

Form **990-EZ**

**Short Form**  
**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**  
 Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code  
 (except private foundations)

OMB No 1545-1150

**2013**

Department of the Treasury  
 Internal Revenue Service

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**A** For the 2013 calendar year, or tax year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, 2013, and ending \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization FRIENDS OF BIG CREEK		<b>D</b> Employer identification number 61-1606049
	Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address)		<b>E</b> Telephone number (216) 661-7706
	P.O. BOX 609272		<b>F</b> Group Exemption Number . . . . . ▶
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code CLEVELAND OH 44109		

**G** Accounting Method  Cash  Accrual Other (specify) ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**I** Website: ▶ [www.friendsofbigcreek.org](http://www.friendsofbigcreek.org)

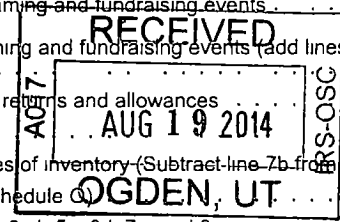
**J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) -  501(c)(3)  501(c) ( ) (insert no)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**K** Form of organization  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**L** Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. . . . . ▶ \$ 55,678.

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (see the instructions for Part I)  
 Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I . . . . .

REVENUE	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received . . . . .	1	24,062.
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts . . . . .	2	30,180.
	3	Membership dues and assessments . . . . .	3	1,411.
	4	Investment income . . . . .	4	
	5 a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory . . . . .	5 a	
	5 b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .	5 b	
	5 c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a). . . . .	5 c	
	6	Gaming and fundraising events . . . . .		
	6 a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000) . . . . .	6 a	
	6 b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000) . . . . .	6 b	25.
	6 c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events . . . . .	6 c	
	6 d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c) . . . . .	6 d	25.
	7 a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .	7 a	
	7 b	Less cost of goods sold . . . . .	7 b	
	7 c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a) . . . . .	7 c	
	8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	8	
	9	<b>Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 . . . . . ▶	9	55,678.
EXPENSES	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O) . . . . .	10	
	11	Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits . . . . .	12	
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors . . . . .	13	36,620.
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance . . . . .	14	395.
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping . . . . .	15	1,448.
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) . . . . . See Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses	16	5,045.
17	<b>Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16 . . . . . ▶	17	43,508.	
NET ASSETS	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9). . . . .	18	12,170.
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return) . . . . .	19	35,582.
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) . . . . .	20	
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 . . . . . ▶	21	47,752.



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Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II



	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	9,860.	17,651.
23 Land and buildings	0.	0.
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O) See L-24 Stmt	35,000.	30,180.
25 Total assets	44,860.	47,831.
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	9,278.	79.
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	35,582.	47,752.

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

Expenses

(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? CONSERVING, ENHANCING, AND BRINGING RECOGNITION TO THE BIG CREEK WATERSHED. Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title

28 CONTINUE TO IMPLEMENTED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM TO ADDRESS FLOODING, EROSION, AND WATER QUALITY CONCERNS THROUGH INNOVATIVE STORMWATER MANGEMENT PROJECTS WITHIN BIG CREEK WATERSHED COMMUNITIES. (Grants \$ 30,180.) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	28 a	28,118.
29 CONSERVATION OF STREAM BUFFER PROPERTIES THROUGH PURCHASE AND CONSERVATION EASEMENTS. (Grants \$ 3,911.) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	29 a	1,915.
30 IMPLEMENTED STORM WATER RETROFIT RANKING PROJECT WITHIN THE BIG CREEK WATERSHED COMMUNITIES. (Grants \$ 15,000.) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	30 a	8,600.
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O). (Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	31 a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	38,633.

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated - see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV



(a) Name and Title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
BOB GARDIN PROJECT MANAGER	27.00	23,400.	0.	0.
MARY ELLEN STASEK CHAIRWOMAN	8.00	0.	0.	0.
JEFF LENNARTZ VICE CHAIRMAN	1.00	0.	0.	0.
DAVID McBEAN TREASURER	8.00	0.	0.	0.

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS?
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents?
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities?
35b If 'Yes,' to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year?
35c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year?
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year?
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions
37b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?
38b If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter
39a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9
39b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911, section 4912, and section 4955
40b Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ?
40c Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958
40d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization
40e All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed

42a The organization's books are in care of DAVID McBEAN Telephone no (216) 661-7706
Located at 4352 PEARL RD CLEVELAND OH ZIP + 4 44109

42b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?
42c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U S ?

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year

44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year?
44b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year?
44c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?
44d If 'Yes' to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments?
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?
45b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part I . . . . .

	Yes	No
46		X

**Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only**

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI . . . . .

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II . . . . .

	Yes	No
47		X

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E . . . . .

48		X
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49 a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? . . . . .

49 a		X
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b If 'Yes,' was the related organization a section 527 organization? . . . . .

49 b		
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50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter 'None'

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
NONE				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 . . . . .

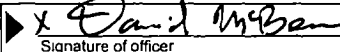
51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter 'None'

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations, other than churches, and all section 501(c)(29) charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A. . . . .

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has knowledge.

Sign Here	 Signature of officer	
	DAVID McBEAN TREASURER Type or print name and title	
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature
	KEN MOSS CPA	KEN MOSS CPA
	Firm's name ▶ WAYNE SMITH TAX SERVICE	
	Firm's address ▶ 2032 W SCHAAF RD CLEVELAND	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions.

**SCHEDULE A**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

OMB No 1545-0047

**2013**

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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Name of the organization

FRIENDS OF BIG CREEK

Employer identification number

61-1606049

**Part I Reason for Public Charity Status** (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1  A church, convention of churches or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2  A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6  A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8  A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9  An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33-1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions — subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33-1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 10  An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11  An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
  - a  Type I
  - b  Type II
  - c  Type III — Functionally integrated
  - d  Type III — Non-functionally integrated
- e  By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**.
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
  - (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?
  - (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?
  - (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

	Yes	No
11 g (i)		
11 g (ii)		
11 g (iii)		

h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in column (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in column (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in column (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of monetary support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
(A)									
(B)									
(C)									
(D)									
(E)									
<b>Total</b>									

BAA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990 or 990-EZ.

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2013

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Table with 7 columns: Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in), (a) 2009, (b) 2010, (c) 2011, (d) 2012, (e) 2013, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 3 The value of services or facilities furnished; 4 Total, Add lines 1 through 3; 5 The portion of total contributions by each person; 6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in), (a) 2009, (b) 2010, (c) 2011, (d) 2012, (e) 2013, (f) Total. Rows include: 7 Amounts from line 4; 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources; 9 Net income from unrelated business activities; 10 Other income; 11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10; 12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc.

13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here.

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Line number, Percentage. Row 14: Public support percentage for 2013 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) 96.76%. Row 15: Public support percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 95.52%.

16a 33-1/3% support test - 2013. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and the line 14 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. [X]

b 33-1/3% support test - 2012. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.

17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2013. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.

b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2012. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.

18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions.

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2009, (b) 2010, (c) 2011, (d) 2012, (e) 2013, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received; 2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed; 3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business; 4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5; 7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons; 7b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons; 7c Add lines 7a and 7b; 8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6).

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2009, (b) 2010, (c) 2011, (d) 2012, (e) 2013, (f) Total. Rows include: 9 Amounts from line 6; 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources; 10b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975; 10c Add lines 10a and 10b; 11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on; 12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV); 13 Total Support. (Add lns 9, 10c, 11 and 12).

14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here.

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 3 columns: Description, Amount, Percentage. Row 15: Public support percentage for 2013 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) - 15 - %. Row 16: Public support percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 - 16 - %.

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

Table with 3 columns: Description, Amount, Percentage. Row 17: Investment income percentage for 2013 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) - 17 - %. Row 18: Investment income percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 - 18 - %.

19a 33-1/3% support tests - 2013. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.

19b 33-1/3% support tests - 2012. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions.

**Part IV** **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b, and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Pt II Line 10: Description: FUND RAISING ACTIVITY

Pt II Line 10: 2011: 543.

Pt II Line 10: 2012: 5696.

Pt II Line 10: 2013: 51.





Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ  
**Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 Other Expenses**

Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)

SUPPLIES	490.
CONFERENCE AND MEETINGS	55.
TELEPHONE	946.
INSURANCE	923.
BANK FEES	995.
REGISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP FEES	250.
EDUCATION & OUTREACH PROGRAM EXPENSE	1,386.
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,045.</b>

Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ  
**Form 990-EZ, Page 1, Part II, Line 24**

<b>Line 24 - Other Assets:</b>	<b>Beginning of Year</b>	<b>End of Year</b>
GRANTS RECEIVABLE	35,000.	30,180.
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,000.</b>	<b>30,180.</b>