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BOC Membership renewals due Mar 1

Renew at our March 6 meeting or print out the form on page 5 of this newsletter and mail to Butler Outdoor Club, PO Box 321, Harrisville, Pa 16038.

Annual dues are \$15 individual and \$20 family. In addition to monthly programs, numerous picnics and outings, this entitles you to a \$5.00 discount on your American Hiking Society Membership.

If you choose to have a newsletter printed and mailed to you, add \$10 to help defray the costs of printing and mailing.



BOC March 6 Meeting

Please join us at 6:30 pm at the Butler YMCA, 339 N. Washington, St. Butler, Pa. when Bob Allnock will show a slide presentation and talk about identification of Purple Martins, their nesting habits, migration, site fidelity, feeding habits, supplemental feeding, and the dependence on man for almost 100% of their existence. He will bring some samples of nesting compartments and other visual items. Bob has been housing Purple Martins for about 10 years including the colony at Moraine State Park and a colony at my house in Portersville and assist others. Bob mentors several other people that have been trying to get Martins to nest at their property. He belongs to the "Purple Martin Conservation Association", a national organization for the promotion of Purple Martins with over 5000 members in the U.S. and Canada. He also belongs to a organization called the "Lakeland Area Purple Martin Association", a local organization in Western Pa.



NCTA Conference & Trailfest 2013

The NCTA Trailfest 2013 will be held August 12-17, at Slippery Rock University.

Hikes, Tours, Workshops, Water Trips, Bike Rides, and other Fun Activities. Volunteers are needed to help at registration, lead hikes, outings, etc. Contact Joyce Appel to volunteer 724.5265407.

Cherry Pie Hike

The Butler Chapter of the North Country Trail hosted approximately 110 hikers for the annual Cherry Pie Hike on Saturday, February 23 at the Old Stone House.

SRU graduate student Jake Miller told about the history of the house while the guest ate cherry pie provided by the North County Brewery. Following Jake, local writer and historian Brady Crytzer gave us many new insights about the passage of George Washington through the area. Mr. Crytzer is a professor of history at Robert Morris University.

Attendees ranged from cub scouts and their families to senior citizens. After the hikes, many of the hikers ended their day with a dinner at the North County Brewery in Slippery Rock, PA.

Many thanks to the many volunteers who served the pie, led the hikes, and gave the talks, and thanks to the above mentioned organizations who made it all possible.



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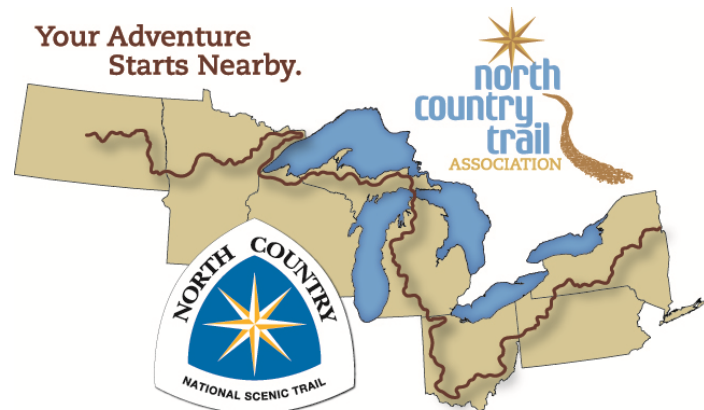
Dorothy Weisberg

"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
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North Country Trail Association
Annual Conference
and Trailfest
August 12-17, 2013
Slippery Rock University



The North Country National Scenic Trail – 4600 miles through 7 northern states, is proud to showcase and celebrate our Pennsylvania miles as we host our annual conference this year at Slippery Rock University, August 12-17, 2013. Come join the celebration! We will be offering 6 fun-filled days of great activities!

Workshops on trail building, wilderness navigation, outdoor photography, back country first aid, camp cooking, and more!

Hikes on the North Country National Scenic Trail and in great places like McConnell Mills State Park, Clear Creek State Forest, Moraine State Park, Todd Nature Reserve, and more!

Other Great Outdoor Adventures including sailing, kayaking, caving, geocaching, biking, horseback riding, rock climbing and more!

Historical and Cultural Events like visits to area museums, historical re-enactments and living history tours, boat excursions, train rides, and more!



Go to northcountrytrail.org/get-involved/special-events/conf/
For more details and to register for this exciting event!

Area Outdoor Activities and Educational Events

	<p>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.</p> <p>Outing Sign In Waiver</p>
	<p>BOC Sponsored Events</p>
Mar 6	<p>BOC monthly meetings are 6:00 pm social hour, 7:00 pm announcements and 7:30 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>Please join us Wednesday March 6 at the Butler YMCA, 339 N. Washington, St. Butler, Pa. when Bob Allnock will show a slide presentation and talk about identification of Purple Martins, their nesting habits, migration, site fidelity, feeding habits, supplemental feeding, and the dependence on man for almost 100% of their existence. He will bring some samples of nesting compartments and other visual items. Bob has been housing Purple Martins for about 10 years including the colony at Moraine State Park and a colony at my house in Portersville and assist others. Bob mentors several other people that have been trying to get Martins to nest at their property. He belongs to the "Purple Martin Conservation Association", a national organization for the promotion of Purple Martins with over 5000 members in the U.S. and Canada. He also belongs to a organization called the "Lakeland Area Purple Martin Association", a local organization in Western Pa.</p>
Mar 10	<p>BOC Hike - Beaver Creek State Park Ohio, Sunday March 10, 2013 meeting at 10:30AM at Hambletons Mill (off Sprucevale rd. near Rt. 7 Negley, Ohio). This is a scenic park that has lots of remains of historical locks and dams along a toepath running next to Beaver Creek. Other highlights include an 1800's era pioneer village (good lunch spot), the North Country National Scenic Trail, as well as a camp ground. There was a ladder on this trail the last time I hiked it so I do not advise bringing dogs unless they can be lifted up the ladder. If interested please contact Mike Ciccone at 724-584-8045.</p>
	<p>Other Area Outdoor Activities and Events</p>
	<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>
Feb 28	<p>Shenango River Watchers, Inc. will be holding their Annual Membership/Public Meeting. Thursday February 28, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. Buhl Park Kinder Building (across from the Shenango River Watchers Gate House office/entrance off of Forker Blvd.) Bring a friend and learn about the Shenango River Watchers, what they have accomplished</p>

	and plans for the future!!!
Mar 1 4	Allegany State Park - March 1- 4 (3 nights, 3 days) (Snow accumulates and stays on the Summit sometimes until the end of March) \$70 - Per person for singles in "Singles Cabin". \$180 - Per couple for couples in "Couples Cabin" (Have your own bedroom) *If a family wants a cabin, call or email me asap. I will put you all together, if a whole cabin is available. Don't wait!!! If whole cabins are gone and I have only spaces left in various cabins, then you are out of luck. Allegany State Park is near Salamanca, NY. Cabins are on the Summit and trails all go out from the Cabin Area. (No trail pass needed.) This is a snow belt and snow continues to stay and lay in that area to the end of March in a normal winter, even when there is no snow down in the valley below. Cabins have 2 bedrooms and one large sitting area room with table, stove, oven, refrigerator, cabinets. No running water. Water, bathrooms and showers are very close to all the cabins, within short walking distance. Cabins are rented for Friday, Sat. and Sun. nights so we don't have to hassle with packing up out of the cabins Sunday morning. This allows you to do what you want and pack up any time Sunday to head home. And if you wish, stay over Sunday night to pack up out of the cabin by 11AM Monday morning. (If you choose to ski longer, you can.) We have Warming Hut rented for Sat. evening "pot luck dinner" and socializing. And don't forget about our "Cardboard Sled Contest." You can be a participant or cheerleader. Make a cardboard sled and enter various races on the sled hill Saturday before the potluck dinner. Prizes for winners, originality, best painted sled, best decorated sled, most durable...who knows what Joyce Appel will come up with for categories. It is fun and hilarious. Join us! Call joyce for current availability. Note: Motel lodging is available nearby in Bradford, Pa. Joyce Appel or joyceappel@windstream.net 724-526-5407
Apr 13	2013 Glacier Ridge Trail Ultramarathons and Trail Race - 50 miles; 50k; 30k trail runs on the trails at Moraine State Park and Jennings ELC. Proceeds benefit projects in our parks through Moraine Preservation Fund and 3MJC.
Apr 26 28	Explore the Poconos with KTA! From April 26th to April 28th, 2013, Keystone Trails Association (KTA) members, members of KTA's trail maintaining clubs, and hikers from across Pennsylvania and surrounding states will be able to enjoy hiking, activities, meals, meetings, and camaraderie at our annual Spring Meeting and Hiking Weekend. Base camp will be at the Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC) in Dingman's Ferry, Pike County, PA. In addition to challenging, longer hikes, short, easy and kid-friendly options will also be offered each day. Goto http://www.kta-hike.org for more information.
May 24 27	We have a weekend full of various outdoor activities: Trail, road & mountain biking, canoeing or kayaking on lakes and streams, rafting, rock climbing, sailing, horseback riding, nature walks, various levels of hikes as well as historical and fun excursions, workshops and family activities.
Jun 1	Rally on the River 2013 • Upper Shenango River Water Trail Lower Reach (8 miles, Class One) Riverside Park/Greenville to Shenango Valley RV Park/Transfer, PA Time: First Shuttle departs RV Park at 8:15 a.m. last run, 9:30 a.m. Shuttle-Lunch-live music Fun Bird Watching While Afloat contest. T-Shirt for winners! \$25 Gasoline debit card for paddler driving farthest. Fee: \$10 contribution for river maintenance. No preregistration required. For more info, call Hugh Clark 724 927 9483 or email at greengrass@windstream.net Face Book Shenango River Watchers •

Jun 7	Allegheny 100 challenge. Saturday, June 7th - June 9th Allegheny 100 Challenge The Challenge is hiking a 100 miles in 2 days, actually 50 hours. If the hiker cannot commit to the 100-mile challenge, then they can still participate in a 25-mile or 50-mile or 75-mile, offered that weekend along the same trail. The Allegheny 100 Challenge is the ultimate hiking challenge. This is a decisive endurance challenge, thru hiking not biking. Set at an individual pace, not a race with others but test of one's stamina, determination and resilience. Remembering this is an unsupported hike, no first aid stations and no watering stations. Registration opening February 1st. Donation \$40 Registration on-line @ www.northcountrytrail.org Congressman "GT" Thompson will speak at the event and will release the hikers @6pm
Jul 19 21	10th Annual Prowl the Sproul Camping and Hiking Weekend: July 19-21, 2013, Western Clinton Sportsmen's Association, Renovo, Clinton County, PA. Registration starts May 1, 2013.
Aug 12 17	North Country Trailfest at Slippery Rock, Pa - Hikes, Tours, Workshops, Water Trips, Bike Rides, and Fun Activities
Sep 7	5th Annual Susquehanna Super Hike & Ultra Trail Run: September 7, 2013, Lancaster/York Counties, PA. Registration starts February 1, 2013.
Oct 18 23	NCTA ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST BACKPACK TRIP October 18-23, 2013 The NCTA is pleased to offer its membership a guided backpacking trip on the North Country Trail through Pennsylvania's gorgeous Allegheny National Forest. The dates for the trip are October 18-23, 2013, and the cost is \$295 per person. This 45 mile excursion will occur during the fall. Highlights include the spectacular cliffs, boulders and crevasses in the Minister Creek area, old growth hemlock and beech forest in Tionesta Scenic Area, and excellent views of the Allegheny Reservoir. The ANF lies on the Allegheny Plateau and is cut by numerous creeks which result in many ascents and descents along the trail. However, no climb is higher than 500 feet. Limited to eight participants plus two leaders, this trip is suitable for experienced backpackers as well as novices who are in reasonably good shape. Participants must provide their own tent, sleeping bag, and backpack although a limited number of these items are available to rent. The trip is led by NCTA volunteers Paul Shaw and Todd Lange. Both are graduates of the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS), have more than 25 years combined guide experience, and are the owners of an adventure travel business, Treks & Trails International. The deadline for reservations is August 1. To register, or for more information, contact trip leader: Paul Shaw, 155 Mowery Lane, Sunbury PA 17801 pshaw@ptd.net 717-215-8339

Butler Outdoor Club Membership Form

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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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Address: Street or P.O. Box	City	State	Zip+4

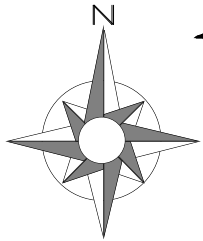
Name of person to notify in case of emergency	Relationship	Phone Number

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 Even	Annual Dinne	Setup Before	Meetings	

<p>Please read the following assumption of risk and liability waver 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 BODHIY 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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Groundhog Day Picnic Hike



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