

2012

# Lightning Bug Run/Walk

Scheduled for May 12



## An Experience You'll Never Forget

It was a dark and stormy night. The steady, all day rain had slowed to a gentle mist. Hundreds of invisible night creatures tested their vocal chords, creating a cacophony of sound as they prepared for their nighttime serenade. Fog emerged

silently from the ground, gently spreading across the trail and wrapping itself around each plant in the marsh and each tree in the woods. The muted glow of hundreds of luminaries disappeared into the distance.

Luminaries? Yes, luminaries. Hundreds of them marking a 3.1-mile course inside Buckeye Woods Park. The warm light from the glow sticks tucked inside their milk jug homes beckoned to the runners and walkers who were gathering in anticipation of the start of the first annual Lightning Bug Run last May. The air was filled with sounds of laughter, nervous chatter, and greetings between friends and neighbors.

The idea for a night race was spawned by Bob Daniels who had ran and biked at Buckeye Woods Park many times. He felt a nighttime event would provide a unique way to experience nature. Hundreds of others felt the same as the word spread about the race. The cap limit of 400 was reached three weeks prior to the race start date. "Marvelous," "awesome," "wonderful," "mysterious," and "scary" was how attendees described their experiences.

## Sponsors

The Lightning Bug Run is co-sponsored by the non-profit Run for the Trails, Inc., the Medina County Park District and Friends of the Parks. Profits from the event are specifically earmarked for extensions of existing trails in Medina County and in Seville. Run for the Trails, Inc. also hosts the Run for the Trails 5K, an annual Labor Day race/walk held in Seville.

## Date/Start Time

The 2012 race/walk is scheduled for May 12 with a 9:20 p.m. start time.

## To Register

Click on the [Lightning Bug](#) at the top of the page to be directed to the registration website. The registration limit has been raised to 500.