

# The Compass

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## **SAVE THE DATE BOC Annual Dinner Nov 8**

Mark your calendars and purchase admission now for the 20th anniversary of the Butler Outdoor Club! We will be celebrating 20 years of outdoor activities with a special slide presentation by past BOC presidents. Do you have some slides you would like to share?

We could use some help both setting up for the dinner on Saturday morning at 10:00 am and cleaning up after the dinner. Please contact Carol Bickel to volunteer to help or to show slides.

The menu this year is Roast Turkey and Stuffing, Tossed Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole and Anniversary Cake for dessert.

One of the highlights each year, and our only fundraiser, is the silent auction. We ask that each member bring at least one item to be auctioned off to benefit the club. It is always a lot of fun outbidding your friends and you often end up with something nice! Alice Stehle is collecting the auction items. You may contact her or bring your items to the October monthly meeting.

The silent auction begins at 5 PM and the dinner begins at 7 PM.

The location of the event is the same as last year. It will be at the East Butler Firehall at 808 Grant Ave. East Butler, Pa.

Admission may be purchased at the October monthly meeting or by mailing a check to the BOC Box 321, Harrisville PA 16038 (\$15 each) Mark your check "annual dinner." Please include a list of the names of everyone for whom you are purchasing admission.

## **Next Membership meeting**

The next membership meeting will be on October 1, 2014 at 6:30 PM at the Butler YMCA. Tammy Veloski and Rayanne Aiken will present a slide show of their January trip to Costa Rica.



*Costa Rican Sunset*

Also remember to bring the items which you are going to donate to the silent auction if you have not already given them to Alice Stehle.

## **Officer Nominations due**

Just a reminder that the annual election of officers will be held during the December meeting.

Most positions are open. Our by-laws do not permit anyone to hold office more than 3 years in a row, so please step up and take your turn.

Board meetings are held once a month. We also need a backpacking chairman and a ramble chairman. This is your chance to implement some fresh ideas!

## Halloween Cruise

Join the Moraine Preservation Fund for their Halloween cruise. It will be held at 3 pm on October 25 at Moraine State Park. There will be prizes, games, snacks, and a story teller. Make reservations by calling 724-368-9185. Halloween Costumes would be fun but are optional.

## Butler Chapter of the NCTA monthly hike

The monthly hike for this month will be on Sunday September 28 at 1:00. We will meet at the same parking lot as last time, at the Route 528 trail head, 1.4 mile north of the bridge over lake Arthur.

Our hike will head north from the trail head for 2 or 2.5 miles and back for a total 4 to 5 miles. At the turnaround point we can admire the new turnpike put in on the work day of the previous week.

## North Country Trail Celebration

We are celebrating the North Country Trail next Saturday, Sept. 27 at McConnell's Mill State Park Heritage Festival. I will have a booth set up to promote Butler Chapter and BOC. I will also promote the Wampum Chapter since McConnell's Mill is their section of the trail. Who can help me at the booth? I will have everything we need, maps, picture board, pamphlets and some items for sale. This is the first year to have a national celebration and we hope to do it every year on this date. Since the festival is Sunday also, it would be nice to continue promotion that day also.

Please email me or call if you can give some time at the booth either day. Besides, you can enjoy the festival activities also.

Joyce Appel [724-526-5407](tel:724-526-5407) or [joyceappel@windstre](mailto:joyceappel@windstre)

## McConnell's Mill State Park

The 19th century gristmill is the centerpiece of McConnell's Mill State Park. It will continue to be open for viewing Fridays, Saturdays, & Sundays through October, **11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Interpretive tours of the mill, which last about 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.**

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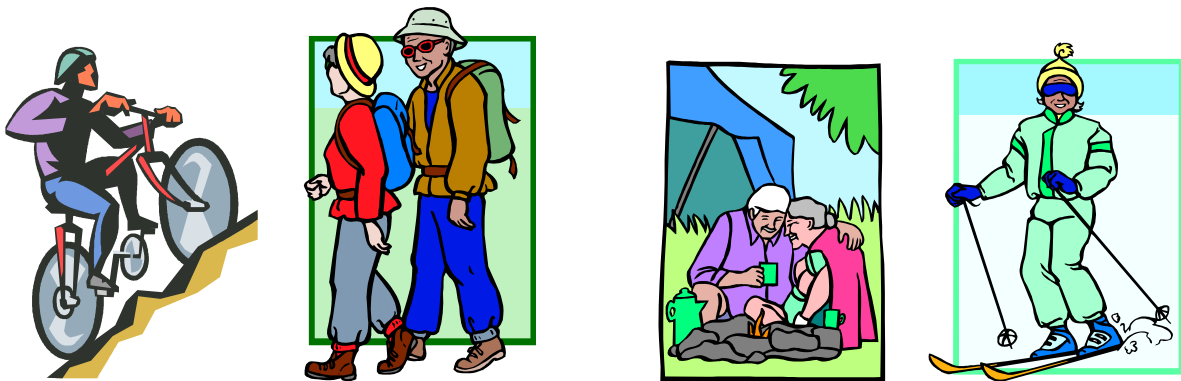
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## Celebrating 20 years in the Outdoors

# Anniversary Dinner



## Saturday Nov 8 2014

Silent auction 5:00-7:00 Dinner at 7:00

“Celebrate the Past, Look to the Future”

Slide Program 8:00

Tickets \$15 each presale only. Deadline Oct 31

Send check to Butler Outdoor Club Box 321 Harrisville, PA  
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## BOC Sponsored Events

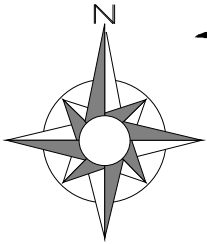
Nov 8	<p>BOC 20th anniversary annual dinner. East Butler Firemans' Hall - Menu includes roast turkey with stuffing; mashed potatoes; green bean casserole; tossed salad; 20th anniversary cake. Silent auction at 5 PM, dinner at 7 PM . Program will be 20 years of memories.</p> <p>Silent auction donations may be taken to the John &amp; Alice Stehle residence at 218 Cecelia St. in Butler. Please call ahead at <a href="tel:724-283-0191">724-283-0191</a> because the enclosed front porch is always locked. If you are dashing through town &amp; have forgotten to call, just leave things at the side of the house by the trash can (unfortunately), or on the back porch. We will find it.</p>
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## Other Area Outdoor Activities and Events

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. 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 &amp; craftsmen will demonstrate their skills throughout the festival.</p>
Sep 28	<p>Butler Chapter of the NCTA monthly hike. We will meet at 1 PM at the same parking lot as last time, at the Route 528 trail head 1.4 mile north of the bridge over lake Arthur. Our hike will head north from the trail head for 2 or 2.5 miles and back for a total 4 to 5 miles. At the turnaround point we can admire the new turnpike put in on the work day of the previous week.</p>
Oct 11	<p>Come see a restored oil well in operation! 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 &amp; Regional office building on Park Rd. (Old 422) off Route 528. Free refreshments will be provided! Visit <a href="http://www.3mjc.org">www.3mjc.org</a> or Check out 3MJC's facebook page for more information.</p>
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*photo from BOC hike on September 21*



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