



# Friends of Lake Anna State Park

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Dear Prospective Donor:

The Friends of Lake Anna State Park (FOLASP), a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit corporation, seek your help in funding a much needed project. Your contribution will be fully deductible when computing your income tax.

Playground equipment for toddlers (ages 2 – 5) is needed at Lake Anna State Park. The existing equipment is designed for ages 5 – 12. Lake Anna State Park averages more than 250,000 visitors annually and many families have children in the toddler age range.

The Commonwealth has no funds for providing toddler playground equipment. Thus, FOLASP wants to fill this void and is seeking funding assistance. The intended equipment is a playground train (see attached) to be professionally installed by the manufacturer who will then assume related liability.

The train was chosen because within the park boundaries lie the remains of the Goodwin Gold Mine and the related rail-bed. Between 1830 and 1850, Virginia was the third largest gold producing state in the nation. Thus, in addition to the playground train providing an excellent platform for toddler recreation and physical exercise, the combination of the goldmine and the playground train will provide wonderful opportunities for educational and interpretive training programs for all ages.

The train includes four units – engine, tanker car, dining car, and caboose (sandbox car). Purchase, shipping, and installation costs for the train total \$31,000. The Board of Directors has pledged \$6,000 from the FOLASP treasury towards that amount, leaving an unfunded balance of \$25,000.

Donors will be formally acknowledged as sponsors of the project and names will be prominently displayed within the park. Donors of \$500 and above will be recognized as “Engineers”, donors of \$250 as “Conductors”, donors of \$100 as “Brakemen”, and donors of less than \$100 as “Switchmen”.

Please help us fund this very worthwhile project to benefit the Lake Anna Community and the visitors to the park who have children in the toddler age range. **Make your check payable to Friends of Lake Anna State Park, annotate it as being for playground equipment, and send it to Tom Shaw, 11121 Emery Lane, Bumpass, VA 23024.** We will gratefully respond with a letter to document the tax deductibility of your donation.

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