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BOC Dec 7 Meeting

Please join us at 6:00 pm at the Butler YMCA, 339 N. Washington, St. Butler, Pa. when our annual Christmas music and white elephant grab bag night. Bring a covered dish to share and a \$5.00 gift or gag gift.

Ugliest Christmas sweater contest



Dig out those old, gaudy Christmas sweaters everyone! We will be having a Christmas sweater contest at our Christmas Party. Men, borrow one from your mother, grandmother or sister. Women, say you borrowed yours! The more embellishment the better. Prizes will be awarded for the most ugliest sweaters worn!

Election of officers

Please be prepared to offer your help as a BOC board member for 2012! We need new ideas, new trips, and more opinions. We are looking for someone with accounting experience to be treasurer. We need someone with computer knowledge to handle the data base. More nominations for all positions are needed. Please give it some thought. You could make a difference! Present nominations include: Steve Bickel, president; Tammy Veloski, vp; John Stehle, secretary; Carol Bickel, treasurer.

Thank You

Thank you everyone who helped and all who attended the BOC annual dinner.

After expenses, we had a net profit of \$900 which will help finance our club throughout the year.

Thanks to all who donated items for the silent auction, and thank you to those who did the bidding. Over 131 items were donated with bids ranging from \$151 to \$1! The auction is our only club fund raiser of the year, so keep those donations coming.

Start now by buying up sale items that are a bargain "too good to pass up", and save them for next year's auction.

Second Wilderness Lodge Weekend

I am taking reservations for Jan. 27-29. It will be the same price and conditions as the weekend of Jan.6-8. (If you booked for Jan. 6-8, I cannot move you to the last weekend. Those have already been reserved and paid for. Here is your chance for a second weekend...but first come, first serve, let me know asap.

Singles - \$78

Couples with another couple - \$166

Private room for couple - \$185

* This includes Sat. dinner

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Cutting Edge How to Videos for Hikers

With exciting video reviews of hiking products, Backcountry Edge is a whole lot more than just another gear website with simple product descriptions and 'buy now' but-tens. On every single product page, hikers will find in-depth descriptions, hi-resolution images, and thorough product specification listings. Those descriptions are written on-site by Backcountry Edge's enthusiastic team of gear specialists, the same folks who are available to answer questions and talk on the phone at length with customers about getting the right gear for their next backpacking, camping, or hiking adventure. "Awesome Gear, Amazing Service' is more than just a tagline, it's our creed," says President and founder Tim King. "Our gear specialists are experts who work directly with the industry's leading brands. They stay on top of the latest trends and technical innovations to ensure that we're stocking the best gear for our backpacking customers. That gives us an edge, but it's the service that makes us truly unique." Customers can't help but pick up on the enthusiasm that the staff has for hiking, backpacking and the outdoors in general. Backcountry Edge's video library is filled with helpful how-to-guides, technology explanations and product demonstrations. Video is shot with a focus on giving customers information that they want and aren't finding elsewhere. "Detailed product descriptions, spec charts and high-resolution images all help hikers make the best choices possible, and video allows us to present products and techniques in an even more hiker-friendly way," says King.

The company's Inside Edge program helps hikers by encouraging people to review products that they've purchased from Backcountry Edge and earn points to use toward future purchases in the process. Credible and honest reviews provide other potential buyers with an excellent first-person account of how gear performed in the field.

Employee Steven Lutz adds, "We strive to provide our customers with as much information as possible, but through phone conversations, e-mail correspondence and customer reviews, we probably learn as much from them as they do from us!"

"We wanted to raise the bar for online retail," says King. "To me, service is more than just fast flawless order fulfillment, free prepaid return shipping, a 100% satisfaction guarantee and real, live gear experts available via our toll-free 800 number. Service is also information. That's why we work so hard to provide such de-tailed product descriptions, spec charts and high-resolution images. And it's why we've embraced video content. Video allows us to present products and techniques in a whole new way."

Backcountry Edge was a Gold Sponsor of KTA's 2011 Susquehanna Super Hike & Ultra Trail Run. View online videos, reviews, and store at www.backcountryedge.com

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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

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.

[Outing Sign In Waiver](#)

BOC Sponsored Events

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.

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Annual Christmas Bird Count

- meet at the end of Swamp Road in Moraine State Park at 7:30am.

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Following the bird outing you are invited to Carol and Steve Bickel's to warm up with this year's gourmet special, beef stew "Le Bourguignon" paired with hunks of crusty french bread. Contact John Stehle - cell 724-256-0674 for last minute weather issues.

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BOC board meeting Monday, Dec. 19 at the Buter YMCA Trustees Room, 7:00 pm.

Annual BOC New Years Day Picnic

Noon Moraine State Park North Shore McDanel's Launch Pavillion 7.

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Bring a hot dish to share - Come prepared to XC-Ski, Hike, Bike, etc depending on weather. We have teamed up with the park to lead First Day Hikes of approx. 2 miles from 1 to 3 pm.

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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.

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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.

Dec 3	Traditional Christmas Open House Saturday, December 3, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Historic Gristmill, McConnells Mill State Park McConnell's Mill was the center of a traditional farming community that welcomed the Christmas season. Bring the family to craft homemade Christmas ornaments from natural materials, and enjoy a different view of the mill in the winter season. Meet the park management staff, who welcomes you with hot chocolate and cookies. Free. Park at Kildoo Picnic Area and walk down to the gristmill. If walking is difficult, park down by the mill or ask for assistance. Weather permitting; call 724 368-8811 M-F 8-4.
Dec 8	Butler Chapter NCTA monthly meeting 6:30pm at the YMCA in the Trustees Room on the first floor. Please plan to attend as often as you can.
Jan 1	First Day Hike January 1, 2012 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. McDanel's Launch, Pavilion 7 North Shore, Moraine State Park The Butler Outdoor Club invites you to start 2012 out right with a First Day Hike! Dress to enjoy the weather and meet enthusiastic fellow hikers for a hike of approx. two miles, over moderate terrain. Get outdoors right from the first!
Apr 27 29	KTA Spring Meeting & Hiking Weekend, Wellsboro, Tioga County
Jul 20 22	KTA Prowl the Sproul Hiking Weekend, Renovo, Clinton County
Sep 8	KTA Susquehanna Super Hike & Ultra Trail Run, York & Lancaster Counties
Oct 12 14	KTA Fall Meeting & Hiking Weekend, Clearfield, Clearfield County

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

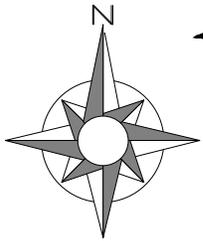
Name of person to notify in case of emergency	Relationship	Phone Number

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 Even	Cross Country S	Snowshoe	Orienteer	Trailwork	Ice Skating	Down Hill Sk	Membership	Newsletter	Picnics	Monthly Progr	Lead Outings	Other	Fund Raising	Special Events	Annual Dinne	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, _____, 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 I. 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 RES'ONSIBILITY FOR AND RISK OF BODIHY 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: center;">_____/_____/_____ Signature(s) (Assumption of risk must be signed) Date</p>
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Happy Holidays



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