



OUTDOOR CLUB of SOUTH JERSEY

TREKKER - FALL 2011



OCSJ CLUB PICNIC



at BELLEPLAIN STATE PARK

October 1, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Open to Everyone! www.ocsj.org



Lake Nummy Picnic Pavilion Parking Lot within Belleplain

Dogs/Burgers and refreshments provided at the covered pavilion. Come out and meet members, trip leaders, and board members. Learn about gear and equipment. Socialize, tailgate, and have fun. Look for individual activity listings as well. Contact Tom Neigel at 609-206-3389, tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com or, the individual trip leaders. RSVP so we may get an approximate count.

SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 2 CAMP-OVER

Camping Friday and Saturday night. Book your site (609) 861-2404, near site 120. Campfires and evening stroll.

2 HIKES 10 a.m. Scott Eves and 3 p.m. David Bicking

7 miles and 5 miles. Moderate pace, socialize, tailgate, and have fun. Food provided or bring a dish.

EZ HYBRID BIKE IN THE PARK 10 a.m. with Capt. Larry

EZ Pace and bike around the park roads and trails on a social paced ride. Food provided at the picnic or bring a dish or snacks to share at the picnic.

One Day Only - October 1st
Join or Renew with a special extended
length membership offer!

EZ Directions: Google: "Belleplain State Forest". Take Rt. 55 S. to end. Becomes Rt. 47. Continue south 2 miles. Bear left onto Rt. 347 and continue 1.5 miles. Make left onto Rt. 550. Follow 2 miles, at church, make right at Woodbine Avenue (550). Continue down to park entrance, past ranger station, right to Meisle Field to Lake Picnic Lot.

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FOR LATEST TRIP INFORMATION.
CYCLISTS JOIN THE GOOGLE GROUPS FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION.

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Outdoor Club of South Jersey

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Outdoor Club of South Jersey, Inc., is an organization dedicated to providing opportunities for extending the individual's knowledge, appreciation and enjoyment of his or her environment through experiences in outdoor activities.

The Club offers a twelve month program of activities designed for all ages and levels of ability and interest, and as is feasible with available leadership. The Club is open to all persons regardless of age or place of residence.

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The officers and members of the Board of Trustees actively seek and welcome your comments, suggestions or recommendations towards the fulfillment of our aims and objectives. Our progress and success are dependent upon the quality and effectiveness of our leadership. Your participation in activities, committees, or in programs and projects is solicited.

When you have questions, need further clarification, or require additional details, you are welcome to call the pertinent committee chairman.

MEETINGS

Club members are invited to attend the monthly meetings. The Board of Trustees meets each month. See schedule for locations. After the business session, some meetings will feature a program presented by the various activities. Everyone is welcome! Come out and support your representatives.

A Message From The President

Get out, do more, attend more events, and let us know.

The standard traditions and values of the OCSJ continue, because of the great team of leaders and club organizers. We keep an eye out and ear open to member requests and for things that benefit the club. We have reached out for more publicity to let new folks know about our club, with the help of our great team of publicity minded folks. We have also reached out with a presence on the newest media such as Facebook, the successful Club E-Newsletter, and now with a Meetup page to promote the club and list a sampling of our trips. With the fall listings now presented, you should be able to find events that suite your liking. And, if you have suggestions, or wish to get more involved, please do contact us at president@ocsj.org.

Tom Neigel

tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com

Coming Events

CHECK THE OCSJ WEBSITE ON YOUR COMPUTER AT (WWW.OCSJ.ORG) FOR LATEST TRIP INFORMATION.

CYCLISTS JOIN THE GOOGLE GROUPS FOR THE LATEST TRIP INFORMATION. FOR DETAILS GO TO THE BICYCLING HOME PAGE.

OCTOBER 1 (10 a.m.-3:00 p.m.) CLUB PICNIC AT BELLEPLAIN STATE PARK.

Meet at the Picnic Pavilion adjacent to the lake parking lot. dogs/burgers and Refreshments provided at the covered pavilion. Come out and meet members, trip leaders, and board members. Learn about gear and equipment. Socialize, tailgate, and have fun. Look for individual activity listings as well. Contact Tom Neigel, 609-206-3389, tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com Or, the individual trip leaders.

SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 2 (Friday night to Sunday) CAMPOVER AT BELLEPLAIN STATE PARK - OCSJ PICNIC

Camping for Friday and Saturday night associated to the October 1st Club Picnic. Register in advance to join in on one of our campsites or book your own site near site 120 in the CCC Camping Area. They also have Lean-to's and Yurts in the Meisle Field camp area nearby! Bring your own camping food, and something to share at the site. Camp, socialize, picnic and attend events on Saturday. Tom Neigel, 609-206-3389 tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com

OCTOBER 1 (10:00 am) BELLEPLAIN FOREST BEGINNERS HIKE. 7 miles, moderate pace. This is a great hike at a moderate pace with a rich variety of habitats: Atlantic white cedar and mixed hardwood swamps, oak-hickory forest, old fields, and freshwater lakes, with a possible view of Bald Eagles. Meet at the Picnic Pavilion adjacent to the Lake Parking Lot at Belleplain State Forest off of Route 550 at 10:00 a.m., between Woodbine and Belleplain. (DMS 39 14 36.85 N 74 50 58.29" W) (www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/belle.html). (www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/belle.html). NC/NP. Bring lunch and water. Really bad weather cancels. Call day of hike or check website (www.ocsj.org) to confirm. Leader: Scott Eves, 609-805-1463, Please e-mail me for directions at: cscotteves@gmail.com

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OCTOBER 1 (10:30 am) HYBRID BIKE AT BELLEPLAIN STATE PARK. 7-9 miles. EZ pace. Helmets mandatory. Hybrid easy biking on the back paved roads (or hard packed gravel) of Belleplain State park. In conjunction with the OCSJ Picnic at Belleplain State Park. Start from the Belleplain State Park Lake picnic area. Traverse the back roads and paths that encircle the park. Minor to no car traffic at all on some sections. Come back to the picnic when done for burgers, dogs, and snacks. Contact Capt. Larry at 609-548-9739, or capt.larry@comcast

OCTOBER 1 (3:00 pm) BELLPLAIN FOREST. 5 miles. Easy to moderate pace. A short hike after the picnic to work off the burgers and cakes and colas. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

OCTOBER 1 PADDLING ACTIVITIES TBA. Updates will be posted on website.

CHECK WEBSITE FOR LATEST SKI SCHEDULE INFORMATION.

OCTOBER IS PINELANDS MONTH. A month long celebration of the Pinelands with all kinds of activities on-going. Cranberry harvest fairs, festivals, wagon and walking tours, nature walks, and hikes. Pinelands month opening celebration is held at Whitesbog Village on October 9. The OCSJ is in need of volunteers to staff information booth, lead nature walks, lead hikes, or just help out. Contact Frank, hornet71@verizon.net.

LONG WALK TRAINER HIKES. Starting October 2 this is the first in a series of trainer hikes for the April Batona in a Day Hike or just a longer hike for those who need a little more than the normal mileage. (also see 10/22, 11/6, 11/19, 12/3, 12/18 ,12/31)

FALL FOLIAGE HIKING & CAMPING WEEKEND. See October 7-9 listing.

FALL FOLIAGE WEEKEND IN LONDONDERRY, VT. See October 7-10 listing.

BACKPACKING ON THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL: WALKILL AND VERNON VALLEYS – 10.1 miles. See October 8-9 listing.

FULL HUNTER'S MOON PADDLE. See October 9 entry.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. Election of officers to manage the Club in 2012. Come out and support your candidates. Board of Trustees, Activity Committees, Leaders. New Cherry Hill Library, 1100 Kings Highway (Rt. 41), North of Route 70 in Cherry Hill. See October 13 listing.

HIKING, CAMPING & CELEBRATION WEEKEND LEHIGH GORGE SP, PA. See October 21-23 listing.

COMPLETE BATONA TRAIL HIKES. A series of 5 hikes that will cover the entire trail starting October 22. (also see 10/29, 11/5, 11/12 and 11/29).

X/C SKI CLINIC AND MEETING. At REI, Marlton. See October 25 listing.

HALLOWEEN CAMP-OUT. See October 28-29 listing.

MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE AND CAMPOUT. See November 11 listing.

FULL BEAVER MOON PADDLE. See November 12 entry.

LEFTOVER TURKEY BACKPACK TRIP OF AT. See November 25-27 listing.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2011 ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY. See page 11 for details.

NEW YEAR'S DAY HIKE. See January 1 listing.

NEWS AND NOTES

CHECK THE OCSJ WEBSITE FOR THE LATEST TRIP INFORMATION INCLUDING ADDITIONS AND CANCELLATIONS.

THE LONG WALK IS MAKING A COMEBACK FOR MEMBERS IN APRIL.

It is the whole length of the Batona Trail from Onga's Hat to Bass River in ONE day. It starts at 5:30 a.m. and ends by 8:30 p.m. Every ten miles will be a support vehicle. I will need people to help support the walkers by being on hand to drive them to their car if they cannot go any further. Check out the training hikes in schedule. If anyone is interested please contact Faye at batonawalk@aol.com, 912-433-8257 or Jay at walkinginmud@aol.com

Carpooling, ride sharing or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants and not part of the official Club Activity. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel. The choice to participate is yours.

Minors (under 18) should be listed on sign-in sheets and parent or guardian sign for them.



BICYCLING

A Message From the Bicycling Activity Chair



Everyone,

As you may have seen in the last newsletter, Glenn Page has been named the Bicycling Safety Coordinator for the club. Glenn is a very experienced cyclist and, like Fran Horn and myself, is a League Certified Instructor (LCI) with the League of American Bicyclists. We created this position to expand our services to the membership to include a bicycling safety program. Our safety program will work with ride leaders and members to offer cycling safety education designed to strengthen group and traffic riding skills. While there hasn't been an increase with bike-related accidents within the OCSJ, there has been an increase overall in the area this year, and we wanted to do something proactive to address it.

In addition to other programs and ideas that Glenn has, he will be starting a weekly safety tip e-mail series starting soon using these two Google Groups, so be on the lookout. We also hope to add these tips to the website so members can refer to them whenever they need. We will also be holding periodic group riding skills classes - an announcement of the first class will follow soon.

If you have any safety-related ideas, please send them to Glenn at: gpageconnect@gmail.com.

Thanks to Glenn for volunteering!
Tony Marchionne
tonymarch@iwon.com
609-828-0268

TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Leaders be aware that the Club is now a participating member in the New Jersey Parks VIP (Volunteers In Parks) program. This means that trail maintenance we organize in State Parks is to be run through the VIP Program. This requires notifying the park before the activity, and sending a copy of our sign-in sheet to the park. We are not permitted to use power tools of any type. Trail maintenance done on trails not on NJ State Park property must be reviewed by the board for coverage.



CANOEING/KAYAKING

A Message from the Canoeing/Kayak Activity Chair



Thank you to all the leaders, without you there is no Club. To those of you who have not lead, I urge you to step forward – don't just talk about what the club should do. If you need help in planning, just ask. Take the first step to make the Club truly yours.

Hope to see you on the water,

Frank Pearce

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856-767-2780.

Guidelines:

- 1-All participants must sign-in
- 2-PFD'S must be worn. (83% of canoeing fatalities were not wearing a PFD)
- 3-Stay between leader and sweep.
- 4-Wear appropriate clothes (Avoid Cotton) dress for water temperatures.
- 5-Have at least one change of clothing in a water- protected bag with you
- 6-Flip flops are not appropriate footwear. (No bare feet - 90 % of paddling injuries)
- 7-Flashlight required for evening trips.
- 8-Whistle is required for Delaware River trips and recommended for all trips.
- 9-A helmet for whitewater may also be a good investment.
- 10-Carpooling, ride sharing or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants and not part of the official Club Activity. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel. The choice to participate is yours.
- 11-You must assess the suitability and condition of your equipment and if a trip is within your abilities.
- 12-Please leave sufficient driving time to safely arrive.
- 13-If you have questions, especially if a trip is right for you, call the leader.
- 14-Check the Website –ocsj.org - for the latest information.
- 15-Minors (under 18) should be listed on sign-in sheets and parent or guardian sign for them.
- 16-Leaders have final say on trip participation involving safety concerns.
- 17-Leaders- if a trip is cancelled please notify the Chair.
- 18-Leaders -carry a copy of the incident report form. (can be obtained from website)
- 19-Leaders –send sign-in sheets and any incident reports to Canoe Chair.
- 20-Leaders must submit (mail/fax) sign-in sheets to the Canoeing/Kayaking Chair in a timely manner.

(Guideline - No later than 2 weeks after quarterly schedule ends.)

PARTICIPATION NOTICE

The Outdoor Club, its officers and leaders, shall not be liable for any injuries, illness, loss or damage to any person or property, as a result of participation in any Club outing. Each participant assumes all risk and liability connected therewith. All persons, MEMBERS ALIKE, are to sign with the leader at each activity.



HIKING



A Message from the Hiking Chair

Hello from the Hiking Group. The leaders have worked hard to fill up every Monday and Wednesday for the weekday hikers so be sure to come out and attend. The weekends have a big list of trips and on some weekends the multiple choices are amazing. We got through the heat and a slow time for hiking, but now Hiking is back big time so enjoy all the wonderful trips. Be sure to thank the volunteer leaders for all they do. Don't forget about the October 1st picnic, with food and refreshments and two hikes. And as always, check the update web page for changes.

From the Hikers

HIKE DESCRIPTIONS

- **EASY** - pace defined as slower walking with more frequent rest breaks (e.g. for viewing surroundings, nature calls, equipment adjustments, and allowing walkers to catch up). For the slower walker.
- **MODERATE** - pace defined as as comfortable walking with occasional rest breaks. For the average walker.
- **BRISK** - pace defined as faster walking with occasional rest breaks. For the average, better conditioned walker.
- **FAST** - pace defined as fitness walking with few rest breaks for any reason. For seasoned, in fit condition walkers.

HIKING GUIDE

Hike distances are in miles, and may optionally be followed by hike duration in hours. The following codes are used to show unusual features of a hike:

BW - Bushwhacking	WF - Wet feet possible	NS - No stops
NP - No pets	NC - No children	FS - Few stops
LP - Leashed Pet		

Refer to the page listing Standard Meeting Places for directions to hikes.

BACKPACK TRIP RATING SYSTEM

1. **NOVICE:** 5 or less trips - mild weather, relatively flat terrain.
2. **INTERMEDIATE:** 5 or more trips - mild weather, moderate climbs - up to 8 mile trips.
3. **ADVANCED:** 10 or more trips - three season, except winter. Strenuous climbs over difficult terrain - upgraded equipment.
4. **EXPERT:** Leadership experience or comparable ability - all seasons - good physical condition - completely equipped for all terrain and weather.

STANDARD MEETING PLACES

If the meeting place is one of the standard meeting places shown below, no directions will appear in the hike listing.

- Atsion** - Meet in field on east side of Rt. 206 just north of Wharton State Forest Office.
- Batsto** - Meet at Batsto village parking, off Rt. 542, between Hammonton and Green Bank.
- Bullock** - Meet on north side of road in Bullock. Turn east from Rt. 72 at railroad bridge 6.5 miles southeast of Rt. 70/72 intersection. Continue 3.3 miles to tee intersection. Turn right, then immediately left, and park.
- Carranza** - Meet at Carranza Memorial parking, 6.7 miles SE of Tabernacle on Carranza Road.
- Cemetery** - Meet at cemetery on Rt. 563, 0.6 miles south of Rt. 532 in Chatsworth.
- Moorestown Mall** – Meet at big flagpole, front of Macy's, off Rt. 38. See May 10 entry.
- D & R Parking** - a mile N of Lambertville on Rt. 29, just before the Rt. 202 Bridge. Turn left and drive to the parking.
- Evans** - Meet just to the north of Evans Bridge (on east side of Rt. 563), 0.7 miles south of the Rt. 563/Rt. 679 split (about 10 miles south of Chatsworth).
- Friendship** - Meet at Friendship ruins on Carranza Road, 10 miles SE of Tabernacle.
- Harrisville** - Meet at Harrisville Pond, on Rt. 679, 1.5 miles south of Rt. 563, between Chatsworth and New Gretna.
- Henry Avenue & Walnut Lane parking area, Philadelphia** – Take Rt. 76 (Schuylkill Expressway) West to Lincoln Drive, exit #340A. Turn right at bottom of ramp, cross short bridge and take Ridge Avenue West exit. Proceed to 2nd traffic light and bear right. Go two more lights and bear left. At the next light, turn right onto Walnut Ln. Go to 2nd light and turn left onto Magdalena and a quick left into parking area. Approximately 9 miles from Ben Franklin Bridge.
- Jackson** - Meet just north of small bridge on Rt. 534 (Jackson Road), 1.7 miles northeast of Atco Raceway.
- Kingston** - Meet at Kingston Lock parking, off Rt. 27. Take I-295N / 95S to Exit 8 (Princeton Pike, Rt. 583) to Rt. 27 in Princeton. Follow Rt. 27, 3.3 miles to Kingston Lock parking on right.
- Lake Absegami** - Meet at Lake Absegami parking, Bass River State Forest. Entrance is on Stage Road, 3.4 miles E of Rt. 679 (from the N & W); or 6 miles W of Tuckerton (from the N & E); or 3 miles N of New Gretna (from the S).
- Byrne office** - Meet at Byrne (Lebanon) forest office. Turn east off Rt. 72, 1 mile southeast of Rt. 70/72 intersection. After 0.4 miles, turn right. Forest office is on the left.
- Pakim Pond** - Meet at Pakim Pond parking, Byrne S.F. Turn off Rt. 72, 1 mile southeast of Rt. 70/72 intersection. After 0.4 miles, turn right. Pakim Pond is 2.7 miles beyond the Forest Office.
- Byrne campsites** - Meet at Byrne (Lebanon) campsite. Turn off Rt. 72, 1 mile southeast of Rt. 70/72 intersection. After 0.4 miles, turn right. Campsite parking is 3.5 miles beyond the Forest Office.
- Oswego** - Meet at Oswego Lake parking, 3.1 miles northeast of Rt. 563 from Jenkins. (Turnoff is 8.4 miles south of Rt. 532 in Chatsworth, between Pine Barrens Canoes and Mick's Canoes).
- Skit** - Meet at the Skit Branch bridge, 5.2 miles SE of Tabernacle on Carranza Road.
- Tyler Park** - Take 1-95 and get off at exit 49, (Newtown/Yardley) and travel toward Newtown. Continue on the Newtown bypass and turn left into the park at the intersection of Swamp Road. Meet the at the Boat House parking lot.
- Wells Mills** - Meet at Wells Mills Park, off Rt. 532 (which is 16 miles southeast of the Rt. 70/72 intersection), 3.6 miles northeast of Rt. 72.
- Whitesbog** - Meet at Whitesbog village parking. Go east on Rt. 70 6.9 miles from Rt. 70/72 intersection. Make a sharp left on Lakehurst Road, go 1.3 miles, turn right for the village.



X/C SKIING and SNOWSHOEING



A Message from the X/C Skiing & Snowshoeing Chair

The excitement of winter skiing and snowshoeing is only a few months away. Don't be left out. Your leaders have put together a wonderful schedule of trips for a weekend or a week. Join us at REI, Route 73 in Marlton on Tuesday, October 25 at 7 p.m. for a short meeting at which we will present the trips for next season. This is a great opportunity to meet all the trip leaders and other people who have an interest in X/C skiing. Combined with the meeting is a short clinic on equipment and techniques presented by certified ski instructor and trip leader Dan McAuliffe. Dan is also planning a second, follow-up clinic on November 22, also at REI. See below for a list of upcoming trips and short description. Check the website: www.ocsj.org for details, or call or Email the leaders listed for the trips you are interested in. Remember that a deposit holds your place on a trip.

Eileen Greve

35 North Hill Dr, Westampton, NJ 08060-5723

cell: 609-204-6451 egreve212@gmail.com

DEC. 27-JAN. 1 CRAFTSBURY, VT. – Ski out the door at this family oriented resort in northern VT. Approx \$495pp dbl occ. includes 5 nights (Tues – Sat) in college style dorm rooms with separate male and female bath. All meals (vegetarian available), trail passes for skiing and snowshoeing, sauna and weight room, NY's eve bonfire. Deposit \$200 to reserve. Balance due Nov 15. Call for details. Fran Horn, 856-786-0048. franhorn@aol.com

DEC. 30-JAN. 2 PULASKI/TUG HILL, NY. The Tug Hill region is New York's Snowbelt due to lake effect weather. Stay at 1880 House, a B&B. Ski at Osceola/Tug Hill, backcountry or snowshoe. \$249pp for 3 nights (Fri-Sun), 3 hearty breakfasts, soup each day, gourmet dinner NY's Eve, all taxes & gratuities. Deposit \$100, Full payment by Nov 26. Eileen Greve' 609-204-6451 egreve212@gmail.com

JAN. 6-8 PROSPECT MTN., BENNINGTON, VT - Learn to ski! Prospect is highest point in VT, snow guaranteed. Great flats and challenging hills. Lodge is full service with a restaurant, cozy lounge, waxing room, 40 km trails. Tour Bennington shops, museums. 5 hr drive. \$179 pp incl: 2 nights (Fri & Sat) lodging at nearby AAA motel (dbl occ.), 2 breakfasts, 1 dinner, trail fee Sat. Guided ski tour Sun am. Sat: Free ski lessons for beginners, or Intermediates-refresh your skills. Deposit \$90. Full payment by 12/05. Dan McAuliffe, PSIA, and Charie McAuliffe. 215-630-7478 DNMLogistics@msn.com

JAN. 13-16 (MLK WEEKEND) KEENE VALLEY, NY. Stay at Trail's End B&B in Lake Placid area, in the Adirondack Mtns. Ski at Mt Van Hoevenburg Center, site of the 1980 Olympics and other X/C centers. Lots of backcountry skiing or snowshoeing. All skill levels. Approx \$260pp includes 3 nights (Fri, Sat, Sun), 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, 2 après ski parties, taxes and gratuities. Popular trip, fills quickly. Call for details. Paul and Sue Dice, h.856-784-0164 or cell, 856-265-6207 pf701@comcast.net or srentd@comcast.net

JAN. 16-19 SWISS INN, LONDONDERRY, VT. Great skiing and snowshoeing – Charlie likes the backcountry. Can also ski at several nearby X/C centers. Stay 3 nights or 4 with sit-down breakfast and dinner, and après ski at the comfortable Swiss Inn on Rte 11. Reasonable rates. To reserve: First contact leader: Charlie Phy, 609-567-0221. chalphy@comcast.net then make your own reservations at the Swiss Inn 1-800-847-9477 Mention Charlie Phy group. Can link to Keene Valley trip above or Mountain Meadows trip below.

- JAN. 20-22** **2ND SUCCESSFUL YEAR! MOUNTAIN MEADOWS LODGE, KILLINGTON, VT.** Ski or snowshoe on 30 km right out the door or at nearby Mountain Top X/C, also Grafton Ponds. Catamount Trail, A/T Lodge has hot tub, sauna, game room, bar, etc. \$335.50 pp incl: 2 nights (Fri – Sat), 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, 3 day X/C ski pass at Mountain Meadows, taxes and meal gratuities. To reserve: contact Mountain Meadows directly 802-775-1010, www.mountainmeadowslodge.com mention Fran McKane group. Then contact leaders: Fran & Dennis McKane 609-707-3025 Dennisfran1@verizon.net Can link to Stowe trip, below.
- JAN. 22-27** **COMMODORE INN, STOWE VT.** Luxury accommodations w pool and Jacuzzi, and great skiing at Trapp Family Lodge, Stowe Mt. Resort, etc. Also backcountry options. Snowshoeing too. For skiers of all abilities. \$364 pp dbl occ for 5 nights (Sun.-Thurs.), 5 dinners and breakfasts, taxes and tips. Deposit \$100 Full payment by Dec 15. Eileen Greve' 609-204-6451 egreve212@gmail.com Can link to Mountain Meadows trip above, or to the Colonial House Inn trip below.
- JAN. 27-29** **COLONIAL HOUSE INN, WESTON, VT.** Several X/C centers and lots of backcountry or snowshoeing. Choose cozy Inn or modern motel (at same facility). Prices range from \$186 to \$208 incl: 2 nights (Fri.-Sat.) with 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts and 2 boxed lunches, all taxes and gratuities. Deposit \$100. Full payment by Dec 15. Eileen Greve, 609-204-6451 egreve212@gmail.com
- JAN. 29-FEB. 1** **BLACKWATER FALLS LODGE, DAVIS WV.** 3 nights (Sun.-Tues.) at state park lodge all rooms with private bath. Lodge has indoor pool, hot tub, full service restaurant. X/C centers at Blackwater Falls State Park and at White Grass Touring Center, snowshoe at Monangehela NF and Dolly Sods Wilderness. Nearby town of Davis has nightlife with live country music. Approx. \$215 pp includes 3 nights lodging, 3 breakfasts and 2 dinners, tax and gratuity. Full payment due December 1. John and Ann Palaitis, 856-810-2487 [.palaitis@verizon.net](mailto:palaitis@verizon.net)
- FEB. 10-13** **GREENWOOD HOUSE, LAKE PLACID, NY.** Stay in private home w 6 bedrooms, 5 and half baths, lounge areas & library. 1 minute walk to Main St. Lake Placid. Includes 2 dinners, 3 breakfasts – communal cooking. Ski Jack Rabbit trail, Van Hoesenberg or Cascade ski centers or backcountry. Olympic Village has ice skating and toboggan rides. Cost \$150 pp based on double occupancy. Send \$25 deposit to leaders ASAP. Fran & Dennis McKane, 406 E 8th Avenue North Wildwood, NJ 08260, 609-707-3025 mailto:dennisfran1@verizon.net
- FEB. 2** **ICE HOTEL – 10 MINUTES NORTH OF QUEBEC CITY, CANADA**
(Thurs nite)
Once in a
Lifetime Thrill!
 \$279/person Unique in North America – a 30,000 sq. ft structure made of 10,000 tons of glittering ice & snow. A grand hall with majestic ice columns & shimmering carved walls, two art galleries, mMovie theatre, boutique, Ice Bar with ice glasses & nightclub. All guests sleep in cozy ice suite tucked away in a warm arctic sleeping bag on a comfortable mattress with linens on an ice block. Average room temp 27 degrees F. Bathrooms are heated. Located next to Sheraton Quebec Hotel guests also have a room at the hotel for luggage, shower, parking, etc). Breakfast at hotel included and welcome drink in Ice glass, access to Nordic areas hot tubs & Saunas under the stars. 125,000 people visited in 2011. Note: Cancellations only allowed 50% refund per Mangt. ICE HOTEL Deposit: \$100.00. Full payment by 12/15. Dan & Charie McAuliffe, 215-630-7478 E-mailto: DNMLogistics@msn.com
- FEB. 3-7** **WINTER CARNIVAL - QUEBEC CITY, CANADA (3 HOURS FROM NEWPORT, VT)**
(Fri.-Tues.) \$579.00/Person. The Québec Winter Carnival

promotes itself as the largest snow festival in the world. 4 nights at Hotel Manoir Victoria in heart of Old Quebec. All rooms 2 double beds, private bath. Indoor pool, indoor parking. 4 breakfasts, 2 dinners, more. Quebec Winter Carnival Pass to all activities included and XC ski pass for 1 day XC ski at nearby Resort Mont Sainte Anne. Deposit \$100. Full payment by December 15. Dan & Charie McAuliffe, 215-630-7478 DNMLogistics@msn.com

FEB. 4-11
(Sat.-Sat.)
New Trip!!

YMCA of the Rockies, Winter Park, Colorado – 100km of trails, X/C ski, snowshoe, ice skate, sled in the Rocky Mountains, 2 hour drive west of Denver. Includes: 7 nights lodging, 3 meals per day, trail fees and gratuities. Cost: Double room \$670, Triple room \$525. Deposit \$300 per person required by July 31 Payment in full by December 1, 2011. Cancellation after Dec 1 may result in forfeiture of some or all of your payment. Connie Lotz, 215-386-2904, lotz.connie@gmail.com co-leader: Eileen Greve, 609-204-6451 mailto:egreve212@gmail.com

FEB. 17-20
Fri. to Mon.

PULASKI/TUG HILL, NY - (PRESIDENT'S DAY). A repeat of our New Year's trip. Stay at 1880 House, a B&B. Ski at Osceola/Tug Hill Nordic center, or backcountry or snowshoe. \$249pp for 3 nights w hearty breakfast, 1 opulent dinner, all taxes and tips. Deposit \$100. Full payment by January 15. Eileen Greve, 609-204-6451 egreve212@gmail.com

FEB. 22-29

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK – Experience the splendor and beauty of the park in the winter. See thermal pools, geysers, and wildlife in the snow. Ski, snowshoe at Mammoth Hot Springs and Old Faithful areas of the park. A unique experience. Includes 7 nights, 7 breakfasts and 6 box lunches plus roundtrip snow coach ride between Mammoth and Old Faithful areas. Double room cost about \$800 per person John and Ann Palaitis, 856-810-2487 .palaitis@verizon.net Already filled! But taking a wait list.

FEB. 23-26

MORNINGSTAR CHALET, LONDONDERRY VT. 3 nights (Thu – Sat) at private chalet with breakfast and dinner. X/C centers for all abilities include Viking, Wild Wings, Stratton, Okemo, Grafton Pond. Plenty of backcountry skiing (intermediate ski level), snowshoeing in Green Mt. Nat'l Forest. Approx. \$100 pp dbl occ. If we get 10 sign-ups for 3 nights w breakfast and dinner. Communal cooking. If less than 10, the cost will increase. Deposit \$90. Full payment by January 1. Eileen Greve, 609-204-6451. Egreve212@gmail.com

MAR. 2-4

X/C SKI AT LAPLAND LAKES, NORTHVILLE, NY. Finntastic! Celebrate St Urho's Day (Finnish Patron Saint). Enjoy Finnish splendor in the Adirondacks. 50 km trails, onsite restaurant. Waxing room, rentals and reindeer. Snow shoeing, kicksledding. Price of \$175 pp includes 2 nights (Fri, Sat), 2 breakfasts at local diner. Belly-buster dinner at the Raindancer, free lessons, tip, tax XC trail fee included for Saturday. Après ski at Lanzi's on the Lake on own. 6 hour drive. Deposit \$90. Full payment by Febuary 15. Dan and Charie McAuliffe, 215-630-7478, DNMLogistics@msn.com



OCTOBER



“It’s kind of funto do the impossible.”

RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

Act Now! Make your reservations as soon as possible. Spaces usually are limited. Don’t miss out by waiting too long.

CAMPOVER AT BELLEPLAIN STATE PARK - OCSJ PICNIC. See September 30-October 2 entry.

OCSJ CLUB PICNIC AT BELLEPLAIN STATE PARK. See October 1 entry.

BELLEPLAIN FOREST BEGINNERS HIKE. See October 1 entry.

HYBRID BIKE AT BELLEPLAIN STATE PARK. See October 1 entry.

BELLEPLAIN FOREST HIKE. See October 1 entry.

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ALL SKIING/SNOWSHOEING TRIPS.

FALL FOLIAGE HIKING & CAMPING WEEKEND. See October 7-9 entry.

COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND IN LONDONDERRY, VT. See October 7-10 entry.

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FULL HUNTER’S MOON PADDLE. See October 9 entry.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. See October 13 entry.

HIKING, Camping & Celebration Weekend Lehigh Gorge SP, PA. See October 21-23 entry.

HALLOWEEN CAMP-OUT. See October 28-29 listing.

MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE AND CAMPOUT. See November 11 entry.

FULL BEAVER MOON PADDLE. See November 12 entry.

X/C SKI CLINIC AND MEETING. At REI, Marlton. See November 22 entry.

LEFTOVER TURKEY BACKPACK TRIP OF AT. See November 25-27 listing.

OCSJ ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY. December 3. See page 21 for details.

✓ **NOTE VARIOUS OTHER TRIPS REQUIRE PARTICIPANTS TO CONTACT LEADER.**

CHECK THE OCSJ WEBSITE ON YOUR COMPUTER AT (WWW.OCSJ.ORG) FOR LATEST TRIP INFORMATION.

CYCLISTS JOIN THE GOOGLE GROUPS FOR THE LATEST TRIP INFORMATION.

FOR DETAILS GO TO THE BICYCLING HOME PAGE.

SEPT. 30-OCT. 2
Friday to Sunday
OCSJ PICNIC

CAMPOVER AT BELLEPLAIN STATE PARK - OCSJ PICNIC. Camping for Friday and Saturday night associated to the October 1st Club Picnic. Register in advance to join in on one of our campsites or book your own site near site 120 in the CCC Camping Area. They also have Lean-to’s and Yurts in the Meisle Field camp area nearby! Bring your own camping food, and something to share at the site. Camp, socialize, picnic and attend events on Saturday. Tom Neigel, 609-206-3389. tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com

OCTOBER 1
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
OCSJ PICNIC

OCSJ CLUB PICNIC AT BELLEPLAIN STATE PARK. Meet at the Picnic Pavilion adjacent to the Lake Parking Lot. Dogs/Burgers and Refreshments provided at the covered pavilion. Bring snacks, treats, and desserts if you wish. Come out and meet members, trip leaders, and board members. Learn about gear and equipment. Socialize, do the events, and have fun. Look for individual activity listings. Contact Tom Neigel at 609-206-3389, tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com Or, the individual trip leaders.

OCTOBER 1

Saturday

10:00 am

OCSJ PICNIC

BELLEPLAIN FOREST BEGINNERS HIKE. 7 miles, moderate pace. This is a great hike at a moderate pace with a rich variety of habitats: Atlantic white cedar and mixed hardwood swamps, oak-hickory forest, old fields, and freshwater lakes, with a possible view of Bald Eagles. Meet at the Picnic Pavilion adjacent to the Lake Parking Lot at Belleplain State Forest off of Route 550 at 10:00 a.m., between Woodbine and Belleplain. (DMS 39 14 36.85 N 74 50 58.29" W) (www.nj.gov/dep/park-sandforests/parks/belle.html). (www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/belle.html), NC/NP. Bring water. Really bad weather cancels. Call day of hike or check website (www.ocsj.org) to confirm. Leader: Scott Eves, 609-805-1463, Please e-mail me for directions at: cscotteves@gmail.com

OCTOBER 1

Saturday

10:30 am

OCSJ PICNIC

HYBRID BIKE AT BELLEPLAIN STATE PARK. 7-9 miles. EZ pace. Helmets mandatory. Hybrid easy biking on the back paved roads (or hard packed gravel) of Belleplain state park. In conjunction with the OCSJ Picnic at Belleplain State Park. Start from the Belleplain State Park Lake picnic area. Traverse the back roads and paths that encircle the park. Minor to no car traffic at all on some sections. Come back to the picnic when done for burgers, dogs, and snacks. Contact Capt. Larry at 609-548-9739, or capt.larry@comcast

OCTOBER 1

Saturday

3:00 p.m.

OCSJ PICNIC

BELLEPLAIN FOREST HIKE. 5 miles. easy to moderate pace. A short hike after the picnic to work off the burgers and cakes and colas. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

OCTOBER 2

Sunday

9:00 a.m.



LONG WALK TRAINER HIKE (1). 14 miles. Moderate pace. This is the first trainer or just a longer hike for those who need a little more than the normal mileage. We will hike the white, red, blue and pink trails starting at Pakim Pond. Bring plenty of fluid, lunch, snack to munch on as we walk and bug spray since portions of the trails are overgrown. There is an option to only do 10 miles. Note start time, be 15 min. early, we leave on time. Leaders: Faye, 912-433-8257 Jay, 908-692-5765.

OCTOBER 3

Monday

10:00 a.m.

COOPER RIVER PARK HIKE. 5 miles, easy pace. We'll circle the wide part of the Cooper River and include a short loop along North Park Drive to get us our 5 miles. Lunch afterward at Big John's (a long time South Jersey favorite for cheese steaks) for those interested. Meet at the parking lot at the Cooper River Yacht Club located on South Park Drive. From Rt. 70 take Cuthbert Road South. Go to 2nd traffic light and turn right onto South Park Drive. After a short distance, parking lot is on the right. Bad weather cancels. Leader: Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

OCTOBER 4

Tuesday

9:00 a.m.

EVANS BRIDGE. 8-10 miles Moderate pace. We will walk the Batona Trail to Martha Furnace and then on to Joe's spring, and the pump house, on to Harrisville Lake and the pink back to Evan's Bridge. Bring snack to eat while walking and bug spray since the trails are overgrown. Bring a chair and lunch to have when we return. Note the start time, we leave on time. Leader: Faye, 912-433-8257 co leader: Jay, 908-692-5765.

OCTOBER 5

Wednesday

10:30 a.m.

FRESH AIR AND SEA BREEZES. 7.5 miles, moderate pace. On the boardwalk from Spring Lake to Ocean Grove. We will search again for the elusive ice cream cone. Bring lunch and

drink. Meet at the Ludlow Avenue boardwalk pavilion in Spring Lake. Take Garden State to Belmar exit, OR, take Rt 195 to Belmar. Drive east to the Belmar boardwalk. Then drive south to Spring Lake pavilion. Manny Robbins, 856-428-4841.

OCTOBER 6

Thursday
9:00 a.m.



CANOE / KAYAK TOMS RIVER. Follow the route of the Annual Toms River Canoe Race without the competition. Ten miles of changing scenery and river conditions from park and forest to open bay and river. Contact leaders to confirm participation. We will meet at Friendly's on Rt. 37, just past mile post 4, on the East bound side. Come early and join us for breakfast. Bring six quarters for the parking meter at the take out. Joe Logan, 609-634-1542, or mayandpops@aol.com

OCTOBER 7

Friday
10:00 a.m.



ESTELL MANOR PARK HIKE – 4 mile. Easy hike through this beautiful park using woodland trails and an elevated boardwalk. Bring a lunch and a beverage for after the hike at the picnic tables. The park is located on Rt. 50 approximately 3 miles south of May's Landing in Atlantic County. Meet at the 1st picnic/playground area on the one way auto drive loop. Rain cancels. Leader: Ro Mason e-mail: romason@comcast.net Phone: 609-404-9587.

OCTOBER 7

Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. The ongoing, every Friday night, all year round, Friday night fitness hike; where we try to work up a sweat exploring the sand roads and trails of Brendan Byrne State Forest. Be prepared to walk at an average of 4 MPH, 15 minutes per mile pace with few breaks. Bring water and wear well broken in boots, shoes, or sneakers (sneakers are adequate in dry conditions). Socks are also important footwear; synthetics and wool being better at preventing blisters (avoid cotton socks). The first Friday of each month there is a dessert/dinner stop after the hike at a local restaurant. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

OCTOBER 7-9

Friday-Monday
10:00 a.m.

FALL FOLIAGE HIKING & CAMPING WEEKEND. Hike and camp at North-South Lake State campground at Haines Falls, NY in the Catskill Mts. Several hikes are planned for the weekend as well as camping in spectacular fall settings. We will visit Sunset Rock, Alligator Rock, and Kaaterskill Falls. The campground is 2.5 hour drive from SJ. If you can not campout, join us for the hikes either day. Contact leader to reserve a space, additional information and directions. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. Or pis1@cccny.net

OCTOBER 7-10

Fri.-Mon.

COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND IN LONDONDERRY, VT. Easy hiking and leaf peeping. Hike on AT/LT, Catamount Trail, or local trails. We rent a private home. Sleeps 10. Arrive Friday, depart Monday. \$100 pp for 3 nights w 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners. Eileen Greve, 609-204-6451 or egrave212@gmail.com

OCTOBER 8

Saturday
9:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK THE N. BRANCH RANCOCAS CREEK. Join me for a 10-mile trip on my favorite Pinelands waterway and look for turtles sunning themselves along the way. We'll paddle from the trailhead behind Burlington County Community College to Smithville. Meet at the Canoe Trail launch ramp on W.Rancocas Road, off Rt. 530 in Pemberton. Leader is an

"early riser", so contact him between 4 am and 7 pm if you have any questions. Participants **MUST** be ready to shuttle at 9 am so arrive early to unload your boat and gear. Rentals are not available. Leader: Dave Lynch Cell, 609-784-4066 or e-mail dlynch50@verizon.net

OCTOBER 8

Saturday
9:00 a.m.

CHAMBERLAIN BRANCH EXPLORATION. 6-8 miles moderate pace with a possibility of bush-whacking - Join me as I explore the uplands of this pineland stream. The area is part of Greenwood Wildlife Management Area today but has a long history of human activity beginning in pre-colonial times. Meet at the large parking area just north of the Cedar Creek Fire Tower on route 539. If coming from 72 turn north onto 539 towards Whiting, parking area is on left after the fire tower. Leader: Jay Schoss walkinginmud@aol.com phone: 908-692-5765.

OCTOBER 8

Saturday
10:00 a.m.



BYRNE STATE FOREST. 9 miles Pace: Moderate Meeting Place: Byrne Ranger Station Probably dry, Normal stops. NP NC No planned bushwacking. Normal stops. A pretty hike with varied terrain: Pakim (Native American for Cranberry) Pond; a cedar swamp, reservoirs and cranberry bogs. Hiking is mostly on sand roads and the Batona Trail. George Galcik, 856-783-8329, georgegalcik@comcast.net

OCTOBER 8

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

WOODBURY CREEK PADDLE. Join us as we paddle up the creek from Riverwinds in West Deptford. Meeting time is 10 am at the boat launch. Option to eat lunch at the park in Woodbury or paddle back to Red Bank Battlefield and have lunch and explore. This is a non shuttle trip. Boats longer than 12 feet due to the open water of the Delaware River. Contact Trina at tp51@hotmail.com or 856-224-1055

OCTOBER 8-9

Sat.-Sun.

BACKPACKING ON THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL: WALKILL AND VERNON VALLEYS – 10.1 miles (7.4 Sat to the Pochuck Shelter and 2.4 Sun). Moderate. Hiking North-to-South, we'll go through the Pochuck Quagmire suspension bridge, the Walkill National Wildlife refuge, and see the Great Wall of Pochuck (huge farmer's wall, wide enough to drive a compact car on). We'll climb up Mount Pochuck (750 ft incline over 3 1/2 miles) to the shelter (privy, water 0.4 miles down trail). The next morning, we'll wake up and climb down the mountain, hike down to the pickup point, and hit the diner for a late breakfast! Max 12 people. Hike Leader: Kevin Drevik, 856-778-3817 kdrevik@aol.com

OCTOBER 9

Sunday
(5:00 p.m. Underway Time)

FULL HUNTER'S MOON PADDLE. This will be a joint trip with the Great Bay Paddlers. We will paddle in the beautiful historic Barnegat Bay off of Harvey Cedars. The length and direction of the paddle will be determined based on the weather conditions at the time of the paddle. Meet at Sunset Park in Harvey Cedars. Sunset Park is located under the Harvey Cedars water tower located on Salem Avenue and the Bay. This is the first traffic light in Harvey Cedars If you can, please bring "munchies" and refreshments to enjoy for our gathering after the paddle. Rentals are not available on this trip. Arrangements could possibly be made on an individual basis from the Harvey Cedars Marina 609-494-0111 located a short distance from our launch area. **YOU MUST BE SIGNED-IN AND READY TO DEPART BY 5 PM.** Trip leaders have the authority to deny you paddling with the club if you are not present and ready to paddle at the time of the safety lecture. Confirm your

attendance AT LEAST TWO (2) DAYS PRIOR TO THE TRIP!
Trip Leader Marie Scott contact marie.gbpaddlers@gmail.com

OCTOBER 10

Monday
10:00 a.m.

HARRISVILLE POND - 4¹/₂-5 miles easy pace. This hike is for our senior hikers who haven't been out in a while due to the length or speed of a hike. we can only go as fast as the slowest hiker so i can't go too fast for you. great for beginners also. We will walk sand roads for a good portion to Martha, Joe's Spring with the option of staying uphill on the road, then the pink back to Harrisville. We make as many stops as needed. come join me on a leisurely meander to enjoy the pre fall woods through this historic area. Bring chairs and lunch to relax at the lake afterwards. no pets. leader: Faye, 912-433-8257.

OCTOBER 12

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

HIKE TO APPLE HILL. 8-9 miles, moderate pace. Hike the Batona Trail to/from Caranza. Bring lunch. Meet at Caranza Memorial. Leashed pets ok. Leaders; Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

OCTOBER 13

Thursday
7:30 p.m.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. Election of officers to manage the Club in 2012. Come out and support your candidates. Board of Trustees, Activity Committees, Leaders. New Cherry Hill Library, 1100 Kings Highway (Rt. 41), North of Route 70 in Cherry Hill.

OCTOBER 14

Friday
10:00 a.m.

BASS RIVER LOOP HIKE – 4 miles. Moderate hike utilizing the Pink and Joe's trails. Bring a lunch and a beverage for the picnic pavilion stop during the hike. Meet at the Lake Absegami parking area in Bass River State Forest on Stage Road in Tuckerton. Rain cancels. Leader: Ro Mason, 609-404-9587. E-mail: romason@comcast.net

OCTOBER 14

Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See October 7 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com alison@mikebaker.com.

OCTOBER 15

Saturday
9:00 am

PERAMBULATE SOUTH LEBANON. 8-10 miles moderate paced walk. Meet at the field in what was once the campground at Brendan Byrne, across from what once were the shower houses, near what was once the Lebanon Glassworks. Leader Jay Schoss e-mail: walkinginmud@aol.com phone by Friday: 908-692-5765.

OCTOBER 15

Saturday
10:00 am



MOORESTOWN LIBRARY TO POMPESTON CREEK HIKE. 5 miles, easy to moderate pace. Wet feet as we ford the creek. We start at the Moorestown Library, and track the Pompeston Creek through Moorestown. We will go through Maple Dawson Park, Pompeston Park, to the Pompeston Easement. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

OCTOBER 16

Sunday
9:00 a.m.



CLASS C. FAMOUS BAGEL RIDE. 30 miles. Great ride in Burlington County with a bagel stop. Meet at Moorestown High School, Bridgeboro Road, Moorestown. Call in case of inclement weather. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048, E-mail: franhorn@aol.com

OCTOBER 16

Sunday
9:30 a.m.



SIX MILE RUN BLACKWELLS MILLS HIKE. Approximately 8 miles, mostly flat terrain with stream crossings. Meet at the Old Park Headquarters on Canal Road opposite and just before the Blackwells Mills Causeway in Franklin Township, Somerset County, 598 Canal Road, Somerset, New Jersey 08873. Bring lunch and water. There are no restrooms and rain cancels the trip. Leaders: Paul Foged, hikerpaul@verizon.net – Cell: 732-996-1406 and Beth Compagnucci, bethcompagnucci@gmail.com – Cell: 973-879-0055

OCTOBER 16

Sunday
9:30 a.m.

PADDLE CEDAR CREEK. We'll paddle 7 miles from Ore Pond to Dudley Park. Cedar Creek is one of the prettiest Pines streams. Meet at Ore Pond Access. Please contact leader to confirm trip and participation. Leader: Harry Barok between 11 a.m. and 10 p.m. 856-985-6172 or e-mail, Harrykaraoke7@aol.com *but not at last minute.*

OCTOBER 16

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

BATSTO FALL FESTIVAL HIKE. 9 miles, mod. pace. Walk the nature trail up the Batsto River to Goodfwater Bridge and then return to Batsto Village to visit the festival. Meet in the woods opposite Pleasant Mills Church off Rt. 542, just before the Batsto entrance. Bring lunch, LP. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

OCTOBER 17

Monday
10:00 a.m.



HIKE TO MARTHA FURNACE. 5 MILES EASY PACE. Hike to the site of the furnace that operated many years ago. Bring lunch and water we will eat by the lake after the hike. Meet Harrisville Lake. Leaders: Janet Horton cell, 609-706-5691 janeth1@comcast.net Jack Dalton cell, 609-287-3105 w2hds@comcast.net

OCTOBER 18

Tuesday
9:30 a.m.

MICHAEL HUBER PRAIRIE WARBLER PRESERVE. 6-7 miles Moderate pace.. Sections of this hike are on an undeveloped marked trail so tick spray and boots are recommended . There may be two water crossings, one with a small bridge or long legs can jump across, the second one, if there's water, may need a stick for balance as you walk from hummock to hummock for a short crossing. Small dogs will not do well with the overgrown areas. Only mandatory stops. It's a delightful hike with diverse terrain I am sure you will enjoy. I leave on time. It's 4.3 miles in on Sooy Place Road off Rt. 70. Leader: Faye, 912-433-8257 co leader: Jay 908-692-5765

OCTOBER 19

Wednesday
10:00 am



WOODLAWN TRUST/BRANDYWINE ST PARK HIKE. 11 to 12 miles. Moderate pace. Some hills and small stream rock hopping. Trek through wooded trails and farm fields straddling PA/DE boundary and down along Brandywine River. Loop course tracks on both sides of river. Bring lunch. I-95 to first exit in Delaware – Del Rt 92 west (Naamans Road). Continue on Rt. 92 for 5mi and cross US 202 keeping on Rt. 92. Continue straight after 1/4 mile (Rt 92 turns left, but you don't) on Beaver Valley Road. Continue straight – Beaver Valley switches to Beaver Run Road. Turn left at bottom of hill (1.8 miles) at Brandywine river and park at Woodland Trust parking area on river side of Creek Road. I can meet people at in S Jersey to lead caravan. Meet at the ShopRite shopping center off I-295 exit 17 (near Gibbstown/Paulsboro) for 9:15a departure and 30 min drive to trailhead. Leader: Jack McMackin, c:856-254-8702 h:856-478-4336, jack_mac@verizon.net.

OCTOBER 21

Friday
7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See October 7 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

OCTOBER 21-23

Friday-Sunday
10:00 a.m.



HIKING, CAMPING & CELEBRATION WEEKEND LEHIGH GORGE SP, PA. 6 miles mod-strenuous pace. Hike Mt. Pisah Sat. with its beautiful views of the Lehigh River and the town of Jim Thorpe. Sunday hike or mountain bike the Switch back trail along the river. Contact Leader for meeting place and time for both hikes. Camping Friday & Saturday nights at Mauch Chunk Lake SP. Or just come up for hike or bike portion. NP/NC. Great time to be in the Pocono Mts. Contact leader for additional info. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 evenings or pis1@cccnj.net Come up and help celebrate an anniversary!

OCTOBER 22

Saturday
9:00 a.m.

LONG WALK TRAINER HIKE (2) - 19 miles. Moderate pace We are doing the first section of the Batona, from the trail head at Ong's Hat to Rt. 72 and back. A support vehicle will be at 72 with your supplies so you can travel light. Sections of the trail are overgrown so spraying yourself is recommended. Leaders: Faye 912-433-8257 co leader: Jay 908-692-5765

OCTOBER 22

Saturday
9:00 a.m.

Batona trail

COMPLETE BATONA TRAIL HIKE #1 – ONGS HAT TO RT. 72. 9.4 miles, moderate pace. The Batona Trail (BAck TO Nature) is the premier hiking trail in South Jersey. It passes through typically forested Pine Barrens lands. It provides a sampling of the landscape of the region: slow moving clear, tea colored, meandering streams supporting cedar swamps and bogs; sandy high grounds anchoring tall pitch pines; deserted sand roads to once thriving towns & industries; oak-pine forests, cranberry reservoirs and blueberry farms. All are prominent features encountered along The Batona Trail. This is the first in a series of 5 hikes that will cover the entire trail (also see 10/29, 11/5, 11/12 and 11/29 for the other listings). Please be on time for shuttles. Meet on Rt. 72 between mileposts 4 & 5, on the south side where the trail crosses Rt. 72, for shuttle. Scenic highlights: Bispahms Mill Creek, Deep Hollow Pond, Pakim Pond. Leaders: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

OCTOBER 22

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

BALDPATE MT. HIKE. @ 10 miles moderate pace. Over hill and dale in this scenic and moderately challenging excursion. Partly in Washington's Crossing State Park and partly in the Ted Stiles preserve. A big finish with a scenic view from the top of Baldpate. Fiddler's Creek Road Parking: Proceed on Rt. 29 N @ 1/2 mile past Washington's Crossing State Park and make a right turn onto Fiddler's Creek Road. Proceed for @ .3 miles. Pass a gated driveway on the left and continue to the parking lot entrance. Probably dry, Normal stops. NP. NC. No planned bushwacking. George Galcik, 856-783-8329, georgegalcik@comcast.net

OCTOBER 22

Saturday
10:30 a.m.

HIKE THE BEN FRANKLIN BRIDGE. 4 miles easy pace. Meet at the Phila. Visitor Center,(NE corner of 6th and Market Sts.) Suggest Patco Hi-speed line. Get off at 8th and Market. Choice of lunch at a restaurant afterward. Heavy rain/bad

weather cancels. Leader: Janet Horton, cell 609-706-5691.
janeth1@comcast.net

OCTOBER 23

Sunday
9:00 a.m.



CANOE / KAYAK TOMS RIVER. Follow the route of the Annual Toms River Canoe Race without the competition. Ten miles of changing scenery and river conditions from park and forest to open bay and river. Contact leaders to confirm participation. We will meet at Friendly's on Rt. 37, just past mile post 4, on the East bound side. Come early and join us for breakfast. Bring six quarters for the parking meter at the take out. Joe Logan, 609-634-1542, or mayandpops@aol.com

OCTOBER 23

Sunday
10:00 a.m. or
10:30 a.m.

NEW HIKE: SOUTH WISSAHICKON HIKE. 4 or 8 miles, moderate pace. We'll start out at a new meeting place, the Philadelphia Canoe Club and then hike up through the Gorge to meet with "Billy Penn" for lunch. I wonder what stories he can tell us? We'll also visit Climbers Rock and the Hermits Cave. Rugged terrain, sturdy shoes required. Bring lunch, beverage, NP at all times. Meet 10:00 a.m. at the Crate & Barrel Store, Cherry Hill Mall, or by 10:30 a.m. at the Philadelphia Canoe Club. E-mail me for directions. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292, kranzdnr@verizon.net

OCTOBER 24

Monday
10:00 a.m.

DOUBLE TROUBLE STATE PARK. 5 miles, easy pace. A leisurely stroll through the woods to see the dam, then back along the mill race to the saw mill and the operating bogs. Meet at main parking lot at Pinewalk-Kesswick Road and Double Trouble Road. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

OCTOBER 25

Tuesday
9:30 a.m.

WHITES BOGS WANDER. 6-8 miles. Moderate pace. Help us get those 1000 miles. We'll hike sand roads along the bogs & into the woods. Only mandatory stops so bring trail gorp to eat while walking along. We'll be back to the picnic tables in time for lunch. *Start time, be prompt, I don't wait.* Leader: Faye, 912-433-8257 co-leader: Jay, 908-692-5765.

OCTOBER 25

Tuesday
7:00 p.m.



X/C SKI CLINIC AND MEETING. At REI, Marlton. October 25 meeting to learn about our trips for the 2012 X/C ski season. Here's a chance to meet others with this interest, hear from the leaders and for advance sign-up. Combined with X/C clinic on equipment and techniques. Follow-up clinic on November 22. Call or email for directions. Eileen Greve, 609-204-6451 or egreve212@gmail.com Dan McAuliffe, 215-630-7478 or DNMLogistics@msn.com

OCTOBER 26

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

YELLOW PURPLE GREEN TRAIL HIKE. 10 miles, moderate pace (3mph). Meet at Atsion field (rt. 206). Bring lunch. Will hike all or part of trails. Should return about 3 pm. Leader: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

OCTOBER 28

Friday - 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See October 7 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

OCTOBER 28-29

Fri-Sat.

HALLOWEEN CAMP-OUT. Join this annual event. We will camp at Bodine Field camp for 2 nights. We will have a hike and a canoe/kayak trip Saturday morning. A Halloween Party

for Saturday night. Bring food or drink to share at campfire. Costumes optional. Must reserve with leaders for a camp spot. Small fee. Leaders will obtain permit. Leaders: Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379 for camping info. Priscilla Hiter, 609-953-8064 for canoe/kayak info.

OCTOBER 29

Saturday
8:30 a.m.

WISSAHICKON GORGE HIKE. 6 miles moderate pace over hills and valleys. Hike the Gorge in late fall with its spectacular views. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. Proper hiking shoes required. Meet at 8:30 am in the rear parking lot of Crown Plaza Hotel on Rt 70, to carpool/caravan to site or meet 9:30am at Valley Green parking lot in park. NP/NC. Leader Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve or pis1@cccnj.net Inclement weather cancels.

OCTOBER 29

Saturday
9:00 a.m.

COMPLETE BATONA TRAIL HIKE #2 – ROUTE 72 TO CARRANZA MEMORIAL. 9.8 miles, moderate pace. See October 22 for full description. Scenic highlights: Apple Pie Hill, Tea Time Hill, and the cedar lined Skit Branch with its beaver dams. Meet at Carranza for shuttle. Leaders: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817

OCTOBER 29

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

HIKE TO MARTHA AND BEYOND. 6-7 miles. Moderate pace. Join the campers for this hike. We'll enter Martha from a different direction. Meet at Harrisville Pond, off Rt. 679. Leader, Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379.

OCTOBER 29

Saturday
10:00 a.m.



LEADER'S CHOICE CANOE/KAYAK. Join campers for this paddle. Meet at Harrisville Pond, off Rt. 679. Leader, Priscilla Hiter, 609-953-8064.

OCTOBER 29

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

HAWK MOUNTAIN HIKE. 8-10 miles, mod. pace. No pets! Bring lunch, binoculars and something to sit on. Hike the AT to North Lookout to watch the migration of birds, which hopefully will include hawks. Hiking boots are a must for rock climbing. This can be a strenuous hike. Take the Pa. Turnpike, NE Extension to exit #33. Go Weston I-78 to exit # 35. Take Pa. 143 North. Follow signs to Hawk Mt. Road and park where the AT crosses. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792 or the day of hike call our cell, 609-332-9262.

OCTOBER 30

Sunday
8:00 a.m.

HAWK MOUNTAIN HIKE. 7 miles moderate pace. Hike Hawk Mt. Bird Sanctuary, Hamburg, PA. Observe a variety of hawks and other migratory birds in a natural setting. Spectacular views of the valley and ridge. Good boots and physical shape required. Bring binoculars. NC/NP. Optional family style dinner at a local eatery after hike. Meet at 8:00 am in the rear parking lot of Crown Plaza Hotel on Rt 70, to carpool/caravan to site Contact leader for carpool/caravan information. Meet at 9:30 a.m. Hawk Mt. Visitors center. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 evening Pis1@cccnj.net

OCTOBER 31

Monday
10:00 a.m.



ALL TREATS/NO TRICKS HIKE. 5 mile Moderate hike around Batsto and the Forks area. Meet at Batsto Parking Lot. We'll search for the ghost of Joe Mulliner and maybe see the Jersey Devil preparing for his favorite holiday. Bring lunch and a beverage for after the hike at the picnic tables. Leader will have candy treats for all well behaved hikers. Costumes are optional. Leader: Ro Mason e-mail: romason@comcast.net Phone: 609-404-9586.

Don't miss out on the holiday fun! Signup early for our Annual Holiday Party!



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This event is a
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RESERVATIONS IS
NOVEMBER 24!**

*Any questions call
Millie Moore
856-468-9709, e-mail
mmoore7778@aol.com
or
Frank Pearce
(Decorations Chair) at
hornet71@verizon.net
856-767-2780*

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS: Bring your favorite "covered dish " to serve 8-10 people or if you prefer, \$10 extra per person will cover your food contribution. E-mail Kathleen Pearce: bakerkp1@verizon.net (preferably) or call 856-767-2780 as soon as possible to let her know what dish you are bringing or to find out what is needed.

BYOB: Soft drinks and set-ups will be provided. Dress up or be casual. DJ music will be provided for your dining and dancing pleasure.

**Mail check and form below by November 24 to:
Nora Kolano, 47 Patty Bowker Road, Tabernacle, NJ 08088**

Any questions contact Nora Kolano, 609-268-2154 e-mail: norakolano@gmail.com

Eloise Williams (Decorations Chair) ecwill2@verizon.net

***Include Self Addressed Stamped Envelope to receive your tickets
Check Payable to OCSJ***

Number of reservations _____ X \$15.00 = _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____



NOVEMBER



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RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

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MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE AND CAMPOUT. See November 11 entry.

FULL BEAVER MOON PADDLE. See November 12 entry.

X/C SKI CLINIC AND MEETING. At REI, Marlton. See November 22 entry.

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NOVEMBER 2

Wednesday

10:00 a.m.

PENNYPACK-LORIMER PARKS LOOP HIKE. 11 miles, moderate pace. Come enjoy these lovely parks at a beautiful time of the year. Meet at Bustleton Avenue & Benton Street park entrance. Cross Tacony-Palmyra bridge into Philadelphia; take Levick St. to Roosevelt Blvd. (Rt. 1). Turn right onto Rt.1-N center lanes; go about 2.5 miles (past Rhawn St) to Strahle Street and turn left. Take Strahle to Bustleton and turn right. Go 1/2 mile to Benton Street, turn left and park. NP Check with leader if really bad weather is forecast. Leader: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133, jerryhyker@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER 4

Friday

7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. The ongoing, every Friday night, all year round, Friday night fitness hike; where we try to work up a sweat exploring the sand roads and trails of Brendan Byrne State Forest. Be prepared to walk at an average of 4 MPH, 15 minutes per mile pace with few breaks. Bring water and wear well broken in boots, shoes, or sneakers (sneakers are adequate in dry conditions). Socks are also important footwear; synthetics and wool being better at preventing blisters (avoid cotton socks). The first Friday of each month there is a dessert/dinner stop after the hike at a local restaurant. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

NOVEMBER 5

Saturday

9:00 a.m.

COMPLETE BATONA TRAIL HIKE #3 – CARRANZA ROAD TO BATSTO FIRE TOWER. 12.4 miles, moderate pace. See October 22 for full description. Scenic hiking along the Batsto River with some nice riverside overlooks. Meet at Batona Trailhead just below fire tower at Batsto, off Rt. 542 for long shuttle. Leaders: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

NOVEMBER 6

Sunday
8:00 a.m.

LONG WALK TRAINER (3) 19 1/2 miles. Moderate pace. We will hike from Carranza Memorial parking lot to Rt. 72 and back on the Batona. A support vehicle will be at Rt. 72 if you want to go light and have your gear and food at the halfway point. The trail is close in places so you may still need tick spray. Leaders: Faye, 912-433-8257. Jay, 908-692-5765.

NOVEMBER 6

Sunday
9:30 a.m.

RALPH STOVER STATE PARK, PA. Hike. 7-8 miles. Moderate pace. Be prepared for rock scramble and steep climbs for spectacular views of the Tohickon Creek. Hiking boots recommended and good physical condition. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. NP/NC. Meet at Crown Plaza Hotel rear parking area, Rt. 70 Cherry Hill, to carpool/caravan. Leave at 8:30 am sharp! Or meet at the first parking lot in Stover by bridge at 9:30 a.m. Leader Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. or, pis1@cccnj.net Inclement weather cancels.

NOVEMBER 6

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

GOSHEN POND HIKE. 9 miles, moderate pace. Goshen Pond Loop Hike. Round about route to the far side for lunch at Goshen Pond. Bring lunch. Meet at Jackson. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792

NOVEMBER 6

Sunday
10:00 a.m.



OSWEGO RIVER PADDLE. Spend your extra hour (plus a few more) on the water as we say good-bye to Daylight Savings Times with a paddle trip on the Oswego. Meet at Oswego Lake Put-In. Volunteer shuttle. Take-out at Harrisonville Lake. Pack lunch, hydration, and change of clothes in drybag. Leader: Vicki S., 856-341-3901 or ravingwriter@gmail.com

NOVEMBER 7

Monday
10:00 a.m.

A PINELAND STROLL FOR A MONDAY. 5 miles. Some say that there is nothing beautiful in New Jersey. We hikers know better. We will take an easy hike to a pretty lake, and get some exercise in the process. Meet at Pakim Pond. Manny Robbins 856-428-4841.

NOVEMBER 9

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

HIKE BATONA TRAIL from Batsto to Evans Bridge. 9 miles bring lunch and beverage. meet at evans bridge for an easy car shuttle so we can walk one direction. camperpat@hotmail.com, 856-767-8064.

NOVEMBER 10

Thursday
7:30 p.m.



CLUB MEETING. Board of Trustees. Activity Committees Leaders. New Cherry Hill Library, 1100 Kings Hwy. (Rt. 41) North of Route 70 in Cherry Hill.

NOVEMBER 11

Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See November 4th listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

NOVEMBER 11

Friday
7:00 p.m.

MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE AND CAMPOUT. 7 miles moderate pace. Enjoy a late fall moonlight hike in the Pines under the Cold Moon on a new route and return to a roaring campfire. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. NC/NP. Meet at Atsion Lake, Burl. Co., From Rt. 206 take Atsion Rd. west 1 miles, go to Goshen Pond Group site sign turn left go to camping area. Camping is available; call to reserve space. Leader, Paul Serdiuk, 609-463-3593 evenings or pis1@cccnj.net Inclement weather cancels.

NOVEMBER 12Saturday
9:00 a.m.

HIKE TO WEBB'S MILL. 10-12 miles moderate pace. This walk will take us to the location of an 18th Century settlement which is now a natural area. We will follow some abandoned roads and ways lost in time. Walking conditions depend on weather, but should be good in normal conditions. There may be some wet patches, but they will be the exception and not the rule. We will stop for lunch near the mill pond. Park in the grassy area at the Bullock Railroad Crossing. Leader: Jay Schoss walkinginmud@aol.com phone: 908-692-5765.

NOVEMBER 12Saturday
9:00 a.m.

COMPLETE BATONA TRAIL HIKE #4 – BATSTO FIRE TOWER TO EVANS BRIDGE. 9.2 miles, moderate pace. See October 22 for full description. Scenic highlights: Bull Creek, white cedars. Meet at Evans Bridge for shuttle. Leaders: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

NOVEMBER 12Saturday
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FULL BEAVER MOON PADDLE. This will be a joint trip with the Great Bay Paddlers. We will paddle in the beautiful Great Bay Wildlife Management Area. The length and direction of the paddle will be determined based on the weather conditions at the time of the paddle. If you can, please bring "munchies" and refreshments to enjoy for our gathering after the paddle. Rentals are available @\$25.00 single & \$40.00 tandem. Contact Roger Marcotte.

E-mail to: rogercott.gbpaddlers@gmail.com cell: 609-412-4137 to make a rental reservation. For directions & additional information go to the OCSJ website. Meet at Captain Mike's Marina, 630 Great Bay Boulevard, Little Egg Harbor, NJ. **YOU MUST BE SIGNED-IN AND READY TO DEPART BY 5 PM.** Trip leaders have the authority to deny you paddling with the club if you are not present and ready to paddle at the time of the safety lecture. Confirm your attendance AT LEAST TWO (2) DAYS PRIOR TO THE TRIP! Trip Leader: John Scott contact john.gbpaddlers@gmail.com

NOVEMBER 12Saturday
7:30 p.m.

FULL MOON HIKE. 7-8 miles, moderate pace. Meet at Atsion. November skies offer the year's best views of the Milky Way. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

NOVEMBER 13Sunday
9:00 a.m.

TEN MILE RUN GREENWAY HIKE. Approximately 6 miles, moderate pace, hike through grasslands and forest on rocky trails and over water crossings. Meet at Griggstown Native Grassland Preserve, 1091 Canal Road, Somerset County, proceed along dirt road to parking area. Coming from the south entrance is opposite and just before the Griggstown Causeway on Canal Road. Bring lunch and water. There are no restrooms and rain cancels the trip. Leaders: Paul Foged, hikerpaul@verizon.net – Cell: 732-996-1406 and Beth Compagnucci, bethcompagnucci@gmail.com – Cell: 973-879-0055.

NOVEMBER 13Sunday
10:00 a.m. and
10:45 a.m.

MID WISSAHICKON VALLEY HIKE. 5 or 7 miles, moderate pace. We'll check out Devils Pool, traverse the Fingerspan bridge, pause by "The Falls" and climb our way to the Indian Statue. Rugged terrain. Sturdy shoes required. Wimp out at 5 miles. Bring or buy lunch at the Valley Green Inn. NP. Meet 10:00 a.m. at Crate & Barrel, Cherry Hill Mall, or by 10:45 a.m. at Henry Avenue and Walnut Lane parking area. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292, kranzdhr@verizon.net

NOVEMBER 14

Monday
10:00 a.m.

PYGMY PINES EXPLORATION. 5 miles Easy Pace - We will walk some sand roads, a short trail and a rolling firecut. We can stop as often as we need and will take either a short lunch or longer break at Watering Place Pond. Meet at the very small concrete block building on Rt. 539, a mile or two south of Lucille's in Warren Grove just before Range Road. No pets. Leader: Faye, 912-433-8257.

NOVEMBER 16

Wednesday
9:00 a.m.

HIKE TO WEBB'S MILL. 10-12 miles moderate pace. This walk will take us to the location of an 18th Century settlement which is now a natural area. We will follow some abandoned roads and ways lost in time. Walking conditions depend on weather, but should be good in normal conditions. There may be some wet patches, but they will be the exception and not the rule. We will stop for lunch near the mill pond. Park in the grassy area at the Bullock Railroad Crossing. Leader: Jay Schoss walkinginmud@aol.com phone: 908-692-5765.

NOVEMBER 18

Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See November 4th listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

NOVEMBER 19

Saturday
8:00 a.m.

LONG WALK TRAINER (4). 24.6 miles Moderate pace - We meet at Carranza Memorial parking lot and walk the Batona to Batsto Village. A support vehicle will be there with anything you don't want to carry with you. A fanny pack with snacks and energy drinks can get you to Batsto where you can have lunch and continue back along the pink to Carranza. Leaders: Jay 908-692-5765 Faye 912-433-8257.

NOVEMBER 19

Saturday
9:00 a.m.

COMPLETE BATONA TRAIL HIKE #5 – EVANS BRIDGE TO COAL ROAD. 8.8 miles, moderate pace. See October 22 for full description. Scenic highlights: duck ponds, Oswego River, Beaver Branch, Ives Pond. Meet at Batona Trailhead on Coal Road, between the east and west branches of Bass River, just off Stage Road, 3 miles E. of Rt. 679 (from the W.), or 7 miles W. of Tuckerton (from the E.), or 2.5 miles N. of New Gretna (from the S.) for shuttle. Leaders: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817

NOVEMBER 19

Saturday
9:30 a.m.

HAMPTON FURNACE. Approximately 9 miles, moderate pace. We will caravan 3 miles to our starting point. We will view an old bog, pass the ruins at Hampton Furnace, have lunch at a scenic babbling brook, and make our way back to the starting point. A thoroughly pleasant excursion. Meeting Place: Atsion Ranger Station. Probably dry, Normal stops, Well-behaved pets OK. NC. No planned bushwacking. Normal stops. George Galcik, 856-783-8329, georgegalcik@comcast.net

NOVEMBER 19

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

MOORESTOWN LIBRARY TO SOUTH VALLEY WOODS. 5 miles, easy to moderate pace. We start at the Moorestown Library and follow the Mt. Holly Branch railroad tracks to reach the South Valley woods. Wet feet likely. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER 19

Saturday
4:00 p.m.



SUNSET HIKE AND STAR GAZING. 6 miles at moderate pace. Hike between two rivers as we watch the sunset over the pines. We come back to our tailgate social and then meet with

the Willingboro Astronomical Society to view Uranus, Neptune, stars and galaxies. NP/NC. Bring picnic type food to share, blanket or chair to sit on. Dress for the weather. Meet at the northern parking lot Batsto Village, Rt. 542, 8 miles east of Hammonton, Burl. Co., Optional overnight camping is available at Bass River SP contact leader for information. Leader Paul Serdiuk 609-462-3593 eve. or Pis1@cccnj.net Inclement weather cancels.

NOVEMBER 20

Sunday
9:00 a.m.



CLASS C. FAMOUS BAGEL RIDE. 30 miles. Great ride in Burlington County with a bagel stop. Meet at Moorestown High School, Bridgeboro Road, Moorestown. Call in case of inclement weather. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048, E-mail: franhorn@aol.com

NOVEMBER 20

Sunday
11:00 a.m.
(note 11 a.m. start)

STOCKTON STROLL. 4 mile. Easy hike through Stockton State College campus. We'll walk woodland trails and sand roads with a snack break at Lake Fred. Meet at the dirt parking lot across from College Walk on Vera Farris King Drive, Galloway Township, NJ. Bring a snack and a beverage. Rain cancels. Leader: Ro Mason, 609-404-9587. E mail: romason@comcast.net

NOVEMBER 21

Monday
10:00 am

ONG'S HAT TO DEEP HOLLOW. 6 miles easy pace. Hike along the Batona Trail to Deep Hollow returning by back roads. Meet at the Batona Trail head a short distance down a dirt road opposite Café Apany on Magnolia Road. (about 1^{1/2} miles from Four Mile Circle) We will eat lunch on the trail. Leaders: Jack Dalton cell# 609-287-3105, w2hds@comcast.net Janet Horton cell# 609-706-5691, janeth1@comcast.net

NOVEMBER 22

Tuesday
9:30 a.m.



PAKIM POND HIKE. 6-8 miles Moderate pace. Probably still trying to get the 1000 miles in! Come join us at Pakim Pond in Brendan Byrne State Forest for a hike along trails, fire cuts and roads. Minimal stops so we should be back in time for you to have lunch at the Gazebo. Bring gorp and drink for the trail. Leader: Faye, 912-433-8257 co leader: Jay 908-692-5765.

NOVEMBER 22

Tuesday
7:00 p.m.



X/C SKI CLINIC AND MEETING. At REI, Marlton. October 25 meeting to learn about our trips for the 2010 X/C ski season. Here's a chance to meet others with this interest, hear from the leaders and for advance sign-up. Combined with X/C clinic on equipment and techniques. Follow-up clinic on November 22. Call or email for directions. Eileen Greve, 609-204-6451 or egreve212@gmail.com Dan McAuliffe, 215-630-7478 or DNMLogistics@msn.com

NOVEMBER 25

Friday
10:00 a.m.

WELLS MILLS PUFFER HIKE. 5.5 or 10 miles, moderate pace. This is our usual after Turkey Day Hike, with a huffer puffer, up and down walk at Wells Mills Park. Meet in the parking lot at Wells Mills Park. Bring lunch. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 235-8792.

NOVEMBER 25

Friday
7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See November 4th listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

- NOVEMBER 25-27** **LEFTOVER TURKEY BACKPACK TRIP OF THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL.** Backpack 20 miles from Pine Grove Furnace to Boiling Springs. The trip starts where the September trip ends. We have water and shelters each night. Easy 2-3 Hour drive with parking in State parking Lots. Easy first day of 4 miles. Contact camperpat@hotmail.com 856-767-8064 if interested. Cold weather gear a must.
- NOVEMBER 26** **SONG BIRD TRAIL.** 5 mile moderate hike at the Edwin B. Forsythe Wildlife Refuge. Bring a lunch and a beverage for after the hike at the picnic tables. The Refuge is located at the end of Great Creek Road off of Rt. 9 in Galloway, NJ. Rain cancels. Leader: Ro Mason, 609-404-9587. E Mail: romason@comcast.net
- NOVEMBER 27** **NORTH WISSAHICKON VALLEY HIKE.** 5 or 8 miles, moderate pace. Come explore one of the most awesome urban wilderness areas in the country, along with The Treehouse, Indian Statue and the Covered Bridge. Rugged terrain. Sturdy shoes required. Wimp-out at 5 miles. Bring or buy lunch at Valley Green. NP. Meet 10:00 a.m. at Crate & Barrel, Cherry Hill Mall, or by 11:00 a.m. at Andorra Nature Center, Ridge and Northwestern Aves, Phila. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292, kranzdnr@verizon.net
- NOVEMBER 28** **MOORESTOWN LIBRARY TO STRAWBRIDGE LAKE HIKE.** 5 miles, easy pace. We start at the Moorestown Library and head to Strawbridge Lake and Waterwork woods. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com
- NOVEMBER 29** **BRENDAN BYRNE STATE FOREST.** 6-8 miles Moderate pace. Meet at the field at the camp grounds. We will walk sand roads, fire cuts and maybe a hill or two!!! No lunch stop so bring gorp and drink to have while we walk or take a short break for clothing adjustments. We should be back in time for you to have lunch at the tables in the campground or at Pakim Pond. Leader: Faye, 912-433-8257 co leader: Jay, 908-692-5765.
- NOVEMBER 30** **WASHINGTON CROSSING/ UNKOWN SOLDIERS REVOLUTIONARY WAR.** 10 miles, moderate pace (3mph). Meet at Wash. Crossing, New Jersey side on Rt 29 aprox. 8 miles north of Trenton. At Washington Crossing turn left at light and then make quick right (before crossing bridge) into the parking lot. We will cross river into Pa. and walk towpath to site, have lunch with side trip to Bowman's Tower and return. Leaders; Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817 and Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.





DECEMBER



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OCSJ ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY, December 3. See page 21 for details.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HIKE. See December 17 entry.

NEW YEARS DAY HIKE. See January 1 entry.

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DECEMBER 3

Saturday
8:00 a.m.

LONG WALK TRAINER (5). 18.5 miles Moderate pace. Meet at Batsto Village parking. Today we walk to Evans Bridge and back on the Batona. A support vehicle will be at Evans Bridge to hold the extras you don't want to carry. Leaders: Jay, 908-692-5765 Faye, 912-433-8257.

DECEMBER 3

Saturday
6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

OCSJ ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY. A perennial sellout so make your reservations early for this gala event. Great food! Great dancing! Great conviviality!

DECEMBER 4

Sunday
10:00 a.m. Or
10:45 a.m.

NEW HOPE CHRISTMAS HIKE. 7 or 10 miles, mod. pace. Up the canal to visit the scenic village on the Delaware. View the decorations, maybe find a Christmas gift. For the 10 mile hike, meet across from the Golden Nugget Antique and Flea Market on Rt. 29, one mile before Lambertville. Park over the wooden bridge. If you prefer a shorter hike you can opt for the 7 mile hike. Meet at 10:45 am at the D&R Canal, Park at the Jimison Farm, turn off Rt. 29 just before the 202 overpass. The 10:00 a.m. hike will pass by for a pickup. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein. 856-235-8792 or the day of hike call our cell 609-332-9262.

DECEMBER 4

Sunday
10:00 a.m. or
11:00 a.m.



CHESTNUT HILL HIKE. 4 or 8 miles, moderate pace. Hiking and then lunch in the Wissahickon Gorge. After lunch, its your choice of an easy 4 mile walk back to the cars or 8 miles with the leader up the Cresheim Creek and into Chestnut Hill, all decorated in its Christmas finery. Browse, stay for dinner. Rugged terrain and city sidewalks. Bring or buy lunch at Valley Green Inn, NP. Meet 10:00 a.m. at Crate and Barrel, Cherry Hill Mall, or by 11:00 a.m. in front of Bruno's at Northwestern and Germantown Avenues, Philadelphia. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292, kranzdnr@verizon.net.

DECEMBER 5

Monday
10:00 a.m.

A LEISURELY WALK. We walk along and near the Rancocus River on open woodland trails and back through the town of Pemberton. Meet at Burger King parking lot on Hanover St. in Pemberton. Pemberton is located east of Mount Holly. Check your map. From route 206, take route 530 east to Hanover Street at the stop light. Burger King is right there. Manny Robbins, 856-428-4841.

DECEMBER 6

Tuesday
9:30 a.m.

BRENDAN BYRNE STATE FOREST RANGER STATION. 6-8 miles. Moderate pace. We will walk trails, sand roads and maybe get out to Reeves Bogs. We make stops only for clothing adjustments or pit stops. Bring trail gorp and drink. If it's not too cold you can have lunch at the tables back at the cars. Meet at the park office and be 15 minutes early. Leader: Faye, 912-433-8257 co leader: Jay, 908-692-5765.

DECEMBER 7

Wednesday
9:40 or
10:45 a.m.

STOCKTON, NEW HOPE CANAL HIKE. 10 or 7 miles; your choice. Moderate pace (3mph). Bring lunch. For 10 mile hike meet @ 9:40 across from the Golden Nugget and Flea Market on Rt. 29. approx. one mile south of Lambertville. Parking left over wooden canal bridge. If you prefer a shorter 7 mile hike is option and start, 10:45, at the D&R Canal (a standard meeting place) parking, approximately one mile north of Lambertville on Rt. 29; left turn. Leader; Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

DECEMBER 8

Thursday
7:30 p.m.



CLUB MEETING. Board of Trustees. Activity Committees Leaders. New Cherry Hill Library, 1100 Kings Hwy. (Rt. 41) North of Route 70 in Cherry Hill.

DECEMBER 9

Friday
10:00 a.m.

HARRISVILLE LOOP HIKE. 5 mile. Moderate hike to Martha utilizing the Batona and Lake Trails. Bring a snack and a beverage for the break on the Oswego River behind the Martha Furnace site. Meet at Harrisville on Rt. 679 in New Gretna. Rain cancels. Leader: Ro Mason, 609-404-9587. E-mail: romason@comcast.net

DECEMBER 9

Friday
7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See December 4th listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

DECEMBER 10

Saturday
9:00 a.m.

MICHAEL HUBER PRAIRIE WARBLER PRESERVE. 8-10 miles at a steady moderate pace. An interesting upland pine-oak woodland area crossed by a few feeder streams of Burr's Mill Creek. Some of the trails are blazed but not fully cleared, so expect some rough spots (boots are recommended and a

stick for balance). Lunch along the way. Meet at the sign at the entrance to the preserve on Sooy Place Road, about 4.3 miles from Rt. 70. Sooy Place Road can also be accessed from Rt. 563 north of Chatsworth. Leader: Jay Schoss, 908-692-5765. walkinginmud@aol.com

DECEMBER 10

Saturday
9:45 a.m.

HISTORIC FAIRMOUNT PARK LOOP HIKE. 10-11 miles, moderate pace. See historic mansions of Fairmount Park (Hatfield House, Smith House, Rockland, Chamounix, Lemon Hill, Mount Pleasant, Ormiston, Laurel Hill, Woodford and Strawberry). Cross Ben Franklin Bridge into Philadelphia. Take Vine St. Expressway (I-676 West) to 22nd St. exit. Turn right. onto 22nd St. left side lanes. Go short distance, turn left. onto Ben Franklin Pkwy. Take Parkway (right lanes) past Art Museum onto Kelly Drive. As you approach the first building at the south end of boat house row (Lloyd Hall), turn right onto the road that is directly across Kelly Drive from Lloyd Hall. Park on either side of this road and walk back to Lloyd Hall. Heavy rain postpones or cancels. Call leader if in doubt. NP. Leader: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133, E-mail: jerryhyker@yahoo.com

DECEMBER 10

Saturday
7:30 p.m.

THE LONGEST NIGHT HIKE. 7 miles, mod. pace. Meet at Atsion. Neither the longest night nor the longest hike, but it is the longest Saturday night (14 hours) of 2011 to enjoy a full Cold Moon. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

DECEMBER 12

Monday
10:00 a.m.

HIKE ATSION. 5 Miles. Easy pace. Another hike for those of you who do not want the speed or distance of the longer hikes. We will stop as often as needed and go to a pace that is comfortable for everyone. Post hike pull out a chair to lunch and relax under the big tree until you get too cold or stop at the Pic for hot wings to warm you up!!! No pets Leader: Faye, 912-433-8257.

DECEMBER 14

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.



ONG'S HAT. 11 miles, moderate pace. Hike from the Ranger Station to Deep Hollow Pond and on to Ong's Hat along the Batona Trail. Lunch at Cafe Apany (formerly Anapa's) is part of this hike. Those wishing to bring their own lunch are welcome, but need to recognize that our hike will not resume until the lunch at Cafe Apany has been concluded. Or, they can elect to finish the hike on their own if they choose. Return to Ranger Station by same route. Meet at Byrne Office parking lot. Bad weather cancels. LP. Leaders: Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609, Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

DECEMBER 16

Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See December 4th listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

DECEMBER 17

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HIKE. 6-7 miles. Moderate pace. Join us (Chris, Pat and Jack) in a gathering of old friends and new to celebrate the Holidays. We will have a short hike after which we will have refreshments. Meet at Pakim Pond parking in the Byrne State Forest. Entrance 1 mile SE of jct. of Rt. 70 and 72. Follow signs in park to Pakim Pond. Leaders: Christine Denneker, 856-461-5379, Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, Jack Dalton, 609-296-1805. Check ocsj.org if weather may be bad.

DECEMBER 18

Sunday
8:00 am

VALLEY FORGE NATIONAL PARK. 6 miles moderate pace. Hike the National Park and experience the hardships of our forefathers. Revolutionary re-enactors will be present to portray life in the early days. We will go to Manayunk Brewery for their breakfast buffet after hike. Meet in rear parking lot of Crown Plaza Hotel on Rt 70 Cherry Hill to carpool/caravan at 8:00 am or meet at upper level parking lot at park's visitors' center by restroom entrance at 9:00am. Leader Paul Serdiuk 609-462-3593 evenings or pis1@cccnj.net Inclement weather cancels.

DECEMBER 18

Sunday
9:00 a.m.



CLASS C. FAMOUS BAGEL RIDE. 30 miles. Great ride in Burlington County with a bagel stop. Meet at Moorestown High School, Bridgeboro Road, Moorestown. Call in case of inclement weather. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048, E-mail: franhorn@aol.com

DECEMBER 18

Sunday
9:00 a.m.

LONG WALK TRAINER (6). 17.4 miles Moderate pace. Meet at Evans Bridge and walk to Coal Road. At this point support shouldn't be necessary but I will be there to lead the return to Evan's Bridge. Be prompt, we leave on time. Leaders: Jay, 908-692-5765 Faye, 912-433-8257.

DECEMBER 18

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

ATSION WANDER. 8-10 miles, mod. pace. Hike to some areas that we have been to before and some areas that are not so familiar. Bring lunch. Meet at Atsion. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

DECEMBER 19

Monday
10:00 a.m.

PEMBERTON RAILS TO TRAILS. 5 miles easy pace. Meet at the historic RR Station. We will hike to Birmingham. Rt. 38/530 Pemberton, at light turn onto Rt. 616 N. ? mile to station on left before WaWa. Park either at the RR station or WaWa. Bring lunch. Leaders: Janet Horton cell 609-706-5691 janeth1@comcast.net., Jack Dalton cell 609-287-3105, w2hds@comcast.net

DECEMBER 20

Tuesday
9:30 am

REEVES BOGS ROMP. 6-8 miles Moderate pace. Get rid of some of that holiday stress for a walk around the bogs. It can get windy so dress warm. We only make necessary stops for clothing adjustments or to hide and seek in the bushes. We will be back in time for you to go shopping. Take Rt. 70 to the light at Presidential Lakes. Take Forest Drive into Lebanon Lakes. We meet at the big tree at the bogs, about a mile on the right. Note start time, I don't wait Leader: Faye 912-433-8257 co leader: Jay 908-692-5765

DECEMBER 23

Friday
10:00 am

BATSO AND BATONA HIKE. 5 miles. Moderate hike around the Batso area. Meet at the parking lot in Batso Village off Rt. 542. Bring a lunch and beverage for after the hike at the picnic tables. Rain cancels. Leader: Ro Mason E-mail: romason@comcast.net Phone: 609-404-9587.

DECEMBER 23

Friday
7:00 pm



FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See December 4th listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

DECEMBER 23

Friday

SHORTEST DAY AND LONGEST NIGHT HIKE. Come out and Relieve some of the holiday shopping stress at our

7:00 p.m.

Campfire. 7 miles moderate pace. Enjoy a winter hike in the Pines on the shortest day of the year and return to a roaring campfire. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. NC/NP. Meet at Atsion Lake, Burl. Co., From Rt. 206 take Atsion Rd. west 1 miles, go to Goshen Pond Group site sign turn left go to camping area. Camping is available; call to reserve space. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-463-3593 evenings or pis1@cccnj.net Inclement weather cancels.

DECEMBER 23

Friday

7:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS OF MOORESTOWN. 5 miles, easy pace. We start at the Moorestown Library and search the streets of Moorestown for the cheeriest holiday displays. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

DECEMBER 26

Monday

10:00 a.m.

BOXING DAY AT SMITHVILLE. 5 miles, easy pace. A leisurely stroll along the Rancocas creek to Smithville lake and around the mansion. Meet at Smith's Wood parking lot along Railroad Avenue. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

DECEMBER 27

Tuesday

9:30 a.m.



MICHAEL HUBER PRAIRIE WARBLER PRESERVE. 6-7 miles Moderate pace. A section of the trail is undeveloped, so boots are recommended. One small water crossing has a bridge for those of you who are short in stature or you can jump across, it's not wide. If the second water actually has water, it's walking across on the tree hummocks so you may want sticks for balance. It's one of the more lovely, unspoiled areas of the pine barrens. Allow extra time to locate us. It is off Rt. 70 about 4 miles in on Sooy Road. Leader: Faye, 912-433-8257 co leader: Jay, 908-692-5765.

DEC. 27 – JAN. 1

CRAFTSBURY, VT. – Ski out the door at this family oriented resort in northern VT. Approximately \$495pp dbl occ. includes 5 nights (Tues.-Sat.) in college style dorm rooms with separate male and female bath. All meals (vegetarian available), trail passes for skiing and snowshoeing, sauna and weight room, NY's eve bonfire. Deposit \$200 to reserve. Balance due November 15. Call for details. Fran Horn, 856-786-0048 franhorn@aol.com

DECEMBER 28

Wednesday

10:00 a.m.

OLD HUNTERS TRAIL HIKE. 10 miles. Moderate pace. We'll hike on a trail used by hunters in the past. Return by the familiar Yellow Trail. Meet at Atsion next to the office. Leaders Chris Denneker, 856-461-5379. Pat Burton, 856-767-8064. Check ocsj.org if weather is bad.

DECEMBER 28

Wednesday

10:00 a.m.

(11:00 am late start)

FAIRMOUNT PARK EASTSIDE/WESTSIDE LOOP HIKE. 13 miles (full), 9.5miles (late start). Moderate pace. A longer complement to the Fairmount Mansion walk (December 10th). Hike starts at 16th & Locust St PATCO station, and ends at 8th & Market station. Late start option to begin/end at Lloyd Hall at the bottom of Boat House Row. Hike from end of PATCO line up to Schuylkill River Walk and start of Kelly Drive path. Walk up the east side of the river behind Fairmount mansions on Boxer's trail and cross Strawberry Mansion Bridge. We'll then proceed down the west side of Fairmount on the old Woodland trolley path to Belmont Plateau, Horticultural Hall, and Memorial Hall (Please Touch Museum) and back to the Art

Museum. Full return trip passes through Reading Terminal Market for the leader's pleasure before ending at 8th & Market PATCO station. Check PATCO schedule to arrive at 16th & Locust station before 10:00 a.m. start time. See December 10th for Lloyd Hall (late start) directions/parking. NP Leader: Jack McMackin c: 856-254-8702 h: 856-478-4336. jack_mac@verizon.net

DECEMBER 30

Friday
7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See December 4th listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

DEC. 30-JAN. 2

PULASKI/TUG HILL, NY. - The Tug Hill region is New York's Snowbelt due to lake effect weather. Stay at 1880 House, a B&B. Ski at Osceola/Tug Hill, backcountry or snowshoe. \$249pp for 3 nights (Fri.-Sun.), 3 hearty breakfasts, soup each day, gourmet dinner NY's Eve, all taxes & gratuities. Deposit \$100. Full payment by Nov 26. Eileen Greve', 609-204-6451 egreve212@gmail.com

DECEMBER 31

Saturday
8:00 am

LONG WALK TRAINER (7). Brisk 24.6 miles. We walk Batsto to Carranza Memorial and return. A support car will be at Carranza to hold your food and gear so you can move quickly with just a fanny pack. Hopefully we won't have to deal with any snow but bring extra socks. We leave on time. Longer hikes will continue in January, February, and March leading up to the fifty in April. Leaders: Jay, 908-692-5765. Faye, 912-433-8257.

JANUARY 1

Sunday
10:00 am

NEW YEAR'S DAY HIKE. 7-8 miles. Moderate pace. Bring in the New Year with a scenic hike. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at Atsion by the office. Leaders: Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379, Pat Burton, 856-767-8064.



PARTICIPATION NOTICE

The Outdoor Club, its officers and leaders, shall not be liable for any injuries, illness, loss or damage to any person or property, as a result of participation in any Club outing. Each participant assumes all risk and liability connected therewith. All persons, MEMBERS ALIKE, are to sign with the leader at each activity.



Make the OCSJ truly your Club, consider becoming a volunteer.

Trip leaders are always needed. We can help -just contact appropriate Activity Chair to find out how to become a leader.

Would you like to be placed on a list to run an informational booth at an event? Contact Activities Coordinator to have your name added.

Do you have computer skills? Would you like to be added to a list of potential volunteers?

Volunteers are needed for Club Events such as our Picnics-would you be willing to volunteer in the future?

Here is an example of how you can help now.

THE LONG WALK IS MAKING A COMEBACK FOR MEMBERS IN APRIL. It is the whole length of the Batona Trail from Onga Hat to Bass River in ONE day. It starts at 5:30 a.m. and ends by 8:30 p.m. Every ten miles will be a support vehicle. I will need people to help support the walkers by being on hand to drive them to their car if they cannot go any further. Check out the training hikes in schedule. If anyone is interested please contact Faye at batonawalk@aol.com, 912-433-8257 or Jay at walkinginmud@aol.com **See page 5 for details concerning carpooling**

JOIN THE VOLUNTEER LIST

- Yes** - I want to help.
- Yes** - I would like to lead an activity for _____
- Yes** - I have computer skills.
- Yes** - I would be willing to staff a booth.
- Yes** - I would be willing to volunteer at an event.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

E-mail address: _____

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