



## ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

November 19, 2009

Dear Friend of Mammoth Cave National Park:

The annual meeting of the Friends of Mammoth Cave National Park will be held at the Park's training center on December 18, 2009 at 1:00 P.M. CST. Directions are included on the back of this letter. It is our hope that you will be able to join us. Immediately after the business meeting, we will view the new film, *Mammoth Cave: A Way to Wonder*, and share some light refreshments.

It has been an exciting year for the Park and for the Friends. Perhaps the highlight for us has been our ability to help fund the production of *Mammoth Cave: A Way to Wonder*, produced by WKYU-PBS.

**Your membership contributions and donations, together with special donations to the Friends from Bluegrass Cellular Communications, Inc., and the Commonwealth of Kentucky's Tourism Department, enabled us to provide \$22,500 in funding to help make this project a reality!**

The film takes the cave to the public and reveals Mammoth Cave's untold stories via high definition footage and personal stories of people connected with the cave. As proposed by the producers, "it is an irresistible invitation to an unforgettable place." The film was produced as a complementary piece to the six-episode Ken Burns film, *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*, and is an **absolutely incredible production about the park we all love.**

Prior to being aired on WKYU-PBS in October, special showings were held at Western Kentucky University, Cave City, Horse Cave and the Park. The film has left all of us who have seen us in awe. The ability to capture the cave . . . its history, its story and its magnificence . . . is truly amazing. The film will now be made available to other outlets across the country, and the Friends of Mammoth Cave National Park will be able to sell the DVDs to help raise funds. They will make great stocking stuffers. We hope to have them available for sale online in early December, or you can pick up yours at the meeting.

We have other projects ongoing, and the services of a talented intern from Western Kentucky University to help us plan and implement additional new projects to help the Park. We are even considering hiring a part-time executive director. We have so many opportunities that we hardly know what to do! We need your involvement to help us set priorities and accomplish even more for our Park.

We look forward to your input on all of these things, and to seeing you on December 18. Please give me a call to let us know whether you will be able to attend.

Sincerely,

LaJuana S. Wilcher

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