

# The Compass

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## BOC Nov 2 Meeting

Please join us at 6:30 pm social hour, 7:30 pm announcements and 8:00 program at the Butler YMCA, 339 N. Washington, St. Butler, Pa. Our featured speakers will be Joyce Appel and Paul Henry who will present a slide program titled The Adventures of Paul Henry and Joyce Appel in Panama....rivers, mountains, valleys...cities, towns, villages.....Panama Canal cruise to dugout canoes with natives...motels, hostels, camping....dry lands to rain forest with hot to windy to just right. Panama has it all.

## Congratulations to Joe Smith 2011 BOC Outstanding Outdoor Award Winner

*This is a summary of Joe's many accomplishments.*

Joe has been an active member of the Butler Outdoor Club and the North Country Trail Association for over 15 years. He was one of the founding members of the Butler NCTA Chapter.

After being the Butler Chapter NCTA President in 1999 and helping to host the national NCTA Conference at Camp Lutherlyn; Joe has continued to promote, maintain and blaze the North Country Trail. Joe has recruited volunteers for the many different sections of the NCT. He was one of the original people who helped get the Davis Hollow Outdoor Center at Moraine State Park opened, cleaned, and repaired.

Joe has been a Lions Club Member for 40 years, president for a couple years and has done a lot of volunteer work for them. He also volunteers for the Butler Rotary, Chamber and Boy Scouts.

He does a lot for his church, including taking people to the doctor or hospital when need be.

## Last chance for dinner reservations

The Butler Outdoor Club will host its 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

Our featured speaker is Rick Ostheimer who began long distance backpacking in 2006 with a 2175 mile thru-hike of the Appalachian Trail.

He then thru-hiked the 2650 mile Pacific Crest Trail in 2008 and hiked 2260 miles of the Continental Divide Trail in 2010 and 2011.

Rick will talk about his long distance hiking experiences.

The cost is only \$15 for adults and \$6 for children under 6. Pre-paid reservations only by Friday, Nov 4. Purchase at our Nov 2 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.



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## 2011 KTA HIKING AWARDS

### Western Award

*(For hiking 200 miles on trails in Western PA)*

**Jan Berg**, Emlenton, PA

**Carol Bickel**, Slippery Rock, PA

**Steve Bickel**, Slippery Rock, PA

**John Stehle**, Butler, PA

**Tammy Veloski**, Fombell, PA

### Young Hiker Award

*(For hiking 25 miles on PA trails, under age 13)*

**Dale Veloski**, Fombell, PA

The KTA Fall Weekend was hosted by the Butler Outdoor Club and the North Country Trail in PA. This was an opportunity for us to show the rest of the state all the great trails we have. Some hikes also visited historical sites like the Old Stone House or the demonstration oil well in Moraine State Park. Some had additional activities like bird watching or a ride on the Nautical Nature pontoon boat. There were some non-hiking events added like biking and paddling.

KTA was very pleased with the turnout, facilities and the weekend in general. We had more people on Friday night than ever at a KTA weekend. The registration for the weekend was also the largest KTA Fall weekend in the recorded history of KTA Fall weekends. KTA was very impressed with that and especially since it was in western Pa., rather than the central or east part of Pa.

Everyone who helped make this happen should be commended for an excellent event, with special mention to all the work that Joyce Appel did to make this happen.

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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)**

## BOC Outdoor Events and Activities

	<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>Join us Wed Nov 2 at the Butler YMCA.</p>
Nov 2	<p>Our featured speakers will be Joyce Appel and Paul Henry will present a slide program titled The Adventures of Paul Henry and Joyce Appel in Panama....rivers, mountains, valleys...cities, towns, villages.....Panama Canal cruise to dugout canoes with natives...motels, hostels, camping....dry lands to rain forest with hot to windy to just right. Panama has it all.</p> <p>BOC dinner reservations can be purchased at our monthly meeting. Deadline is Nov 4.</p>
Nov 12	<p style="text-align: center;">Butler Outdoor Club 17th Annual Dinner</p> <p>Saturday Nov. 12, 2011 at the East Butler Fire Hall 808 Grant Ave. East Butler, Pa</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Silent Auction starts 5:00pm</p> <p>Roast Beef &amp; BBQ Chicken Dinner Pre-Paid Reservations only by Fri. Nov 4</p> <p>50-50 Raffle, Door Prizes Our featured speaker is Rick Ostheimer who began long distance backpacking in 2006 with a 2175 mile thru-hike of the Appalachian Trail. He then thru-hiked the 2650 mile Pacific Crest Trail in 2008 and hiked 2260 miles of the 3100 mile Continental Divide Trail in 2010 and 2011. He will talk about his long distance hiking experiences.</p> <p>Adults - \$15 Children under 6 - \$7 Purchase at 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>
Nov 13	<p>Spend a day doing a "Hawk Watch" in Somerset County with the Butler Outdoor Club. We will sit on Shaffer Mountain and count hawks and anything else that floats by. This is the time for the Golden Eagle migration. Other raptors we might see are Northern Harrier, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, Peregrine Falcon and more . The location is the Allegheny Front Watch, operated by the Allegheny Plateau Audubon Society. See this link to learn more: <a href="http://www.alleghenylateauaudubon.org/hw.html">http://www.alleghenylateauaudubon.org/hw.html</a> Bring your binoculars or scope if you have them. Bring a chair, cushion or blanket to sit on. Bring a lunch and something to drink warm preferably. And bring a jacket it gets cold up on the mountain at this time of the year. We can stay till closing - around 5:00 and have dinner at an area restaurant. Date: 11/13/2011 - weather permitting (hawks won't be flying there in the rain). Time: We can carpool and head up together - leave at 9 am from the store in Portersville. Contact: Dorothy Weisberg at <a href="mailto:dotweisberg@zoominternet.net">dotweisberg@zoominternet.net</a> for directions and any change of plans.</p>
Jan 6 8	<p>Wilderness Lodge - January 6-8 (Winter Wonderland) Time to think about whether you want to reserve spot for Wilderness Lodge near Wattsburg, Pa. for cross country skiing or snow shoeing. (downhill nearby at Peak n' Peak) if interested...don't wait. The spots will fill up fast. Snooze, you lose! I will not save your spot if you reserve and do not send check promptly. Sorry, but other people could use your reserved spot. Cost this year is the same as last year: Private Rooms - \$185 for one couple (includes Sat. dinner) Couples Rooms - \$166 per couple (includes Sat. dinner) (You will be a room with one or two couples. If you know the couple you want to be with, then I need to know when you reserve.)</p>

<p>Singles Rooms - \$78 per person (includes Sat. dinner) Wilderness Lodge has a downstairs and upstairs. Lower level has a bar, tv, couches, chairs and tables to socialize and play games. You are not allowed to bring your own bottle of liquor because of liquor law. Bottle prices are very reasonable at Wilderness Lodge. Upstairs has the sleeping rooms and small sitting room. A daily trail pass is purchased separately at next door building called "Nordic Center". They also rent skis. Send check to: Joyce Appel 1899 State Route 268 East Brady, Pa. 16028</p>
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## Other Area Outdoor Events

**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>Oct 28-30 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. 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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<p>Oct 29 Settler's Ridge REI — Geocaching 101 - Autumn Adventure Event Location: The Outdoor Classroom Time: 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (EDT) Join the Classroom in welcoming the Pittsburgh Area Geocaching Association (PAGA) for a spine tingling introduction to geocaching! The evening will begin with an introduction to geocaching, what is a cach and how to get started or advance to new challenges. Afterwards we'll break into caching teams and head into the park in search of hidden treasures! Once you've explored the caches in the park, return to the Learning Lab for campfire treats. Come in your favorite Halloween costume for a free treat! Pre-registration is requested. To register goto <a href="http://www.theoutdoorclassroompa.org/Events.html">http://www.theoutdoorclassroompa.org/Events.html</a></p>
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<p>Nov 10 Butler Chapter NCTA New regular monthly meeting time: Starting in November 10, 2011 and going forward the Butler Chapter will meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month, at the YMCA in the Trustees Room on the first floor. The meetings will start at 6:30. Please plan to attend as often as you can.</p>
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<p>Nov 11-13 KTA Trailcare Weekend at Bear Run Nature Reserve: Volunteers should contact trip leaders to indicate their intent to participate and get up-to-the-minute information. Leader: Jeff Rosier Phone: 724.329.7803 Email: jrosier@paconserve.org Camp: Kirkpatrick House near Ohiopyle State Park</p>
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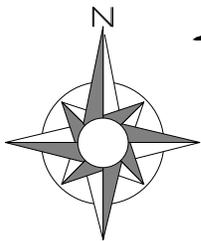
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