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Butler Outdoor Club Membership Form

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Date

Renewals are due March 1 each year.

Annual dues are $20 - family, $15 – individual plus $10 for news letter via us mail if desired. Make checks payable to Butler Outdoor Club

Send my newsletter via us mail (for an additional $10) ___ or via e mail___ and trip updates via email ___ Y or N

Name	Age	Sex	Relationship	Phone (H)	Phone (W)	Cell Phone

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Privacy Policy: we do not distribute our membership list to any outside organizations. This information is for internal clubuse in mailing newsletters, brochures, questionaires and for use by club officers and outing leaders.

Address: Street or P.O. Box	City	State	Zip+4

Name of person to notify in case of emergency	Relationship	Phone #

I would like to participate in these activities.																I would like to help in these areas:									
Backpack	Road Bike	Trail Bike	Canoe	Kayak	Sail	Car aCamp	Cave	Bird Watch	Nature Events	Cross Country Ski	Snowshoe	Orienteer	Trailwork	Ice Skating	Down Hill Ski	Membership	Newsletter	Picnics	Monthly Program	Lead Outings	Other	Fund Raising	Special Events	Annual Dinner	Setup Before Meetings

Please read the following assumption of risk and liability waver very carefully.

By signing this application you are agreeing to all provisions, implied or otherwise, of the waiver.

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to join the Butler Outdoor Club and participate in its activities, I

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for myself, my personal representatives, heirs, and next of kin hereby acknowledge, agree, and represent that I fully understand that most BOC activities, including but not limited to, white water, rock fall, avalanches, crevasses, exposure to severe weather, crowning, equipment failure, and the misuse of equipment by myself and others, could result in my suffering serious bodily injury and/or death and I HEREBY 1. RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE Butler Outdoor Club, its instructors and or participants in any teaching activities, and/or of the individual officers or members of BOC(hereinafter collectively referred to as "releases" from all liability to me, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs and next of kin for any and all loss or damage, and any claims or demands therefore on account of injury to my person or property or resulting in my death whether caused by the negligence of the releases or otherwise while participating in any activities conducted by BOC and/or any of its individual members. 2. AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS the releases and each of them from any loss, liability, damage, or cost they may incur due to my participating in any way in any activities conducted by BOC and/or any of its individual members whether caused by the negligence of the releases or otherwise. 3. ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND RISK OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE due to the negligence or releases or otherwise while participating in any way in any activity conducted by BOC and/or any of its individual members. I further expressly agree that the foregoing release, waiver and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and if any portion thereof is invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, not withstanding, continue if full legal force and effect.

I HEREBY WARRANT THAT I HAVE READ AND VOLUNTARILY SIGNED THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, AND FURTHER AGREE THAT NO ORAL REPRESENTATIONS, STATEMENTS, OR INDUCEMENTS APART FROM THE FOREGOING WRITTEN AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN MADE.

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Signature(s) (Assumption of risk must be signed) Date

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	Area Outdoor Educational Evcnts and Activities
Jan 31-Feb 1	** rescheduled again from 24-26 due to weather and conditions. ** BOC Hike Hickory Creek Trail optional overnight winter campout near trailhead. Optional additional hiking. Email Dave Raybould bkpackr1@zoominternet.net
Jan 31	BOC Annual Ground Hog Day outing will be Saturday, January 31, 09 at 12 noon at Oil Creek State Park, at the warming shelter on SR 1004. The club will provide hot dogs and cocoa. Bring a dish to share. (Wood burning stove and picnic tables but no electric at shelter) Bring you cross country skis, snow shoes or be prepared for a hike. Contact John Stehle at stehles@yahoo.com or 724-256-0674 to be posted about last minute changes due to weather. Directions: Rt 8 N past Oil City, turn Rt on 227 at Rouseville, turn left at Plumer on SR 1004 (watch for Oil Ck SP sign) Ski area parking and warming hut about 1 mile on Rt.
Feb 4	Our monthly meetings are 6:30 pm social hour, 7:30 pm announcements and 8:00 program on the first Wed. of each month usually at the Butler YMCA, 339 N. Washington, St. Butler, Pa. Each meeting includes outing announcements, a featured speaker and slide show or outdoor educational program and is open to the public. Join us on Wed Feb 4 when Joyce Appel will present a slide program on a trip to Madagascar.
Feb 7	Free Penna Cross Country Ski Association XC Ski Lessons at Laurel Ridge State Park Cross Country Ski Area 1:00pm Lessons are scheduled also on Feb 21.
Feb 7	Rachel Carson Trails Conservancy Winter Outing 10:30am - 3:00pm Join us for a 5-6 mile deep winter hike from the Harmony Trail to the Rachel Carson Trail. We'll meet at the Beaver Shelter on Babcock Blvd. in North Park and carpool to the start at the Harmony Trailhead on Rt 910. Ten we'll follow the Harmony Trail to the Brooktree spur, to the Bluebird Trail, to the Braille Trail, to the North Ridge Trail, and end at the Rachel Carson Trail western trailhead. Moderate difficulty (decent sized hills at Brooktree and going up to the North Ridge, otherwise gently rolling) Hot tea, cocoa, and treats afterwards. For details More details: go to http://www.rachelcarsontrails.org/Members/sgmentzer/wo2009 To sign up, contact Mark Eyerman at 412.492.0375 or bongofury@verizon.net or Marian Crossman at 412.366.3339 or dmc@pitt.edu. Free and open to all.
Feb 7	You are invited to Dr. Carl Robertson's interactive presentation on Washington 's first official mission on February 7, 2009. It is a preview of his book expected to be published later this year. Discussions of Dr. Robertson's documentation of the location of the site of " Murdering Town ", the "forgotten path" and the likely location where the Indian guide attempted to kill Washington or Gist. An overview of the mission includes understanding the historical (French-British-Indian) context in which it took place and its place in the onset of the French and Indian War. The presentation will take place at Providence Plantation at 300 Textor Hill Road in Evans City on Saturday, February 7, 2009 from 9 am until noon. Seating is limited to 30 and reservations are required. A second presentation may be presented from 1 pm until 3 pm if there are more than 30 reservations. Please RSVP by Wednesday, January 28 to 724-538-8818. A tax-deductible donation of $10.00 is suggested to support the continued operation of Providence Plantation Foundation. To find out more about Providence Plantation Foundation, please visit www.frontier-history.org. The Providence Plantation Foundation, Inc. 300 Textor Hill Road, Evans City , PA 16033 Voice (724) 538-8818 - fax (724) 538-1033 www.frontier-history.org Email - providence@zoominternet.net Learning from the people who made America
Feb 7	Geocaching Class February 7th and 28th The Butler-Freeport Community Trail Council will be holding free geocaching classes for anyone interested from 10 am to noon at the Summit Township building on Bonnybrook Rd. The GPS coordinates of our adjacent trailhead is N40 50.120 W079 49.257. The Feb 7th first class, is for those who have never tried geocaching but would like to learn. The 28th will be an "advanced beginner" class, for those who came to the first class or who have some experience already. By February 28th, all participants should go to www.geocaching.com to become a member of the geocaching community. The Trail has a limited

	number of GPS units that will be available for use free of charge. Interested participants may email Franny Ritchie, the Trail Activities Coordinator, if they would like to reserve one (first come, first serve). Any questions can be directed to Franny at fritchie@aswp.org or at 724-353-9012. We hope to see you there!
Feb 7-28	Jennings Environmental Education Center Program Step Into Snowshoes Dates 2/7/2009 - 2/28/2009 Time 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Throughout the winter a limited number of free snowshoes are available for use. What a great way to explore the snowy landscape and to keep fit during the winter months! Snowshoes are available on a first come/first served basis Monday through Saturday between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. A program detailing the history of snoeshowing, snowshoe styles and snowshoe instruction will be presented every Saturday at 1:00 p.m. A valid driver?s license must be provided in order to borrow. Snowshoes must remain in the park and are only available when there is at least four inches of snow cover. Please call the Center at 724-794-6011 to ensure there are adequate snow conditions.
Feb 14, 15	BOC Winter Backpack - Hike in on the Tanbark Trail about 1 1/2 miles then bushwacking down into the Hickory Creek Wilderness area and hiking out the next day along the Hickory Creek Trail. Freinds of the Allegheny are joining the BOC on this trip. Email Dave Raybould bkpackr1@zoominternet.net
Feb 20-22	Allegany State Park cross country ski weekend near Salamanca, NY - (Option to snowshoe, hike or sightsee) Cardboard sled race and potluck dinner Sat. You have time now to think of a great cardboard sled to make so get started! There is no limit to your imagination...last year proved that! Prizes for fastest, funniest, and most unique sleds. We will have the warming hut to get together Friday and Sat.evening to socialize and for Sat.potluck, so bring a game. Groomed trails here are the best around, built and sloped just for skiing.(Easy, intermediate and more challenging) Paul Henry and others can give free lessons. Breakfast and lunches are on your own but cabins have stove, oven and refrigerator. Reserve early because cabins fill up fast! Can rent you skis or snowshoes also but must know ahead of time. Singles with 4-6 per cabin, $45 per person. 2 couples per cabin, $100 per couple. Joyce Appel 724-526-5407 or joyceappel@windstream.net
Feb 21	Cherry Pie Hike sponsored by the Butler Chapter, North Country Trail Association Location: Stone House, Rt. 8, 10 miles North of the Clearview Mall Time: 10 AM Hikes of various length, depending on hiking skill and the weather, will be leaving the Stone House to explore local sections of the North Country and Washington Trails. There will also be a presentation on the history of George Washington in the local area and related history topics by Dr. Aaron Cowan of Slippery Rock University. Free Cherry Pie and refreshments will be served at the Stone House during both activities and a surprise door prize will be drawn for all who attend. Following the Stone House events, some are heading to Slippery Rock to North Country Brewing for a good meal and more refreshments. Reservations are not required, but would be greatly appreciated to help with planning. Please R.S.V.P. Contact Dan Mourer at 724-445-3315. All are welcome!
Mar 29 Apr 04	Bike Florida 2009 Sunday, March 29, 2009 - Saturday, April 04, 2009 Capitol Tour loop ride, Madison, Moticello, Wakulla Springs, Tallahassee, Monticello, Madison Address: Ride Start: Madison, FL 32340 Brief Description: Bike Florida is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote safe cycling in the state of Florida Bike Florida 2009 is a week-long fully-supported bicycle camping tour pedaling approximately 250 miles in the beautiful panhandle counties of Florida. This year’s ride starts and ends in Madison. Cyclists will ride 40-60 miles daily with an optional century. Bike Florida is fully supported with luggage trucks, SAG and mechanical support, and rest stops every 12-15 miles. A number of BOC members and friends do this ride each year. see http://www.bikeflorida.org for details.
May 1-3	3rd Annual Birds and Nature Festival - in the Oil Heritage Region of NW Pa. - Guided Bird Walks, Nature Hikes, Workshops For more information call Toni Kresinski, 814.677.3152 ext 110 or 800.483.6264 ext 110
July 10-19	BOC Maine Campout Joyce Appel and Paul Henry plan to cooridinate our annual campout this year at the camp of Carol and John Gregory, who were some of our original BOC members and still are !!! It is located near Acadia National Park in Maine. Limited space to sleep in the camp but we will also take tents to accomodate people in the large yard. Plan to rent a 12 passenger van, maybe two if enough are

	interested. We will pull a trailer with canoes and if we have a second van, we will pull an extra car. We will leave Friday night or Sat.morning and head home the following Sat., getting back Sun. There will be lots to do. The camp is on a large lake where you can hike or paddle. Hiking trails, biking, other boating places, festivals, museums, quaint towns and villages are all nearby, besides Acadia National Park which is along the ocean where you can tour around, walk around, hike, bike etc., and Baxter State Park in central Maine where you can hike around the bottom or hike to the top of Katahdin, largest mt.peak in Maine. I strongly advise the Katahdin hike for those of you who like to hike and John Gregory would love to lead you on that trip...a hike you will never forget and cannot be described. It will be a wonderful time and it has been a dream of John and Carol to buy a camp where BOC could come up and have a campout!!! So their dream has come true and we heading there this summer for a week of fun and fellowship. Call or email Joyce for details and plans. Plan to join us by getting days off work if needed and mark your calendar. Joyce Appel 724-526-5407 or joyceappel@windstream.net
July 22-26	THE 7TH GREENWAY SOJOURN will lead 250 cyclists on a ride through one of Pennsylvania's most spectacular natural areas, the Pine Creek Gorge. The route of the Greenway Sojourn will focus on the 64-mile Pine Creek Rail Trail, which parallels the creek through the heart of the Pine Creek Gorge. The rail-trail follows the path of a 19th century railroad that hauled lumber out from the valley. A 2001 article in USA Today named the Pine Creek Rail Trail one of "10 great places to take a bike tour" in the world. Now in 2009, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy offers you and your family the opportunity to join us on a four-day adventure through this amazing natural area. Registration for this tour is limited to 250 people, so secure your spot on the 2009 Sojourn today. The Pine Creek Valley Pine Creek itself is 82 miles of spring-fed, trout-laden water, the largest tributary of the West Branch of the Susquehanna River. The creek path meanders through a beautiful valley with mountains rising more than 1,000 feet on either side. Because of this extreme geographic setting, the valley is nicknamed "the Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania," a part of which is designated a National Natural Landmark and PA Scenic River. The waters of Pine Creek have been rated at High or Exceptional Value by the Department of Environmental Protection. Join riders from across the country on this trek through the delightful and awe-inspiring Pine Creek Valley. The trail is bordered on every side by State Forest lands. Expect friendly rural hamlets, as well as spectacular vistas and wildlife viewing including bald eagles, deer, turkey and otter. The Sojourn Route Automobile parking at our starting point in Williamsport is included in the registration fee. We will camp along Pine Creek for two nights and in Williamsport and Wellsboro the other two. Each day we ride approximately 50 miles for a total of a total of 200 miles. Plan to arrive in Williamsport, Pa., on the evening of Wednesday, July 22, so you can be fresh for your ride first thing the next morning. Beginning on Thursday, July 23, Sojourners will pedal west, on-road for 15 miles to the southern trailhead of the Pine Creek Rail Trail in Jersey Shore. We then ride the trail north, stopping for one overnight along the trail at creek-side. Our next stop is Wellsboro, Pa., where gas lamps light your way to shops and restaurants. We then return south on the trail, camping creek-side once again before returning Sunday, July 26, to Williamsport. The trail's crushed limestone surface is compact and smooth and does not require a mountain bike. There is a very slight uphill grade from south to north but being a former railroad bed, the grade is hardly noticeable. Split-rail fencing, deciduous trees and grasses line the trail passes country roads or private cabins, and most every village has a vendor to supply snacks and drinks along the way. Inside the designated natural area, the trail runs high above the beautiful Pine Creek, passes dramatic rock walls and numerous waterfalls. There are several opportunities to stop and explore hiking trails along the route. Click for registration form

Map to Jan 31 Groundhog Day Outing at Oil Creek State Park Xc-Ski Area

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