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April 1 Monthly Meeting

Join us on Wed Apr 1 at the Butler YMCA 6:30 pm social hour, 7:30 pm announcements and 8:00 program when Paul Henry and Joyce Appel will do a second presentation on their adventures in Madagascar with Linda X and Erin O'Connell. This is a huge island off the coast of Africa and we explored N, S, E and W, going from Rain Forest to Hills to Plains and Coast and even spent time on a remote island off its coast..We got a chance to experience this land by touring, canoeing and hiking with the local people. You will see a variety of rare animals and plant life unique only to Madagascar!!!



North Country Trail National Conference

is hosted this year by North Dakota. It will take place in Valley City. They hosted a wonderful time 7 years ago when it was there so expect a great time this year!!! Joyce Appel plans to rent a 15 passenger van to take interested PA and Ohio people. Van will leave Wed. morning July 29. Many great hikes, workshops, great food and evening entertainment Thursday to Sunday. Van will head home Sunday Aug.2 to get back Mon. Aug. 3. Down payment toward gas and van required to reserve your spot. Call 724-526-5407 or email joyceappel@windstream.net. Reserve your space before the van fills up.

Membership Renewals Past Due

All BOC membership renewals were due March 1. If you haven't renewed, you will no longer receive our newsletter. Our dues are still \$15.00 per individual and \$20.00 per household. However our mailing and printing costs keep rising. They are over \$1.00 per issue. To help defray these extra expenses there will be a \$10.00 fee for those want their newsletter printed and mailed.

NCTA Volunteer Adventure Program

Spring is beginning to shake off thoughts of the cold and inspire plans for this year's adventures. You may have heard of the *North Country Trail's Volunteer Adventure Program*, now in its second year.

At least one great project in each of our seven states is waiting for volunteers, your chance for a unique travel experience or an alternative vacation nearby. Each project highlights some of the most beautiful areas of the North Country and some of the best projects for the development of this 4,600 mile National Scenic Trail.

Free and open to the public, meals provided, space is limited to 10-12 volunteers depending on the project. The one in Pennsylvania will be on the Slippery Rock Gorge Trail in McConnells Mill State Park on June 6-10.

Sign up at
http://www.northcountrytrail.org/vol_adv.php

Hope to see you out on the Trail! *Andrew Bashaw*

NCTA Regional Trail Coordinator OH/PA
PO Box 5, Shawnee, OH 43782
740-394-2008

Rachel Carson Trail Training Hikes

These eight training hikes are intended to prepare you to take on the Challenge on June 20. These hikes not only help you build your endurance, but they also allow you to field test your gear. Your new shoes or pants may seem fine on your 10 mile hikes, but only when you approach 20 miles over hilly terrain do previously imperceptible problems become incapacitating.

- Everyone is welcome on these hikes; you do not need to be entered to do the Challenge.
- We no longer ask that you notify the hike leader of your plan to attend. Simply show up on time.
- Please bring at least a quart of water (more if the temperature will be warm) and some energy snacks (e.g. Powerbar).
- Minimum age is 12.
- We will meet at the hike end point and carpool to the start point, leaving a sufficient number of cars behind to carry people back to the start.
- All hikes meet at 8 AM. Plan for later hikes to take up to 9 hrs (7 hrs for the hike plus up to 2 hrs for sign-in, announcements, car shuttling, etc).
- The hikes are free. A suggested donation of \$3 per person may be given to the hike leader on the hike.

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“The purpose of the Butler Outdoor Club is to provide year-round outdoor activities for the enjoyment and fellowship of our members, while creating awareness, appreciation and conservation of the environment.”

Visit our club website for the latest event updates and club news at

www.butleroutdoorclub.org

13th Annual Outdoor Extravaganza

Memorial Day Weekend May 22-25, 2009

Base camp at Breakneck Campground

(Near McConnell's Mill & Moraine State Park)

Sponsored by Butler Outdoor Club

*(From I80 or Pa. Turnpike, take I79, exit Route 422 west 1.4 miles.
Then take Rt.19 South 2.9 miles and follow signs "Outdoor Extravaganza" as
you turn right onto Cheeseman Rd. 1.7 miles to campground.)
(Or GPS it as 1757 Cheeseman Rd, Portersville, Pa.16051)*

We have a weekend full of various outdoor activities: Road, trail & mountain biking, canoeing or kayaking on lakes & streams, sailing, rock climbing, rafting, caving, horseback riding and various levels of hikes. Also pontoon boat tour, historical excursions, fun workshops such as: Backpacking, Glass Blowing, Providence Plantation, GPS Geocaching, Yoga, Historical Buildings Tour and Kids Activities.

Breakneck Campground is base camp. Workshops and trips begin 9:00 AM. each day and leaders take you to where trip takes place. Breakfasts, bag lunches, dinner and camping provided, but optional.

Friday evening is a Weiner Roast Picnic, Guitar and campfire songs with Nancy Dickson. Saturday evening is a "Pig Roast" followed by Reenactment with George Washington himself by Carl Roberetson. "Birds of Prey" is the Sunday presentation by Tamarack Rehab Center. Around the campfire will be telescope viewing and of course "smores".

Throughout the weekend a gear exchange/flea market will be set up, so join us to buy or sale. This weekend is a must!

Call or email for registration packet. www.butleroutdoorclub.com

Joyce Appel 724-526-5407 or joyceappel@windstream.net



Outdoor Extravaganza 2009

Quick Reference List to Weekend Activities

(Use this to fill out the Registration Form after you read the descriptions in the Information Packet.)
Send the registration form below as a hard copy, along with your check.

Saturday Full Day Activities

1. Workshop + Hike – Glass Blow & NCT Hike
2. Easy Hike – North Country Trail
3. Intermediate Hike – Schollars Wetlands
4. Advanced Hike – Bradys Run Park Loop
5. Butler Freeport Bike Trail + Geo Cache
6. Short Road Bike – Old Mercer Rd Loop
7. Long Road Bike – Pymatuming Lake Loop
8. Beginner Paddle – Geneva Swamp
9. Experienced Paddle – Lake Arthur
10. Experienced Paddle – Slippery Rock Creek
11. Mountain Bike – Kennerdell Trails
12. **Caving – No leader at this time**

Saturday AM Activities

13. Horseback Riding – Pl. Valley Stables
14. Sailing – Lake Arthur
15. **Rock Climbing – No leader at this time**
16. Workshop – Yoga
17. **Kids Workshop – No instructor at this time**
18. Workshop Wildflowers + Hike – State Park

Saturday PM Activities

19. Horseback Riding – Pl. Valley Stables
20. Sailing – Lake Arthur
21. **Rock Climbing – No leader at this time**
22. Workshop – Yoga
23. **Kids Workshop – No instructor at this time**
24. Pontoon Boat Tour at 2 PM – Lake Arthur
25. **Workshop + Hike – Canceled**

Monday Full Day Activities

53. Excursion – 4 Historical Tours
54. Inter. Hike – Bushwhack Sl. Rock Gorge
55. Advanced Hike – Hells Hollow out & back
56. Bike Trail – Armstrong Trail
57. Short Rd Bike – Grange, New Wilm., Volant
58. Long Rd Bike - Moraine, G.C., Slip Rock Loop
59. Beg. & Exp. Shenango Res. & Pymatuming Cr.
60. Beginner Paddle – French Creek
61. Experienced Paddle – Connequenessing Creek
62. Mt. Bike – Alameda Park or Sawmill Run
63. **Caving – No leader at this time**

Sunday Full Day Activities

26. Hist. Excursion + Walk – Providence Plantation
27. Intermediate Hike – 2 Mile Run Park
28. Advanced Hike – Hells Hollow, one way
29. Experienced Paddle L. Wilhelm + Bike Trail
30. Experienced Paddle L. Wilhelm, paddle only
31. Bike Trail Loop around L. Wilhelm, bike only
32. Short Road Bike – Goddard State Park
33. Long Road Bike – Loop out of Campground
34. Beginner Paddle – Lake Arthur
35. Beginner Paddle – Wolf Creek
36. Experienced Paddle – Mahoning to Beaver R.
37. Raft Trip or Float – Slippery Rock Creek
38. Mt. Bike – Alameda Park or Sawmill Run

39. Caving – No leader at this time

Sunday AM Activities

40. Horseback Riding – Pl. Valley Stables
41. Sailing – Lake Arthur
42. **Rock Climbing – No leader at this time**
43. **Workshop – Canceled**
44. Kids Workshop – Plants, Animals, Games
45. Short Hike - Wyggeston Trail

Sunday PM Activities

46. Horseback Riding – Pl. Valley Stables
47. Sailing – Lake Arthur
48. **Rock Climbing – No leader at this time**
49. **Workshop – Canceled**
50. Kids Workshop – Stream, Games, Art
51. Pontoon Boat Tour 2 PM – Lake Arthur
52. Short Hike – Sunken Garden Trail

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Extravaganza Registration 2009

Name:					Telephone:				
Address:	Street:				Age if under 12:				
	City:				Email:				
	State:				Zip:				
Meals:	Saturday			Sunday			Monday		
		Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Breakfast	Lunch
	Cost	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$12.00	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$12.00	\$7.00	\$6.00
	Y or N								
Note: Children under 12 pay half price. Total for all meals is \$63 for adults and \$31.50 for children.									
Activities		Saturday			Sunday			Monday	
All day Activity	1st								
	2nd								
or		AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM		
Half day Activity	1st								
	2nd								
Note: Put the number of the activity you prefer in the green and L for leader in the yellow box if leading the trip that day. Please select a first and second choice per day. Your choice can be either a full day activity or the combination of an AM and PM activity. Your choices help to determine if there is sufficient interest in an activity or if we need to cancel it.									
		Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	DISCOUNT			
Registration Fee	Cost	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$5.00	\$21.00			
	Y or N								
Note: Registration fees are not applicable if you are leading an activity that day. Friday registration fee is for the wiener roast and picnic and activities. Other days cover day activities, evening entertainment and expenses charged by campground. Children under 12 are not charged a registration fee. Weekend rate is reduced rate for whole weekend.									
Equipment rental			Saturday	Sunday	Monday				
Rental Fees	Canoe		\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00				
	Kayak		\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00				
	C or K or Blank								
NOTE: There is a 10% discount for meals, rentals and registration fees received before April 20. There is a \$5 late fee for registration and payments after May 10, 2009. Please send an electronic copy of this registration, if possible, to Joyce Appel at joyceappel@windstream.net . That will greatly help her with registration. Send your payment along with a hard copy to her at 1899 State Route 268, East Brady, Pa. 16028. Thank-you and hope to see you at the Extravaganza.							Total Costs		
							Meals		
							Registration Fee		
							Rental Fee		
							Tee Shirt		
							SubTot		
Tee Shirt		Extravaganza Tee Shirt. New This Year. \$12.00 S,M,L,XL or XXL		Y or N	Size		Tee Shirt		
							SubTot		
Camping		Fri. Night	Saturday Night	Sunday Night		LATE FEE OR DISC.			
		Y or N					LATE FEE OR DISC.		
Note: All camping fees are payable directly to the campground at the time of arriving at the campground. 11 yrs.-Adults is \$7, 3 yrs.-10 yrs. is \$5, Under 3 yrs. is free. Campground only accepts CASH . For cabin rentals, contact campground directly. (Do not send this fee to Joyce Appel!)							Memb. Fee		
							Total		
NOTE: The BOC offers a trial membership, for NEW members only, for the low price of \$5.00 as an Extravaganza Special. If you are interested, put "Y" in the box at the right and send an additional \$5.00.							Date		
							Y or N		

Area Outdoor Events and Activities

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Mar 29	<p>“Maple Sugaring” Program 2:00pm at Jennings Environmental Education Center, 2951 Prospect Rd., Slippery Rock. Celebrate the end of winter with the seasonal tradition of maple sugaring. This presentation will unravel the mystery of how a tree works and demonstrate the art of maple sugaring from past to present. The program will begin indoors and move outside for a guided walk featuring a working evaporator and a taste of spring itself, real maple syrup. Free program. 724-794-6011. wilbutaylo@state.pa.us. visitpaparks.com</p>
Mar 29	<p>Sierra Club Event: Hike - moderately strenuous and somewhat exploratory - A loop hike in Beaver Creek State Park on scenic Little Beaver Creek near Fredericktown, including sections of the national North Country Trail. Well-preserved canal locks. (\$7.50 carpool - 50 miles from Shadyside) Call Dick Pratt, 412-362-5567.</p>
Apr 01	<p>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.</p> <p>Join us on Wed April 1 when Paul Henry and Joyce Appel will present the second part of their adventures in Madagascar with Linda X and Erin OConnell.. This is a huge island off the coast of Africa and we explored N, S, E and W, going from Rain Forest to Hills to Plains and Coast and even spent time on a remote island off its coast..We got a chance to experience this land by touring, canoeing and hiking with the local people.You will see a variety of rare animals and plantlife unique only to Madagascar!!!</p>
Apr 04	<p>BOC Spring Waterfowl Birding Day. Meet at Waterfowl Observation Deck at Moraine State Park at Old Rt 422 at 8:00. We will watch birds their for 45 minutes then begin moving to other sites on Lake Arthur until noon. Then after lunch we will head North to Conneaut Swamps. Join us for either half of the day. Of course bring bino's or a scope if you have them, but come even if you don't have binos or other birding gear. I'll bring some extra. Dress for a possible cold windy day. - Optionally meet us later but call to find out where the group is: John Stehle, cell 724-256-0674, email stehles@yahoo.com,</p>
Apr 04	<p>April 4: Program at Providence Plantation. The Traders: French and English. 5-8 PM. 300 Textor Hill Road, Evans City. Programs include: introduction to the frontier, tour of the plantation site, welcome and reception, music and song, interpretive presentations, and period candle light dinner. \$25/person \$15/under age 12. Reservations required a week in advance. 724-538-8818. www.frontier-history.org</p>
Apr 04	<p>April 4: Angler Raffle and Outdoor Show. 11 AM-6 PM. Gates open at 10 AM. \$20/advance; \$25/day of show. Ticket includes entry fee, chance to win, food and beverage. Prizes given away every 20-30 minutes. At the Saxonburg Fireman’s Ballroom and Carnival Grounds. 723-352-3300. www.svfc.com</p>
Apr 05	<p>Sierra Club Hike - hike the Buffalo Creek Loop near Sarver. The distance will be 4-7 miles depending on the weather. Easy. Meet at Bob Evans Restaurant in Harmarville at 11 AM or call. \$2.75 Carpool - 20 miles. Call Ed Divers, 412-828-5154.</p>
Apr 11	<p>Annual spring wildflower walk. At Raccoon Creek State Park Wildflower preserve. Meet 10:00 at the Center for the Arts, Fifth and Shady to carpool. Or at 11:00 at Raccoon Creek State Park Wilflower Parking lot, off Rt 30. This is one of the finest areas in PA to see meadow, hilside, deep woods and floodplain flowers all in a small area. Easy walk. We will go to a local country restaurant afterwards. Ben Brugmans 412 361 3623</p>
Apr 19	<p>Come Join us for a series of monthly hikes on the North Country Trail in Pennsylvania. It's called the "Tour de NCT in PA". We will cover all the non-road portions of the NCT in PA, working alternately from the Ohio border and from the New York border. The typical hike will be between 7 to 12 miles. We may do some car camping and maybe some backpacking. At the end, there will be a special "Tour" patch for everyone who did all the sections during that time period. To be on the regular email for times and places, send your email address to stehles@yahoo.com. Stages completed: Stage 1: On Sunday March 15, 2009 we hiked the first section from the Ohio State line at State Gamelands 285 for 4.1 miles. For those of</p>

	<p>you who would want to do a make up of that section we will be doing that section again on the Butler Outdoor Club Extravaganza on the Memorial Day weekend. If you want directions and a map for doing this section on your own, let me know. Planned stages: Stage 2 of the Tour de NCT in PA is the section from the New York state line in Allegheny National Forest. It will be on Sunday April 19. We will meet at Tracy Ridge Campground on Route 321 at 9:00 AM. We will hike the 11 mile section from Rt's 321 & 346 to Rt 321 to the South. Some of us will be camping at the Tracy Ridge Campground the night before so that we will be ready for a solid day of hiking. There is a one mile section from Rt 321 up to the NY State line which we plan to do the day before to "get our card punched" and so as not to add 2 more miles to the 11 miles already planned for Sunday. If possible, RSVP for planning purposes. If you want to camp with us, or to back pack half way on Saturday or if you want to stay at a local motel let me know so that we can coordinate our activities. Stage 3: We will soon be planning for the sections near Wampum for May 2009. John Stehle Cell 724-256-0674</p>
Apr 19	<p>Sierra Club Hike: Hike an 8 to 9 mile loop on the eastern side of Moraine State Park using Glacier Ridge Trail and a few side trails. This is a modestly paced hike with frequent one-minute stops, not a race, so we can sniff the skunk cabbage and play in the mud. Plan to stay together as a group; no hikers left behind. Intermediate difficulty, hilly, probably not too warm, still muddy. We will meet at 9 AM, call Jim for further details at 412-576-0849.</p>
Apr 19	<p>Rachel Carson Trail Conditioning Hikes: Bob Mulshine will lead a 7 mile hike on Sun. April 19. This hike begins at Bull Creek Road near Tarentum with about a mile of uphill road hiking. Soon we hit Burtner Hill, one of the biggest and toughest hills on the Trail, followed by some easy, pleasant terrain and ending in Harrison Hills Park. Meet 8:00am at the Bobwhite Shelter in Harrison Hills Park. Take Route 28 to exit 16, turn east (right if exiting northbound) at the end of the ramp, then right again at the T-intersection with Freeport Road. The park is about one mile down on the left. Take the left fork of the Park entrance road and follow it 1/2 mile to the shelter parking lot on the right at the Bluejay sign. Open to all.</p>
Apr 24	<p>The Keystone Trails Association is proud to announce the location and event details for the 2009 Annual Spring Meeting and Hiking Weekend. This spring's meeting and hiking weekend will be held from Friday, April 24th to Sunday, April 26th in Coudersport, Potter County located along US Route 6, Pennsylvania's most scenic byway. Situated high in northern Pennsylvania, Potter County is also known as "God's Country" since it's a little closer to heaven there. The area boasts a vast hiking trail network and is the perfect place to enjoy the outdoors. Come and experience for yourself nature at its finest. There are many opportunities for hikers all over Potter County, including direct access to the Susquehannock Trail System. The trail and its associated loops offer easy to strenuous hikes, and the abundant wildlife provide a rare treat for the nature lover. Look for deer, turkeys, grouse, and even bears and coyotes. Many thanks to the Susquehannock Trail Club (STC) for organizing the weekend hiking schedule and providing hike leaders. Guided hikes will be available on Friday, Saturday and Sunday that will take hikers to some of the most scenic portions of this 85-mile hiking loop that winds through the Susquehannock State Forest. The hike schedule will be posted as soon as it is available. Lodging and meals will be available at the Potato City Country Inn and the Susquehannock Lodge. See the registration form for details. Mark your calendars for April 24-26, 2009, and join us in Potter County. Any questions, please contact Becky Schreiber, Program Administrator by email at ktaadmin@verizon.net or phone at 717.238.7017. To register, please download the registration information here. We have several lodging options available for larger groups. Stay at one of the Potato City Country Inn's three A-frame units (which can accommodate groups of 6-8 and include kitchen facilities) or their apartment unit (two bedrooms which sleeps 6) or stay in a cabin nearby (which can accommodate groups of 2-8 and also includes kitchen facilities). Please contact Becky for more information.</p>
Apr 25 26	<p>Backpacking the Oil Creek trail the weekend of April 25th-26th. We have a shelter at the Wolfkill area and will hike the length of the trail from Drakes well to the Petroleum Center lot. For those wanting a shorter trip other options would be to do a loop hike and return to your car at Drakes well or walk in from the parking area near the shelters. Joe Hardisky hardis123@msn.com</p>
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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
May 1	Annual BOC Wildflower Hike at Wolf Creek Narrows Meet 6pm at the trailhead at Wolf Creek. See Trilliums, Virginia Blue Bells, etc. Take Water St. South from Sippery Rock 1.6 miles. Water St is a block west of the intersection of 108 and 173 in Slippery Rock. Optional refreshments or dinner at North Country Brew Pub afterwards. Dave/Jean Adams 724.453.1685.
May 2	3MJC "Pull Out the Mustard!" event 9 a.m. – Noon Community members, civic organizations and scout groups are invited to come "Pull Out the Mustard" at Moraine and McConnell's Mill state parks this Spring. Garlic mustard is an invasive plant species that grows so vigorously it crowds out important native plants in the woods. The loss of native plant species leads to a loss of host plants for butterflies and diminished plant diversity. "Pull Out the Mustard" participants should come dressed for the weather and bring work gloves, if possible. 3MJC members will be on hand to help identify garlic mustard and to provide information on native and invasive plant species. This will be the fourth annual mustard pull that 3MJC has sponsored. While we cannot hope to eradicate garlic mustard, we have seen progress in our efforts to date to keep it under control in certain areas of the park. Mustard pullers will be rewarded with a lunch provided by 3MJC at noon. For more information and to reserve lunch, contact Natalie Price at 724-283-5497 or nativenatalie@zoominternet.net. Or contact Cindy Webreck at 724-285-5618.
May 3	BOC Hike Come to Pittsburgh for a hike through picturesque Frick Park. We'll meet in the lower parking lot at 10:30 AM and hike until noon. We'll have lunch at a picnic shelter and hike for another hour or so. This is a dog-friendly park, featuring Hot Dog Dam, a partly fenced in section where dogs are free to run through the stream. Joanne Winwood 412-371-3167
May 9	BOC Adopted Road Cleanup Saturday May 9, 2009 10:00 am This will be our first road clean up of the season. We meet at the South Shore exit of Moraine State Park, Rt 422 in the dirt parking lot. We have a one mile section of highway from the South Shore exit west to the bridge. Clean up usually takes around 2 hours depending on how many people come to participate. All supplies will be provided. After clean up maybe we will have lunch at a local eatery. Any questions feel free to call - 724-376-3526 or 412-310-3074 Dana Asbury
May 22-25	2009 Outdoor Extravaganza on Memorial Day Weekend is near McConnells Mill State Park and Moraine State Park, Pennsylvania. It is sponsored by Butler Outdoor Club and is full of various outdoor activities to choose from: hiking, biking, canoeing, kayaking, rafting, horseback riding, sailing, caving, rock climbing, pontoon boat tour of Lake Arthur, fun workshops, historic tour of Old Stone House, and you will have a chance to follow the footsteps of George Washington. Leaders and Instructors provide the activity of your choice. Meet them each morning at Breakneck Campground 9 AM to go to where the trip or fun workshop takes place. There will also be childrens activities and a gear exchange/flea market during the weekend. Friday night is a Weiner Roast/Picnic and Sat. night is a Pig Roast. Every night brings evening entertainment. Camping and Food at Breakneck Campground is optional. One of the evening highlights will be a reenactment of what really took place at Murdering Town with George Washington, Christopher Grist and the local Indians!! Come join us for a day or a fun-filled weekend of things to do. Register early because some things fill up and besides early bird bonus by April 20 is 10% discount. Late fee after May 10. Contact Joyce Appel for details and registration. 724-526-5407 or joyceappel@windstream.net
Jun 6-	NCTA Volunteer Adventure Program Spring is beginning to shake off thoughts of the cold and inspire plans for this year's adventures. You may have heard of the North Country Trail's Volunteer Adventure

10	<p>Program, now in its second year. At least one great project in each of our seven states is waiting for volunteers, your chance for a unique travel experience or an alternative vacation nearby. Each project highlights some of the most beautiful areas of the North Country and some of the best projects for the development of this 4,600 mile National Scenic Trail. Free and open to the public, meals provided, space is limited to 10-12 volunteers depending on the project. The one in Pennsylvania will be on the Slippery Rock Gorge Trail in McConnells Mill State Park on June 6-10. Sign up at http://www.northcountrytrail.org/vol_adv.php Hope to see you out on the Trail! Andrew Bashaw NCTA Regional Trail Coordinator OH/PA PO Box 5, Shawnee, OH 43782 740-394-2008</p>
Jul 10-19	<p>BOC Maine Campout Joyce Appel and Paul Henry plan to coordinate 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, highest 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</p>
Jul 29-Aug 3	<p>Outdoor enthusiasts are invited to explore the North Country National Scenic Trail in North Dakota during the 2009 Annual NCT Conference July 30-August 2, 2009, in Valley City, N.D. A full slate of outdoor activities includes hiking, canoeing the Sheyenne River, workshops, tours and nightly entertainment. The conference will provide learning opportunities, networking and fun-filled events for the whole family. They hosted a wonderful time 7 years ago when it was there , expect a great time this year! Joyce Appel plans to rent a 15 passenger van to take interested PA and Ohio people. Van will leave Wed. morning July 29. Many great hikes, workshops, great food and evening entertainment Thursday to Sunday. Van will head home Sunday Aug.2 to get back Mon. Aug. 3. Contact Joyce to be part of the Van group. Down payment toward gas and van required to reserve your spot. 724-526-5407 or joyceappel@windstream.net</p>
Aug 12-16	<p>The 2009 Lake Erie Sojourn "I don't just paddle it, I drink it!" is scheduled for August 12-16. Kathleen Ryan returns as coordinator. The trip includes 12 meals and 4 nights of camping (2 at beautiful Beach 11 on Presque Isle State Park) and covers approximately 37 miles of open-water paddling. Need at least 30 paddlers. Limit is 50 paddlers. Cost: Full Sojourn \$260.00. Single Day with one overnight - \$75.00. Questions - Contact Kathleen Ryan at 814-833-0793 or e-mail kryan@state.pa.us</p>
Aug 15-16	<p>BOC Kinzua Paddle/Backpacking trip to Morrison Run Camp ground on 8/15/09. Overnight or longer stay at campsites #23 and 24 along the reservoir with additional sites 27 and 28 along the hillside. Additional sites may be needed depending on participation. Paddlers would meet at the canoe launch area at the west side of the southern end of Red Bridge on Rt. 321 at 9:00AM. There they can unload the boats and gear. Parking would be at the Longhouse Trail Head south of the bridge(parking at the canoe launch area is limited) along Rt. 321 north of Kane. Cost for sites is \$10 per night and they cannot be reserved. The paddle is 6-7 miles to Morrison. Backpackers should meet at the trail head along Rt. 59 3.9 miles east of Morrison Bridge at a time of choice. From here it is approx. 5 miles to the sites. Last information is that two tents can be at each site. Water and pit toilets are available. Packets of info will be mailed to John for distribution at the next meeting. A full list of participants is needed with phone numbers in case of bad weather. Contact Dave Myers 724-588-2767</p>



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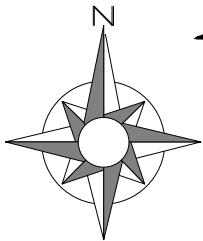
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