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BOC Nov 7 Membership Meeting

Join us Nov 7 6:30pm social hour, 7:00 pm announcements and 7:30 program at the Butler YMCA .



Jan Berg and Carol Bickel will present an interactive program on their April 2012 adventure titled *"The Ups and Downs of section hiking on the AT"*. Jan and Carol were joined by Dave Galbreath and Kay Thompson on a 100 mile section of the AT from Springer Mountain, GA to Franklin, NC. A slide show and commentary will include gear displays and audience participation in *"How to tie up a bear bag"*.



Dinner Ticket Deadline is Nov 2

The BOC annual Dinner will be held Saturday November 10 at the East Butler Firemans Hall at 808 Grant Ave.

A Silent Auction will be held from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

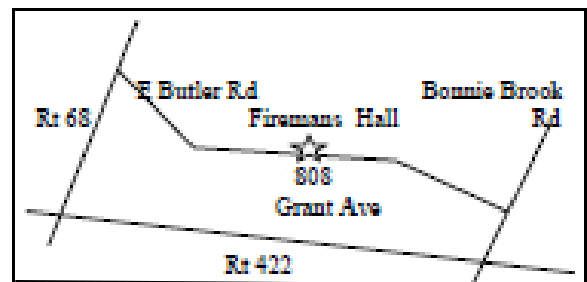
The dinner begins at 7:00pm and features stuffed chicken breast or stuffed pork chop, scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole, rigatoni and a tossed salad.

There will be door prizes, displays and more!

Dinner ticket prices are \$15 per adult, \$7 per child under 12.

Dinner ticket deadline is Nov 2. Mail a check along with the names of those attending to Butler Outdoor Club, PO Box 321, Harrisville, Pa 16038. Call 724-794-3719 for more information.

Our guest speaker Ray Rossi will present a program titled *"An Everest Experience"* on his climb to the base camp of Mt Everest.



BOC Election of Officers for 2013

Our club election of officers will be held at our monthly membership meeting on Wednesday Nov 7, 2012.

Our current officers have agreed to run for another term in 2013. Nominations from the floor will be accepted and encouraged at the meeting prior to the election.

BOC News

Our club received \$250 from the Butler County Tourism Office for our help at the Jeep Festival.

Dinner volunteers meet at 10am on Nov 10 at the East Butler Firemans Hall to help setup for the annual dinner.

Our December 5 membership meeting will be our annual Christmas Party at the Butler YMCA.

Our grant from the American Hiking Society has been approved for a trail work week at Moraine State Park in May, 2013.

The NCTA national rendezvous will be held August 12-17, 2013 at Slippery Rock University. Volunteers are need to help lead hikes, outings, etc. Contact Joyce Appel to volunteer.

Wilderness Lodge Weekends will be Jan 4,5,6 2013 and Jan 25,26,27.

Volunteers are needed to help lead hikes, etc at the Shot Fired at George Washington re-enactment on Saturday morning, Nov. 24 at Moraine State Park North Shore. More information is at www.washingtonstrail.org.

Participants can make reservations at 724.452.7341. \$5 per person, \$12 per family, \$ for groups of five or more. Hikes start at 10, 11, 12noon from McDaniel's Launch. You'll enjoy hot cider, cookies, great scenery, and chatting with circa 1753 re-enactors.

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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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SHOT FIRED AT GEORGE WASHINGTON!

See it live!

Saturday,
November 24



Moraine State Park ~ North Shore

Take a Hike with George Washington and see a reenactment of the shot that almost killed our first president when he was just 21.

Re-experience history Saturday morning, November 24. Hikes start at 10, 11, and noon. Mark your calendars now to commemorate George Washington's travels through Butler County in 1753.

The hike starts and ends at the McDanel's Launch on Moraine State Park's North Shore, just off Route 422. You'll enjoy hot cider, cookies, great scenery, and chatting with circa 1753 re-enactors.

Additional information at WashingtonsTrail.org.

Make hike reservations at 724.452.7341

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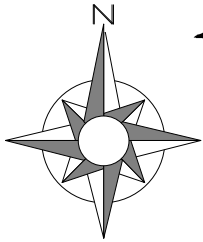
Washington's Trail 1753, Harmony Museum, and The Old Stone House

BOC Sponsored Events	
Nov 7	<p>Join us 6:30 pm social hour, 7:00 pm announcements and 7:30 program on Wed. Nov 7 at the Butler YMCA, 339 N. Washington, St. Butler, Pa. Our meetings open to the public.</p> <p>Our Nov 7 program will be "The Ups and Downs of section hiking on the AT". Jan Berg and Carol Bickel will present an interactive program on their April 2012 section hike of the AT. Jan and Carol were joined by Dave Galbreath and Kay Thompson on a 100 mile section of the AT from Springer Mountain, GA to Franklin, NC. A slide show and commentary will include gear displays and audience participation in " how to tie up a bear bag".</p>
Nov 10	<p>BOC Annual Dinner at the East Butler Firemans Hall will feature guest speaker Ray Rossi who will present a program on his climb to the base camp at Mt Everest. Menu to include Stuffed chicken breast or stuffed pork chop, Scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole, rigatoni and tossed salad. Door prizes; silent auction; displays and more! Dinner ticket price is \$15 per adult, \$7 per child under 12. Dinner ticket reservations due Nov 2. Mail a check along with the names of those attending to Butler Outdoor Club, PO Box 321, Harrisville, Pa 16038. Call 724-794-3719 for more information.</p>
Nov 11	<p>Mahoning Shadow Trail Bike Ride (31 miles round trip) Sunday November 11th at 11AM We will start at the Eastern end of the trail (Fordham) and ride along this crushed limestone trail as it follows Mahoning creek. About mid way we will have a brief road ride through Punxutawney before starting on the Eastern portion of the trail. There is an ice cream shop along the way. The easternmost part of the trail becomes very forested and remote and ends at the Winslow Trailhead. The trail is relatively flat except for the eastern most 3-4 miles which take on a climb of about 100 feet per mile. This will provide a fun/ speedy descent on the return trip. Travel time is about 1 hour and 15 minutes to 1 hour and 30 minutes from Butler. To get to the trailhead: take 422 21.8 miles to PA 28/ 66 north. Go 8.3 miles on Rt 28/66 merge onto PA 1018 and go 8.7 miles Turn left on West main street and go 0.3 miles Turn right on PA 839 and go 0.7 miles Turn left on Dayton Smicksburg road and go 3.3 miles Dayton Smicksburg Road becomes West Kittanning Street for 0.1 miles Turn slight left on East Kittanning Street PA 954 and go 5.8 miles until road changes to 210 After PA 954 becomes 210 go 3.1 miles (if you get to route 210 you've gone 1.6 miles too far) Turn right onto Valier Road and go 0.8 miles to center street in Valier Turn right and go 0.3 miles to trailhead parking on the right. Please call Mike Ciccone at 724-584-8045 if you are planning to ride and also if you need clairifications on the directions. I highly recommend bringing a hybrid or mountain bike for rails- to- trails rides.</p>
Nov 17	<p>Saturday Nov. 17th Hell's Run to McConnell's Mill hike----Meet at 9:00 am at the Kildoo parking area where we will shuttle to Hell's Run for an aprox. 8 mile hike back to the Mill. Joe Hardisky 724-924-9248 hardis123@msn.com</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>	
Oct 29	<p>Audubon Society of Western Pa program: Full Moon Hike 6:00pm to 8:00pm As the sun goes down, nocturnal animals come out, and familiar surroundings take on a new</p>

	<p>appeal. Cost \$6 per member and \$10 per nonmember. Visit www.aswp.org or call 412.963.6100 for more information.</p>
Nov 1, 8, 15, 29	<p>Audubon Society of Western Pa program: Free naturalist let morning walk 9:00am Succop Conservancy, 185 Airport Rd, Butler Twp. Enjoy viewing birds and other wildlife on a hike through the reserve. Visit www.aswp.org or call 412.963.6100 for more information.</p>
Nov 12	<p>Nature in New Mexico is the topic of monthly Bartramian Audubon Society meeting at Jennings Environmental Center on Nov. 12. Contact: Jeffrey Hall, Vice President and Publicity coordinator, hall2motmot@gmail.com 814-518-7050 Bartramian Audubon Society will host a presentation about New Mexico at Jennings Environmental Education Center. The program, entitled Pueblos and Pinyons, illustrates how nature and wildlife, archaeology and ancient cultures, scenery and geology all come together to justify New Mexico's claim to be a "Land of Enchantment." The digital slide show and talk will begin at 7:00 pm on Monday, November 12, 2012. Refreshments will be served after the program. There is no charge and the public is welcome. Pueblos and Pinyons will be presented by Jeffrey Hall, a retired biology teacher living in Franklin. Jennings Environmental Education Center is located on Rt. 528, just west of Rt. 8 (approx. 5 miles south of Slippery Rock.) There is a free, lighted parking lot.</p>
Nov 24	<p>History comes alive on Saturday morning, Nov. 24, when the public can join French and Indian War re-enactors to commemorate George Washington's 1753 travels through Butler Country. Hikers will enjoy fresh air, great Moraine State Park scenery, and witness the drama of the gunshot that could have ended Washington's life when he was just 21 years old. The hike is sponsored jointly by the Harmony Museum, The Old Stone House and Washington's Trail 1753. It starts and ends at the picnic shelter next to McDanel's Boat Launch in the northwest corner of the park, accessed from West Park Road just off U.S. 19 and U.S. 422 north of Portersville. Plenty of parking is available. Besides the one-hour hike, this year's commemorative event includes refreshments, re-enactors of the 42nd Regiment of Foote, and the opportunity to discuss history with re-enactors playing the roles of Washington and his frontiersman guide, Christopher Gist. Author Brady Crytzer will also be on hand to sell, sign and discuss his book, "Major Washington's Pittsburgh and the Mission to Fort Le Beouf". The event starts at 9:30 a.m., with guided hikes planned for 10 and 11 a.m. and noon. Leaders of each hike will read from the journals of Washington and Gist and explain the significance of Washington's hazardous journey. Hiking slot reservations can be made by phoning the Harmony Museum at 724-452-7341. Admission is \$5 per person, \$12 per family, \$15 for groups of five or more; payment will be collected at the event. Each hiking group will be limited in size, so participants are urged to reserve start times. The hike will cover about a mile of sometimes hilly, muddy terrain that is close to the historic Venango Path Indian trail followed by Washington. Hikers are advised to wear appropriate footwear as well as clothing suitable for the day's weather conditions. Contacts: John Ruch, Harmony Museum, 724-452-7341 Rod Gasch, Washington's Trail 1753, 724-290-2129</p>
Nov 30	<p>Audubon Society of Western Pa program: Owl Prowl from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Todd Nature Reserve in Sarver. Cost \$6 per member; \$10 per nonmember. Visit www.aswp.org or call 412.963.6100 for more information.</p>



Oil Creek Train-Bike Ride



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