

2017 Alumni Weekend "PCS Pierson Challenge Ropes Course"

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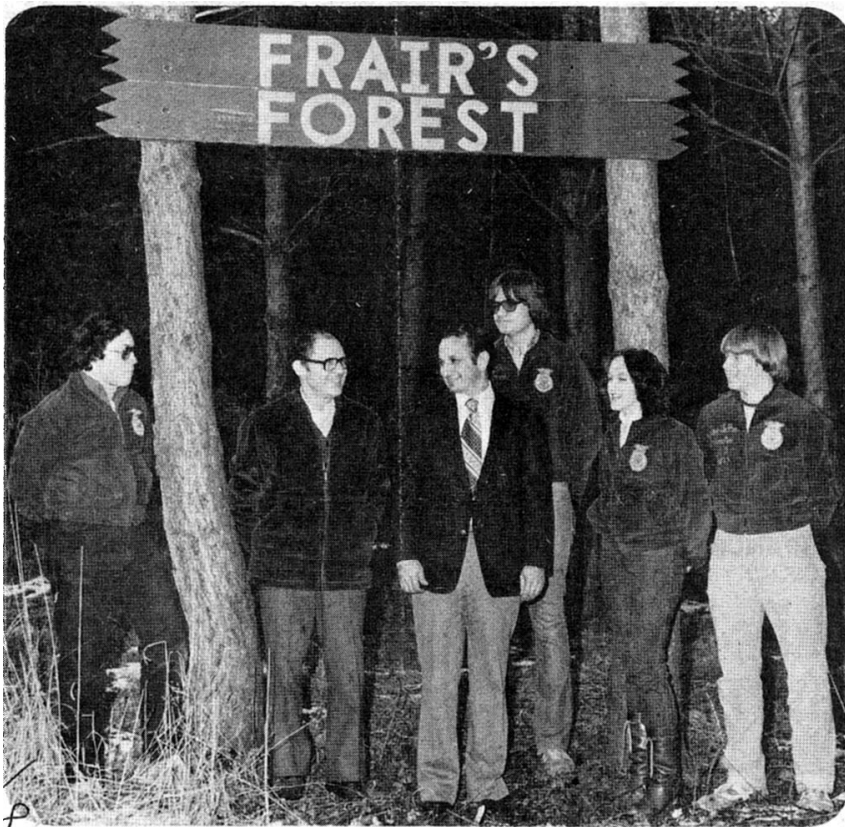


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Time: 1 to 4:00pm on Sunday, July 16, 2017

The Pierson Challenge Course is located at Portville Central School, 500 Elm Street, Portville, New York. The course is named after the late Bernice Pierson, a technology/AG teacher that the school and community lost just before the school year started in 2012. The course is dedicated

to her memory. The "High Ropes Course" is located high up in the trees on the hill behind the school, aptly named Frair Forest in 1980, for former teacher and administrator, Mr. Lee A. Frair (1915-2014).



There are two courses: the lower course is 32 feet from the ground and the higher course is 43 feet high. There are five elements in the lower course and seven elements in the higher one. Each element is designed to challenge both your mind and body, utilizing your balance and awareness to strategically complete the course. The final challenge is a 500 foot zip line.

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Students Honor Former Administrator

"FRAIR'S FOREST" reads the new sign at the entrance of the woodlot behind Portville Central School. The woodlot, divided into six experimental plots and a nature trail, is used by agriculture students and FFA members at the school to learn about forestry and woodlot management with members of the ag-mechanics class recently making the sign to honor Lee Frair, former superintendent of Portville Central

school, who they felt "was instrumental in encouraging the school board to fund the purchase of safety equipment and improve the woodlot." Shown above with the new sign are, from the left: Doug Grabbit; Mr. Frair, who retired at the end of the 1978-79 school year after 40 years of service to the Portville school; Gerard Christopher, PCS superintendent; Josh Propster; Danielle Ryan; and Tom Latten. (Times Herald Photo)

If you have not tried the ropes course, this is a good opportunity to see what it is like.