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BOC Oct 5 Meeting

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Annual Dinner Update

The annual dinner is fast approaching – Saturday November 12 – and we need your help to make it a success.

Volunteers – please come early at 10:00 am to help prepare for the silent auction, business/activity tables, etc.

Anyone who would like to help volunteer, please contact our dinner chairperson Carol Bickel at cbickel@zoominternet.net or call her cell phone at 724.679.0501.

See page 3 in this issue to nominate a person or group for our annual outstanding outdoor award.

Bring Silent Auction items to the Oct. or Nov. meeting at the latest. Get donations or gift certificates, etc. from your local businesses. Call Alice Stehle for more info at 724.283.0191.

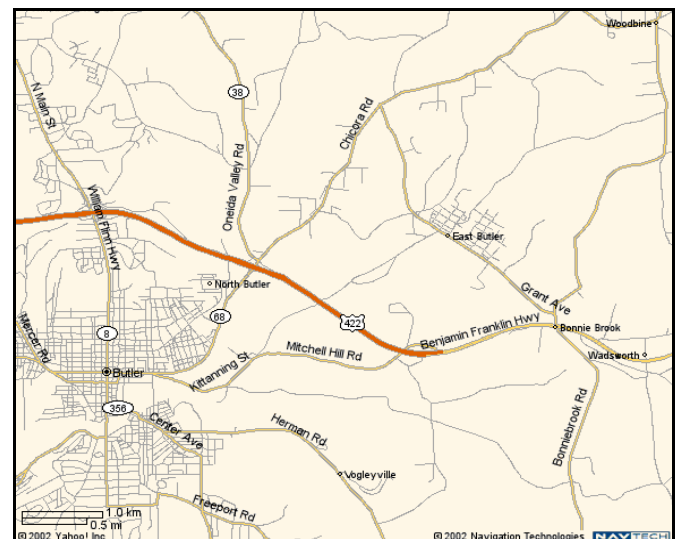
Annual Dinner Saturday Nov 12

The Butler Outdoor Club will host its 17th annual dinner Saturday Nov 12, 2011 at the East Butler Fire Hall, 808 Grant Ave, East Butler, Pa. Silent Auction begins at 5:00pm.

The roast beef and BBQ chicken dinner will be catered by Thompsons Country Catering. There will be door prizes, a 50/50 raffle, silent auction, and outdoor store and club displays. The public is welcome to attend.

The cost is \$15 for adults and \$6 for children under 6. Pre-paid reservations only by Friday, Nov 4. Purchase at our Oct 5 meeting or mail your check with names of attendees to: Butler Outdoor Club, PO Box 321, Harrisville, Pa 16038. For more information call 724-794-3719.

East Butler Fire Hall – 808 Grant Ave East Butler, Pa



Muddy Creek Falls Hike

Please join us for a tour of the Muddy Creek Falls area. Property owner, Rob Shook will lead us on a hike around the falls and other interesting features of the area. We will meet tentatively at 11:00AM. Specific directions to follow. Let me know by replying to painthorse_33@yahoo.com if you plan to attend so we can make arrangements for parking our vehicles.

Tammy

Fall NCT Pa. Council Meeting hosted by ANF Chapter

When: Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011
Where: The Lion's Den in Sheffield
Time: 10 AM

This way you can come Saturday, if you wish, for the Johney Appleseed Festival and / or enjoy this lumberjack festival Sunday afternoon and early evening after the Council Meeting.

NCT National Conference Committee Meeting

Mark your calendars for October 26 at 6:30 PM for our next NCT National Conference Committee Meeting. (Place to be determined)
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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

**Butler Outdoor Club
Outstanding Contributor Award
Nomination Form**

Do you know someone who has been involved in the outdoors, clubs, organizations, volunteer work, or whatever, that deserves special attention and is worthy of an award? Or is there an organization that has contributed to the improvement in the quality of life in the outdoors?

Please fill out the following form and mail it back to us by **Oct 24, 2011**. Use this form for your nomination. Please be specific regarding dates of involvement if you know them. Make every attempt to fully explain the qualifications of the nominee. All the judges have to go on is what you say, so impress them.

	Nominee	Nominator
Name		
Address		
Phone		

Contributions and or involvements of the Nominee to the outdoors:

This nominee deserves special recognition because:

Please respond by email to president@butleroutdoorclub.org or mail to:
Outstanding Contributor Award, Butler Outdoor Club, POBox 321, Harrisville, Pa 16038

BOC Sponsored Events	
Oct 5	<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.</p> <p>Each meeting includes outing announcements, a featured speaker and slide show or outdoor educational program and is open to the public.</p> <p>Our featured speaker will be Chris Zeigler, President of the Butler Freeport Community Trail Council who will present a program about the trail and final plans to complete it across Coal Run and connect with Father Marinaro Park in Butler. More information can be found at the trails newly updated website www.butlerfreeporttrail.org.</p>
Oct 8	<p>Saturday, October 8, is set for the Oil City Bike/Train ride. Bring your bicycle aboard the train @ Petroleum Center @ 11:50 AM for the one hour scenic trip through Oil City State Park. When we arrive at the Drake Well Museum, unload your bike, check out the sights, get a snack and get on the trail for the ten mile downhill bike ride back to your car. Tickets may be purchased on the train \$12. adults, \$10 children under 12 years, includes \$1. bike fare. GPS directions: 150 State Park Road Oil City, PA 1630 You will need to continue straight on State Park Road for 3 more miles to the Train Station I've coordinated this trip with the nearby Big Franklin Apple Fest so you can stop for fun and food on your way home. Joanne Winwood 412-241-1004</p>
Oct 22	<p>BOC bike outing – Ride the newly completed western section of the Ghostown Trail from Dilltown West 5.5 mi to Blacklick and then North 10 mi. on the Hoodlebug Trail to Indiana Pa. and return. Bring water and trail snacks; meet at the Dilltown trailhead at 10am. Dave / Jean Adams 724.452.1685</p>
Oct 28	<p>Halloween Party Friday, October 28 at 7:00 pm Look for the spooky barn at 325 South Main Street Harrisville, PA 16038 Dress for the weather. (Possible hayride) Bring a dish or snack to share. Contact Carol & Steve Bickel 724 794-3719</p>
Nov 12	<p>Butler Outdoor Club 17th Annual Dinner Saturday Nov. 12, 2011 at the East Butler Fire Hall 808 Grant Ave. East Butler, Pa</p> <p>Silent Auction starts at 5:00pm Roast Beef & BBQ Chicken Dinner</p> <p>Pre-Paid Reservations only by Fri. Nov 4 50-50 Raffle, Door Prizes Adults - \$15 Children under 6 - \$7 Purchase at Oct 5 or Nov 2 meeting or mail check and names of attendees to: Butler Outdoor Club PO Box 321, Harrisville, Pa 16038 Questions? Call 724 -794 -3719</p>
Other Area Outdoor Events	
<p>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.</p>	
Sep 30 Oct 2	<p>The 2011 KTA Fall hiking weekend Keystone Trails Association, an umbrella organization for outdoor clubs all over Pennsylvania, has Fall and Spring weekends for clubs, members and those who just want to come. Each Fall and Spring, a member club will host the event, but it is usually central and eastern Pa. Well, it is finally coming our way to Butler County. The Butler Outdoor Club and North Country Trail Chapters of Pa. will host it this Fall on Sept. 30-Oct. 2. It will take place at Lutherlyn Camp, near Moraine and McConnells Mill State Parks. (Cabins, camping, food, outdoor activities, programs)</p> <p>Many great activities in the surrounding area are planned, such as hikes, workshops,</p>

	<p>excursions, and children's activities. Also, Friday evening is a Weiner Roast Picnic and Star Gazing Party. On Saturday evening, a banjo group "The Old Hats" will liven things up with originals, as well as blues and folk. Registration Form and Weekend Information</p> <p>If you would like to help or lead a trip, contact Joyce Appel, 724-526-5407 or joyceappel@windstream.net</p>
Oct 1	<p>Survive Outdoors Saturday, October 1, 2011 - 2:00 p.m. McConnells Mill State Park- Kildoo Picnic Area Meet park staff at the pavilion at Kildoo Picnic Area to learn about the ways to stay safe in the outdoors. Use hands-on activities to explore different survival techniques and supplies. What to carry on moderate hikes, being prepared for the weather, and fire-building techniques will be a few of the things discussed.</p>
Oct 1	<p>MAURICE K GODDARD STATE PARK "MUSIC AT THE MARINA" Come and enjoy five hours of outdoor music at the Lake Wilhelm Marina at M.K. Goddard State Park on Saturday, October 1, 2011 from 10 am until 3 pm. Bring a lawn chair and picnic lunch or purchase a hot dog, fries, snacks, and refreshments on site. The concert is open to the public and free of charge. This is an open jam session with various styles of music so invite your favorite musicians to come and play. Many of the area's best musicians are tentatively scheduled to perform including Jack Adams, Jim and Linda Auld (Bailey Downs Band), Jimmy Bums (Lost Highway), Brian Good (Midnight Fire), George Grexa (former Crown Vetch), Dave Hamrock (former Shenango Band), John Hayes (songwriter), Johnnie and Eric Johnston, Doug Kerr, Pete and Donna Little (Making Changes), Joe Macri (former Pegasus Band), Dave Moon and Joe Oshavsky (former Mudd Brothers Band), Bill Mizik, Mike Peterson, Burt Pollock, Remedy, Wildwood Express, and more. This outdoor concert will continue as scheduled as long as weather conditions permit. For more information contact William Wasser, Park Manager, Maurice K Goddard State Park at 724-253-4833.</p>
Oct 2	<p>FREE Bicycle Test Rides Sunday, October 2, 2011 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Moraine State Park- Pleasant Valley Area- South Shore Stop by Pleasant Valley on the South Shore of Moraine State Park for a Trek Factory Bicycle demonstration. The Trek Factory Demo was designed to make the best bicycles from Trek and Gary Fisher available to experience firsthand. The tour travels throughout the country educating riders on product, proper bicycle fit, and offering the opportunity to ride a variety of bicycles and accessories, including the latest gear from Bontrager. Please bring your ID, credit card and a valid drivers license.</p>
Oct 2	<p>Family Fly Fishing Program Sunday, October 2, 2011 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Moraine State Park- Pleasant Valley Beach Area Discover just how fun fly fishing can be with your family at a PFBC Family Fly Fishing Program. Learn about the basic fundamentals of fly casting and equipment used to fly fish. Instructors will walk you through how to assemble the equipment, demonstrate the frequently used fly fishing knots, and discuss fish behavior and fly selection. Included in the program is information on streamside ethics and wading safety. The best part is that you and your family will have the opportunity to experience fly fishing first hand on the water- no fishing license required and all equipment is provided. Bring a sack lunch and dress for the weather. What's the catch? Adults must bring a child age 10 and up, and children must bring an adult since you'll be learning and fishing together. Registration required through the PA Fish & Boat Commission Calendar of Events at www.fish.state.pa.us.</p>
Oct	<p>Early AM Bird Watch Cruise The Nautical Nature will be launching an early morning Bird</p>

5	Watch cruise on October 5 at 9 AM from McDanel's Launch. Bartramian Audubon expert, Gary Uber, will host the two hour cruise. The shores of Lake Arthur will be explored to observe and/or photograph both native and migratory birds and waterfowl. A continental breakfast will be provided on the cruise. Call 724 368-9185 to make reservations. Cost \$14.00
Oct 5	Evening Paddle- FREE Wednesday, October 5, 2011 6:00-7:30 p.m. Moraine State Park- McDanel's Launch The park takes on an entirely different character at night. Kayaking at night opens up your senses to a new way of experiencing the lake. Combine the two during an evening paddle on Lake Arthur. This trip is designed for intermediate paddlers. Meet the park naturalist at McDanel's launch area on the North Shore of Moraine to learn about and experience the peace and beauty that Moraine has to offer. Bring your own kayak to participate, or you can reserve one of Moraine State Park's kayaks free of charge. Participants that use park kayaks must be at least 12 years of age. An adult must accompany those participants that are under the age of 18. To reserve a park kayak call the Moraine office at 724-368-8811. Please be sure to dress for the weather conditions and bring drinking water. Kayaking at night requires a white light source, such as a flashlight. Park kayaks will have a light provided. All paddlers bringing their own boats must also have a light.
Oct 8	Moraine Preservation Family Fun Day Join us on Saturday, October 8th, at the Moraine State Park North Shore for a fun filled day! Bring your family - we've got many activities planned & many are free. Food and refreshments will be available. ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nautical Nature Fall Foliage Cruise (\$10) - 1 PM and 3 PM/May call ahead to reserve/1st come 1st serve • Nautical Nature Dinner Cruise (\$30) - 5 PM/By advance reservation only • Pumpkin Painting • Educational Bat Presentations • Petting Zoo • Crafts - Bat Mobile, Birdseed Cupcakes * paddleboard demo by surfsup at 12:00 * music by Waldo Young at 1:00 Call 724 368-9185 to make reservations.
Oct 8	Historic Oil Well Operation Saturday, October 8, 2011 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Moraine State Park- Park Road Come and see the abandoned turn of the century oil well and pumping engine that have been restored to working order. The well will operate from 10:00a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Park staff and volunteers will be there to operate the engine and answer your questions. So come out and see the Bessemer engine pump some Pennsylvania crude. The central powerhouse site is located beyond the Forestry & Regional office building on Park Rd. (Old 422) off Route 528.
Oct 10	Kayak in Color FREE Monday, October 10, 2011 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Pleasant Valley Boat Launch In autumn the trees are nature's kaleidoscope. Unfortunately, this rainbow of color only appears a few weeks each fall. Meet the park naturalist at the Pleasant Valley launch, on the South Shore of Moraine, to kayak amongst the beautiful natural scenery. Bring your own kayak to participate, or you can reserve one of Moraine State Park's kayaks free of charge. Participants that use park kayaks must be at least 12 years of age. An adult must accompany those participants that are under the age of 18. To reserve a park kayak call the Moraine office at 724-368-8811. Please be sure to dress for the weather conditions and bring drinking water.
Oct 13	9 Moraine Preservation AM Leaf Peepers Nautical Nature cruise October 13 This cruise also includes a continental breakfast. Call 724 368-9185 to make reservations.
Oct	Historic Bread Baking Class Saturday, October 15, 2011 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

15	<p>McConnells Mill State Park– Kildoo Picnic Area Spend a crisp fall day baking outside over an open fire. McConnells Mill staff has partnered with Gristmill Baker, Stan Malecki, to offer this fun and educational demonstrative lesson in historic cooking. Using authentic equipment, such as dutch ovens, Stan will assist students in preparing historic bread recipes, while learning the role of food and cooking in our rich past. Register now for your chance to get your hands in history. Cost of \$20 will include use of equipment, class materials, and cost of food. Sign up now, classes will not be offered again until spring!</p>
Oct 16	<p>A 7-mile hike on the Rachel Carson Trail Sunday Oct 16, 2011 from 09:30 am to 12:00 pm Join the Rachel Carson Trails Conservancy on a fall hike! We'll follow the Rachel Carson Trail from Hartwood Acres to the Harmar shelter in North Park for approximately seven miles, rain or shine. Refreshments will be served at the end of the hike. Meet at 9:30 AM for instructions and car pooling at the Harmar shelter in North Park, located next to the Pie Traynor field near the swimming pool. This event is FREE and open to everyone! More details: http://www.rachelcarsontrails.org/Members/sgmentzer/fo2011</p>
Oct 16	<p>A Walk with the Mammals Sunday, October 16, 2011 1:00-3:00 p.m. McConnells Mill State Park - Pavillion at Kildoo Picnic Area What do you and I have in common with much of the wildlife that calls Moraine State Park its home? We are also mammals and we have a lot of things in common. Join the park naturalist at the pavillion at Kildoo Picnic Area for a program that will discuss some of the similarities and differences among different types of mammals and how they survive in their habitat. We will also take a short hike to look for evidence of these mammals that are all around us.</p>
Oct 28- 30	<p>Halloween Masquerade Paddle - Oct.28-30 River Paddle near Tionesta, Pa. Theme this year "Nursery Rhymes" We will base camp at Clark's Campground at President along Route 62 between Tionesta and Oil City. Come Friday and stay for the weekend, or come early Sat. or Sun. morning before 9 AM. We paddle in costume Sat., go out to dinner in costume Sat. evening and may catch haunted house or haunted hayride afterwards. But for sure...we will go back to the campground for our "annual pumpkin race" by campground stream and "annual pumpking carving contest". So bring 2 pumpkins, one to carve and one to race.</p> <p>Sunday, we paddle but probably not in costume. Both day paddles will be in the area and shuttles set for day trips. Call if coming for directions and more details. Don't just show up....I need to reserve number for Sat. evening dinner. Need a canoe or kayak to use, let me know and not at the last minute!!!! joyce 724-526-5407 or joyceappel@windstream.net</p>

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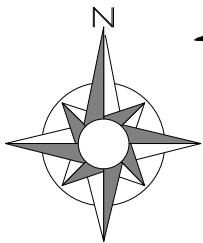
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