

# The Compass

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## BOC June 1 Meeting

Join us 6:00pm on Wed June . Cecil Neely and Dr. Joseph Raught will present a slide show on their trip to Ireland. In the spring of 2010, they hiked around County Kerry in southern Ireland for a week in late April and early May. Their trip took them through beautiful farm land, over mountains and along the ocean.



## Clarion River Paddle May 30

Our intrepid extravaganza adventurers paddled ten kayaks and two canoes 17 miles down the scenic Clarion River on Memorial Day. Parker's Landing Canoe and Kayak Outfitters shuttled us upriver to the Callensburg access to start our trip. The river was at 4.5 ft which helped us speed downstream at an average of 4 miles per hour. Lots of Merganser ducks and a flock or two of Canadian geese accompanied us downstream until they tired of paddling and flew back upstream. Perfect sunny weather with occasional puffy clouds and a intermittent breeze helped cool us the afternoon temperature rose to 85. At our lunch stop a number of brave paddlers swam or at least dunked themselves in the cold streamside water. Thanks to the high water, 99% of the rocks were underwater and the rapids were mere sections of choppy water with a few small standing waves which added some fun to the paddle. As we neared the mouth of the Clarion, the current slowed to a stop due to the even higher Allegheny River backing up the channel. We paddled across the swift flowing Allegheny and down past Parker City to our takeout at Parker Landing. Fifteen of us for dinner and drinks at the Allegheny Grill in Foxburg on the way home.



## Butler Outdoor Club Sign-in Sheet and Liability Waiver

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<b>Leader:</b>	<b>Assistant Leader:</b>	

### *Sign-In Sheet & Acknowledgment of Outing Member Responsibility, Express Assumption of Risk, and Release of Liability*

I understand that during my participation in this Butler Outdoor Club Outing, I may be exposed to a variety of hazards and risks, foreseen or unforeseen, which are inherent in each Outing and cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the Outing. These inherent risks include, but are not limited to, the dangers of serious personal injury, property damage, and death (“Injuries and Damages”) from exposure to the hazards of travel and the Butler Outdoor Club has not tried to contradict or minimize my understanding of these risks. I know that Injuries and Damages can occur by natural causes or activities of other persons, animals, trip members, trip leaders and assistants or third parties, either as a result of negligence or because of other reasons. I understand that risks of such Injuries and Damages are involved in adventure travel such as Butler Outdoor Club Outings and I appreciate that I may have to exercise extra care for my own person and for others around me in the face of such hazards. I further understand that on this Outing there may not be rescue or medical facilities or expertise necessary to deal with the Injuries and Damages to which I may be exposed.

In consideration for my acceptance as a participant on this Outing, and the services and amenities to be provided by the Butler Outdoor Club in connection with the Outing, I confirm my understanding that:

- I have read any rules and conditions applicable to the Outing made available to me; I will pay any costs and fees for the Outing; and I acknowledge my participation is at the discretion of the leader.
- The Outing officially begins and ends at the location(s) designated by the Butler Outdoor Club. The Outing does not include carpooling, transportation, or transit to and from the Outing, and I am personally responsible for all risks associated with this travel. This does not apply to transportation provided by the Butler Outdoor Club during the Outing.
- If I decide to leave early and not to complete the Outing as planned, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to leave and waive all liability against the Butler Outdoor Club arising from that decision. Likewise, if the leader has concluded the Outing, and I decide to go forward without the leader, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to go forward and waive all liability against the Butler Outdoor Club arising from that decision.
- This Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by law. If any provision or any part of any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or legally unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby and shall remain valid and fully enforceable.
- To the fullest extent allowed by law, I agree to **WAIVE, DISCHARGE CLAIMS, AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY** the Butler Outdoor Club, its officers, directors, employees, agents, and leaders from **any and all liability** on account of, or in any way resulting from Injuries and Damages, even if caused by **negligence** of the Butler Outdoor Club its officers, directors, employees, agents, and leaders, in any way connected with this Outing. I further agree to **HOLD HARMLESS** the Butler Outdoor Club, its officers, directors, employees, agents, and leaders from any claims, damages, injuries or losses caused by my own negligence while a participant on the outing. I understand and intend that this assumption of risk and release is binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, and includes any minors accompanying me on the Outing.
- I have read this document in its entirety and I freely and voluntarily assume all risks of such Injuries and Damages and notwithstanding such risks, I agree to participate in the Outing.

I have read the attached **Sign-In Sheet & Acknowledgment of Outing Member Responsibility, Express Assumption of Risk, and Release of Liability** in its entirety and I freely and voluntarily assume all risks of such Injuries and Damages and notwithstanding such risks, I agree to participate in the Outing.

Printed Name	Signature**	Home Address	Cell Phone	Emergency Phone	BOC Member	Early Sign-Out
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\* Supply your email address to receive periodic communications from the Butler Outdoor Club.

	<p><b>All BOC events are open to the public. When participating in Butler Outdoor Club events, it is assumed that all participants are responsible for their own safety and of their dependents(such as children) at the event. The facilitator is simply providing an opportunity for everyone to enjoy the event together and is not assuming responsibility or liability for the safety of the participants. All travel is not part of the event and is done at your own risk. To be considered as participating in our events all leaders must fill out a waiver form and all participants must read and sign that form.</b></p> <p><a href="#">Outing Sign In Waiver</a></p>
	<p><b>BOC Sponsored Events</b></p>
Jun 1	<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. Please join us June 1st for Cecil Neely and Dr. Joseph Raught's slide show on their trip to Ireland. In the spring of 2010, they hiked around County Kerry in southern Ireland for a week in late April and early May. Their trip took them through beautiful farm land, over mountains and along the ocean.</p>
Jun 8	<p>BOC Ramble on Wed, June 8 at 6 pm Meet at Hell's Hollow in McConnells Mill State Park for a early summer wildflower walk. Call Cindy at 724-285-5618 or email at cwebreck@gmail.com</p>
Jun 12	<p>TourdeNCTAPa Stage 22: Final Stage - Brenimen Rd. to Sarvey Mill Rd(4.4) then to Highland Rd(3.4) (7.8 miles total) Starting times and places to be determined. If you are interested in joining us on this hike, please let John Stehle know cell - 724-256-0674 email - stehles@gmail.com</p>
Jun 22	<p>Wed, June 22 at 5 pm Meet at Pullman Park for a walk through Hidden Butler. See the house built over a creek and the metal swinging footbridge. If interested, attend the Butler Blue Sox game at 6:35 pm (get tickets that night or email tickets@butlerbluesox.net) Call Cindy at 724-285-5618 or email at cwebreck@gmail.com</p>
Jun 28	<p>Tues, June 28 at 5 pm Meet at the Gazebo at Alameda Park in Butler. If interested stay for the free concert at 6:30 pm with Waldo Young Call Cindy at 724-285-5618 or email at cwebreck@gmail.com</p>
Jul 15 17	<p>Kinzua/ Morrison Run Paddle/Backpacking 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(Fish Commission Launch Permit may be required). Once gear is loaded, a 6 mile paddle north to Morrison Run sites #23 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. This current E-Mail address will be discontinued after 6/16/11(my retirement)</p>
Jun 28	<p>Tues, June 28 at 5 pm Meet at the Gazebo at Alameda Park in Butler. If interested stay for the free concert at 6:30 pm with Waldo Young Call Cindy at 724-285-5618 or email at cwebreck@gmail.com</p>

Sep 9 17	Backpacking trip on the AT/Long Trail in Vermont 9/9/11-9/17/11 (strenuous) 7 Days on the trail, two days travel time. Trail head is on the west side of North Adams Mass. To Manchester Center Vt. Elevation at start is 660ft. at North Adams and 2200ft. at the Seth Warner Shelter in VT. 6.6 miles. Thereafter, 6-10miles per day at 2000ft-4000ft.Contact the Green Mountain Club for the map (waterproof)and handbook for the Long Trail. The map for this section of the AT is more detailed than the Long Trail map. Arrive at North Adams /Williamstown on 9/9/11 and start at the trail head on 9/10/11 at 9:00 at Phelps Ave off Rt. 2 . Contact Dave Myers 724-588-2767 for more info. 1. Seth Warner Shelter 6.6 miles from North Adams trail head 2. Congdon Shelter 7.4 miles from Seth Warner Shetler 3. Melville Nauheim Shelter 5.9 miles from Congdon Shelter 4. Goddard Shelter 8.5 miles from Melville Nauheim Shetler 5. Story Spring Shelter 8.8 miles from Goddard Shelter 6. Stratton Pond Shelter 10.6 miles (long day with a mountain to climb) from Story Spring Shelter 7. Stratton Pond Shleter to Old Rootville Rd. and Manchester Center 10 miles 8. Either a parked car oat the trail head on the Old Rootville Rd or public transportation back to Williamstown(service only runs on weekdays )
Nov 12	BOC annual dinner at the East Butler Firemans Hall Save the date!
<p><b>Other Area Outdoor Events</b></p> <p><b>These events are listed for public information and are not sponsored nor endorsed by the Butler Outdoor Club. We assume no liability for anything that happens if you participate in these activities.</b></p>	
May 31 Jun 1	KTA / NCT trailwork week May 31 - June 5. KTA is proud to sponsor five Trail Crew weeks in June of 2011. Trail Crew begins on Tuesday evening and ends the following Sunday at noon with all meals provided. Participants can sign up for the entire week or by the day.
Jun 1	NCT GeoTrail starts June 1st. 100 individual caches, hidden approximately a mile apart on the ANF Chapter section of the NCT from the New York border north of PA 346 trailhead to the PA 66 trailhead south of Marienville. Earn a commemorative NCT 2011 Medallion; you will need to find 50 of the 100 caches. You can download a coder sheet on the cache pages. Find the cache, get the code word, write it down on your coder sheet, and once you get 50 caches, you can submit it to the ANF Chapter. There are only 100 Medallions being offered, so first come first served!
Jun 3 5	The ANF Chapter is celebrating National Trail Day by camping at Amsler Springs shelter on June 3 & 4 ending Sunday June 5th. Will be working Saturday June 5th from 9am to 4pm on side-hill benching (less than ¼ mile), short boardwalk steps. Maybe a little work on Sunday. Parking will be about 1/3 mile from the trail. All tools and hard hats will be provided; you bring water, lunch, good boots and gloves. Saturday dinner will be at Cougar Bob's (dutch-treat).
Jun 3 4	WESTERN PA SOLO CANOE RENDEZVOUS Sponsored by Keystone Sojourns "Dragonfly Reunion" Friday, June 3 – your chance to talk informally to manufacturers, vendors and fellow paddlers Arrival of manufacturers and campers Impromptu paddling 5:30 ish – Lee Ann's Vegetarian Pot Luck Dinner (Bring something and join in.) Conversation and test paddling Saturday, June 4 – THE day to be here Vendor on site for breakfast fare (muffins, donuts, bagels, coffee and such) Test paddling – ANY boat in the

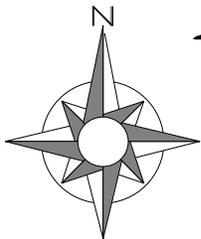
	<p>general beach area can be paddled (pfd's a must) Paddling clinics (schedule will be posted on site) Freestyle demonstrations (schedule will be posted on site) Vendor on site for lunch More clinics, demos and test paddling Presentations by experts on site (times will be posted on site) For example, Dave Curtis will discuss "Modern Canoe Construction" 5 - 6 ish - on site picnic style buffet dinner (\$6 per person) Beer tasting from Full Pint Brewery, Pittsburgh Possible campfire Musicians/Paddlers Jam Session - if you play an instrument, bring it and join in! At dark - candle light paddling on the lake (through floating luminaria) Sunday, June 5 - come early, many leave for their long drives by afternoon Morning We supply coffee and doughnuts for a donation More clinics, demos and test paddling Sometime between 12 and 1 - Wrap up session All events will take place on the beach on the water or under the tent at the site. PFDs must be worn on the lake.</p>
Jun 4	<p>National Trails Day and the Butler Freeport Community Trail is holding a Community Walk/Bike, celebrating the completion of 4.25 of the remaining 4.5 miles of the Butler Freeport Trail. Inaugural ride from Butler to Freeport and back on completed trail surface. It will be a leisurely ride with lunch (dutch treat) in Freeport (pizza at Riverside Park) then returning to Butler. It has taken over 20 years to get the trail completed. If you don't ride, no worries, a walk will also take place, led by long time trail member Fritz Emmerling. Short ceremony at 9 am before the walk/bike. Parking will be at Franklin Ball Field, nearest residential address is 253 Herman Rd., Butler, PA, the ball field is across the street. Questions, please e-mail scadziggy@zoominternet.net</p>
Jun 4	<p>In honor of National Trails Day, Clarion Chapter will be having it's June monthly hike at 10:00 AM on Saturday, June 4, 2011. We will be hiking a section of the North Country Trail from the Cook Forest Fire Tower to the trail head at Highland Drive. This hike will be approximately 6.5 miles along moderate terrain. We will meet at the Cook Forest Fire tower at 10:00 AM. If you plan to attend, please contact Devin Callihan at (814) 319-5058 or cla@northcountrytrail.org.</p>
Jun 4	<p>Moraine State Park Community Programs Bluebirds - The Fledging Experience 1:30 p.m. McDanel's Launch, North Shore Meet the park naturalist and Harry Schmeider, the ambassador for the bluebirds, as we discuss the bluebird's history, biology, courtship, nest site selection, egg laying, and brooding right up to fledging and what happens after they have fledged. We will look at different nest box construction and what is needed to attract bluebirds to your backyard. We will also take a short hike to explore a few bluebird boxes in the area. Meet at pavilion #7 located at the McDanel's Launch on the North Shore.</p>
Jun 11	<p>Moraine State Park is proud to participate in National Get Outdoors Day 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m. The mission of Get Outdoors Day is to provide opportunities for children and their families to enjoy the healthy, active outdoors. Activities offered include kayaking, biking, GPS, fishing, children's activities and more! Come to Lakeview Beach, North Shore, to meet Smokey the Bear and learn about fire safety or how to choose a new kayak. Make plans to spend the day at the park. Free admission.</p>
Jun 24-27	<p>Mosquito Lake Bicycle Camping Tour The Erie Outing Club will be doing a multiday bicycle tour starting at my house and riding to Pymantuning Camp Grounds on the first night. The next day we will ride to Mosquito Lake. The third day we will ride to Ashtabula using the Ashtabula/Trumbull County Greenway trail. Then the last day will be riding back to my house. The ride will average about 45 miles a day. The long day</p>

	will be 50 miles and the short day will be about 30 miles. The first night you would have a cabin option, but the other nights are camping only at state camp grounds. In Ashtabula we will be staying at a private campground which is next to the bike path. For food you can either eat at Restaurants or cook your own food. You can do it either self-supported, or have our Sag carry your tent and gear. This is an Erie Outing Club event. Jim - eocbike@gmail.com
Jun 26	Sunday, June 26, 2011. Tour de Cure for the American Diabetes Association. Information is available at <a href="http://main.diabetes.org/PittsburghTourdeCure">main.diabetes.org/PittsburghTourdeCure</a> .
Aug 6 7	Moraine Regatta 2011 - a weekend full of family oriented fun and activities at Moraine State Park For more details see <a href="http://www.lakearthurregatta.org">www.lakearthurregatta.org</a>
Aug 11 14	North Country National Scenic Trails Annual Conference will be held in Dayton, Ohio this year. Always a good time with hikes, bike rides, excursions, maybe canoe trip, workshops, great food and evening programs. Watch for more details later, but mark you calendar.
Aug 12 14	<a href="#">The Bantam Jeep Heritage Festival</a> will be at the Butler Country Fairgrounds. Butler Tourism Bureau is organizing it and has asked Butler Outdoor Club and NCT to provide a few hikes and canoe trips. Friday, they hope to break Guinness World Record with longest jeep parade. Watch for more details later, but mark your calendar. If you would like to help or lead a trip, contact Joyce Appel, 724-526-5407 or <a href="mailto:joyceappel@windstream.net">joyceappel@windstream.net</a>
Sep 30 Oct 2	The 2011 KTA Fall hiking weekend will be hosted by Butler Outdoor Club and Butler Chapter of NCT. Camping, inside lodging, and food will be provided at Lutherlyn Camp, but optional. We plan on having various levels of hikes, a bike ride, canoe trip and a few excursions, along with Friday and Sat. evening entertainment. Mark you calendars and watch for details later. If you would like to help or lead a trip, contact Joyce Appel, 724-526-5407 or <a href="mailto:joyceappel@windstream.net">joyceappel@windstream.net</a>





*Extravaganza Allegheny River Ride*



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