



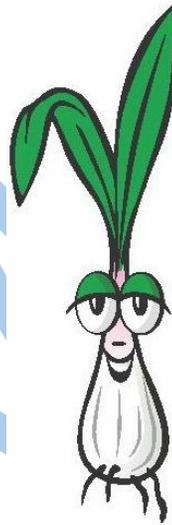
The Family Center
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Richwood, WV
"Building Relationships"

79th Feast of the Ramson

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Special Event Station



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commemorate the 79th Annual Feast of the Ransom.



Richwood's "*Feast of the Ramson*" has been described as "the granddaddy of **ALL** Appalachian Ramp Feeds." Legend has it that the first PUBLIC ramp feed was derived from a private meal, attended by thirteen ramp lovers. At this small gathering, the men decided to "go public" the following year.

There was much hoopla connected to that initial feed. Only men were invited and each male had to present a letter of permission to attend, submitted by his "next of kin," that absolved the newly formed "National Ramp Society" of liability. Off to CCC Camp Cranberry they went to hear orations and tall tales. True mountain food was cooked over an open campfire. There was wild game of every variety and side dishes of homegrown vegetables. It was reported moonshine was the drink of choice. The keynote speaker was the Mayor of the City of Charleston.

Ramps and the Ramps Festival have been such an integral part of Richwood's history so much so that one year, former Newsman Jim Comstock actually infused the ink used to print the News Leader with the smell of Ramps. The smell was so strong that the local Post Office asked him to refrain from doing so next year.

It is this grass roots initiative of 1937 that the organizers of the current day "*Feast of the Ramson*" point to with pride. The modern-day event has added heritage crafts and mountain-style music, but the star of the show has, and always will remain, that delicious mountain delicacy with a mystique all its own; THE RAMP.

Courtesy of the [Richwood Chamber of Commerce](#).

The Family Center is a safe, supervised environment that is drug, alcohol, and tobacco free. Our community minded family of volunteers provides a welcoming place that promotes education and self-respect through love. In 2016, The Collins Companies Foundation of Wilsonville, Oregon provided us with a \$10,000 grant and The City of Richwood donated \$4,000 in order to build an Amateur Radio Station for Ham enthusiasts to be able to provide a lifelong hobby and emergency communications when needed. www.thefamilycenterofrichwoodwv.org.

Thanks for making our Special Event, *Special!*

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