



Conneaut Lake Park

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AUCTION TO HELP SECURE HISTORIC TUMBLE BUG RIDE AT CONNEAUT LAKE PARK

CONNEAUT LAKE, Pennsylvania, July 3, 2006 – Be one of the first to ride the Tumble Bug when it reopens after a three year absence from Conneaut Lake Park! Since 2002, Conneaut Lake Park's historic Tumble Bug ride, first installed in 1925, has been out of service. After three years, the Tumble Bug will be back in action and *you* can be a part of it!

Conneaut Lake Park is auctioning seats on the reopening ride of the Tumble Bug to be held on July 8th at 12:00 PM. Be a successful bidder and secure your seat on the reopening ride of the Tumble Bug to help defray the cost of maintaining this classic ride. The Tumble Bug ride was once quite popular at amusement parks and just about every park in the country had one. Built by the long-gone Travers Engineering Company of nearby Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, these rides are very rare. Today, there are only two known operating Tumble Bug rides left in the world and we have the oldest surviving one. Ours was built in 1925. Conneaut Lake Park has a commitment to keeping this historic treasure operating for everyone to enjoy. The Tumble

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Conneaut Lake Park is offering seats on the Commemorative reopening ride of the Tumble Bug to raise funds for its continued maintenance. The top 24 bidders will be seated. Guests must be 48" tall to ride the Tumble Bug. Bids must start at \$50.00 and may be increased only in increments of \$5.00 at any time until bidding is closed. Bids will not be posted until they have been secured by phone call with a credit card to assure legitimacy. Bid updates will be posted daily on the Conneaut Lake Park website, conneautlakepark.com, at 11:00 AM and at 8:00 PM. Here, bidders can check the status of their bid.

The bidding process will officially open on Monday, July 3rd and will be closed at 7:00 PM on Friday, July 7th at 7:00 PM. No emails, calls, or voice mails will be accepted after 7:00 PM on Friday, July 7th. Bids may be placed by emailing mcostello.clp@zoominternet.net, calling (814)-382-5115 x108, or by stopping by the park administration office between the hours of 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Call-in bids may be left on voice mail. To bid, call or email with your name, bid amount (at least \$50.00), credit card number, and card expiration date. Payments for successful bids will be accepted at the park by Saturday, July 8th, as a part of check in. Cash, checks, money orders, and credit card payments will be accepted. Checks should be made out to Conneaut Lake Park. At the conclusion of the auction, the successful bidders will select their own seats with the highest bidder choosing first and the rest following in order. Successful bidders will also receive a Ride-A-Rama Pass for the day.

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