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BOC Sept. 5 Membership Meeting

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NCTA National Leadership Award
2012 winner is BOC member Joyce Appel.

Joyce Appel Butler Chapter, PA

- Nominated by Dave Brewer
- Works to move the NCTA forward at local, state, & national levels
- Full of positive energy, attention to detail & manager's ability to organize & delegate especially for the Memorial Day Outdoor Extravaganza
- On Board of KTA & NCTA
- Leading efforts for PA's 2013 NCTA Annual Conference
- Abilities, energy, relationships & enthusiasm exemplify leadership at its highest standard!



BOC Annual Dinner Nov 10

The BOC annual Dinner will feature guest speaker Ray Rossi.

Dinner ticket price is \$15 per person.

The menu this year will include stuffed chicken breast or stuffed pork chop, scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole, rigatoni and tossed salad.

Please nominate someone for our annual outdoor contributor award. Last day to submit the nomination form is Sept 5 at the meeting. See form on page 3 of the newsletter.

Dinner tickets will be on sale for the annual dinner at the Sept. 5 meeting and are \$15 per person.

Help is needed for the dinner. See Carol Bickel at the meeting or email her to volunteer.

You may bring auction items for our silent auction to the Sept meeting! Good useable items and new donation items accepted.

Kayak / Canoe Trip Sept 3

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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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**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 **Sept 5, 2012**. 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. Use additional pages as needed. Forms can be turned in at our Sept 5 picnic meeting at Moraine SP.

	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 Outdoor Events and Activities

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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.

Sep 8 KTA Susquehanna Super Hike & Ultra Trail Run, York & Lancaster Counties Registration for the 4th annual Susquehanna Super Hike and Ultra Trail Run closed a few weeks ago when we reached our 500-participant max, but volunteers are still needed to help on September 8, 2012. Many opportunities are available, including registration, photographer, parking, and more! Volunteers receive a t-shirt and admission to the celebratory picnic. See www.kta-hike.org for details.

Sep 9 Jeenings ELC Program: 9am - 3pm - Treasure hunt. Adventure. Challenge. Competition. Orienteering is all of this and more! During this Outdoor Adventure Workshop at Jennings Environmental Education Center on Sunday, September 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., participants ages 12 and older will discover the thrill of the chase and how to GO Orienteering! The workshop will cover basic map, navigation and compass skills, tips for success, plus time on a basic orienteering course. Registration is free, but is required by September 6 by calling the Center at 724-794-6011, or online at

	<p>http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/Calendar/. Orienteering is an exciting sport that involves using a map and compass over various terrain to find hidden "control points." Originally an exercise for the military, the sport originated in the Scandinavian countries in the 19th century. In the United States, clubs across the country host orienteering events and competitions throughout the year. National Orienteering Day is September 16, and the Western PA Orienteering Club will host a special event at Deer Lakes Park for beginners that day. More information on that event can be found at http://www.wpoc.org/.</p>
Sep 9	<p>Sat. 9/15/2012 Paddle the locks of the Erie Canal. Meet at 210 Market Street, Lockport, NY 14094. Please meet me at the wide water Marina at 1 pm. We will paddle through 2 of the locks on the Erie Canal (I will supply words to the Erie Canal song) but you should bring a rope or gloves in your boat so we can hang onto the ropes that keep us stationary as we lock through. We will paddle under what was at one point the widest bridge in the US. We will 'float' back and go back through the locks in reverse. The paddle takes about 3 hours depending on boat traffic and number of kayaks. Please email if your interested incoming. RSVP Event Coodinator Carol sendgossiptome@yahoo.com</p>
Sep 10	<p>Trail Assessment meeting (please print post and share) for the City of Butler on September 10th, 6:30 at the Art Center in Butler. It is on South Main Street directly across the street from the post office. This meeting is very important and I encourage everyone to attend. This is what everyone has been working towards for the last 20+ years, access to The city. Since this is our regular meeting night, I have asked for a few minutes to take care of normal business.</p>
Sep 15	<p>Butler Freeport Trail end to end ride will start in Laneville at 8:30. Main Street in Butler will be closed for its Annual Fall Festival, lots of vendors and restaurants to choose from.</p>
Sep 15	<p>Moraine State Park program from 1-3 pm. Become a citizen scientist! Monarch butterflies make an amazing migration each year that allows the species to continue its survival. Meet the park naturalist and members of the Wissahickon Nature Club at McDanel's Launch on the North Shore to learn about this wonder of nature and to try to tag some Monarchs. We will provide tags and tagging datasheets. Please bring binoculars, a peanut butter jar and a butterfly net if possible.</p>
Sep 16	<p>Set aside Sunday afternoon, September 16th for a three mile hike at Moraine State Park. We'll be hiking and picnicing with the crew from the Butler Chapter and any and all who want to join us are more than welcome. Bring a friend a long and introduce them to the North Country Trail! There is a chainsaw certification class taking place that weekend at Moraine, wrapping up at 1:00 on Sunday and our hopes are that some of those participants will want to hike once finished with the class. The plan is this: Meet at the McDanel's Boat Launch at Moraine around 1:00 that Sunday and at 1:30 shuttle over to the Burnside Rd./West Park Rd. trail head to begin our hike. We'll be walking on a section of North Country Trail built by the Butler Chapter and KTA a couple of years ago that traverses some extensive bog bridge, routes under the 422 bridge over Lake Arthur, and travels past the spillway. This section of trail has some great lakeside views and is a very pleasant walk! Once we arrive back at McDanel's we'll plan to have a picnic dinner at one of the pavilions there. As of right now, there are no plans to cook dogs/burgers - subs instead, but if someone is interested in taking on the role of "cook" for the afternoon please let me know and we can go that route instead. All are encouraged to bring something along to share for our feast, but if you just want to bring yourself that is fine</p>

	too!
Sep 16	Meet park naturalist to learn about the wildlife of Moraine State Park while kayaking on the beautiful Lake Arthur. Bring your own kayak to participate, or you can reserve one of Moraine State Park's kayaks free of charge. All participants must register. 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. All participants must register. To register, reserve a park kayak and for location, call the Moraine office at 724-368-8811. Please be sure to dress for the weather conditions and bring drinking water. DUE TO INCREASED INTEREST, PARTICIPATION IN PARK KAYAK PROGRAMS IS LIMITED TO 2 PROGRAMS PER SUMMER. IF YOU HAVE SIGNED UP FOR 2 PROGRAMS, YOU MAY BE PLACED ON A WAITING LIST FOR FUTURE KAYAK PROGRAMS AND ATTEND AS SPACE ALLOWS. Contact Email morainesp@state.pa.us Contact Phone 724-368-8811
Sep 22 23	Event Title Backpacking for Beginners Dates 9/22/2012 - 9/23/2012 Time 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM EST Participate in a 4.67 mile hike the first day, an over-night stay in an Adirondack shelter and a 3.75 mile hike the second day. Participants will learn proper equipment usage, backpacking techniques, basic map reading skills, backpack cooking, bear hangs and knot tying. Ages 12-adult Cost is \$50.00 for food, shelter reservations and program. A non-refundable deposit of \$20.00 is due at registration. Please make checks out to: Friends of Oil Creek State Park and send the money to Oil Creek State Park 305 State Park Road Oil City, PA 16301 Please call the park office at 814-676-5915 for further details or to answer any questions. Contacts Robin Baker Contact Email oilcreeksp@pa.gov Contact Phone 814-676-5915
Sep 25	Moraine State Park program from 9am - 11am. Experience the peace and tranquility that can be yours floating on Lake Arthur. This entry-level kayaking program is designed to meet the needs of those more interested in an easy peaceful experience and nature watching rather than a long hard paddle. Meet the park naturalist to learn about Moraine's wildlife and experience the peace and beauty that Lake Arthur has to offer. Participants may bring their own kayak, or borrow one of Moraine's kayaks. All participants must register. To reserve a kayak, register, and for location, call the park office at 724-368-8811. 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.
Sep 29 30	McConnells Mill 19th Annual Heritage Festival!! Saturday, September 29, 2012 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Sunday, September 30, 2012 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. History is in motion at the 20th Annual Heritage Festival at McConnells Mill State Park. The festival celebrates the operational time period of the historical gristmill—from 1852 to 1928, and costumed vendors will display crafts inspired by this time. Bluegrass music and free tours of the mill will be offered. The historic gristmill houses the fascinating machinery that ground the grain for the community surrounding Slippery Rock Gorge. A civil war encampment brings history to life, and artisans & craftsmen will demonstrate their skills throughout the festival. Entertainment and Music: Childrens Activities (All FREE!): Art in the Park Face Painting Strolling visit from Abe Lincoln and Robert E. Lee Old Time Games Much, much more! The Portersville-Prospect Rotary Club, aided by several local businesses and non-profit organizations, sponsors the Festival. Admission and parking are free. For more information contact McConnells Mill State Park at 724-368-3612 or moraineenvdps@pa.gov .
Sep 29	Jennings ELC program 9am - 1pm - Jennings is looking for interested individuals willing to

	<p>spend a fall day pitching in at the park to celebrate the 19th annual National Public Lands Day on Saturday, September 29 from 9:00a.m to 1:00p.m. Participants must be age 12 or older and must register for the program below or by contacting the Center at 724-794-6011. Registration deadline is September 21! As a special thank you, lunch will be provided and each participant will receive a T-shirt! New this year, participants will also receive complimentary membership to the park's friends group (3MJC) and to the Pennsylvania Parks and Forest Foundation. Contact Email jenningsp@state.pa.us Contact Phone 724-794-6011</p>
<p>Sep 29</p>	<p>Armstrong Trail Bike Ride: Adults: \$25.00 Donation Children ages 12-18 \$15.00 Donation All proceeds will be used for Armstrong Trail development Wear helmets for safety and bring water! - Park at the Church of God – 629 Woodward Avenue in Kittanning by 10:00 AM - Choose an 18 or 30 mile round trip ride (Kittanning to Templeton and back or Kittanning to Rimer and back) Walk: - Meet at the Nautical Mile Campground at 530 Stone Ave. in Templeton at 10:00 AM - Walk to Grays Eddy and back (approximately 4 miles) Food and Fun: - Fruit and water at the ride start in Kittanning and the start of the walk in Templeton - Ribs and BBQ Chicken picnic lunch at Nautical Mile Campground in Templeton catered by Bonello's, yard games - Ice cream by Mulberry Street Creamery in Kittanning at the ride's end (ice cream certificates provided for walkers)</p>
<p>Oct 12 14</p>	<p>KTA Fall Meeting & Hiking Weekend, Clearfield, Clearfield County KTA will be headed to the heart of Pennsylvania in Clearfield this year, from October 12-14, 2012. With a base camp at the Comfort Inn of Clearfield, volunteer hike leaders from the Quehanna Area Trails Club will guide both new and experienced hikers through the best trails in the area. Clearfield County is close to the center of PA, and is brimming with beautiful scenery, bustling and historic towns, and lots of things to do! A wide variety of guided hikes will be offered on and around the scenic Quehanna Trail during the three-day weekend. In your free time, you and your family can check out Clearfield's Fall Festival, the Clearfield County Conservation District's "Dam Darkness" nighttime hike, the new Clearfield County "Geotrail" (for geocachers), nearby Lincoln Caverns, Grice Museum for the car enthusiasts, take a tour at Starr Hill Winery, or spend some time fishing or boating at Curwensville Lake! KTA members and their friends will be able to enjoy hiking, activities, meals, meetings, and camaraderie in Clearfield, Clearfield County, PA. The Quehanna Area Trails Club and the Ridge and Valley Outings Club have teamed up with KTA to offer a wide range of interesting and engaging activities for our Fall Hiking Weekend participants! In addition to challenging, longer hikes, short, easy, and kid-friendly options will also be offered each day. Saturday afternoon, KTA members will have the option of attending KTA's Council Meeting from 4-6 PM, while KTA's Member Club Representatives, Representatives-at-Large, Committee Chairs and all other Council members discuss important issues regarding Keystone Trails Association, KTA's member organizations, and hikers/hiking trails throughout Pennsylvania. Saturday evening, a hearty and delicious buffet will be catered by Apple Banquets and Catering, at the Knight's of Columbus (520 Arnold Avenue, Clearfield, PA 16830). After our meal, KTA will have its annual General Membership Meeting. Bob Merrill, the newly-retired District Forester of the Moshannon Forest will give a Keynote Address, and KTA will present the 2012 Hiking Awards. For details see www.kta-hike.org.</p>

BOC Annual Dinner

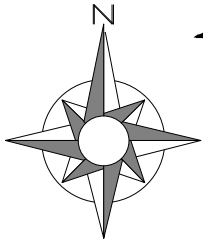
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Stuffed chicken or pork chop dinner

Silent Auction - 50-50 Raffle



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