohio and to interact with their fellow inhabitants in a sustainable manner.

### REGISTRATION FORM

First and Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Entry form and payment must be received before the race starts on October 3 at The Quarry Farm, 14321 Road 7L, Pandora, OH 45877. Your entry fee and any additional donations are tax-deductible.**

#### T-Shirt Size (free to participant; circle one)

Adult Small    Adult Medium    Adult Large    Adult XL

The Quarry Farm logo is printed on the shirt. Registration must be received by August 15, 2026, to guarantee your selected shirt size.

#### Event Waiver and Release of Liability

I know that running/walking or rolling (wheelchair) in a road race is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and run/walk unless I am medically able and properly trained. I assume all risks associated with running/walking this event including, but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, including high heat and/or humidity, extreme cold, the conditions of the road and traffic on the course, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts, and in consideration of your accepting my entry to participate in The Quarry Farm 5K Run Walk, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release The Quarry Farm Nature Preserve & Conservation Farm and all sponsors, their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in this waiver. I hereby give my permission to the event organizers and sponsors to use my name and/or picture in any publication, broadcast, telecast or other account of this event without limitation or obligation of further compensation thereof. I certify that I have read this waiver and release and fully understand its significance.

Date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

The following is required if entrant is under 18 years of age, incapacitated, or mentally challenged:  
*I assert that I am the parent/legal guardian or otherwise authorized to execute a legally binding agreement on behalf of the registrant.*

Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have questions, want to schedule an outing or workshop for your group or keep up with what's happening here? Email [thequarryfarm@gmail.com](mailto:thequarryfarm@gmail.com), follow us on Facebook, Instagram and visit [www.thequarryfarm.org](http://www.thequarryfarm.org) or call 567-376-0705.

Donations to The Quarry Farm Nature Preserve & Conservation Farm, a 501(c)(3) public charity, are tax-deductible.

### Summer 2026 Programs & Events

Dress for the weather, including good walking shoes, and meet in Seitz Family Pavilion, 1/8 mile north of 14321 Road 7L, Pandora. There is no fee to participate unless noted otherwise. However, tax-deductible donations are appreciated.

#### Create a Leaf Garden Bowl

Saturday, July 18, 2–3:30 p.m.

Preregister by July 13 at [thequarryfarm@gmail.com](mailto:thequarryfarm@gmail.com)

Join us to create one-of-a-kind leaf-molded birdbaths, bowls and stepping stones from concrete and stone, using large leaves like those from burdock plants.

Preregister by Tuesday, July 11. **There is a material fee of \$20 per person for this event. Preregistration is required and payment is due at the workshop.**

#### Weave a Succulent Planter

Saturday, August 22, 2–3:30 p.m.

Preregister by August 17 at [thequarryfarm@gmail.com](mailto:thequarryfarm@gmail.com)

Last summer, we created Kokedama, a centuries-old Japanese form of garden art that is closely tied to the practice of bonsai. This year we will follow some of the same principles of using natural materials to weave a planter that can be hung or one that can be placed on a garden table or patio. We will primarily plant succulents in the completed planters, but a selection of herbs may be available for planting. **There is a material fee of \$15 per person for this event. Preregistration is required and payment is due at the workshop.**

#### The Quarry Farm 5K

Saturday, October 3, 10 a.m.  
(check-in opens 8:45 a.m.)

Walkers and runners will start at the Seitz Family Pavilion. Check-in is from 8:45 to 9:30 a.m. Please present ID to receive participation packet. The 5K run/walk will start at 10 a.m. (line-up at 9:55 a.m.) The race will be held rain or shine (unless there is lightning) so please dress appropriately and wear layers if necessary. **Entry forms are available at [www.thequarryfarm.org](http://www.thequarryfarm.org) under Upcoming Events.** Print and complete the registration and mail with entry fee to The Quarry Farm, 14321 Road 7L, Pandora, OH 45877 or register the day of the event.

Follow us on Facebook to find out about pop-up events like night-time Star Walks.





### Mission Statement

It is our goal and mission to provide the opportunity for people of all ages to increase their understanding of the natural environment of Northwest Ohio and to interact with their fellow inhabitants in a sustainable manner.



A young skunk watched Deb as she watched birds in the nature preserve. (Photo by Deb Weston)

The Quarry Farm Newsletter is a quarterly publication for supporters of The Quarry Farm Nature Preserve & Conservation Farm, a nonprofit organization in Pandora, Ohio.

**On the cover:** Putnam County students made steppers in the pavilion in the second art in nature Putnam ESC workshop. The young artist pictured here designed a river system.

All photographs printed in this newsletter were taken on The Quarry Farm Nature Preserve & Conservation Farm.

[www.thequarryfarm.org](http://www.thequarryfarm.org)



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### Under One Big Sky

Spring was a season of new beginnings, starting with the planting of nearly a thousand native hardwood trees and shrubs.

David Seitz has worked hard to remove Amur Honeysuckle, Privet and other introduced shrubs. His efforts cut our 10-year invasive species removal plan in half so we had to move fast to fill in the gaps. Thanks to a grant from the United States

Department of Agriculture/Natural Resource Conservation Service Ohio's Conservation Stewardship Program, we purchased seedlings, and volunteers from Putnam and Allen counties turned out to get them in the ground throughout the nature preserve. Native Pathways Nursery held a plant sale in the pavilion in May so more wildflowers were purchased and planted



Pandora-Gilboa 8th Grade students posed on the porch of the cabin after lots of tree planting around the quarry wetland.



OE kindergarteners dyed leaf shirts (above) and (below) met Siyo Inada ("Hello Snake") the Cornsnake.



beneath the new trees and in the gardens.

The Quarry Farm has been the site of new experiences for the very young this year, with Ottawa Elementary kindergartners hiking and creating t-shirts just before the plant sale. Even younger children are spending time with us throughout the summer as Owens Community College's Early Learning Center is traveling from Findlay to hike, meet the farm animal sanctuary residents, and create art in nature.

The windy May 16 Spring Bird Migration Hike resulted in 29 recorded species. Just the day before, Deb Weston recorded 67 species, including a Summer Tanager. Deb noted that the bird was red with a slight greenish tint. She said that it was seen in the prairie area eating insects in the big southeast tree. The current number of individual avian species identified at this hotspot is 158.

June began with Findlay Art Camp participants walking the trails, taking photos, and gathering materials on the trails and in the pollinator gardens. They spent the rest of the camp week in Findlay creating original pieces, some of which will be installed here for visitors to see.

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Owens CC ELC participants hiked around the quarry wetland.

### Resident Spotlight: Mr. Fabulous

First of all, let me clarify that the current Mr. Fabulous is not the first rooster to bear this name in the farm animal sanctuary. Several years ago, another tall, golden rooster patrolled the premises. He was by no means the cock of the walk, the bird who ruled the pasture and protected the flock from small predators and young upstart roosters. He was just very handsome and knew to keep out of the way of Big Red and Bernie, the roosters who truly did run the show.

Nor is the current Mr. Fabulous the only bird to bear this name. A couple of years ago, we adopted several young chickens who needed a home. Because people often purchase chicks without knowing the sexes of the babies, they find that their birds are laying dozens of eggs per day as promised or are never going to lay eggs because they are males. So if we have space, they come here. Such was the case with these new birds. Two grew to uncannily resemble the first Mr. Fabulous in both appearance and temperament. We refer to them as "The Fabuli" when they are together. Caramel, a rooster with a bit more red in his ruff, is the stern top of the pecking order. The easy-going Fabuli don't give him any guff. They just gleam brilliantly in the summer sun as gentle breezes toss their tawny, flowing locks. They could be on the cover of a summer beach read. Instead, they chase insects and take dust baths on The Quarry Farm.

**\*Babies grow! Please don't buy ducklings and chicks without good intentions for their continued care. The same goes for puppies, kittens, bunnies, and every animal that is frequently gifted or bought on a whim. Everything has a right to live and be treated with compassion.**



The Fabuli



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Later that week, Putnam County students mixed water with vinyl patch cement to create steppers during the second 2026 art in nature workshop in partnership with the Putnam County Educational Service Center. Cranberry Run was full and flowing for the June 15 Putnam County Educational Service Center Summer Camp. Campers did their annual wade through the Run after hiking with honeysuckle staffs and making t-shirts and bark masks.

### Thank you...

...to Melissa Basinger, Gary Herman, and Susan Long at the Putnam County ESC for this year's art-in-nature opportunities and Summer Camp

...to Bluffton Emmanuel United Church of Christ Women for planting trees

...to Bonnie Brooks for conducting the Junior Naturalist events

...to Martha Erchenbrecher and Rita Seitz for assisting with t-shirt making and Summer Camp

...to Mike and Martha Erchenbrecher for donating garden produce to the sanctuary residents

...to Elizabeth Gerdeman and her family for planting trees

...to Pandora-Gilboa 8th Grade for planting trees

...to Kevin, Dylan, and Adam Siefker for planting trees and installing new light fixtures in the pavilion

...to David Seitz for honeysuckle and vine removal and trail maintenance

...to Deb Weston for monitoring bird populations and leading the hike

### Monetary Donations:

Bruce Coburn  
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Findlay Art Camp participants photographed their hike (above) and (left) Putnam ESC summer campers began their day making honeysuckle hiking sticks.