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The Butler Outdoor Club Newsletter | Butler, Pennsylvania

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April 6 - 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 on Wed April 6 when our featured speaker will be Tammy Veloski who will present a slideshow from our trip in 2008 to Glacier National Park and Banff and Jasper National Parks in Canada.

April 30 - Bike Ride Oil Creek SP trail - Meet at Titusville - Oil Museum trail head at 10pm. Ride along scenic paved trail and back, an easy 20 mile round trip. Optional visit to oil museum and or Titusville brew pub afterwards. Jean or Dave 724-453-1685 or email jeanadams@zoominternet.net

May 27 - 30 - BOC 15th Annual Outdoor Extravaganza Registration and details at www.outdoorextravaganza.org.

July 15 - 17 - Kinzua/ Morrison Run Paddle/Backpack Trip Paddlers: Meet at southern end west side of Red Bridge on Rt.321 (north of Kane) 200ft. from the Longhouse Trail head at 10:00 AM 7/15/11. Parking will be at the Longhouse Trail Head due to the limited space at the put-in point. If the water is low, the put-in will be at the North end of Red Bridge at the boat ramp (Fishing Commission Launch Permit may be required). Once loaded, a 6 mile paddle north to Morrison Run site and #24 along the bay if available (first come first served). Backpackers: Meet at the Trail Head off Rt. 59, 3.9 miles east of Morrison Bridge at a time decided by those participating and hike into Morrison Run by a route of your choice. Contact: Dave Myers 724-588-2767.

The 15th Annual Outdoor Extravaganza over Memorial Day Weekend May 27-30
www.outdoorextravaganza.org

Base Camp is Breakneck Campground near McConnells Mill State Park. All outdoor trips, excursions and workshops leave the campground escorted by leaders or take place right at the campground - Day Activities 9 AM, Half Day Activities 9 AM and 1 PM.

Weiner Roast / Picnic Friday. Pig Roast Saturday.

Entertainment every night. (Star Gazing Party and Beginner Astronomy Program, Playthings, Rehabilitated Wildlife Program, Karma Acoustic duo)

Food and camping is optional.

Trips with various levels of biking, hiking, canoeing and kayaking. There will also be sailing, horseback riding, nature walks, raft float trip, mt. biking and a dead fish polo canoe water game.

Workshops on emergency first aid, survival, backpacking, wildflower identification, glass blowing, disc golf, birding, art activity, and renewable energy for your body.

Kids activities program.

Excursions to Tour Ed Mine, Living History Depreciation Lands, Mill Creek Park, and tours of historical grist mills.

This weekend is a must! Register early for early bird discount before April 15.

Besides, some activities fill up and boat rentals are limited.

2011 Cherry Pie Hike

The 2011 hike hosted more hikers than ever with 152 RSVP's and staff. The weather was perfect, being 32 degrees and sunny. The trail also was covered with several inches of crunchy snow, just right for a winter hike commemorating our founding president's trip through the area.

We expanded the program to have 2 time slots, each with a long and short option. With so many hikers, it took a great deal of work by many people, all taking on the job in before them to make it a successful day. The hike leaders and sweeps got all the hikers through to the end. Jennings ranger, Brandy, led two groups on a tour of the Foltz School House and the Mine Water Treatment program, which was by all accounts a very interesting program. Of course the Cherry Pies, coffee and cups etc, provided by North Country Brewing, is one of the big draws for the hike. And the talk by Dr. Aaron Cohen of SRU was very much appreciated, a talk he had to repeat for four different hiking groups. And all the people from the Butler Outdoor Club and the Butler Chapter of the NCT, who served the pies and coffee and sold the T-Shirts, and all those who shuttled people to the overflow parking at Jennings, and brought back all the long hikers from the end of their hikes. And we also appreciated the help we got from the Clarion and Wampum chapter.

And thanks to all the attendees, for we wouldn't do all this if it wasn't for you. The fun continued for many up at the North Country Brewery, where fine food and drink was shared in a room set aside for us on the second floor.

Thanks to everyone for making it a great success! Pictures can be seen at : <http://butleroutdoorclubphotojournal.shutterfly.com/1563>

Tour de NCT of PA Stage 20

Sixteen hikers turned out for the 20th Stage of the Tour de NCT of PA on a beautiful sunny and brisk day on March 20 as we ended our winter break to resume our march across the state. The plan was to meet at the Cook Forest Fire Tower parking lot, but the road to it was closed, so we parked across the road and shuttled to the other end of the planned hike.

The actual hike began at Highland Road, state game lands parking lot. We followed a road which became a trail which began a long descent to the Clarion river, which was running high and clear and had a beautiful greenish tint. The trail lead back up to the ridge, about 400 feet above the river, 3 times, once to Galbreath overlook, once to Scurry Overlook, and finally to the fire tower in Cook Forest.

The trail was in perfect shape, and we were lead on the hike by the illustrious Misters Galbreath and Scurry. Many thanks to the good folks in the Clarion Chapter who have made such an excellent trail. According to the GPS, I was told, we went about 8.6 miles, about a mile further than planned, due to the road closing.

There are several benches situated high on the ridge and also down along the river where you can stop and renew your strength, both physically and spiritually. Although I jokingly said that this may be the most "overlooked" trail on the NCT, I hope that you all should make sure that you don't overlook this one in your plans for a good hike in the future,

Pictures of the hike can be seen at: <http://butleroutdoorclubphotojournal.shutterfly.com/1658>

Butler Outdoor Club Membership Form

____/____/____
Date

Mail to: Butler Outdoor Club, PO Box 321 Harrisville, PA. 16038

Renewals are due **March 1** each year. **PLEASE PRINT**

Annual dues are **\$20 family, \$15 individual** plus \$10 for news letter via US mail if desired. (circle applicable)
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 membership lists to outside organizations. This information is for internal club use in mailing newsletters, brochures, questionnaires and for use by club officers and outing leaders.

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

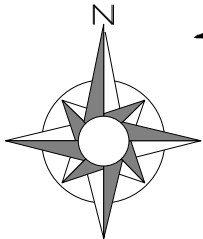
Name of person to notify in case of emergency	Relationship	Phone Number

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	

<p>Please read the following assumption of risk and liability waiver very carefully.</p> <p>IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to join the Butler Outdoor Club and participate in its activities, I, _____,</p> <p>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</p>	<p>By signing this application you are agreeing to all provisions, implied or otherwise, of the waiver.</p> <p>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 in full legal force and effect.</p> <p>I HERBY WARRANT THAT I HAVE READ AND VOLUNTARY SIGNED THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, AND FURTHER AGREE THAT NO ORAL REPRESENTATIONS, STATEMENTS OR INDUCEMENTS APART FROM THE FORGOING AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN MADE.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____/_____/_____ Signature(s) (Assumption of risk must be signed) Date</p>
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