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BOC miniature golf outing by Jan Berg

Six members of the BOC arrived promptly for the miniature golf outing at Eracer's on Wednesday, August 20, 2014. Although it had rained earlier, the sun had come out and dried up the course. We played in two groups of three, and sometimes the holes were challenging. Occasionally we would be so excited that we would hit the ball out of bounds! The important thing was that we enjoyed ourselves and our friends. Carol was hot, with two holes in one, and she was the winner by far with a score of 43. We unanimously decided to get ice cream. The cold treat tasted so good! We had just left for home when the rains came again. A good time was had by all. Plan to come next year!

Next monthly meeting

Join us **6:00pm Sept 3** at Moraine State Park Lakeview Shelter # 5 for our annual corn roast picnic. Bring a dish to share. Come early and hike/bike/paddle/sail.

BOC Annual Dinner

Plans are continuing for the annual dinner. Admission to the **November 8** BOC annual dinner may be purchased at our monthly meetings in September, and October. You may also send a check for \$15.00 marked "annual dinner" to:

Butler Outdoor Club
PO Box 321
Harrisville, PA 16038

Volunteers are still needed to share their memories of the 20 year history of the BOC. Please contact Carol Bickel immediately if you are interested.

Boat Cruises

Come and take a ride on Nautical Nature, a 37-passenger enclosed pontoon boat and Moraine State Park's premier attraction. Enjoy learning about the area's natural history and osprey reintroduction, while viewing the scenery and wildlife on an exciting trip around Lake Arthur. Tickets are required and can be purchased online (www.morainepreservationfund.org) or at the Owlet Gift Shop- 724-368-9185.

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays: 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. At Mcconnel's Mill State Park.

Interpretive tours of the historic mill, which last approximately 45 minutes, will be available on Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays at 1:00p.m. and 3:00p.m. Additional tours for groups may be scheduled by calling 724 368-3612.

A Taste of History: Dutch Oven Cooking Demonstrations

Sunday, September 14
12:00-3:00p.m
Mill Courtyard

Visit the courtyard of the historic gristmill to see Dutch oven cooking in action! Experience Native American and pioneer food specialties. Park at Kildoo Picnic Area and hike down to the old mill.

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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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BOC Cook Forest Hike by Steve Smith

On Saturday, July 26, 2014 13 BOC members and friends hiked 4 miles along the North Country Trail in Cook Forest State Park. We started from the Log Cabin Inn and followed the trail along both Toms Run and Browns Run. The Log Cabin Inn is not actually an Inn but the old commandants quarters from the CCC camp that was located here in the 1930's.

We ambled more than hiked. The weather, woods, water courses and company all conspired to encourage us to take our time and enjoy the moment. We turned back after hiking about an hour and returned to the Log Cabin Inn for a pot luck lunch. Everyone brought a little something and we had more than enough food to go around.

After lunch, about half the group went to go tubing and the other half hiked down Toms Run to Cooksburg for ice cream. After the ice cream, we hiked the Rhododendron Trail along the edge of the old growth forest. In the old growth forest we met a very interesting man who had quit his job and had spent the last 4 years photographing all the Federal Parks in the lower 48 states. We made it back to the Inn and hung out on the front porch providing Park maps to befuddled hikers and directions to confused drivers.

It was a very relaxing and enjoyable day.

BOC SPONSORED EVENTS

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.

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8 | BOC 20th anniversary dinner. Will be held at the East Butler Fireman's Hall. We need to have a really big silent auction this year, so gather your things to bring. |

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.

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7 | <p>Hi all - some of you may know this already (and some of you are already enrolled and can disregard this message), but I have signed on to lead an 8-week class for CCAC called Hartwood Hikes. The course name is self-explanatory. This isn't a "for credit" class, it's an offering that is part of CCAC's adult education courses. There is no homework, no tests, no grades - just nice Sunday morning outings with nice people and an awesome instructor . These are fairly short hikes - 90 minutes and approx 3 miles. I will try my best to make our hikes fun and will include some info about the park's history as well as whatever I can make up about the local flora and fauna that you might buy if I sell it well enough :-P</p> <p>If you have any interest in joining, please register as soon as possible. Class starts on Sunday Sept 7 and runs for 8 weeks. Here is the link:
 http://shopcommunityed.ccac.edu/Courses/Sports_and_Recreations/Hartwood_Hikes.aspx</p> <p>Joe Downing</p> |
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9 | <p>Moraine State Park</p> <p>Free Kayaking Programs
 September 9: 7:30PM- Full Moon Paddle September 23: 9:00AM- Silver Paddle
 October 2: 6:00PM- Evening Paddle October 7: 6:00PM- Full Moon Paddle
 October 11: 1:00PM- Fall Foliage Paddle October 14: 9:00AM- Silver Paddle
 October 18: 1:00PM- Fall Foliage Paddle</p> <p>Join Moraine State Park staff in a unique kayaking adventure. Participants may bring their own kayak (lifejacket required), or borrow one of Moraine's kayaks and equipment free of charge. For more information, or to register, visit www.visitPAparks.com or call the park at 724-368-3612. Participants must be at least 9 years of age. An adult must accompany those participants that are under the age of 18.</p> |

Sep 13	<p>Historic Oil Well Operation Saturdays: September 13, October 11 Park Road</p> <p>Come see a restored oil well in operation! The The Muddy Creek Oil Well #19 is an award-winning restoration site of an antique oil well. The Bessemer Gas Engine and Marshall-Barr No. 19 oil well equipment was restored and the site was first opened for visitors during the Lake Arthur Regatta in August of 2000. The well will operate from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Volunteers from 3MJC (Moraine, McConnells Mill, Jennings Commission) will be there to operate the engine and answer your questions. So come out and see the Bessemer engine pump some Pennsylvania crude. The central powerhouse site is located beyond the Forestry & Regional office building on Park Rd. (Old 422) off Route 528. Free refreshments will be provided! Visit www.3mjc.org or Check out 3MJC's facebook page for more information.</p>
Sep 13	<p>Tag a Monarch Butterfly Saturday, September 13, 2014 1:00 p.m. McDanel's Launch Area-Pavilion 7- North Shore</p> <p>Become a citizen scientist! Monarch butterflies make an amazing migration each year that allows the species to continue its survival. Meet park staff at Pavilion 7 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 14	<p>A Taste of History: Dutch Oven Cooking Demonstrations at McConnells Mill State Park Sunday, September 14 12:00-3:00p.m Mill Courtyard</p> <p>Visit the courtyard of the historic gristmill to see Dutch oven cooking in action! Experience Native American and pioneer food specialties. Park at Kildoo Picnic Area and hike down to the old mill.</p>
Sep 20	<p>Program at Mcconnell's State Park Hemlocks of Hells Hollow Saturday, September 20 1:00p.m. Hells Hollow Trailhead</p> <p>The Eastern Hemlock, our state tree, defines many of the beautiful valleys we love in Pennsylvania. Learn about this lovely tree while enjoying many points of interest along the hell's hollow trail. We will hike out and back along the easy waterfall trail, with an opportunity to stop after the easy walk, or extend your hike a little further along the moderate North Country Trail. Our walk will meet at 1:00 p.m. at the Hell's Hollow parking lot (no facilities), about a 15 minute drive from the gristmill. Dress for the weather, bring water, and wear sturdy shoes.</p>
Sep 27 28	<p>22nd Annual McConnells Mill Heritage Festival Saturday and Sunday, September 27 and 28 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. At the Kildoo Picnic Area</p> <p>History is in motion at the 22nd 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.</p>

Join the Shenango River Watchers for a
Fall Paddle Fest!

Saturday, September 27, 2014



Float the Upper Shenango River Water Trail from Pymatuning State Park (Jamestown, PA) to Greenville's Riverside Park. Paddle approximately 8.5 miles of Class One water. A shuttle will be provided from Riverside Park to the access area at the Pymatuning State Park dam.

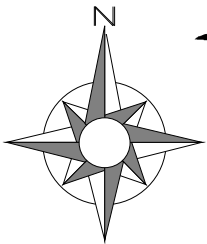
(Drop boats at Pymatuning Park first, then drive to Riverside Park for shuttle back to your boat.)

- Taste our free lunch!
- \$15 donation requested per watercraft.
- Shuttle runs from 8:00 a.m. till 10:00a.m.... launch when you're ready.

For more information, call the SRW office at (724) 342-5453
or contact us here:

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