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BOC May 1 Meeting

Please join us at the Butler YMCA, 339 N. Washington, St. Butler, Pa. at 6:30 pm, 7:30pm announcements, program to follow: Warren Smith will present a program on northern lights. Many legends, myths and superstitions have centered on the northern lights (Aurora Borealis) throughout history. The early dragon legends of China and Europe are said to have originated from the aurora. Some cultures have regarded the sighting of an aurora as a sign of royal birth; to others it suggests ghosts of the dead or the precursor for war. The Eskimos of North America believed that if you whistled at the aurora it would sweep down and take you from the earth; by clapping your hands one could force it to retreat.

Find out more about these stories, as well as research explaining the phenomenon and its impact on circumpolar populations. Included will be a 30 minute video produced by researchers at the Geophysical Institute of the University of Alaska Fairbanks.





Join Us for the 2013 NCTA Annual Conference! Registration is now Online!

Dear Butler Outdoor Club

In just over 3 months our Pennsylvania NCTA Chapters will be hosting the annual North Country Trail Association Membership Conference in Slippery Rock, PA. This year's conference will be a couple days longer than usual, to accommodate an outstanding variety of hikes, activities and excursions celebrating the unique natural beauty and cultural and historic landscapes of the Butler County area. We hope your summer plans include joining us. Come for the week, or just a day or two... but do come!

Because of the variety of activities offered and the pages required, conference registration information WILL NOT be printed in the upcoming issue of North Star. Please go to the [website Conference page](#) to print off the [registration form](#) and [schedule of events](#).

The good thing is you don't need to wait--you can register today! Which in itself is a good thing because in addition to sponsoring our NCTA conference August 12-17, Butler, PA is hosting the International Pyrotechnics Guild annual convention. Fireworks will be plentiful although hotel rooms likely will not be (though there's plenty of room at our dormitory.) Hope to see you at the Rock!

For the Trail,

Bruce E. Matthews
Executive Director
North Country Trail Association

Greeters needed for the North Country Trail Conference on August 12th - 17th in Slippery Rock, Pa. If you are interested in helping out and having the chance to meet NCT members from other states, we need greeters and people to help watch the silent auction table. Notify Kay Thompson at bluebellskyscucba@yahoo.com or call 814-456-8178.

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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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17th Annual Outdoor Extravaganza

Memorial Day Weekend May 24-27, 2013

Base camp at Breakneck Campground

(Near McConnell's Mill & Moraine State Park)

Sponsored by Butler Outdoor Club

From I80 or Pa. Turnpike, take I79 to exit for Route 422 west 1.4 miles.

Then take Rt.19 South 2.9 miles and follow signs "Outdoor Extravaganza" as you turn right onto Cheeseman Rd. 1.7 miles to campground.

(Or GPS it as 1757 Cheeseman Rd, Portersville, Pa.16051)

Activities include trail, road & mountain biking, sailing, rafting, caving, horseback riding, rock climbing, canoeing or kayaking on lakes & streams, hikes, nature walks, photo hike, geology hike, and Kids Activities.

Workshops: Photography, Make & Play Canjo, Rock Painting, Yoga, Uke It Up, Windsurfing, and Wilderness Survival. Excursions: Providence Plantation, Meadowcroft, Boat Tours and Hilarious Extreme Croquet.

Breakneck Campground is base camp. Activities begin 9:00 AM each day and leaders escort you to where trip takes place. Breakfasts, bag lunches, dinners and camping provided, but optional.

Friday evening Weiner Roast Picnic, Astronomy Program & Star Gazing Party by AAAP. Saturday evening "Pig Roast" with Front Porch Folk & their amazing instruments. Sunday Reptile Program by Tascow Inc. Evening campfires, storytelling, "smores" & campfire entertainment by Jim Sorenson.

Throughout the weekend a gear exchange/flea market will be set up, so join us to buy or sale. This weekend is a must!

www.outdoorextravaganza.org for details and registration.



BOC Sponsored Events

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BOC Kennerdale intermediate level hike Sunday April 21 (Hike 1 of 6) The 3,200+ acre Kennerdell Tract of Clear Creek State Forest has 27 miles of trails along the Allegheny River near Kennerdell, PA. The tract extends from the Allegheny River to a plateau rising 500 to 600 feet above the river and offers solitude and vistas. We'll explore the tract in 6 hikes. Hike 1 will be 7.2 miles long and is not recommended for beginner hikers. We will hike to the Bullion Run Iron Furnace, Dennison Point Scenic Overlook and down to the Allegheny River. On the return leg we'll take Dennison Run Trail and cross Dennison Run on (3) suspension bridges. Some of the trails are steep (25+% slope), rocky, rutted, wet and difficult to navigate. Meet at 9:15AM at the Jennings Environmental Education Center on SR 528 (just south of Slippery Rock, PA) and we will depart for Kennerdell at 9:30AM.

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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.

Warren Smith will present a program on northern lights. Many legends, myths and superstitions have centered on the northern lights (Aurora Borealis) throughout history. The early dragon legends of China and Europe are said to have originated from the aurora. Some cultures have regarded the sighting of an aurora as a sign of royal birth; to others it suggests ghosts of the dead or the precursor for war. The Eskimos of North America believed that if you whistled at the aurora it would sweep down and take you from the earth; by clapping your hands one could force it to retreat. Find out more about these stories, as well as research explaining the phenomenon and its impact on circumpolar populations. Included will be a 30 minute video produced by researchers at the Geophysical Institute of the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

May 5	BOC Kennerdale intermediate level hike Sunday, May 5 (Hike 3 of 6) The 3,200+ acre Kennerdell Tract of Clear Creek State Forest has 27 miles of trails along the Allegheny River near Kennerdell, PA. The tract extends from the Allegheny River to a plateau rising 500 to 600 feet above the river and offers solitude and vistas. We'll explore the tract in 6 hikes. Hike 3 will be 7.1 miles long and is not recommended for beginner hikers. We will hike Pipeline and Window trail (along the escarpment) to the Allegheny River and return by Ridge Trail. Some trails are steep (25+% slope), rocky, rutted, wet and difficult to navigate. Meet at 9:15AM at the Jennings Environmental Education Center on SR 528 (just south of Slippery Rock, PA) and we will depart for Kennerdell at 9:30AM. Steve Smith
May 12	Join us for a tour of the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden on Sunday, May 12th. We'll meet at Noon at the Garden. The barn is located off Pinkerton Road near Settler's Ridge. For directions, check out their website --> http://www.pittsburghbotanicgarden.org/visitor-information/ . Please contact Tammy Veloski (painthorse_33@yahoo.com) for more information or to possibly make arrangements to carpool.
May 13 17	Attention Trail builders and volunteers! Help is needed creating a new trail at Moraine State Park. Sign up to help one day, a couple days, or all week. Contact Carol Bickel at cbickel@zoominternet.net to sign up or get more info. Project Information: Volunteers will take part in developing a 2 ½ mile new trail segment from Election House Road to the church at Route 528 in Moraine State Park. This segment will allow connectivity with the eastern trail system (North Country Club Road unit) and allow for extension of the Glacier Ridge Trail for a potential 100 mile trail around Lake Arthur. This segment will be closed to horses and designed to prevent motorized ATV access. Several bridges and/or puncheons will be utilized for traversing the wet sections.
May 16	BOC Wildflower hike at Wolfe Creek Narrows. Meet 6pm at the Parking area W of Wolfe Ck about a mile west of Slippery Rock on W. Water St.(2 blocks west intersection of Main St and 173-108. Optional dinner afterwards at North Country Brewing.
May 18	BOC easy bike ride on the 15 mile Mahoning Shadow Trail. The crushed limestone trail winds along scenic Mahoning Creek from Fordham to Punxsutawney, then climbs above the creek bed along the scenic highlands near Coe to Hudson. Directions: Rt 422 East from Butler , North on 119 to Punxsutawney, East on 36 in town, turn left on Elk Street and follow to signed trailhead on right. Meet at 11:00 am and ride west to Fordham and back (15 mile roundtrip) , then an optional ride east to Hudson and back (15 mile roundtrip).
May 24 27	Register online at http://www.outdoorextravaganza.org BOC Outdoor Extravaganza - 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 8	BOC Kennerdale intermediate level hike Saturday, June 8 (Hike 4 of 6) The 3,200+ acre Kennerdell Tract of Clear Creek State Forest has 27 miles of trails along the Allegheny River near Kennerdell, PA. The tract extends from the Allegheny River to a plateau rising 500 to 600 feet above the river and offers solitude and vistas. We'll explore the tract in 6 hikes. Hike 4 will be 6.4 miles long and is not recommended for beginner hikers. We will

	hike Pipeline and Fisherman's Cove trail to the Allegheny River (w/oil industry remains) and return by Ho-Ya-Neh Trail. Some trails are steep (25+% slope), rocky, rutted, wet and difficult to navigate. Meet at 9:15AM at the Jennings Environmental Education Center on SR 528 (just south of Slippery Rock, PA) and we will depart for Kennerdell at 9:30AM. Steve Smith
Jun 22	BOC Kennerdale intermediate level hike Saturday, June 22 (Hike 5 of 6) The 3,200+ acre Kennerdell Tract of Clear Creek State Forest has 27 miles of trails along the Allegheny River near Kennerdell, PA. The tract extends from the Allegheny River to a plateau rising 500 to 600 feet above the river and offers solitude and vistas. We'll explore the tract in 6 hikes. Hike 5 will be 7.2 miles long and is not recommended for beginner hikers. We will hike the River trail along the Allegheny River from Fisherman's Cove to the Campground and back. This trail parallels the river but is rocky, rutted, wet and difficult to navigate in places. Meet at 9:15AM at the Jennings Environmental Education Center on SR 528 (just south of Slippery Rock, PA) and we will depart for Kennerdell at 9:30AM. Steve Smith
Jun 30	BOC Kennerdale hike Sunday, June 30 (Hike 6 of 6) The 3,200+ acre Kennerdell Tract of Clear Creek State Forest has 27 miles of trails along the Allegheny River near Kennerdell, PA. The tract extends from the Allegheny River to a plateau rising 500 to 600 feet above the river and offers solitude and vistas. We'll explore the tract in 6 hikes. Hike 6 will be 5.1 miles long. We will hike the River trail along the Allegheny River from the Kennerdell Bridge trail head to the campground and back. This drivable trail parallels the river and is fairly flat. Meet at 9:15AM at the Jennings Environmental Education Center on SR 528 (just south of Slippery Rock, PA) and we will depart for Kennerdell at 9:30AM. Steve Smith

Other Area Outdoor Activities and 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.
Apr 20	Celebrate Earth Day weekend by doing work on the North Country Trail. We will be doing some wet spot remediation on the new section between Pleasant Valley Road and Branchton Road. While we are at it, we can spruce up the Tamarack Trails camping area. Meet at Pleasant Valley Road trail head, just North of the Glades parking area of the SGL near Monitaeu High School. We will work until around noon or 1:00. Bring gloves and water and a snack. RSVP for planning and change purposes, otherwise feel free to just show up. -- John F Stehle cell - 724-256-0674
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.
Apr 27	McConnells Mill State Park Spring Wildflower Walk Saturday, April 27, 2013 1:00-3:00 p.m. Hells Hollow Experience the beauty of McConnells Mill with a walk in the lovely Hell's

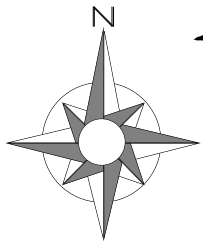
	Hollow valley. Despite the name, it is one of the most charming places to experience the wildflowers in the park. Allow 15 minutes to get to Hells Hollow (no facilities) if coming from the old mill. Join the park naturalist for a mile stroll on an easy trail starting at the Hell's Hollow parking lot. We will identify and discuss the unique natural history of some of the common spring wildflowers along Hell Run.
Apr 27	This year the 3MJC Garlic Mustard pull is on Saturday, April the 27th from 9 AM to 12ish at Hell's Hollow in McConnells Mill State Park and at the Native Plant/Butterfly Trail near McDaniel's Launch on the North Shore of Moraine State Park. Participants for Hell's Hollow will meet in the Hell's Hollow Parking Lot between 8:45 and 9:00 AM. Participants at Moraine will meet at Picnic Pavilion 7 at McDaniels Launch between 8:30 and 9:00 AM. Since many hands make light work, bring your friends, relatives, church groups, or scouts. Hope to see you there. Natalie Price, Secretary 3MJC Native Plant/Butterfly Trail Chair
May 4	The Clarion NCTA Chapter will hold a Strawberry pie hike on May 4th. Meet at Cook Forest Environmental Center at 10:00 am. This will be a 4 mile hike. Contact Devin Callihan devincallihan@yahoo.com
May 11	McConnells Mill is looking for volunteers to staff the Old Gristmill. Calling all volunteers!! The historic gristmill at McConnells Mill State Park is a local treasure. Volunteers are needed to help staff the old mill so that it can be open additional hours. If you are enthusiastic about sharing this treasure with park visitors, come find out more about volunteer opportunities at a Volunteer Recruitment Day, Saturday, May 11, 2013 from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. We begin downstairs at Browns Country Kitchen Restaurant, 1149 W. Portersville RD, Portersville, PA. Learn about the park and its history, share a lunch together (provided), and then head out to tour the gristmill. An interest in history is a plus, but we teach you what you need to know! Please reserve your spot, including lunch, by calling the park at 724-368-3612 no later than May 9.
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May 18	3MJC event: Bring your kayak or canoe and help Moraine staff clean up the shoreline for the boating & swimming season.
May 18	Historic Gristmill Hours The 19th century gristmill is the centerpiece of McConnells Mill State Park. The Historic Gristmill at McConnells Mill State Park will open for the season on Saturday, May 18, 2013. It will continue to be open for viewing and tours Fridays, Saturdays, & Sundays through October. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays: 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Interpretive tours of the historic mill, which last approximately 45 minutes, will be available on Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays at 1:00 and 3:00 pm Additional tours for groups may be scheduled by calling 724 368-3612.
May 19	First Paddle of the Season Sunday, May 19, 2013 1:00-3:00p.m. Lake Arthur: Register for specific location Join Moraine State Park staff in a unique kayaking adventure. During

	<p>this beginner paddle, immerse yourself in a wild ecosystem where dragonflies, fish, and eagles thrive. Look into the lake with an underwater viewer. Borrow a pair of binoculars and watch an osprey soar. Participants in this nature-based paddle will explore the ecology of Lake Arthur from the unique perspective of a kayak. We will gather to discuss the lake's wildlife, management, and diversity. Participants may bring their own kayak (life jacket required), or borrow one of Moraine's kayaks and equipment free of charge. To register, go to visitpaparks.com and select Events Calendar, • and pull down Moraine State Park. Please specify if you are bringing your own kayak. Participants that use park kayaks must be at least 9 years of age. An adult must accompany those participants that are under the age of 18. Please call the park at 724-368-8811 for more information. DUE TO INCREASED INTEREST, PARTICIPATION IN PARK KAYAK PROGRAMS IS LIMITED TO 2 PROGRAMS PER SEASON. IF PROGRAM IS FULL, CHECK BACK AT VISITPAPARKS.COM TO SEE IF SPOTS BECOME AVAILABLE.</p>
May 21	<p>Moraine State Park program: Silver Paddle Tuesday, May 21, 2013 9:00-11:00a.m. Lake Arthur: Register for specific location 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 (life jacket required), or borrow one of Moraine kayaks and equipment free of charge. To register, go to visitpaparks.com and select Events Calendar, • and pull down Moraine State Park. Please specify if you are bringing your own kayak. Participants must be at least 9 years of age. An adult must accompany those participants that are under the age of 18. Please call the park at 724-368-8811 for more information. DUE TO INCREASED INTEREST, PARTICIPATION IN PARK KAYAK PROGRAMS IS LIMITED TO 2 PROGRAMS PER SEASON. IF PROGRAM IS FULL, CHECK BACK AT VISITPAPARKS.COM TO SEE IF SPOTS BECOME AVAILABLE.</p>
May 25	<p>The Allegheny National Forest Chapter of the NCTA is proud to present: GPS 101, a workshop presented by Garmin International, R. Scott Miller, Regional Product Trainer. What: A 1-2 hour workshop covering GPS basics. When: May 25th, 2013. 9am Where: Amsler Spring Shelter, near Kellestville. Amsler Springs (Fr 145) N41 28.146 W79 11.984 From the north: Go through Marienville on Rt 66 SOUTH. After you leave town AND pass Rt 899, watch for a large hardware store/lumber yard on your left, Marienville Home Improvement. Go another 1/2 mile and watch for Guitonville Rd. that veers off on your right. Go down Guitonville Rd for about 2 miles. Watch for forestry road on your right, Fr 145. Go 1 mile down hill on Fr 145 to parking area. Parking on both sides of the road, shelter on your left. From the south: Take Rt 66 NORTH thru Lucinda, Leeper, Vowinckel. As you get into Marienville, watch for a large hardware store/ lumber yard on your right, Marienville Home Improvements. Turn around in their driveway and head south for 1/2 mile. VEER to the right on Guitonville Rd. Follow above direction from here. NCT signs will be at Guitonville Rd and Fr 145. This should be a great workshop so please forward this invitation to your friends! And contact Karen Klos for questions or more information, nct001@verizon.net.</p>
Jun 1	<p>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</p>

	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	Register online at http://www.northcountrytrail.org for the 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



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