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July 1 Monthly Meeting

Join us at the air field of the Butler Air Modelers Society on July 1, 2009 at 6:00 PM. The BAMS field has a picnic shelter where we will have a pot luck picnic. We will provide drinks and hot dogs and paper products. It also has rest room facilities, but it does not have drinkable water. The members of the club will be there to introduce us to their hobby, showing us their planes, many of them handmade, and showing off their flying skills. Directions to the field can be found at <http://www.thebams.org/images/map-large.jpg>. You can get to the field by taking Route 308 north of Butler for 5 miles. Turn Right (East) at Rennick Rd and right on Mack Road soon after. (follow the signs to BAMS). Turn Right at Jackson Road. Go about a mile to top of hill until you come to entrance to BAMS field on the left. John Stehle Cell 724-256-0674

Big Butler Fair July 3 - 11

The BOC is again manning a table at the Butler County Tourism Tent at the Big Butler Fair in Prospect, Pa (Rt 422 West of Butler).

Volunteer help is needed Saturday July 4, Monday July 6, Thursday July 9 and Friday July 10 afternoons 12:00 to 4:00 and evenings 4:00 to 8:00. Contact Dave Adams 724-453-1685 to volunteer for a time slot.



Appalachia a History of Mountains and People

This extraordinary 4-part film series, brought to you by The Mountain Institute and producer Jamie Ross, explores the sweeping natural and human history of the oldest mountain range in the world and is being aired on WQED-TV 13 Sundays, July 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 5 p.m. To learn more about the films go to <http://www.appalachiafilm.org/>

Moraine Regatta Aug 1 - 2

My name is Marge Milligan and I am recruiting volunteers for the Moraine Regatta. Please help out during this year's Regatta which takes place August 1 and 2. All volunteers will be provided with tickets that can be used for food and drinks with the on site food vendors.

Help is needed these areas: **Donation Area** (this will be rotating shifts every 3 to 4 hours) **Beach Games** (1 volunteer needed for each day) **Crafts** (2 volunteers needed for each day) **Smokey the Bear and Woody the Owl** (this would entail putting on a costume - would need at least 4 volunteers - 2 for each day)

At this time I would like to know if you would like to volunteer and your preferences.

Please call (724-816-1316) to let me know if you are available to help out with the Regatta by July 3 so that I can put together a schedule. Your time is greatly appreciated!

Marge

NCTA Penna State Council Meeting June 28

The summer meeting of the Pennsylvania State council of the NCTA will be held on Sunday, June 28. This meeting will start at 1:30 PM in Moraine State Park at the Davis Hollow Cabin. Please submit any agenda items before June 24.
Paul Henry

Pennsylvania Volunteer Trainings

NCTA volunteers are invited to Wilderness First Aid and Chainsaw Certification trainings at no charge, thanks to the National Park Service and Moraine State Park. Those who complete the Chainsaw Certification course will be provided with a complete set of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for chainsaw work.

Dates and locations:

Wilderness First Aid 2-Day Training

August 15th-16th "Old Moraine Restaurant" at Davis Hollow, Moraine State Park

Chainsaw Certification 2-Day Training

August 29th-30th Davis Hollow Cabin--and project locations TBD [Davis Hollow Cabin and tenting area available to participants for overnight stay]

Moraine State Park

Contact Andrew Bashaw

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Outdoor Painting Excursion with Bill Perry

McDanels Launch Wednesday, July 29 9 AM until Noon (rain or shine)

Join us onboard the Nautical Nature, an enclosed pontoon boat on Lake Arthur. We will photograph, sketch, paint, and otherwise gather subject matter for paintings. Bill Perry will discuss and demonstrate various ways to handle the unique perspective we will gain from the boat.

Limited enrollment: For details and to enroll, please contact. Call Carol at 724-368-9185 or email contact@morainepreservationfund.com

Cost is \$20 for the morning on the boat. For \$10 more, you can pack a lunch and return with Bill to his Harmony studio to continue painting until 4 PM. Please indicate when you enroll if you will be returning to the studio with Bill.

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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

Extravaganza French Creek Paddle

The French Creek trip started in Meadville in Bicentennial Park and ended at Shaws landing just above Cochranon. What a beautiful day for a relaxing paddle. Things started off right as we got out of our cars an Eagle took off from a nearby tree and made a few circles over our heads before flying further downstream. The eagle was again seen further downstream flying off just in front of us. This too is a very surprising stream paralleling route 322 and starting out in town. Except for a few bridges, very little civilization is visible or heard from the stream.



This trip is a little slower passed than the Beaver, but very scenic and very relaxing. We had 19 people making this trip and all were sad that it had to come to an end. One person in particular stood out in the two days of paddling, or maybe two. Linda Caggiano loved paddling a small white water slalom boat and playing in every rapid, so much so that she ended taking an unexpected swim in the Beaver. That did not phase her since she carried her boat back up through the rapid and ran it again. But it was Ethan Hills girl friend, Lauren Mitchell that made the biggest impression. When I first helped her into a tandem boat at the put in on the Beaver trip she was very scared of the water and was afraid to get wet. Well Ethan a regular to the Extravaganza put her in her own boat on

day two and Lauren started the day with a little apprehension, but soon was laughing a racing around with one of the biggest smiles I ever have seen. At the end of the trip I told her she won the most improved award. To me this is what the Extravaganza is all about. In this case taking a city girl, showing her what paddling is all about and taking her from a scared novice to a very good experienced paddler who no longer fears this foreign environment. Not everyone is as lucky as we are to be able to go out and enjoy the outdoors as much as we do. Being able to show others what the outdoors is all about is all about is a good way to share our knowledge and skills of the outdoors.

Our trip ended by paddling up the outlet of the Geneva Swamp. We only went upstream perhaps a half a mile before we reluctantly decided that we needed to return so that some of our paddlers could return to the Richmond Virginia area so they could get to work the next day. All in all this was a great trip that ended a great holiday weekend.



Thanks to Joyce and Paul and the many other volunteers we had another very successful Extravaganza. I also want to thank Bill, Glen and Dana for being my sweeps and helping to transport the kayaks. I also need to thank Ben and Dave who provided safety support at several rapids on the Beaver River. Without support we could not do these trips.

Tom Baumgardner

Volunteer Adventure Week at McConnells Mill State Park

Our second annual North Country Trail Volunteer Adventure in Pennsylvania has come to an end and was successful thanks in part to you. Down in Slippery Rock Gorge, just south of Eckert Bridge in McConnell's Mill State Park, I counted over 45 stone steps, a retaining wall, and a three ton stone bench installed, among many other small and arduous trail improvements up and down the way by 13 Adventurers over 5 days.



As far as I could tell everyone had fun, and worked hard, a lot of time was spent using the Griphoist to lift the boulders out of the ground and lay them in place, and everyone

went home with all of their fingers. In fact, so much fun was had that when we took a vote on what we wanted to do on our recreation day, folks chose to move more boulders. Two years in a row may be enough to make a tradition, I would say the tradition of the PA VA is definitely lots of desert handy, especially brownies.... I am already looking forward to next year's VA in PA!!



Special thanks go out to many:

Kay Thompson: for helping to organize the whole event, with park staff, NCTA staff, campground logistics,

and lots of hard trail work. **Jake and Carol Detrie:** for a loan of camping equipment to a certain forgetful NCTA staff member, the Brownies!! good stories, firewood and lots of hard trail work. **Dan Mourer:** Thanks for the campfires Dan! **David Wells:** Thanks for all your hard work David! **Jerry Heckathorn:** Thanks for all your hard work and the refreshments ! **Joe Hardisky:** Thanks for all your hard work, borrowing some tools, and your continued trail maintenance! **Patty Brunner:** Thanks for all your hard work! **Dave Galbreath:** Thanks for the refreshments and all your hard work! You Clarion guys are silent and deadly when comes to digging trail!

Ed and Dottie Scurry:

Thanks for the Brownies, deserts, two wonderful home cooked meals! and all the hard trail work!

Gene Wimmer: Thanks for coming all the way over from Ohio and all your hard work !

Joe Smith: Thanks for all your help communicating, coming out, and the Doughnuts! **Tom Baumgardner:** Thanks for all your hard work! **Joyce Appel:** Thanks for all your hard trail work!

Keith and Karen Klos: Thanks for all your hard trail work and the baked goods! **Dan Bickel, Jeremy Rekich, Bob Beltz, Ron and Tom** from Moraine/McConnell's SP: Thanks for having us, helping move the trailer to the site and for being such great supporters of the Trail and its volunteers!

Dan Cheeseman: Thanks for having us, and for being so generous to the NCT and its volunteers with the campsite!

Claudia Bashaw: Thanks for the Brownies! helping get everything ready and for letting me go! Thanks to all the NCTA staff for all the help in coordination!

Last but not least thanks to **Fred Szarka** and the NPS for making the

Volunteer Adventure Program possible!

Who'd I forget?? So where to next year?? Send me your ideas. Who's bringing the brownies??

Check out this link to see a load of pictures and videos from my camera and Keith Klos's.

<http://picasaweb.google.com/QuickdrawBashaw/200902?authkey=Gv1sRgCOaRtI2f8LXungE&feat=diirectlink>

Thanks to all for another great Adventure, Andrew Bashaw

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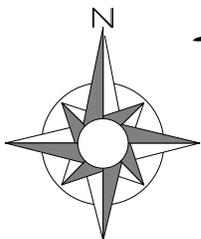
Area Outdoor Events and Educational Programs	
Jun 27 28	Maurice Goddard State Park Pioneer Frolic 10:00 am - 5:00pm Come see what historical rural Pennsylvania life was like along the Sandy Creek during the 1750`s to 1840`s. Crafters, artisans and demonstrators will include a blacksmith, pioneer toys, spinner, food, entertainment, and an encampment. Admissions and parking are FREE. E-mail Frog_Park@yahoo.com or on the web at: friendsofgoddard.org
Jun 28	McConnell's Mill State Park Program: Art in Nature 2:00 PM Whether you like scrap booking, stamping, or wildflower collecting, join the park naturalist for a look at collecting and pressing flowers. Try making some handcrafted paper. Put those invasive species to good use and learn environmentally responsible techniques for plant collection. Meet the park naturalist at Kildoo Picnic Area, ready to design and create your own work. For more information contact the park at 724 368-9320 or mcmill@localnet.com
Jun 28	Moraine State Park Program: Learn to Kayak 1:00pm at McDanel's Launch, North Shore. Park staff and WPPSA members will be available to teach some basic kayaking skills. Participants must be at least 12 years old. An adult must accompany participants younger than 18. To register call 724.368.8811
Jun 28	NCTA Pa Council meeting 1:00pm Davis Hollow Outdoor Center, North Shore, Moraine State Park.
Jul 1	BOC Monthly Meeting - Join us at the air field of the Butler Air Modelers Society on July 1, 2009 at 6:00 PM. The BAMS field has a picnic shelter where we will have a pot luck picnic. We will provide drinks and hot dogs and paper products. It also has rest room facilities, but it does not have drinkable water. The members of the club will be there to introduce us to their hobby, showing us thier planes, many of them hand made, and showing off their flying skills. Directions to the field can be found at http://www.thebams.org/images/map-large.jpg . You can get to the field by taking Route 308 north of Butler for 5 miles. Turn Right (East) at Rennick Rd and right on Mack Road soon after. (follow the signs to BAMS). Turn Right at Jackson Road. Go about a mile to top of hill until you come to entrance to BAMS field on the left. John Stehle Cell 724-256-0674
Jul 4	McConnell's Mill State Park Program: Saturday, July 4, 2009 iConserve Hike 10:00 AM Another hike with beauty and a bit of purpose. Learn ways to take conservation personally while hiking the North Country Trail in beautiful Hell's Hollow. Meet at the Hell's Hollow parking lot, about a 15-minute drive from the old mill with no facilities, from which we will take the trail toward the Slippery Rock Creek and back, approximately three hours. Bring a sack lunch and drink for along the trail. For ideas, check out the iConserve website beforehand at www.iConservePA.org . For more information contact McConnells Mill State Park at 724 368-9320 or mcmill@localnet.com
Jul 4	MK Goddard State Park Program: 9:00 am to noon OSPREY PADDLE Start your Independence Day with a leisurely paddle from the Marina to the Game Land Area of Lake Wilhelm where we will see several osprey nests. Bring your own canoe or kayak or make arrangements to borrow one of ours. A limited number are available on a first come basis. Meet at the Environmental Learning Classroom. Drinking water, a snack and sunscreen are recommended.
Jul 11- 12	BOC Tour de NCTA Stage 4, will be on the July 11 and 12, 2009 in the Allegheny National Forest. Stage two has got us 12 miles south of the New York border, so we will pickup the trail where we left off for Stage 4 doing 3 sections that wind along Route 321. The section south orRt 321 at Sugar Run to Route 59 is 5.8 miles. The section From Rt 59 South to Route 321 (again) is 6.7 miles. The third section from 321 to 321(one more time) is5.3 miles. We will do the middle section of 6.7 miles south of Route 59 on Saturday, camp overnight at Tracy Ridge camp ground, then hike the 1st and 3rd sections for a total of 11.1 miles on Sunday. The two days together will be 17.8 miles. Just like Stage 2, this is a strenuous hike, so you should be in decent shape and have good shoes. We will meet at the trail head at Route 59 at 11:00 on Saturday July 11, setup the shuttle, and be hiking by 11:30. After the hike we will drive to and camp-out at Tracy Ridge. On Sunday we will resume pickup the first of the 3 sections at Route 321 at Sugar Run to Route 59. Then in the afternoon we drive to and setup a shuttle for the 3rd section of 5.3 miles ending at the Red Bridge Recreation Area. Contact me if you plan to join us, or are interested in doing just the

	Sunday portion. Here is a link to the tour info http://www.butleroutdoorclub.com/tourdencta.html To register contact John Stehle Cell 724-256-0674
Jul 11	The Clarion NCTA Chapter is having a hike on the North Country trail on Saturday July 11th. We will start at the fire tower in Cook Forest at 10 am. This will be a 6 mile hike to Highland drive. If anybody wants to only do 2.5 miles we will have a car at Gravel Lick road. For more info: Dave Galbreath 814 226-5574 dgalbreath@zoominternet.net
Jul 11	Hell's Hollow Walk 2:00 PM Join the park naturalist for a leisurely paced walk along a lovely trail in McConnells Mill State Park. The path through Hell's Hollow, despite the name, is easy hiking, with lots to see along the 1/2-mile path. Meet at the Hell's Hollow parking lot, no facilities, at 2:00 PM and allow for a 15-minute drive if coming from the old mill. For more information, call 724 368-3612.
Jul 12	Allegheny Outdoor Club Outing - Sunday, July 12 Goddard State Park Bike and Kayak at Maurice K. Goddard State Park, Mercer Co., PA. Meet at Musante Street at 9:30 AM or Visitor Center at Boat Ramp No.3 in the Park at 11 AM. Take Lake Wilhelm Road to the north side. Leader Pat Spicer, 814-757-8331.
Jul 17-19	JOIN KTA FOR PROWL THE SPROUL KTA will host the Prowl the Sproul Hiking Weekend on July 17-19, 2009 in western Clinton County. Join KTA for a guided hiking experience in the Pennsylvania Wilds. The Sproul State Forest of Clinton County contains some of the most rugged and remote forestland in Pennsylvania. KTA, along with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) will lead hikers off the beaten path to see the hidden jewels of the Sproul on trails that are only accessible when hiking with a DCNR guide. Experience the beautiful vistas and rugged terrain in the heart of the Sproul State Forest. Guided hikes are scheduled on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Additional opportunities include a kayak trip with Rock River & Trail Outfitters and the Prowl the Sproul 10K. Meals and camping will be available at the Western Clinton Sportsmen's Association. All hikers and trail enthusiasts are invited to attend. Download the registration form online at www.kta-hike.org or email info@kta-hike.org for more information.
Jul 20	BOC at the Butler Blue Sox vs Slippery Rock Game 6:30pm at Pullman Park, 100 Pullman Park Place, Butler. Cindy Webreck will lead a short ramble before the game. Meet 5:00pm at the stadium (and get a good place to park) and hike about an hour before the game. Hike will include a house built over a creek on Mercer St. Buy your own tickets Box seat/\$6, Reserve seat/\$5, General admission/\$4. Full and half season tickets available. 724-263-9874. butlerbluesox@ymail.com . http://www.butlerbluesox.net
Jul 25	Saturday July 25, 2009 - second road clean up of the season. This road clean up is special because it is the week before the Regatta and we like the roads to look as best as they can for all the visitors. Meet 10am Rt 422 Moraine South Shore Exit in the dirt parking lot. Gloves, bags, and vests provided. Bring water. Pickup usually takes about 2 hours depending on how many hands we have. Dana 724-376-3526
Jul 25	McConnell's Mill State Park Program: The Big Trees 1:00 PM, in the beautiful Slippery Rock Creek Gorge, is home to several record-breaking trees. Meet at the parking lot above Breakneck & Eckert Bridges for a hike into the woods in search of some grand old trees. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water and perhaps a camera & binoculars, as we will be hiking to visit them in their own territory. For more information contact McConnells Mill State Park at 724 368-9320 or mcmill@localnet.com
Jul 25	Mahoning Class I-II trip, Dam to Putneyville. Please note that this trip is dependent on an ACE dam release that I have requested. If the release is not possible, will do a Class I section of the Yough instead. Meet at 9:30 sharp at gas station (Gulf?) on Rt. 28 just North of intersection Rt. 28/85, across from Marsha's restaurant, near Kittanning. Contact Kate Fissell fissell@pitt.edu 412-624-5279.
Jul 29-Aug 3	Outdoor enthusiasts are invited to explore the North Country National Scenic Trail in North Dakota during the 2009 Annual NCTA 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 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. 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
Aug 1	McConnell's Mill State Park Program: Campfire Cuisine 2:00 PM What better way to top off a visit to the woods than with a tasty snack prepared outside? See various methods of outdoor cooking demonstrated & pick up some tips for satisfying hunger in the outdoors. Meet the park naturalist in the courtyard beside the old mill. Park at Kildoo Picnic Area; hike down to the old mill. Handicapped and physically challenged parking is available at the mill. Contact McConnells Mill S P at 724 368-9320 or mcmill@localnet.com
Aug 8	Tour de Chatauqua Family Ride features bike rides of 25, 30, 42, 75, and 100 miles in length beginning at 9:00am with a mass start at the Eason Hall on Elm Street in Westfield, NY and also ending there. The 25 mile ride remains on the Lake Erie Plain, while the other courses traverse a variety of terrains in various areas and through many small towns in our beautiful county. Sagwagon and waterstop services are provided. After the ride, a free light meal is provided to all ride participants. Helmets are required in this annual non-competitive event. For more information go to www.westfieldrec.org
Aug 8	McConnell's Mill State Park Program: Wild Teas 2:00 PM Many wild plants have been used for teas in the past, both for medicinal purposes and pleasure. Such simple infusions of leaves have had a significant impact on our history and society. Come discover some wild plants used in the past & present, meeting in the courtyard beside the old mill. Park at Kildoo Picnic Area; hike down to the old mill. Handicapped and physically challenged parking is available at the mill. For more information contact McConnells Mill State Park at 724 368-9320 or mcmill@localnet.com
Aug 9	McConnell's Mill State Park Program: Geology & Industrial History 2:00 PM Join park staff for this relatively easy hike to the cascading waterfalls and limekiln in Hell's Hollow. Along the way, we will pass the slag piles of an iron furnace site, mine seeps, the flume from a collapsed limestone cave, and a small quarry. Meet at the Hell's Hollow parking lot, no facilities, about a 15-minute drive from the old mill. For more information contact McConnells Mill State Park at 724 368-9320 or mcmill@localnet.com
Aug 12-16	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
Aug 22-23	BOC Kinzua Paddle/Backpacking trip to scenic Morrison Run Campground in the beautiful Allegheny National Forest. Overnight or longer stay at campsites #23 and 24 along the reservoir with additional sites 27 and 28 along the hillside. 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. Water and pit toilets are available. Packets of info will be mailed to John Stehle 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
Sep 12	KTA HOSTS SUSQUEHANNA SUPER HIKE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Hikers and trail runners will have a chance to test their endurance at the 25-mile Susquehanna Super Hike to be held on Saturday, September 12 in York and Lancaster Counties. Event participants will begin at the York Hiking Club clubhouse near the Otter Creek Campground and end at the Pequea Creek Campground. The 25-mile course follows the Mason-Dixon Trail and Conestoga Trail along both sides of the Susquehanna River. Participants can register online at www.active.com or visit www.kta-hike.org for more information. Many volunteers are needed on the day of the event. Volunteers are needed for check-in and registration, for checkpoints, for parking and traffic control, for course sweeps and to assist participants in potentially confusing or hazardous locations. Please contact Becky at ktaadmin@verizon.net or 717.238.7017 to sign-up to volunteer. For more information, contact Paul Shaw at pshaw@ptd.net or visit www.kta-hike.org.



Clarion River - Little Toby Creek Trail Ride



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