

# The Compass

The Butler Outdoor Club Newsletter Butler, Pennsylvania

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## Oct 7 Monthly Meeting

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. Join us Wed. Oct 7 when club president John Stehle will present a program on hiking in the Grand Canyon.

## Butler Freeport Trail Last Four Miles Campaign

Finally after all these years - it will be 15 years on October 4<sup>th</sup> since the first section of the trail was opened. I was not here for that but I am sure I feel the excitement that Ron Bennett, Ouch Roenigk and other trail pioneers felt. Clearing the trail for others to use for recreation, I, myself am on the trail daily and run into my trail friends. The people you meet are the best around, you already have a bond, in that you both love and use the trail.

A grant from DCNR was awarded to Buffalo Twp for \$195,000 and there is another \$195,000 that is to be used as a match. These funds will come in the form of \$10,000 from the Trail Council, \$15,400 volunteer services and another \$169,600 in-kind equipment, operators and professional services. Permits have been issued to deal with Stormwater and Erosion and Sediment Control.

We have begun to accumulate our volunteer matching hours. At our first work party on September 15, 16 people met at Bonniebrook Rd. with their gloves, safety glasses, chainsaws and pruners ready and willing to work. I am always amazed at the level of excitement these people come with to, work hard! We always have a good time and we accomplish a tremendous amount of clearing in a little time. We are currently working Tuesday evenings, location and time can be found on our website. If you wish to receive a personal e-mail, please send your email address to me at [scadziggy@zoominternet.net](mailto:scadziggy@zoominternet.net). Check our website for photos and updates as they are available at [www.butlerfreeporttrail.org](http://www.butlerfreeporttrail.org). We wish to thank the BOC for their past support of our trail and look forward to celebrating our trails completion into Butler with you.

## Nov 14 BOC Annual Dinner

The 14th Annual BOC Dinner will soon be upon us. This year it will be held at the Highfield Community Center, in Lyndora PA on Saturday, November 14th. It features a silent auction, door prizes, a 50-50 raffle, outdoor club displays, a buffet style dinner, and a featured speaker. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$6 for children under 6. For tickets purchase at a monthly meeting or mail check with self-addressed stamped envelope to BOC c/o John Stehle, PO Box 243, Butler PA 16003-0243.

Our featured dinner speaker this year is Richard



Kane who is the Warning Coordination Meteorologist at the National Weather Service, NOAA office in Pittsburgh, PA. He was inducted into the Meteorologist Hall of Fame in 2009. He will present a program on warm season severe weather that affects our area including tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, downbursts, lightning, hail, and flash flooding. He will also discuss weather preparedness and safety and the proper actions to take in the event of severe weather.

As usual, this event takes a little help from a lot of people. Please consider offering your help by coming to the planning meeting which will be at 6:00, right before the October membership meeting on October 7th. Or contact John Stehle cell 724-256-0674 or Jean Adams 724-453-1685 to offer your services.

Our Silent Auction needs donations of items from local businesses, members or friends. Any usable item in good condition is acceptable – and it doesn't need to be outdoor oriented. Bring your donations to the next monthly meeting or contact John Stehle cell 724-256-0674.

## PA NCTA State Council Meeting

will be held Sunday, Oct. 11 at 11:00am at the Lion's Den at 4W. Main St., Sheffield, PA 16347

You can also attend the Johnny Appleseed Festival that weekend Oct 9-11. For more info see <http://www.johnnyappleseedfest.net/>

If you would like indoor lodging, Joyce Appel has made arrangements with Budget Motel for cheaper rates for us. It would be \$43 per night and includes taxes, with one double bed. Contact her so she can reserve a night or two for you. 724-526-5407 or joyceappel@windstream.net

If you would like to camp Fri. or Sat. to include the Johnny Appleseed Festival, call Paul Sinclair at Whispering Pines Campground 814-968-4377. (Sites are based upon 2 adults and 2 children) \$20 per night for rustic \$24 per night with water and elec. \$28 per night with water, elec. and sewer.

### **HISTORY PROGRAM OF NORTH COUNTRY TRAIL DAVIS HOLLOW CABIN & POT LUCK DINNER OCT. 30, 2009**

**Potluck 6:00 PM Program to follow at 7:00 PM**  
(Come for both or just the program. This is a fundraiser so donations are accepted.)

The Davis Hollow Cabin Committee of the North Country Trail will host the potluck dinner Friday, October 30, at 6:00 P.M. to be held at the former restaurant at the Davis Hollow Marina in Moraine State Park.

In order to keep this historic facility, ONE of TWO along the 4,600 mile N.C.T. for use by hikers and outdoor enthusiasts, funds are needed for continuous repairs and maintenance.

Join us for an interesting and entertaining evening. Chuck Book will present "A History of the Cabin" and its owners, including many photographs of the Davis family.

We will provide the meat, beverage and rolls. Please bring a dish and memories to share.

**Reservations are required due to limited space.**  
Call: (724) 654-4918 before October 23, 2009

**For contributions to the life of the cabin, make checks payable to: Davis Hollow Cabin**

Mail to:  
Diane Winston  
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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.”**

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

[www.butleroutdoorclub.org](http://www.butleroutdoorclub.org)

## Butler Outdoor Club Outstanding Outdoors Award Nominee Form

Please fill out this form and mail it to BOC AWARD c/o John Stehle, PO Box 243, Butler PA 16003-0243. Use additional paper or attachments, if necessary. Please be specific regarding dates of involvement and make every attempt to fully explain the qualifications of the nominee. A panel of judges will review all nominations and select the finalists, one of whom will be selected to receive the BOC Outstanding Outdoors Award for 2009

Contributions and or involvements of the Nominee to the outdoors:

This nominee deserves special recognition because:

*Your information:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Nominees information:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Job/Title (if any) \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Area Outdoor Activities and Educational Events

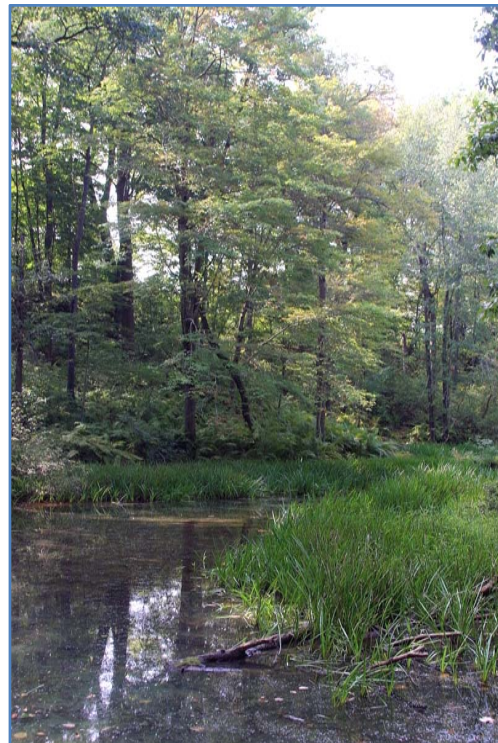
Oct 3	BOC Oil Creek Railroad Bike & Train Ride On Saturday, October 3, plan to bring your bike and ride the train for a scenic trip through the park with your bicycle on board.. We start @ Petroleum Center, along Route 8 promptly @ 11:50 AM and end up in Oil Creek State Park in one hour. Then unload your bike for an easy ten mile ride back to Petroleum Center. I've planned the trip to coincide with Franklin's Big Apple Fest in the heart of Franklin, Route 8. Adult Fee: \$12. includes \$1 bicycle fee 12 Years and under: \$10. incl. bicycle. Joanne Winwood 412-371-3167
Oct 3	WALKIN' JIM STOLTZ CONCERT: FOREVER WILD: A CELEBRATION OF WILDERNESS Location: Erie Unitarian Universalist Church, Erie, Pennsylvania Date: Saturday, October 3, 2009, 7:00 pm. \$12 in advance (\$15 at the door the day of the show). Send check or money order made out to "Friends of Allegheny Wilderness" at the address below. Friends of Allegheny Wilderness 220 Center Street Warren, PA 16365 This event is sponsored by and is a fundraiser for Friends of Allegheny Wilderness. Celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Wilderness Act. For directions to the Church or other info. contact Joe Hardisky 724-924-9248 hardis123@msn.com
Oct 4	McConnells Mill State Park Program: Autumn Colors Hike 1:00 PM Join the park naturalist for a guided hike in beautiful Slippery Rock Gorge. Meet at the courtyard of the historic gristmill for an exploration of how the natural world prepares for winter. Come prepared to hike up the North Country Trail to Alpha Pass Falls, then down through the boulders to the mill, about 2 miles. Parking available at Kildoo Picnic Area, then take the stairs down to the old mill.
Oct 5	Please plan to attend the annual meeting on Oct. 5 at 6PM in the Armstrong County Commissioners Conference room. This is exciting times for the Armstrong Trail. With our Supreme Court victory we can begin to remove barriers and begin to open up those pesky "gaps" in the trail. WE will need volunteer help to start as the State will not provide funding until the final decision is handed down by the lower court. So if you have been complaining about Problems on the Trail now is YOUR chance to do something about it. We will also soon be obtaining Buffalo Pittsburgh RR's rail line along Redbank Creek. I feel this will be one of the most scenic trails in western PA. You will soon be able to bike/hike from Ford City to Brookville. The southern end of the Trail is going to have rails put back in to service the Logansport mine. We are working hard to get Trail along side of the rails. Again we need all the support we can get to keep the Trail open from Crooked Creek to Schenley. PLEASE now is the time to get involved. If you enjoy the trail and want it improved and expanded come to the meetings. Officers and Directors will be elected at the Oct 5 meeting. Mike Steimer President Armstrong Rails to Trails Association
Oct 6	Butler Freeport Community Trail Users and Friends, All permits,etc are approved to complete the final four miles to Butler. Our first Butler Bound worknight was successful, we had 14 people come to trim, cut and pile branches. Since we had a great turn out, we decided to have a worknight each Tuesday until further notice. October 6 at 5:30pm or whenever you can come, we, of course will be heading north. Bring gloves, safety glasses, pruners, chainsaws, etc. Hope you can make it and look forward to meeting some new folks. Check for location at <a href="http://www.butlerfreeporttrail.org">www.butlerfreeporttrail.org</a> or email <a href="mailto:scadziggy@zoominternet.net">scadziggy@zoominternet.net</a>
Oct 7	Join us at our BOC monthly meeting; 6:30 pm social hour, 7:30 pm announcements and 8:00 program on at the Butler YMCA, 339 N. Washington, St. Butler, Pa. Each meeting includes announcements, a featured speaker and slide show or outdoor educational program and is open to the public. On Oct 7 club president John Stehle will present a program on hiking in the Grand Canyon.
Oct 9	BOC outing at Cheesemans Fright Farm, Prospect, Pa – haunted hayride, corn maze, haunted house. Meet at 7:00pm. We will be inline if you come late. Questions or info call Jean Adams 724.453.1685
Oct 10	McConnells Mill State Park Program: Hell's Hollow Morning Walk 10:00 AM Join the park naturalist for a leisurely paced walk along a lovely trail. 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 10:00 AM and allow for a 15-minute drive if coming from the old mill.
Oct 11	The Autumn meeting of the PA State Council of the North Country Trail will be held Sunday, Oct. 11 at 11:00am at the Lion's Den at 4W. Main St., Sheffield, PA 16347 You can also attend the Johnny Appleseed Festival that weekend Oct 9-11. For more info see <a href="http://www.johnnyappleseedfest.net/">http://www.johnnyappleseedfest.net/</a> If you would like indoor lodging, Joyce Appel has made arrangements with Budget Motel for cheaper rates for us. It would be \$43 per night and includes taxes, with one double bed. Contact her so she can reserve a night or two for you. 724-526-5407 or <a href="mailto:joyceappel@windstream.net">joyceappel@windstream.net</a> If you would like to camp Fri. or Sat. to include the Johnny Appleseed Festival, call Paul Sinclair at Whispering Pines Campground 814-968-4377. (Sites are based upon 2 adults and 2 children) \$20 per night for rustic \$24 per night with water and elec. \$28 per night with water, elec. and sewer.
Oct 17	Buffalo Creek Half Marathon volunteers are needed for this annual fundraiser for the Butler Freeport Community Trail. Email <a href="mailto:scadziggy@zoominternet.net">scadziggy@zoominternet.net</a> to volunteer.
Oct 17	Tour de NCTA Stage 7: We will be back in the ANF will take us from Red Bridge to Route 6 and then to the Tionesta Scenic area - for a total of 14 miles, which again we will do on 2 days yet to be determined in October - probably 17th to 18th.
Oct 17	Saturday October 17th an organized 31 mile one-way bicycle ride will be held on the Armstrong Rails to Trails from East Brady south to Rosston. Parker's Landing Outfitters will transport riders and their bicycles from the Rosston PA FBC Boat Launch at 11:30 AM to the East Brady PAFBC Boat Launch where the ride will start at 1:00 PM. A shuttle at the end of the ride (approximately 4:15 PM) will transport riders and bicycles from Rosston back to East Brady. Free parking and rest facilities are

	<p>available at both boat launches. Riders may also make their own shuttle arrangements. Prior to the ride there will be an optional get acquainted lunch at the St. Cloud Hotel at 343 Kelly's Way in East Brady starts 11:30 - noon. It is recommended that riders wear a safety helmet. A water bottle, sunscreen, spare tube and a few basic bike tools are also suggested. The trail is fairly level however the surface in some areas will be rough and/or muddy and may not be suitable for bikes with thin road tires or inexperienced riders. Just prior to the ride participants will be required to sign a Release of Liability form. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent. A \$15.00 registration fee will hold your place and cover the cost for you and your bicycle to be transported (the cost for the optional lunch is not included in this fee). The cost without the shuttle is \$5.00 per person. Please make your check payable to The Armstrong Rails to Trails Association and mail it to P.O. Box 177, Kittanning, PA 16201 no later than Friday October 9th. Along with your check please provide your phone number and email address (if applicable) and which of the 2 (if any) shuttle arrangements you will require. The ride is limited to 40 participants. For further information contact Ron Steffy by phone at 724-543-4478 or by email at armtrail@windstream.net or Toni Henry by phone at 724-526-3552 or by email at tonihenry@yahoo.com. Information will also be available on the website at www.armstrongtrail.org Please note that no motorized vehicles/bikes are permitted on the trail.</p>
Oct 18	<p>McConnells 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 &amp; 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 &amp; binoculars, as we will be hiking to visit them in their own territory.</p>
Oct 23-25	<p>Halloween Masquerade Paddle or Pedal on the Allegheny River. Theme is "Yogi and Friends at Jellystone Park" in Clark's Campground - Oct. 23-25 (not Halloween weekend) Join us for the weekend or for the day. It is the weekend before Halloween. We will base camp at Clarks Campground near President, Pa. and do day trips. Bring 2 pumpkins, one for carving contest and one for pumpkin float race. Come Friday when we will begin carving our pumpkins, play a few campfire halloween games or go to a haunted house or hayride. Then you are already there to get up for our big day Saturday. If you come Sat. morning, be there by 9 AM or earlier for breakfast. We will get ready for our River Masquerade around that time so don't be late. Some permanent campers make sure they are there that weekend just to see us off! Sat. eve. At 6 PM, we go to River Forks Restaurant in costume also. There will be prizes. We will probably have carving contest and float race Sat. also. Sunday we will paddle another section of the river, but probably not in costume. If you want to bike instead, Joanne Winwood, Francine and David Feick will probably be there to bike with those of you who do not want to paddle but you still must dress to be part of our theme "Yogi and Friends." If this helps with costume ideas, here are some of Yogi Bear's friends: The Ranger, BooBoo, Betsy Bear, Pixie and Dixie, Mr.Jinks, Huckleberry Hound, Flintstones, Jetsons, Top Cat, Ruff and Ready, Quick Draw McGraw, Tom and Jerry. There are probably other friends. Or use your imagination and think of things Yogi needs, such as cookie, bag or cookies, picnic table, picnic basket, tree etc. Call or email me so I know you will be joining us. Joyce Appel 724-526-5407</p>
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Oct 30 Nov 1	<p>Trail Care Weekend on the North Country Trail at McConnells Mill State Park. Join the KTA work crew to help them work on the trail this weekend. Contact: Paul Henry Phone: 724.347.3282 (home) 724.685.1077 (cell) Camp in heated cabins at Bear Run Campground, close to McConnells Mill State Park. Lodging will be paid for by KTA, but you can just join the crew daily if you do not wish to stay at the cabins. The Trail Care Weekend begins Friday evening at the designated campsite. (Cabins at Bear Run Campground) If you get there early enough, you can go to Moraine State Park for a program on the history of the NCT Davis Hollow Cabin with a pot luck dinner. A full day of trail work on Saturday is followed by an evening of campfire sociability and possibly a meal out at a local restaurant (Dutch treat). There is also a Haunted Hayride, House and Haunted Walk nearby. On Sunday, after a morning of additional trail work, the weekend concludes about noon. If you can't spare an entire weekend, you can join the group for whatever portion is convenient. No experience or special skills are required. Tools and work gloves will be provided. Notify the contact person, Paul Henry, to register for a day or for the weekend.</p>
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Nov 21 22	<p>Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group will be hosting another Wilderness First Aid class on Sat.-Sun, Nov. 21 and 22. This is a perfect class for either outdoorspeople or search and rescue responders, and benefits an all-volunteer organization that helps lost and injured people in the woods at no cost to them or the government agencies we support. The cost is an amazing \$99, including a very nice textbook, certificates, and all materials (discounts are available for volunteer public safety responders). This is a CDS Outdoor School class that meets Wilderness Medical Society guidelines and has been recognized by a number of groups, including the Filmont Scout Camp, the New York Guides Association, and the Pa. Department of Health (responders, we can get you continuing ed. credits if you give us advance warning). Where: Middle Lancaster Community Center, Harmony, Pa. (in Butler County). Contact me if you want information on lodging in the area. When: Two more-or-less full days, starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 20 Ancillaries: To keep costs down we're having people brown bag their own lunches, but plan to informally adjourn to Muddy Creek Barbecue on Saturday night for dinner and gab. Respond by: To help us ensure we have the class fully prepared (in particular, to have enough textbooks), we'll need students to commit to the class by Friday, Nov. 6. Ken Chiacchia <a href="mailto:chiacchiakb@yahoo.com">chiacchiakb@yahoo.com</a></p>

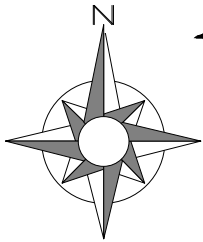
Canoe afficiandos will certainly know of the **Fire series boats**, especially the Wildfire and Flashfire which were produced for many years by Bell Canoe. These are truly classic composite craft, designed by David Yost and Charlie Wilson; and in more recent years, Charlie has been producing at least a few of these models, along with some additions to the Fire series line like the Crossfire and Rapidfire, as Placid Boatworks. Comes now word that a new company has been formed by Paul Meyer of Colden, NY which will shortly begin production of the Wildfire, Flashfire, and tandem Starfire. The company is called **Colden Canoe**. Paul expects to have boats available for Spring delivery. In the meantime, you can check this out at their website <http://www.coldencanoe.com>



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