

Breezes Soft and Gentle

Clear Skies Overhead

Warm Golden Sun

A Perfect Time to Get Outdoors

All Your Favorite Activities

Inside . . .















Celebrating 40 Years of Outdoor Experiences!



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

At the January Board of Trustees meeting, the budget for 2007 was presented by Fran Horn, our new treasurer. The projected budget was not good news for the financial solvency of the Outdoor Club. For the past several years, utilizing club surpluses made up budget deficits. The club's surpluses are no longer able to make up for the deficits. The Board made some very difficult decisions to close the projected shortfall. Any items that were not providing a vital service to the club were eliminated. One such service was the telephone hotline. Fewer and fewer members were utilizing the hotline, opting instead to use the website for activity updates. Changes were made in the membership area as well. Membership Dues were increased and multi-year memberships are no longer available. Additionally, for those members who wish to receive a paper Trekker, there is an additional fee. The Trekker is now available for download in a PDF format from the website for free.

The Awards dinner that was scheduled for April has been cancelled. Presently, we are looking at other less costly options for recognizing the tremendous efforts that our volunteer activity leaders put forth.

We also have welcomed two new board members, Joel Penn and Tom Neigel. Joel is filling a Member at Large vacancy and Tom is our new hiking activity chair.

I have had the opportunity to take a sneak peak at the Spring schedule before it went to press and I am continuously amazed at the variety of activities that are offered.

I am looking forward to the gentle winds of Spring and getting out to enjoy the plethora of activities that are planned.

Kathleen Pearce OCSJ President bakerkp1@verizon.net

NEWS AND NOTES

BICYCLING ROAD COURSE – June 23 & 30. (This is a change from the dates listed in the Winter Trekker).

BICYCLING COURSE ROAD 1

Registration before class required

INCLUDES: Bicycle handling and safety

Emergency maneuvers

Presented by: Fran Horn, 856-786-0048 **Dates:** June 23 & 30, 2007

Dates: June 23 & 30, 2007 Cost: \$50.00 for Course Materials

To participate in the course, return this form with a \$50 check by June 1, 2007

Fran Horn 2410 Laurel Drive Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

Name:
Address:
Phone Number:

Coming Events

The following is just a sampling of all the special events planned in the coming months. Backpacking and Camping have numerous trips. Bicycling will take full advantage of the website for updated activities, and offer the Bicycling Road Course. Hiking has many new hikes including an after work series, historical hikes, hike for kids, and the Apex Hike to name a few. Paddling will offer Paddle Skills Nights, Paddle and Hike, Paddle and Bike, New places to paddle (E. B. OF THE Brandywine Chesapeake, Cohansey, Cooper, Manasquan, Musconetcong, Neshaminy, Splitrock Reservoir, Susquehanna. Geocaching and Orienteering and stargazing will also be in the mix. Skiing is already planning for the next season including taking reservations. There are also Cleanups, and Trail Days.

Check all trips for details including pre-registration, deadlines, space limitations etc. While you are on an event – don't forget to thank the Leader(s) and consider becoming one.

AFTER WORK WALKER – TUESDAY EVENINGS. Starting, April 17 Approx 3+ miles – varies. Moderate pace. Join us for a moderate leg stretcher after work. The place, time, and length vary with season. We end at twilight. Check the website for full information (time, place, mileage) at:

www.ocsj.org - Navigate to: Hiking > Updates

The OCSJ website provides in-depth details of each hike two weeks in advance. Some local walk locations are Knights Park, Newton Creek Park, Cooper River, The Dell, Red Bank Battlefield, Riverwinds, Historic Smithville, etc. Bad weather cancels. NC, NP. Leader: Tom Neigel. 856-495-9618, or tom-neigel@ocsj.org

WHEEL & SPOKE HIKE. THURSDAY EVENING Starting April 19. 5-6 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park with a spoke up one or the other banks beyond Cuthbert Blvd. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Boulevard. cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill 856-772-6465 or Geofneil@aol.com.

ANNUAL APRES SKI PARTY. All those who are skiers, or even just think they might be interested, mark your calendars for Sat, April 21 to attend the Apres Ski Party, our annual social event. You can meet other skiers and our leaders, and here what we have planned for next season. Call Eileen G., 609-267-3598

EARTH DAY CLEANUP OF THE MULLICA RIVER. Saturday, April 21. This is part of the Annual OCSJ Adopt a River project.

WASHINGTON, DC TRIP & SELF GUIDED TOUR. Saturday, May 5. Cost: \$24.00 per person. You plan your own visit.. ADDED SPECIAL ATTRACTION THIS YEAR. An optional all day tour of the new, vast National Air and Space Museum at Dulles International Airport.. See the great historical aircraft the twentieth century. The Enola Gay, the B-29 that dropped an atomic form for Hiroshima; the space shuttle, Enterprise; the SR-71 Blackbird, the cast of highest flying jet ever built, plus many, many more. TO ORDER: Sert that payable to OUTDOOR CLUB OF SOUTH JERSEY to DAVID CROTIEL 62 Bastian Drive, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054. All payments must be made by April 11. We need an early response. Order tickets as soon as possible. First come. first served. No reserved seats. Please indicate on your check if you want the optional tour to NA&S Museum. Pleas include your telephone number and e-mail address. You must include a self addressed, stamped envelope to receive your tickets. All sales final. Tickets must be resold for refund. Leaders: David and Doris Crozier, 856-234-2153.

CANOEING/ KAYAKING SKILLS REFRESHER ON LAKE OSWEGO. Sunday, May. 6 New and beginning paddlers are welcome. Knowledgeable paddlers from the OCSJ will share information about equipment, safety practices, self-rescue, paddling techniques and efficiencies. Canoes and kayaks can be rented from Pine Barrens Canoe Rental 609-726-1515 or www.pinebarrenscanoe.com Please contact leaders to confirm your participation. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com

AMERICAN RED CROSS WATER SAFETY AND RESCUE COURSE. Tentatively scheduled for May 12 at Camp Inawendiwin in Tabernacle Twp., NJ Limited to 15 participants. For details contact Kathleen Pearce at bakerkp1@verizon.net or 856-767-2780

OCSJ CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF FINAL EXTENSION OF THE BATONA TRAIL In conjunction with BATONA Hiking Club of Philadelphia and Bass River and Wharton State Forest officials, OCSJ participates in two joint club hikes on Sunday, May 20, 2007. All members are invited to attend the ceremonial event and either one of these short hikes. Please consult the schedule for May 20 for all of the details.

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY. June 3, 2007, marks the 15th anniversary of National Trails Day. This milestone represents years of hard work, dedication, and countless volunteer hours contributed by nonprofit groups, corporate sponsors, government agencies and community organizations. <u>This year OCSJ co-sponsors NTD activities at Bass River State Forest on Sunday, June 3, 2007</u>. Morning hours will be devoted to forest volunteer projects; afternoon hours will be devoted to geocaching. Check the schedule for June 3 for details. CIRCLE THE DATE! PLAN NOW TO ATTEND.

AMERICAN RED CROSS SMALL CRAFT SAFETY COURSE (CANOEING KAYAKING) Tentatively scheduled for June. For details contact Kathleen Pearce at bakerkp1@verizon.net or 856-767-2780.

CANOE/KAYAK SOJOURNS. They are events in the Spring sponsored by various organizations to showcase a particular river. Participants pay a modest fee that covers camping sites, meals, programs, support and most shuttles. Last year members paddled the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers. You determine the length of stay. For details contact Frank Pearce, hornet71@verizon.net or 856-767-2780.

HISTORIC CAPE MAY WEEKEND - Friday to Sunday-June 15,16 and 17, 2007 You are invited to join us at the Chalfonte Hotel B&B in Cape May. Activities available include biking, hiking, kayaking, nature walks, bird watching and much, much more. Pat or Bruce Carey, 609-877-5872 e-mail foxii25@comcast.net For complete details and registration form go to page 11.

JANES ISLAND KAYAKING WEEKEND. Friday-Sunday. June 22-24 Kayak, camp and bike this weekend on the Chesapeake Bay at Janes Island State Park. Janes Island State Park is a Chesapeake Bay Gateway, one of over 100 special places to experience the Chesapeake Bay. We will be kayaking both days on the many sheltered water trails around the Island and Little Annemessex River. We will be camping at Janes Island SP in one of the camping loops; limited numbers of cabins are available. Saturday night will include an optional visit to Christfield for an all you can eat crab fest, blue claw and soft shell. Biking will also be available around the many flat roads on the island and adjacent mainland. Contact leaders ASAP to reserve a spot and obtain camping information, as this trip will fill quickly. Campsite reservations will be made directly with State Park, however contact leaders for number and group area. Leaders: David Robinson ohrodchester@verison.net and Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. or pis1@cccnj.net

ONE FOR THE KIDS HIKE AT THE PALMYRA COVE NATURE CENTER. Saturday, JUNE 23 10:00 a.m. A leisurely nature walk for the children and grand-children of OCSJ members. Members must accompany children. We will tailor the pace and length of the hike to the ages of those attending possibly dividing into two or

more groups. We expect to see some of the birds and animals that are present including the resident deer herd. You may wish to bring a camera and/or binoculars. Bring lunch to eat at the picnic tables after the hike. Then visit the Nature Center that has a number of interesting exhibits and a great deal of educational information. Take Route # 73 north to the last light before the Tacony-Palmyra Bridge and turn right. Follow the signs to the Nature Center. NP. Leaders: Barb and Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012 or BarbnRay@aol.com

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VOLUNTEER VACATIONS. Enjoy an inspiring and unforgettable week vacationing in America's national parks, forests, state parks, and other public lands, while repairing and restoring trails — and rejuvenating your mind, body, and spirit! Volunteer Vacations are a series of trail building projects on America's public lands. Experience the camaraderie and sense of accomplishment after building a bridge or restoring a neglected trail. For more information, contact Shirley Hearn, Volunteer Programs Manager, at 800-972-8608, ext 206, or by e-mail at Volunteer@AmericanHiking.org

FOURTH OF JULY ON THE MAURICE RIVER. Meet at Garden Road, south side, we paddle to Sherman Ave. thru the less populated stretch looking for shady spots. Pack lunch and hydration; also bug and sun protection. Leader: Vicki S., 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@netzero.com

ANNUAL M&M MAURICE RIVER TRIP Sunday July 22. This is the big one, Malaga to Millville Call for details. INTERMEDIATE PADDLER'S. You MUST be able to handle your boat and be able to get it over obstructions. Over 14 twisty miles. Meet at the WAWA (with gas pumps) at RT 47 and RT40 in Malaga for a last minute pit stop. We leave the parking lot at 8 AM sharp. John 856-691-3047 Taxman56@aol.com Please put OCSJ is all email headers.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND IN THE POCONO MTS. Saturday, September 1 through Monday 3, 2007. Bruce and Pat Carey will have a weekend away for biking, hiking, kayaking/canoeing, shopping and fun. Back by popular demand! The stay is at the Inn of Jim Thorpe (1-800-329-2599). Please call the leaders before you book a room. We reserved a block of rooms for the group. Each person will make his/hers own reservation for a room. A credit card may be needed to hold the room. Full payment does not have to be made until the Summer. Rooms go quickly at the inn. Breakfasts are included. Call Pat and Bruce at (609) 877-5872.

SEPTEMBER IN WESTERN MAINE. Location: Bald Mountain Camps, Oquossoc, Me. (www.baldmountaincamps.com) Historic sporting camp located on Mooselookmeguntic Lake, two and one half hours north of Portland, Me.Activities: several hiking options (mt. tops, water falls, backwoods roads, a piece of the A.T.), kayaking/canoeing, biking, golfing, tennis, wildlife viewing, geocaching, sunsets, moonrises, starlight, loon calls to appreciate, or slip into Rangeley if civilization required. Trip includes: kayaking or canoeing pristine lakes and rivers with our host and Registered Maine Guide, Steve Philbick, log cabins with fireplace, wood, bath, linens, porch, Lodge dining room for first class breakfasts and dinners, sack lunches for the trail. Price: \$165/day for lodging, meals, guide, shuttles. Bikes, canoes, kayaks, maps and other gear is available on request. Contact: Judy Norcross (856)-235-8735, e-mail: jsnorcross@aol.com. Photo CD of area available. Dates proposed: Sept. 2nd-7th and 9th-14th. Happy to answer questions.

SEPTEMBER 15 - BUS TRIP NEW YORK CITY. New York City, the most beguiling city in the U.S. See it! Feel it! Celebrate the Feast of San Gennaro in little Italy's main strip, Mulberry St. Explore Manhattan, Downtown. Midtown, Uptown. Whatever you want! We drop you off at South Street Seaport and pick you up for the return trip home at 7:00 p.m. sharp. **Cost is \$20**. Make check payable to OCSJ and mail to David Hegelein, 603 Bowling Green, Moorestown, NJ 08057.

BACKPACKING

A Message from the Activity Chair

The interest in backpacking in the last year has taken a down turn. We have fewer trips to offer lately and even less interest by participants to go on these trips. I feel we have a good variety in the length and location of our trips. It's hard to compete with computers and big screen TV's, but there will always be a few of us who enjoy getting away to the peace and quiet of the woods. So when you are burned out from too much electronic technology, look in the Trekker for a quiet weekend trip to the woods. We'll be there

Don't forget to check the website for trips that didn't make the deadline for the Trekker.

Crysti Jackson 856-629-0414

BICYCLING

A Message From The Bicycling Activity Chair



Hey Everyone,

I hope everyone took advantage of the unseasonable warm weather we had earlier. Winter is now upon us for real, so it's time for the booties and balaclavas.

We've made a few changes recently that we hope will make the club better. We've switched all of our discussion lists from Topica to Google Groups. Over the years we had repeated problems with Topica postings lagging in time. This past December was the worst, with some messages taking almost two weeks to be delivered. Given the size and strength of Google, I expect these problems to be a thing of the past. If you haven't signed up for the lists yet (ocsj for generic business and ocsj-rides for ride updates), follow the links on the website to sign up.

Now I'm asking for help with a few things. First and foremost, we really need to get our B rides back up to speed. I am looking for an energetic person who can revitalize our B rides by recruiting some new leaders and getting some rides listed. If you are interested, please contact me.

Next, we need someone to help with the club's MS 150 City to Shore team. Alan Horowitz, after years of dedicated service (Thanks Alan!) has stepped down as the team's Captain. I'm not certain of everything that Alan did, but captains typically work on recruiting new riders, getting sponsors, getting the jersey designed and ordered, etc. While Alan can't captain this year, I'm sure he can help orient the new captain as to what needs to be done. If you are interested in taking over the reins from Alan, please let me know.

As always, thanks for leading and riding with the club. See you out on the road!! Happy Cycling, Tony Marchionne

CAMPING

A Message From The Camping Activity Chair

Welcome Spring!

We have a few trips to choose from this Spring, and hopefully, someone will add one to the hotline. Whatever your style of camping; car, tent, kayak or camper, it's always fun. And remember, don't let lack of equipment keep you home, always call the leader for details. Let's enjoy the Spring together.

Pat Burton camperpat@hotmail.com



CANOEING/KAYAKING

A message from the Canoe/Kayak Activity Chair



I think this schedule will have something for everyone. We are fortunate in the number of members stepping up to leadership roles. Leaders have added new locations and new ideas.

To help make everyone's paddling experience an enjoyable one, read the trip description. If you have questions, especially if a trip is right for you, call the leader. Factors such as trip length, pace, water classification, number of stops, river conditions (cleared, obstructions, rocks), weather conditions etc. should all be considered. You should stay between the designated leader and the sweep. Paddling can be fun but be prepared. Please leave sufficient driving time to safely arrive. Wear the appropriate clothing and have a water- protected dry change of clothes with you. Remember to dress for the water temperature and not the air temperature. Avoid cotton clothing, it will not keep you warm if wet and will be slow drying, a synthetic fabric such as polartec is a better choice.

CLUB POLICY REQUIRES THAT PFD'S MUST BE WORN.. PLEASE REMEMBER IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OCSJ ORGANIZED SHUTTLES YOU NEED TO MAKE YOUR OWN ARRANGEMENTS. NO EXCEPTIONS. A flashlight is required for evening trips. A whistle is required for Delaware River trips and recommended for all trips and painter lines are a good idea. A helmet for whitewater may also be a good investment. You must assess the suitability and condition of your equipment and if a trip is within your abilities. Water levels, weather, and leader availability may cause trip cancellations or changes including additions. Leaders have final say on trip participation involving safety concerns. Check the website — ocsj.org-for the latest information. Everyone must sign in for liability reasons and *LEADER'S MUST SUBMIT (MAIL, FAX) SIGN-IN SHEETS TO THE CANOE/KAYAK CHAIR ASAP — NO EXCEPTIONS, also If a trip is cancelled please notify the chair.* Need a form or address etc. please contact me?

See You on the Water!! Frank Pearce Hornet71@verizon.net 856-767-2780 before 8 p.m.

HIKING

A Message from the Hiking Activity Chair

We have a large amount of hiking events in this Spring Trekker to interest just about everyone at every level. The leaders are bringing you all the favorites and there are some new events to checkout. We'll have more after work weekday trips as well, with regularly scheduled trips on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. It's all designed for fun and enjoyment.

If you are new to the Outdoor Club of South Jersey, we welcome you to join us as a guest on your first hike and we encourage you to become a member. (See the membership form at the end of the booklet.) Read the trip descriptions thoroughly to be sure of the details, location, length, and difficulty level.

Our website at www.ocsj.org lists the hiking trips and more information about the club. Always check the Hiking Section for updates, trips not listed in the Trekker, and for any changes or cancellations.

See you on the trail.
Tom Neigel
Hiking Chair
tomncenter-outdoors@yahoo.com

X-C SKIING/SNOWSHOEING

A Message From The X-C Skiing/Snowshoeing Chair

As I write this the cross-country season is in full swing. What a wonderful way to experience the joys of winter, and to share the camaraderie of friends who feel the same passion. If you've ever wondered what we do and would like to meet the leaders and hear about next year's trips, please come to the annual Apres Ski Party, on April 21 at 3:00 pm. Check the website (click on X/C skiing) for directions, or call me at 609 267-3598.

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY to plan next year's adventures. The following 2008 trips require early sign-up. Don't miss out.

DECEMBER 27 – JANUARY 1 • Thursday-Tuesday

CRAFTSBURY OUTDOOR CENTER, CRAFTSBURY, VT. Ring in the New Year. Contact leader to reserve your spot on this very popular trip. Suitable for beginners to advanced. Five nights accommodation in twin bedded rooms, shared baths, all meals. Popular trip, fills up fast. Leader: Fran Horn, 856 786-0048 HYPERLINK mailto:fran-horn@aol.com franhorn@aol.com

JANUARY 11-14 • Fri. to Mon.

TRAIL'S END B&B, KEENE VALLEY, NY. Leader beginning to take reservations for MLK weekend, very popular X/C skiing and snowshoeing in Adirondacks. Charlie Phy, 609 567-0221 HYPERLINK mailto:chalphy@comcast.net chalphy@comcast.net

FEBRUARY1-4 • Friday-Monday

COLONIAL HOUSE, WESTON, VT. Welcome new leaders Phil and Sheila Molodow to this old favorite. Great area for X/C centers and backcountry as well as snowshoeing. 856-428-7668 or pmpanel@aol.com

WALKING PACE DEFINITIONS WALKING PACE

These are averages only; actual results may vary due to factors such surfaces (e.g., trails, vs roads), terrain (e.g., bushwhacking vs clear), elevation changes, (e.g., hilly vs flat), and weather.

PACE:	EASY	MODERATE	BRISK	FAST
	less than 2.5 mph	2.5-3.0 mph	3.0 - 3.5 mph	over 3.5 mph
Avg. time	25 or more	20-25	17-20	17 or less
per mile	minutes	minutes	minutes	minutes

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.

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.
- Cherry Hill Mall Flagpole Meet at big flagpole, on the Haddonfield Road side of Cherry Hill Mall, Rt. 38, Cherry Hill, NJ.
- 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, exiit #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 south-east 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.
- 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.





HISTORIC CAPE MAY WEEKEND

Friday to Sunday - June 15, 16 and 17, 2007

You are cordially invited to join us for our annual Cape May outing. Our headquarters, as in years past, will be THE CHALFONTE HOTEL, 301 Howard Street, Cape May, New Jersey, (609/884-8409). Check in any time after 2:00 PM on Friday and check out midday on Sunday.

This is a perfect outing for all club members. In addition to our popular 15-50 mile bike rides, there are also other activities available. These include paddling a kayak, shopping on the mall, historic walking tours (guided or on you own), nature hikes, bird watching, local theater, or just sit and rock on the porch. You can ride a train from Cape May to the zoo and back, or take a ferryboat ride to Lewes, Delaware, a quaint place to spend some time. Many of us attend a play on Friday after dinner.

Our weekend starts with a Friday night "Welcome Social and Buffet Spaghetti/Pasta Party" (a time to plan what you want to do). Breakfast is provided on both Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday there is a Social Hour before the family style sit down dinner and followed by an Ice Cream Party.

The entire cost for all of the above (room, meals, social gathering, and ice cream) is:

Room for 2 with shared bath \$190

Room for 2 with private bath \$230(hurry) only have a few)

Room for a single person with shared bath \$265

Please send the entire amount for the weekend with the form below no later than April 14, 2007. It is refundable up to four weeks before the event. There is a \$25 service charge per room for cancellation.

Please sign up early, as this will help us complete our plans to make our 2007 trip enjoyable for all. If you have any questions, or need more information, please call Pat or Bruce Carey at (609) 877-5872 e-mail: foxii25@comcast.net 25 Edgely Lane, Willingboro, NJ 08046

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Please make your check payable to Patricia Carey

Enclosed is my payment.

Name:	Phone:
Address:	
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am interested in leading an activity: .hiking_activity?	bikingkayaking Will you lead ar

Return this form to Patricia Carey 25 Edgely Lane, Willingboro, NJ 08046



APRIL





RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

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FOR UP-TO-DATE WEEKDAY OR WEEKEND ACTIVITIES/RIDES LISTINGS.
ALL BICYCLE RIDES ARE ON THE WEB SITE. ADDED OR CANCELED
ACTIVITIES WILL BE ON LINE ALSO. CHECK THEM OUT!

APRIL 1 Sunday



PADDLE WITH THE TIDE ON THE COHANSEY RIVER ON APRIL FOOLS DAY! Enjoy a paddle down the tidal Cohansey River while we watch for eagles, osprey, great blue herons and other water birds! Then enjoy dinner at a restaurant on the river after the trip. This is a 16-mile trip (no fooling!) from Bridgeton to Greenwich. The Cohansey is a very large, wide river with a swift current and rapidly changing winds. Due to the need to maintain a fast pace, so that we don't run out of water before we reach our destination, all kayaks must be 12-feet in length or longer. Paddlers must be able to remain in their kayaks for long periods of time. There are only 2 possible stops on the route. Bring your lunch, sunscreen and plenty of water. Contact leader at least 2 days before trip date to confirm trip, participation and meeting place and time. Leader: Dawn P-D (856) 453-1007 or e-mail daybreakdelights@verizon.net

APRIL 2 Monday NEW

CANOE/KAYAK THE MUSCONETCONG RIVER. Flowing through the Musconetcong Valley, the lower Musky was designated as a Wild & Scenic River on December 22, 2006. John

Brunner led the effort for this designation and will be co-leading our trip on the river he loves and has worked to protect. John will share the history of the river and, of course, today's threats. The section we paddle will depend on water levels. This is a trip for experienced paddlers; spray skirts and helmets are required for kayakers. Meet at Hampton Park, Rte 31, Hampton, NJ. Please contact Leona to **confirm the trip and your participation**. Leaders: John Brunner and George & Leona F,. 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com.

APRIL 2 Monday 10:00 a.m.



BATSTO – WEST SIDE HIKE. 5 miles, moderate pace. Meet at Batsto Village parking lot. Bad weather cancels. LP. Leaders: Bill Schmitt, 856-767-1838 and Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893

APRIL 2 Monday 10:00 a.m. PALMYRA COVE NATURE CENTER. A 6-7 mile loop hike. Take Route # 73 north to the last light before the Tacony-Palmyra Bridge and turn right. Follow the signs to the Nature Center. Visit the Nature Center building after the hike. Meet in the parking lot at the Center. BRISK PACE, NP, NC, FS. Leaders: Barb&Ray Wittkop 856-662-4012 BarbnRay@aol.com and Paul Foged 732-988-5273.

APRIL 4 Wednesday 10:00 a.m. WHITESBOG PONDS. 6 miles, easy. Whitesbog has several pretty ponds with interesting seasonal growth. We will see what we can find toward Spring. Hike will be mostly along open dirt roads used by the cranberry growers. There will be possible good opportunities for the camera. Meet at Whitesbog. Bring lunch and a drink. Manny Robbins 856-428-4841 and Peppy Bath 609-587-4849.

APRIL 4 Wednesday 10:00 a.m. **PENN STATE FOREST HIKE**. 9 miles, brisk pace (3-3.5mph). View lake, sandy roads, dwarf pines, a hill with a view and, if Jack can find it, a landing gear from an F105 jet that crashed on 1/17/71. We were successful last year with Stu's GPS. Bring lunch. Meet at Oswego Lake. LP. Leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817 and Jack Dalton, 609-296-1805.

APRIL 6 Friday 10:00 a.m. A NEW HIKE GOOD FRIDAY GOSHEN POND. A NEW HIKE. 8-10 miles, moderate pace. Hike on a new section of Goshen Pond to old bogs and some old ruins. Bring lunch. Maybe wet spots. From Rt 206 at Atsion Lake, turn west onto Atsion Rd., go 2 miles to Goshen Pond sign, turn onto dirt road to the recycle bridge. WF. Leaders: Dave & Julie Hegelein 856-235-8792.

APRIL 6 Friday 7:00 p.m.



GOOD FRIDAY NITE 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 foot gear; 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

APRIL 7 Saturday 9:00 a.m. **SOCIAL HIKE WELLS MILLS PARK**. 6 miles moderate pace. Hike trails with spectacular views of Atlantic white cedars, pitch pine and oak trees, even some hills! Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social. Meet at parking lot at Home Depot on Rt 70 in Cherry Hill to carpool/caravan to site or meet at

10:00am at park parking lot, on Rt 532, 3 miles east of Rt 72 Waretown, Ocean Twp. Ocean Co. NC/NP. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. Or pis1@cccnj.net

APRIL 7 Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

PAKIM POND ORIENTEERING WITH THE DELAWARE VALLEY ORIENTEERING CLUB. Directions: From intersection of N. J. Rt 70 & 72 go east on Rt 72 and follow the 'O' signs into the parking lot. ('O' signs are small orange and white arrows placed on telephone poles or other visible areas to guide you in.) Courses available for beginner to advanced. Map fee for non-member is \$7.00 A map can be shared. Call Pat Burton for more information 856-767-8064 or e-mail camperpat@hotmail.com or visit the website www.dvoa.us.orienteering.org

APRIL 8 Sunday 10:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK THE GREAT EGG HARBOR RIVER ON EASTER SUNDAY. The Great Egg drains 304 square miles of pristine wetlands in the heart of New Jersey's Pinelands Reserve. It has been designated as a Wild and Scenic River. We'll paddle 9 miles from Penny Pot to historic Weymouth Furnace. Meet at the Harley Dawn Diner, Rt 322/Black Horse Pike – arrive early – join us for breakfast!! Please confirm your trip participation. Leaders: John K., 609-412-2617 or mrjnk347@msn.com & Leona F 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com

APRIL 9 Monday 10:00 a.m.

HIKE TO MARTHA'S FURNACE. 5 miles, easy pace. Hike to the site of the furnace that operated many years ago. Bring lunch to eat after hike. Meet at Harrisville Lake. Leader: Janet Horton, 856-461-5771, janeth1@comcast.net

APRIL 11 Wednesday 10:00 a.m. PRINCETON BATTLEFIELD STATE PARK. 5 or 10 miles, brisk pace. A loop hike with a drop out point for those who wish to do 5 miles. It includes the Princeton Battlefield State Park, the Institute Woods, and the D&R Canal. The park is located on Mercer Road (Princeton Pike) 3.8 miles north from exit 8B of Route 95. Bring lunch to eat on the trail. Meet in the parking lot of the Battlefield. NP, FS, NC. Leaders: Ray Wittkop 856-662-4012 BarbnRay@aol.com and Paul Foged 732-988-5273

APRIL 11 Wednesday 10:00 a.m. BATONA TRAIL TO ONG'S HAT HIKE. 11 miles, moderate pace. Hike from the Ranger Station to Deep Hollow Pond and on to Ong's Hat. 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. Meet at Byrne Office parking lot. LP. Leaders: Heinz Knaupp, 609-801-1168 and Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

APRIL 12 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.

APRIL 13 Friday 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See April 6 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mile Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com alison@mikebaker.com

APRIL 14 Saturday 9:30 a.m.



SOCIAL WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA. Social Walking tour of Historic Philadelphia. 4 miles easy pace. Learn about the history of Colonial Philadelphia as we walk the streets of our forefathers and visit early buildings that played a key role in history. A fee will be charged for the renowned

guide. After tour we will have lunch at a local eatery. Space is limited call to reserve a place by April 7th. Meet at Woodcrest Station PATCO Hi-Speed line, exit 31 off Rt 295, OR meet at 10:00am at the Bourse Building, 5th Street entrance. NC/NP. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 evening Or pis1@cccnj.net

APRIL 14 Saturday 9:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK THE NORTH BRANCH RANCOCAS CREEK.

The N. Branch Rancocas has beautiful forests of tall hickory, oak, red maple and tulip poplar that will be showing signs of spring!! Maybe we'll see a sunning turtle or two as we enjoy a paddle on my favorite Pinelands stream. Depending on water levels we'll paddle either from Greenwood Bridge to Pemberton or from the trailhead behind Burlington County Community College to Mount Holly. Meet at the trailhead launch ramplocated toward the southeast corner of BCCC's Pemberton campus on Rancocas Rd. Please contact leader to confirm trip. Leader: Dave L. Cell 609-784-4066 or Home 609-735-9109 or dlynch@dandy.net

APRIL 14 Saturday 10:00 a.m. NEW CANOE/KAYAK SPLITROCK RESERVOIR. Splitrock is a hidden gem in Morris County that supplies water to Jersey City. It is 625 acres surrounded by hills, forests, and hiking trails. Check website for TOPO map. http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/pdf/wmamaps/splitrock_access. pdf Join us for a special trip as we paddle around the reservoir. Jim will provide info on the history and folklore of the area. Kayaks over 12 ft recommended. Please contact Leona for trip logistics and confirmation. Leaders: Jim G. and Leona and George F., 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com

APRIL 14 Saturday 10:00 a.m. CARRANZA HIDDEN BACK LOOP TO NO-MANS LAND. 7 miles - moderate pace. Start out from Carranza and on the familiar Batona trial and then to a secret hidden detour to nomans land. Out here the roads dead-end and you are the only one around. Bring a lunch and we will stop alongside a beautiful scenic river view. Meet at Carranza Memorial parking area on Carranza Rd. GPS (N39 46.602 / W074 37.941) – NP, NC. Leader: Tom Neigel 609-206-3389 or tom-neigel@ocsj.org

APRIL 15 Sunday 8:00 a.m.



COOPER RIVER PARK AND ADJOINING PARKS HIKE. 6 miles, brisk pace. A loop hike. Meet at the National Guard Armory parking lot at North Park Blvd. and Grove Street in Cherry Hill. This meeting place is one block from the intersection of Route #70 and Haddonfield Road / Grove Street. A "get it over early" hike with optional brunch afterwards at the Country Buffet. NP, NC, FS. Leaders: Barb and Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012 or BarbnRay@aol.com

APRIL 15 Sunday 9:00 a.m. NEW BIKE AND/OR PADDLE ON THE D&R CANAL. It's an OCSJ first – thanks to Skip!! Finish your income taxes and come out for a day of fun on the D&R Canal!! The paddling trip will be 10 miles from Firemen's Eddy to Lower Ferry RD. Bikers will pedal a figure eight - meeting at Washington Crossing and biking up the towpath to greet the paddlers – then we'll all continue together to Washington Crossing for lunch. After lunch we start together; paddlers to Lower Ferry Rd where the trip ends; bikers ride to Scudders and then turn around returning to WC. Bicyclers will enjoy a D- ride for about 2 hours; this is a perfect ride for beginning and intermediate bikers. There are geocaches along the way so bring your GPS!! Please contact leaders for logistics. Leaders: Skip A. tjarey@tjarey.com and George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com

APRIL 15 Sunday 9:00 a.m. **CLASS C. FAMOUS BAGEL RIDE**. 30 miles. Great ride in Burlington County with a bagel stop. Meet at Moorestown H.S., Bridgeboro Rd., Moorestown. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048, franhorn@aol.com.

APRIL 15 Sunday 10:00 a.m.



CROWLEY TOWN TO HERMANN. 5 miles - moderate pace. Historic hike with Barbara Solem-Stull, the author of "Ghost Towns and Other Quirky Places in the New Jersey Pine Barrens." Bring snacks and treats to share after the hike. Meet at Crowleys Landing, Rt. 542, approximately 2 miles east of Batsto. NC. GPS (N39 37.604 / W074 37.134). Leaders: Tom Neigel and Barbara Solem-Stull. 856-495-9618, or tom-neigel@ocsj.org 609-206-3389

APRIL 15 Sunday 10:00 a.m. **OSWEGO RIVER PADDLE**. We meet at Oswego Lake Put-In. Pack Lunch. Call or email to confirm. Leader: Vicki S., 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@netzero.com

APRIL 16 Monday 10:00 a.m.

TWO POND PADDLE. Two beautiful South Jersey ponds. First, East Creek Pond in Belleplain, Rt. 347. We'll have lunch then caravan to Pickle Factory Pond in West Creek just off Rt. 47. Easy in and out of boats and no shuttle necessary. Option to paddle one or both ponds. Contact trip leader for participation and directions. Strong wind/bad weather will cancel. NancyT at 609-628-3116 or nancythomson@comcast.net. Coleader needed.

APRIL 16 Monday 10:00 a.m. **EVANS BRIDGE HIKE.** 5 miles, easy/moderate pace. Meet at Evans Bridge. Bad weather cancels. LP. Leaders: Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893 and Bill Schmitt, 856-767-1838.

APRIL 17 Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Check Website NEW AFTER WORK WALKER – TUESDAY EVENINGS. Approx 3+ miles – varies. Moderate pace. Join us for a moderate leg stretcher after work. The place, time, and length vary with season. We end at twilight. Check the website for full information (time, place, mileage) at: www.ocsj.org - Navigate to: Hiking > Updates. The OCSJ website provides in-depth details of each hike two weeks in advance. Some local walk locations are Knights Park, Newton Creek Park, Cooper River, The Dell, Red Bank Battlefield, Riverwinds, Historic Smithville, etc. Bad weather cancels. NC, NP. Leader: Tom Neigel, 609-206-3389, or tom-neigel@ocsj.org

APRIL 18 Wednesday 10:00 a.m. **EVANS BRIDGE TO MARTHA'S FURNACE**. 6 to 8 miles, easy to moderate pace. Hike along the Batona Trail to Martha, then by pine roads to Harrisville Lake, returning by the lake trail to Evans Bridge. Meet at Evans Bridge. Bring lunch. Leader: Janet Horton, 856-461-5771, janeth1@comcast.net

APRIL 18 Wednesday 10:00 a.m. 3B HIKE (BOARDWALK, BRIDGE, BEACH) - OCEAN CITY. 7 miles, moderate pace. Walk 1-1/2 miles on boardwalk, 2 miles thru Gardens to Longport Bridge. Lunch at fishing pier pavilion on bridge, back over bridge on beach to boardwalk (if conditions permit). Meet at 12th Street pavilion on Ocean City boardwalk. Park at lot between 11th & 12th Streets on Ocean Avenue. NP. Leader: Noel Wirth, 609-399-8306 or OCNCW101@snip.net

APRIL 18 Wednesday 10:00 a.m. HIKE TO HADDONFIELD FOR LUNCH. 7 miles, brisk pace. A loop hike. We will hike through several parks to Haddonfield and eat lunch at a small pizza restaurant. Then return by a different route. Meet at the National Guard Armory parking lot at North Park Blvd. and Grove Street in Cherry Hill. This meeting place is one block from the intersection of Route #70 and

Haddonfield Road / Grove Street. NP, NC, FS. Leaders: Barb&Ray Wittkop 856-662-4012 or BarbnRay@aol.com

APRIL 19 Thursday 6:00 p.m. WHEEL & SPOKE HIKE. 5 – 6 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park with a spoke up one or the other banks beyond Cuthbert Blvd. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill 856-772-6465 or Geofneil@aol.com.

APRIL 20 Friday 10:00 a.m.



CANOE/KAYAK THE N. BRANCH RANCOCAS CREEK. Burlington County is a leader in watershed preservation and we appreciate the work of Burlington County Parks in developing and maintaining this water trail. We'll paddle from the W. Rancocas Road trailhead behind Burlington County Community College to Smithville (10 miles). This is a good trip for new or novice paddlers. Meet at the Vincentown Diner; arrive early for breakfast. Please contact leaders to confirm trip. George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com

APRIL 20 Friday 10:00 a.m. **DELAWARE WATER GAP CLASSIC BANANA BREAD LOOP HIKE**. 8-9 Miles, Moderate/Brisk Pace. Hike the AT to Sunfish Pond. After lunch at Sunfish Pond we will hike the Dunnfield Creek Trail. Rocky/rigorous hike. Bring lunch (homemade banana bread provided for dessert), sturdy shoes and a walking stick. Meet in the Dunnfield Creek/Appalachian Trail parking lot on the westbound side of Interstate 80 just before crossing into Pennsylvania GPS (N40 58.306 / W075 07.527). NP, WF, BW. Call or email Leader Joel P. or Sonya F. to confirm participation. jpenncpa@comcast.net 609-313-2376 or sonya07@comcast.net 609-268-3734.

APRIL 20 Friday 7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See April 6 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mile Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com alison@mikebaker.com

APRIL 20-22 Fri.-Sun. 10:00 a.m.

LEHIGH GORGE SP, PA – camp, hike mountain bike this weekend. 6 miles MODERATE-STRENUOUS PACE. Hike Mt. Pisgah Sat. with its beautiful views of Lehigh River, the town of Jim Thorpe and several waterfalls. Sunday, hike, mountain bike or kayak on the lake or do the switchback trail along the river. Camping will be at group site at Mauch Chunk Lake SP. Meet at 10 am both days at Park Office for activities. Great time to be in the Pocono Mountains! NP/NC Contact Leader for additional information and reservations. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eves or HYPERLINK "mailto:pis1@ccnj.net"

APRIL 21 Saturday 6:00 a.m. APRIL APEX MARATHON HIKE. 26 miles moderate expeditionary pace –one that allow us to finish. A loop hike along the D&R Canal / Delaware River on both the NJ and PA sides. Meet at the Washington Crossing State Park parking lot off Route 29 in NJ. Turn left at the traffic light at Rts.29/546 intersection. Then a sharp right just before the bridge. This is OCSJ's longest hike! A challenge that was completed by 9 members last year. Bring lunch. Several drop out points. MUST PRE-REGISTER for this hike. No calls or e-mails after Thursday April 19. Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012 BarbnRay@aol.com and Joe Hummel 856-235-8817 smallfluke@yahoo.com

APRIL 21 Saturday 9:00 a.m.



EARTH DAY CLEANUP OF THE MULLICA RIVER. This is part of the Annual OCSJ Adopt a River project. We will put-in below Atsion and paddle down to Pleasant Mills. Bring nets,

grabbers, and gloves. Bags and a trash collection canoe will be available. We'll stop for lunch along the way. Meet at Atsion Office. Leader: Frank Pearce, 856-767-2780 or e-mail hornet71@verizon.net

APRIL 21 Saturday 10:00 a.m. CARRANZA TO APPLE PIE HILL. 10 miles, moderate pace. A hike that promises to be a lot like the hike leader: familiar, comfortable, but with a few new wrinkles. If you've done this hike before, perhaps you'll be surprised. Meet at Carranza. NP/NC. Leader: George Galcik, 856-783-8329, georgegalcik@comcast.net.

APRIL 21 Saturday NEW PADDLE THE EAST BRANCH OF THE BRANDYWINE. We'll paddle approximately 9 miles from Downingtown to Shaw's Bridge with one portage. Directions: From the Commodore Barry Bridge take Rt.322 West. Rt.. 322 will turn Left at Rt 1 and then in about a mile Right at Rt. 202. Follow the signs for West Chester for approx. 7 miles till see sign for HIGH Street (before the by-pass) Do not take the by-pass-take High street. into town of West Chester. Look for Iron Brewery on your left and when past it make a left onto Chestnut St (Rt 322) follow till come to WAWA on your right side before entering Downingtown. Mapquest destination (WAWA) 100 Boot rd, Downingtown Pa. We meet there for put-in. Contact Leader to confirm trip. If water is low, you will be wading at times.) Leader Eric Spiecker E-mail preferred spiecker@tmail.com or 856-667-3750

APRIL 21 Saturday 3:00 pm **ANNUAL APRES SKI PARTY**. Skier's big social event. If you've ever wondered what the ski group is all about, come out, meet the leaders, and hear about our plans for next year. Visit the website or call for directions. Eileen Greve 609 267-3598 egreve@prodigy.net

APR 21-22 Sat. to Sun. BACKPACK THUNDER SWAMP TRAIL IN NORTHEAST PA.

18 Mile loop trail, relatively level terrain. Enjoy spring backpacking with views of the Pocono Mountains. Optional Friday night camping in nearby Promised Land State Park. Intermediate. Leader: Bruce S. 609-448-4361 bsteidel@aol.com.

APRIL 21-22 Sat.-Sun. HAWKINS BRIDGE CAMPOUT: Celebrate Earth Day with a camping trip at a rustic campground. Participate on the Mullica River Clean up on Sat and join us for a campout & bon fire on the Wading River at Hawkins Bridge Camp. Optional Wading River kayak/canoe trip on Sunday morning from Hawkins to Evans Bridge. Backpackers welcome. For more information contact Priscilla Hiter (609-953-8064) or e-mail at cinbear@snip.net co leader Art Midouhas, 215-788 7451

APRIL 22 Sunday 9:00 a.m. CANOE/KAYAK CEDAR CREEK AND HAVE FUN GEO-CACHING TOO. It's Earth Day weekend so we'll pickup trash as we paddle this pretty stream. If you're new to geocaching or interested in learning more about this hobby then this is the trip for you! There are several "cache" locations that we'll find together as we paddle 10 miles from Dover Forge to Dudley Park. Contact leaders to confirm trip and logistics. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

APRIL 22 Sunday 9:30 a.m. A NEW HIKE MANUMUSKIN PRESERVE HIKE. A NEW HIKE 6-7 miles, easy to moderate pace, with possible extension. Socialized, leashed pets welcome, new people interested in becoming members welcome, binoculars suggested. Join us as we explore a new hiking location. Follow the path of the Manumuskin River, in Cumberland Co., until it turns into a

stream and visit the sight of a long past village, Fries Mill. Some remains of cabins can still be seen and hear some local folklore. If luck holds, early spring is generally a good time for viewing the resident eagle and osprey as well as migrating waterfowl. See one of the largest Osprey nests in NJ and have the opportunity to view a sampling of the only cactus native to NJ. Bring water and lunch. Meet at the Wawa on East Rt.49 and Wade Blvd. in Millville, easy access from Rt.55. Leaders: Susan Brown at mailto:slstretch@comcast.net or 856-364-0278 and Joe Maryanski at mailto:jmaryanski@msn.com

APRIL 22 Sunday 10:00 a.m. **DEVIOUS DUCK HIKE**. 8-10 miles, moderate pace. Not named for some fowl, but refers to places we'll visit, Devious and the Duck Pond. Meet at Carranza. Bring lunch. BW. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

APRIL 22 Sunday 10:00 a.m. **MAURICE RIVER OR MENANTICO CREEK** – Call for details. Depending on water levels Trips are medium length for intermediate paddler's. You MUST be able to handle your boat and be able to get it over obstructions. Call leader for Meeting Place. John Kee, 856-691-3047 Taxman56@aol.com Please put OCSJ is all email headers.

APRIL 23 Monday 10:00 a.m.



CLAYTON PARK HIKE. 5 miles, easy/moderate pace. This rustic 421-acre site in rural Upper Freehold is located amidst the rolling farmland of western Monmouth County. The park is known for stately stands of red and white oak, beech, ash and birch trees. There are geocaches to search for along the way. Bring lunch or option to join us at the Happy Apple Inn. PARK DIRECTIONS: Interstate 195 to exit 11 (Imlaystown/Cox's Corner). Eastbound, turn right and follow to end; westbound, turn left and follow to end. Turn left onto Rt. 526 and make immediate right onto Imlaystown-Davis Station Road. Follow to Emley's Hill Rd., turn left. Follow to Park on left. Dogs are welcome! Leaders: Leona and George F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

APRIL 24 Tuesday 6:30 p.m. AFTER WORK WALKER – TUESDAY EVENINGS. Approx 3+ miles. – varies. Moderate pace. See April 17 listing for full details. Check the website at: www.ocsj.org - Navigate to: Hiking > Updates for full details. NC, NP. Leader: Tom Neigel, 856-495-9618, or tom-neigel@ocsj.org

APRIL 25 Wednesday 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 five quarters for the parking meter at the take out. Joe Logan, 609-634-1542, or mayandpops@aol.com, or Judy Champion, jkchampion@msn.com

APRIL 25 Wednesday 10:00 a.m.



TYLER STATE PARK. 6-7 miles. Moderate pace along Neshaminy Creek to view the spring flowers. Bring lunch and beverage to eat at the Schofield Ford Covered Bridge. Directions: I-95 North to the Newtown/Yardley exit 49. Then drive west on the four lane bypass around Newtown. The park entrance is at the intersection of Swamp Road and the bypass. There are 2 entrances to the park; from either, take the road to parking for the Boat House parking lot, which is all the way in down to the creek. For more info. Call Pat Burton, 856-767-8064 or e-mail camperpat@hotmail.com

APRIL 26 Thursday 9:30 a.m. CANOE/KAYAK ON THE CROSSWICKS CREEK/HAMILTON TRENTON MARSH. Enjoy a shuttleless 8-mile round trip on the northernmost tidal area on the Delaware River. We'll paddle from Bordentown Beach to Roebling Park, have lunch and hike to Spring Lake looking for early signs of spring. Please contact leaders to confirm trip and your participation. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com

APRIL 26 Thursday 6:00 p.m. WHEEL & SPOKE HIKE. 5-6 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park with a spoke up one or the other banks beyond Cuthbert Blvd. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill 856-772-6465 or Geofneil@aol.com.

APRIL 27 -29 Fri.-Sun. 10 :00 a.m.



SOCIAL CAMPING, MOONLIGHT HIKE, BIKING AND CAMPFIRE WEEKEND. 7 miles MODERATE PACE. You can do any one of the activities that you would like. Mountain bike Sat morning or Hike under the Pink Full Moon on sand roads in the evening as we come back to a roaring fire on the beach by the lake. Enjoy Spring camping in the Pines. Camping is at group site both Friday and Saturday nights. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social. NC/NP. Meet at group campsite C, Bass River SF off Stage Road. Contact Leader for additional information. Leader Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 or pis1@ccnj.net.

APRIL 27 Friday 7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See April 6 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

APRIL 28 Saturday 9:00 a.m. CANOE/KAYAK THE NORTH BRANCH RANCOCAS CREEK. Enjoy a spring trip on the N. Branch Rancocas Canoe Trail. Depending on water levels we'll paddle either Greenwood Bridge to Pemberton or from the new trailhead behind Burlington County Community College to Mount Holly. Meet at the trailhead launch ramp - located toward the southeast corner of BCCC's Pemberton campus on Rancocas Road. Please contact leader to confirm trip. Leader: Dave L. Cell 609-784-

4066 or Home 609-735-9109 or dlynch@dandy.net

APRIL 28 Saturday 10:00 a.m. CRANBERRY JAUNT. 6 miles, moderate pace. Hike a loop around Lebanon Lakes Area and the various scenic cranberry bogs. Explore the area and learn about the bogs. Bring binoculars for possible waterfowl sightings. Bring easy to carry picnic lunch to enjoy at the halfway point. It is recommended to bring a plastic bag to sit on. Directions: From 70/72 circle, follow Rt 70 East 1.7 miles. Turn right onto Forest Road at the light. Go 1.1 miles and turn right into large sandy parking area. Look for OCSJ Sign and group. NC, NP. Heavy rain cancels. Leaders: Glenn McCurdy & Donna - 856-764-1341.

APRIL 28 Saturday 10:00 a.m. **SHAD FESTIVAL**. 8 miles, moderate pace. Many things to see at the festival, must try a shad burger, or a BBQ at the River Horse Brewery. Meet at the D&R Canal. Leaders: Dave & Julie Hegelein 856-235-8792.

APRIL 28 Saturday TBA PADDLE THE OCTORARO RIVER IN MARYLAND. This is the third year that the Club has participated in this joint trip with the Wilmington and Lancaster Canoe Clubs. The section to be run depends on water levels but expect a mostly whitewater trip. Previous whitewater experience required. The area is about 75

miles from the Philadelphia . No rentals available. Call leader for details. Leader: Frank Pearce, 856-767-2780 or e-mail hornet71@verizon.net mailto:hornet71@verizon.net

APRIL 29 Sunday



CANOE/KAYAK THE DELAWARE AND ENJOY SHAD FEST TOO! It's the 2007 Lambertville Shad Festival weekend. Last year we had fun paddling 8 miles on the Delaware River from Byrum into Lambertville, walking around town, checking out the arts & crafts, listening to music and enjoying BBQ at River Horse Brewery. Contact leaders to confirm trip and logistics. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com

APRIL 29 Sunday

PADDLE THE BATSTO RIVER. We'll paddle from Quaker Bridge to Batsto Lake. The Batsto is a beautiful stream running thru the heart of Wharton State Forest. For rentals call Bel Haven Canoe, 1-800-445-0953. Call Leader for meeting time and to confirm trip. Leader Art Midouhas, 215-788 7451 after 8:30 p.m.

APRIL 30 Monday 10:00 a.m.

CARRANZA MEMORIAL HIKE. Hike toward Apple Pie Hill. 5 miles, easy pace. Meet at Carranza Memorial parking area. Bad weather cancels. Leaders: Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893 and Bill Schmitt. 856-767-1838.



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If you want truly to understand something try to change it."

RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

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

WASHINGTON DC TRIP AND SELF-GUIDED TOUR. See page 23.

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SOCIAL CAMPING WEEKEND AT HARRIMAN ST. PARK, N.Y. See entry May 4-6.

CANOE/KAYAK CAMPING ON THE MULLICA RIVER. See entry May 5-6.

CANOEING/ KAYAKING SKILLS REFRESHER ON LAKE OSWEGO. See May 6.

SUNSET LAKE/COHANSEY RIVER CLEANUP! See entry May 12

BACKPACK LOYALSOCK TRAIL IN PA. See entry May 12-13.

GLEN ONOKO FALLS AND PA. GAME LANDS 141. See entry May 19.

EXTENDED BACKPACK ON THE A.T. IN CENTRAL VA. See entry May 19-25.

MEMORIAL DAY CAMPING WEEKEND AT RICKETTS GLENN. See May 25-28.

SUNSET & FULL "STRAWBERRY" MOON PADDLING TRIP. See entry June 1.

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY CELEBRATION. See entry June 3.

THE ANNUAL "AII GIRL BACKPACK". HIKE THE A.T. IN NJ. See entry June 9-10.

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER KAYAK TRIP. See entry June 16

PADDLE SKILLS NIGHT AT LAKE LENAPE. See entry June 20.

JANES ISLAND KAYAKING WEEKEND. See entry June 22-24

PADDLE SKILLS NIGHT AT LAKE LENAPE. See entry June 24.

CANOEING/ KAYAKING SKILLS REFRESHER ON LAKE OSWEGO. See June 30.

HICKORY RUN STATE PARK. See entry June 30.

SUNSET & FULL "BLUE" MOON PADDLING TRIP.. See entry June 30.

SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE AND CAMPOUT. See entry June 30.

**NOTE CHECK EACH LISTED ACTIVITY FOR DETAILS
Some trips require confirmation. **

CHECK OCSJ WEBSITE (ocsj.org)

FOR UP-TO-DATE WEEKDAY OR WEEKEND ACTIVITIES/RIDES LISTINGS.
ALL BICYCLE RIDES ARE ON THE WEB SITE. ADDED OR CANCELED
ACTIVITIES WILL BE ON LINE ALSO. CHECK THEM OUT!

MAY 1 Tuesday 9:00 a.m.



CANOE/KAYAK CEDAR CREEK ON MAY DAY! May Day is a holiday of ancient origin and has traditionally been celebrated with merrymaking and festivities. Sounds like a good reason to paddle Cedar Creek from Dover Forge to Dudley Park! Join us for this 10-mile trip; we'll be geocaching along the way, so bring a trinket or two. Contact leaders to confirm trip and logistics. Leaders: George & Leona F, 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

MAY 1 Tuesday 6:30 p.m.



AFTER WORK WALKER – TUESDAY EVENINGS. Approx 3+ miles. – varies. Moderate pace. See April 17 listing for full details. Check the website at: www.ocsj.org - Navigate to: Hiking > Updates for full details. NC, NP. Leader: Tom Neigel, 609-206-3389, or tom-neigel@ocsj.org

MAY 2 Wednesday 10:00 a.m. BATONA TRAIL TO PAKIM POND. 5 to 6 miles easy to moderate pace. We'll hike along the Batona Trail to Pakim Pond, returning by the Cranberry Trail. Meet at the Brendan Byrne Ranger Station. Leader: Janet Horton, 856-461-5771, janeth1@comcast.net

MAY 2 Wednesday 5:30 p.m. SUNSET & FULL "FLOWER" MOON PADDLING TRIP. 5:30 p.m. to approximately 8:00 p.m. - Put-in at First Bridge, Great Bay Blvd., Tuckerton. Weather Permitting - Paddle in the Great Bay Wildlife Management Area, featuring "Big Thoroughfare", "Hen's Claw" or Little Egg Harbor Bay. Enjoy a beautiful sunset and the Full "Flower" Moon! This will be a joint trip with the Great Bay Paddlers. Bring a flashlight and/or light stick. This trip is appropriate for all kayaking levels. Rentals are available by reservation (adults only please): \$30 Single - \$45 Double. Plan to meet at a local establishment after the paddle for some refreshments! Call or e-mail leader to confirm trip at least 2 days prior. Leader: Roger Marcotte, 609-812-0201 cell: 609-412-4137 or e-mail: rogercotte@comcast.net

MAY 2 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.



SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE. 5 Miles moderate pace. A Midweek de-stressor hike. Join us as we hike sand roads lit by the Flower Full Moon and we get rid of the tensions of the work week. Meet at open field at Atsion Office, off Rt 206, between Hammonton and Rt 70. Bring snack type food to share at tailgate social after hike. NC/NP. Leader: Paul Serdiuk 609-462-3593 or pis1@cccnj.net

MAY 3 Thursday 6:00 p.m. WHEEL & SPOKE HIKE. 5-6 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park with a spoke up one or the other banks beyond Cuthbert Blvd. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill 856-772-6465 or Geofneil@aol.com.

MAY 4-6 Fri.-Sun. 9:30 am



SOCIAL CAMPING WEEKEND AT HARRIMAN STATE PARK, N.Y. MODERATE/STRENUOUS PACE. Spring weekend camping and hiking at Thendara Mountain Club on Lake Tiorati in Harriman St. Park. Stay in the lodge, bunk house or tent. We will hike part of the AT and local trails, kayak or swim in the lake. Cost includes Sat. meals and happy hour and Sunday meals. Showers and running water. Estimated cost is \$55.00. Pre-registration required by April 30th. Additional info and directions along with car-pool info will be provided. Leader: Paul Serdiuk 609-462-3593 eve. or pis1@ccnj.net.

MAY 4 Friday 7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See April 6 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mile Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com alison@mikebaker.com

MAY 5 Saturday 7:00 a.m.



WASHINGTON, DC TRIP & SELF-GUIDED TOUR. A great time to visit. Flowers are in bloom everywhere. Cost: \$24.00 per person. ADDED SPECIAL ATTRACTION THIS YEAR. An optional all day tour of the new, vast. National Air and Space Museum at Dulles International Airport. See the great historical aircraft of the twentieth century. The Fibla way, the B-29 that dropped an atomic bomb on Hirdshine; the space shuttle, Enterprise; the SR-71 Blactbire; the lastest, highest flying jet ever built, plus many transporte. Send check payable to OUTDOOR CLUE FESUUTH JERSEY to DAVID CROZIER, 62 Bastian Dive M. Laurel, NJ 08054. All payments must be made by April 21. No reserved seats. Please indicate on your check if you want the optional tour to NA&S Museum. Please include your telephone number and e-mail address. You must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope to receive your tickets. All sales final. Tickets must be resold for refund. Meet at Cherry Hill Mall by big flagpole. Haddonfield Road side. Bus loads at 7:15. Departs 7:30 sharp!! Arrives DC o/a 10:00-11:00. Return arrival time from DC approximately 8:30 p.m. Leaders: David and Doris Crozier, 856-234-2153.

MAY 5 Saturday 10:00 a.m. CANOE/KAYAK THE WADING RIVER on CINCO DE MAYO!! Ole! We'll paddle 9 miles from Hawkins Bridge to Beaver Branch. This is a good trip for novice paddlers. We'll stop for lunch and salsa and chips at Godfrey Bridge. Sombreros optional. Rentals available from Pine Barrens Canoe Rental 609-726-1515 or www.pinebarrenscanoe.com Contact leaders to confirm participation. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com

MAY 5 Saturday 10:00 a.m. **DEEP RUN HIKE**. 10 miles, moderate pace. A postcard-scenic body of water in the middle of Wharton State Forest. We will explore various woodland trails and paths to and from this refreshing lunch spot. Meet at Atsion. NP/NC. Leader: George Galcik, 856-783-8329, georgegalcik@comcast.net.

MAY 5-6 Sat.-Sun.

CANOE/KAYAK CAMPING ON THE MULLICA RIVER. Enjoy a pleasant paddle then campout overnight spending time around the campfire relaxing and planning for warm weather activities (don't forget the smores). Continue down the river Sunday to Pleasant Mills. Backpackers are welcome. Leaders: Art Midouhas, 215-788-7451 after 8:30 p.m. and Priscilla Hiter, 609-953-8064

MAY 6 Sunday 9:00 a.m CANOEING/ KAYAKING SKILLS REFRESHER ON LAKE OSWEGO. New and beginning paddlers are welcome. Knowledgeable paddlers from the OCSJ will share information about equipment, safety practices, self-rescue, paddling techniques and efficiencies. Canoes and kayaks can be rented from Pine Barrens Canoe Rental 609-726-1515 or www.pinebarrenscanoe.com Please contact leaders to confirm your participation. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com

MAY 6 Sunday 10:00 a.m. **PINNACLE ON THE A.T.** 9 miles, moderate pace. Hike up the A.T. from Eckville to the Pinnacle for great views, will be some rock climbing. Hiking boots recommended. Optional dinner afterward. Bring binoculars. From exit 33, N.E. ext. PA Tpke, go west on I-78 to exit Rt. 143 Lenhartsville. Go west on Main St (Rt. 22) 3 miles to Reservoir Rd, turn right one mile to parking. Leaders: Dave & Julie Hegelein 856-235-8792.

MAY 8 Tuesday 6:30 p.m.



AFTER WORK WALKER – TUESDAY EVENINGS. Approx 3+ miles. – varies. Moderate pace. See April 17 listing for full details. Check the website at: **www.ocsj.org** - Navigate to: **Hiking > Updates** for full details. NC, NP. Leader: Tom Neigel. 609-206-3389, or tom-neigel@ocsj.org

MAY 9 Wednesday 10:00 a.m. A SEARCH FOR HUDSONIA. 6 miles, easy pace. This low plant with golden flowers is rare except in the sandy "wastes" of the pines. Considered a relic of the Ice Age. Abundant some years and scarce in others. We will follow trails in the open pinelands south of the Mullica River looking for good showings of this plant, and we will lunch at a very pretty spot along the Mullica. A nice Spring workout. Meet at the Atsion parking lot. *RAIN CANCELS*. Manny Robbins, 856-428-4841 and Peppy Bath, 609-587-4849.

MAY 9 Wednesday 10:00 a.m. TINICUM PARK TO UPPER BLACK EDDY CANAL HIKE. 9-10 miles, moderate pace. Hike along a particularly nice stretch of the D&R canal, from Tinicum Park to Upper Black Eddy. Lunch at the Old General Store, then return on same route. Meet at Tinicum Park, 2 miles south of Frenchtown Bridge, off PA. Rt. 32. LP. Leaders: Heinz Knaupp, 609-801-1168 and Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

MAY 10 Thursday 9:00 a.m. **CANOE/KAYAK THE WADING RIVER**. We'll paddle 17 miles from Speedwell to Beaver Branch. This is an "endurance" trip for experienced Pines paddlers. Expect liftovers and carries through the first 7 miles. Contact leaders to confirm trip participation. Meet at Speedwell, mile marker 36 on Rt. 563. Leaders George & Leona F, 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

MAY 10 Thursday 6:00 p.m.



WHEEL & SPOKE HIKE. 5 – 6 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park with a spoke up one or the other banks beyond Cuthbert Blvd. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill 856-772-6465 or Geofneil@aol.com.

MAY 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.

MAY 11 Friday 7:00 p.m. FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See April 6 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison and Mile Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com alison@mikebaker.com

MAY 12 Saturday 9:00 a.m. **CANOE/KAYAK THE NORTH BRANCH RANCOCAS CREEK.**May is a nice time to paddle the N. Branch Rancocas Canoe
Trail. Depending on river conditions we will paddle either from
Greenwood Bridge to Pemberton or from Burlington County

Parks trailhead behind Burlington County Community College to Smithville. Meet at the launch ramp - located toward the southeast corner of BCCC's Pemberton campus on Rancocas Rd. Contact leader to confirm trip. Leader: Dave L. Cell 609-784-4066 or Home 609-735-9109 or dlynch@dandy.net

MAY 12 Saturday 10:00 a.m. ATSION STROLL WITH GEOCACHING STOPS. 5 miles moderate pace. This is primarily a hike, and we'll take our stops at the local geocaches. Stroll along side trails, Mullica river beach, and take time to look around. A little explanation about the historic building sites - the old Atsion store, mansion, barn, ice house, red school house, and cemetery. Bring your GPS, team up with someone, or just enjoy the hike and scenery. Meet at field behind Atsion Ranger Station on Rt. 206. GPS (N39 44.515 / W074 43.531). Leader:Tom Neigel, 609-206-3389 or tom-neigel@ocsj.org

MAY 12 Saturday 8:30 a.m.



Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. or pis1@cccnj.net

MAY 12 Saturday SUNSET LAKE/COHANSEY RIVER CLEANUP! Help support National River Cleanup Week while enjoying one of South Jersey's least know tidal marshes. We will pickup trash that comes in with the tide and also washes out of storm drain systems. Meet at the beach on Sunset Lake. Paddle up the Cohansey River through the marsh collecting trash while we watch for osprey, eagles, great blue herons and other water birds. Or paddle around the lake, down the raceway and through the zoo collecting trash. Have lunch on the beach with optional chicken BBQ dinner from the Bridgeton Christian School Fundraiser (price to be announced in May). Gloves and trash bags will be provided. Wear close-toed shoes, no sandals or flip-flops. Bring sunscreen and water. Contact leaders at least 2 days before trip date to confirm trip participation, time and order chicken BBQ Leaders: Dawn Perry-Dunnam, 856-453-1007 or e-mail daybreakdelights@verizon.net; Emily Rottkamp, 856-455-2309 or 856-362-1205 (cell phone for last minute directions).

MAY 12 Saturday AMERICAN RED CROSS WATER SAFETY AND RESCUE COURSE. Tentatively scheduled for May 12 at Camp Inawendiwin in Tabernacle Twp., NJ Limited to 15 participants. For details contact Kathleen Pearce at bakerkp1@verizon.net

MAY 13 Sunday 10:00 a.m. **BACKPACK LOYALSOCK TRAIL IN PA**. 10-12 miles, moderate pace. A climb to Smith's Knob is optional. Easy out on Sunday. Limited to 10 trekkers. Intermediate. Leader: Phil lapalucci. Call for details after 6 p.m., 856-234-5298.

MAY 13 Sunday 10:30 a.m. **THE MULLICA IN MAY**. Paddle the meandering Mullica River, Listen for the frog calls on the marsh. Atsion to Pleasant Mills, 11 miles, No rentals. Meet at Atsion Ranger Station Parking Lot. Leader Vicki S. call (856) 256-9568, or ravingwriter@netzero.com

MAY13 Sunday 10:30 a.m.



CANOE/KAYAK ON THE CROSSWICKS CREEK/HAMILTON TRENTON MARSH. Enjoy Mother's Day with the OCSJ paddling and hiking and socializing. The Marsh is the northernmost tidal area on the Delaware River. We'll paddle from Bordentown Beach to Roebling Park, grill hot dogs for lunch and hike to Spring Lake to look for the mute swans. Bring something to share. Please contact leaders to confirm trip and your participation. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com

MAY 14 Monday 10:00 a.m. **BYRNE STATE FOREST LOOP HIKE.** 5 miles, easy/moderate pace. Meet at Byrne State Forest Office. Bad weather cancels. Leaders: Bill Schmitt, 856-767-1838 and Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893.

MAY 15 Tuesday 9:00 AM **TUCKAHOE RIVER PADDLE**. We'll paddle the outgoing tide from Head of the River on Rt. 49 in Estell Manor to Mosquito Landing off Rt. 50 in Tuckahoe. Paddle time is approx. 2 to 21/2 hours. There may be eagle sightings. Optional tour of 214 year old Head of the River M.E. Church after the paddle. Lunch at Mosquito Landing if the bugs aren't out yet. Shuttle will begin at 9:00 AM at Head of the River Church property on Rt. 49. Strong wind/bad weather cancels. Bring bug spray. Call Nancy T at 609-628-3116 nancythomson@comcast.net Co-leader needed.

MAY 15 Tuesday 6:30 p.m.



AFTER WORK WALKER – TUESDAY EVENINGS. Approx 3+ miles. – varies. Moderate pace. See April 17 listing for full details. Check the website at: **www.ocsj.org** - Navigate to: **Hiking > Updates** for full details. NC, NP. Leader: Tom Neigel, 609-206-3389, or tom-neigel@ocsj.org

MAY 16 Wednesday 9:30 a.m.

YELLOW TRAIL HIKE. 9.9 miles, brisk pace (3-3.5mph). Meet at Batsto. Hike from Atsion to Batsto along the Mullica River. Note time change. This hike is point-to-point and requires a car shuttle. Bring lunch. Light rain will NOT cancel. LP. Leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817 and Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

MAY 16 Wednesday 10:30 a.m. GLASS IN THE PINES. 7 miles, easy. We will be in Atlantic County Park with its remarkably varied parkland in what was once a major industrial area, now woodland, manicured park, meandering rivers, and pretty picnic spots. We will check out the roads, spot old foundations, and visit the remains of the best preserved glass factory in the pines. We will lunch in a beautiful spot by the water. Meet at Atlantic County Park. If you are coming from the north or west, proceed southeast on route 30 or route 322 until route 50 and turn south (right) onto route 50. Continue on route 50 through Mays Landing. Watch signs carefully. The Park is about 4 miles south of Mays Landing, on the left. Bring lunch and drink. Manny Robbins, 856-428-4841 and Peppy Bath, 609-587-4849.

MAY 17 Thursday 6:00 p.m. WHEEL & SPOKE HIKE. 5-6 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park with a spoke up one or the other banks beyond Cuthbert Blvd. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill 856-772-6465 or Geofneil@aol.com.

MAY 18 Friday 9:00 a.m. **CANOE/KAYAK THE MULLICA RIVER**. May is a beautiful time of year on the Mullica to enjoy the aquatic flowering plants of the NJ Pinelands. This is a long trip to Pleasant Mills and for experienced Pines paddlers. Please contact leaders to confirm

trip and meeting logistics. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

MAY 18 Friday 7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See April 6 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mile Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

MAY 19 Saturday 9:00 a.m.

PADDLE THE BRANDYWINE RIVER. Enjoy a scenic trip thru the historic Brandywine Valley starting from a Private Park; pass the Wyeth Museum paddle under a covered bridge to Brandywine State Park in Delaware. Water level determines. No rentals available. Contact leader for details. Leader: Frank Pearce, 856-767-2780 or mailto:hornet71@verizon.net

MAY 19 Saturday 9:00 a.m. PADDLE MAURICE RIVER - WILLOW GROVE TO SHERMAN AVENUE- Meet at: Garden Road & River, Exit 35 of Rt 55 - Fringe Tree - Call: Vicki 856-256-9568 or Howard 856-691-8609.

MAY 19 Saturday 9:30 a.m. GLEN ONOKO FALLS AND PA. GAME LANDS 141. 6-7 miles. Joan and I will climb as much as hike the rugged and wild Falls Trail alongside the thundering cascades of the ice cold crystal mist water. The initial climb of 850 feet or so is about as exciting as it gets locally... with sheer drop offs and loose rock. This slowly paced section of the hike is for the confident, sure footed and experienced hiker...the reward close up views of the three main falls . . .a snack from possibly behind or definitely atop the upper falls, plus a grand view of Jim Thorpe and the surrounding countryside below. Then from the top of the falls we will follow an easy and mostly flat gravel trail observing rock formations and Pa hardwood forest to several popular vista points for short breaks and views of whitewater rafters on, and the trains that lumber thru, the Lehigh River Gorge. We should be able to hear screaming rafters and the roar from the rapids hundreds of feet below. Departing the vistas we follow the somewhat rocky trail along the rim and then down the "step" trail to safely and comfortably return to our cars. Allow at least 5 hours total on-trail time. We will meet at the Allentown Rest Area of the PA turnpike (I-476) between 8.50am and 9.15am SHARP where we will caravan the remaining 20 miles or so to the exit and then directly to the lot via wonderful quaint Pa. back roads. Hiking Boots strongly urged. Sticks and gloves also maybe a good idea for any areas requiring 3 points of contact. We have done this hike 5 times now and will get you there as safely as possible but this is a strenuous, difficult hike with a fun and exhilarating payoff. Jersey "Flatlanders" beware..... and excited! Located in Carbon County just outside of Jim Thorpe, Pa. Total drive from Woodcrest Station PATCO High Speedline Cherry Hill, NJ is about 2 hours and 110 miles. Contact leader for poss. carpool info and cost sharing. Wet weather in the Jim Thorpe area will cancel so please REGISTER or check ahead! Leaders: HykyrJoe Maryanski e-mail: Jmaryanski@msn.com 609-929-7498 eves. after 7pm and hike morning. Co-lead Joan Foltz Email: Rfoltz@aol.com 609-335-9675.

MAY 19 Saturday 10:00 a.m. **ROUND VALLEY**. 9-10 miles, moderate pace. Good hilly hiking around one of N.J.'s largest and deepest man made lakes. Bring lunch. From S. Jersey take Rt 31 to Rt 22 in Lebanon, follow signs to Park entrance at south lot boat ramp. Leaders: Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

MAY 19 Saturday 2:00 p.m. MAURICE RIVER PADDLE, BBQ AND BONFIRE. Do a late afternoon paddle on the Wild and Scenic Maurice River. This is a pristine river with undisturbed banks, beaches and wildlife sightings. Then enjoy a BBQ and sit around a bonfire lingering into the evening at a private nearby home. You must register with leaders. Kayak rentals are available. Meet at Al & Sam's Canoe Rental on Rt 47, Delsea Drive, 2 miles S. of Rt 40. Bring picnic type food to share at bbq after trip. Leaders: Susan Brown, 856 -364-0278 or slstretch@comcast.net and Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. or pis1@cccnj.net

MAY 19-25 Sat. to Fri. Tentative date **EXTENDED BACKPACK ON THE A.T. IN CENTRAL VA.** Must be experienced in "more than weekend hiking". Approximately 75 miles. Contact Linda S., 856-854-8749. Ilindads2@aol.com

MAY 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 H.S., Bridgeboro Road, Moorestown. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048, franhorn@aol.com.

MAY 20 Sunday 9:00 a.m. MAURICE RIVER OR MENANTICO CREEK – Call for details. Depending on water levels Trips are medium length for intermediate paddler's. You MUST be able to handle your boat and be able to get it over obstructions. Call leader for Meeting Place. John Kee, 856-691-3047 Taxman56@aol.com Please put OCSJ is all email headers.

MAY 20 Sunday 9:00 a.m. CANOE THE SOUTHWEST BRANCH OF THE RANCOCAS. No shuttle trip. Meet at Kirby's Mill. Canoe upstream to Medford Park for lunch and return. Easy flat water, some clearing a possibility. No rentals. Must call leader, between 6 and 10 p.m. M-F or Sat .10 a.m.-10 p.m. to confirm. Leader: Harry Barok, 856-985-6172.

MAY 20 Sunday 9:30 a.m.

SOCIAL KAYAK TRIP PADDLE THE OSWEGO RIVER. One of the most picturesque rivers in the Pines. We will stop along the way to view the infamous "pitcher" plants as they start to bloom Bring lunch and water with you. We will stop to explore remains from by-gone era's and stop at a beach along the way. Limited space, call leader to reserve a space. Rentals are available. Meet at Bel-Haven Paddle Sport Rt. 542, Greenbank, Burl. Co., Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 or pis1@cccnj.net

MAY 20 Sunday 10:000 a.m. Meet at 9:15 a.m. for Car Pool! **20TH ANNIVERSARY HIKE BT EXTENSION**. 8.8 miles. Moderate pace. Evans Bridge to Coal Road. We celebrate by hiking the final leg of the BT completed May 18, 1987. Meet at the BT 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). Be on time for a carpool to hike start. Bring lunch, water, insect repellent. Leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817 and Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133.

MAY 20 Sunday 10:00 a.m. BT HIKE-COAL ROAD TO IVES POND. CELEBRATING 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BT EXTENSION. 6-7 miles. Moderate pace. We hike from the terminal of the BT to meet the hikers coming from Evans Bridge at Ives Pond. Bring lunch, water, insect repellant. At the meeting of the two hiking parties, there will be light refreshments. Both hikes will return together to the end of the trail at Coal Road. Meet at the BT 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). Leaders: Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849 and Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379. Alternate co-leaders, Charles and Jean Lawless, 609-296-2076.

MAY 22 Tuesday 6:30 p.m.



AFTER WORK WALKER – TUESDAY EVENINGS. Approx 3+ miles. – varies. Moderate pace. See April 17 listing for full details. Check the website at: www.ocsj.org - Navigate to: Hiking > Updates for full details. NC, NP. Leader: Tom Neigel. 609-206-3389, or tom-neigel@ocsj.org

MAY 23 Wednesday 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 five quarters for the parking meter at the take out. Joe Logan, 609-634-1542, or mayandpops@aol.com, or Judy Champion, jkchampion@msn.com

MAY 23 Wednesday 9:00a.m. or 10:00 a.m. WISSAHICKON UPPER TRAILS LOOP HIKE. 7-8 Miles, moderate pace. Hike the northern section of this awesome creek gorge. Meet the Wissahickon Indian Statue face to face and hike some of the parks most beautiful trails. Rugged terrain, sturdy footwear required. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the big flagpole at Cherry Hill Mall for carpooling, or at the hike start (Phila) at 10:00 a.m. Cross the Ben Franklin Bridge into Phila., Take the Vine St. Expressway (I-676 West) past City Ave. exit to Ridge Ave. exit. Go uphill on Ridge Ave. to Walnut Lane. Turn right onto Walnut Lane, then short distance to Henry Ave. Go left onto Henry Avenue then North on Henry approx. 4 miles to Bell's Mill (street just past Oldline Rd.). Turn right onto Bell's Mill and go about 1.5 miles to parking lot on right before bottom of hill (lot has an entrance at each end). Leader: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133 or jerryhyker@yahoo.com

MAY 23 Wednesday 10:00 a.m. MERCER COUNTY PARK. 7 miles, moderate pace. Bring lunch. A hike following black top trails and some small woods trails. Take Rt. 130 N to Robbinsville. (East of Trenton). At the light turn left (use turn lane) onto Rt. 526. Continue to next light and following Rt. 526 turn right on the Robbinsville-Edinburg Road. At the dead end stop sign turn left on to Rt. 535. Continue a short distance and turn right at Park Entrance sign. Go on the park road to the West Picnic area for parking. WF. Leaders: Peppy Bath pep157@optonline.net or 609-587-4849 and Valerie Bowe vbowe@earthlink.net 609-587-6120.

MAY 24 Thursday 6:00 p.m. WHEEL & SPOKE HIKE. 5-6 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park with a spoke up one or the other banks beyond Cuthbert Blvd. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill 856-772-6465 or Geofneil@aol.com.

MAY 25 Friday 9:00 a.m. **CANOE/KAYAK THE DELAWARE RIVER**. We're paddling with the tide from Bordentown to Burlington, returning on the RiverLINE for our cars – what fun!!! This is a trip for experienced paddlers. Kayaks must be 12ft or over in length; spray

skirts recommended. Trip is dependant on weather conditions. Please contact leaders for meeting logistics and to confirm your trip participation. Leaders: George and Leona F., 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com

MAY 25 Friday 10:00 a.m.



DELAWARE WATER GAP MT TAMMAMY BIG LOOP HOT DOG LUNCH HIKE. 10 Miles, Brisk Pace. Hike the Red Dot Trail up Mount Tammany. 4 easy miles on the Mt Tammany Fire Trail. Hike the Turquoise Trail to lunch at Sunfish Pond. Leader will provide hot dog lunch (bring food/snack to share). We hike the AT back to our cars. Rocky/rigorous hike. Bring sturdy shoes and a walking stick. Meet in the Dunnfield Creek/Appalachian Trail parking lot on the westbound side of Interstate 80 just before crossing into Pennsylvania GPS (N40 58.306 / W075 07.527). NP, WF, BW. Call or e-mail Leader Joel P. or Sonya F. to confirm participation.

jpenncpa@comcast.net 609-313-2376 or sonya07@comcast.net 609-268-3734.

MAY 25 Friday 7:00 p.m. FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See April 6 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mile Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

MAY 25-28 Fri.-Mon. 10:00 a.m.



MEMORIAL DAY CAMPING WEEKEND AT RICKETTS GLENN. 9 MILES MODERATE-STRENUOUS PACE. Hike 9 spectacular waterfalls or kayak on the lake, and campout in the deep woods at Ricketts Glenn SP, Pa. Camping will be available from Friday to Sunday, *call leader to reserve a space by May 15*. Or meet Saturday at 10 am at trailhead for hike portion of Ricketts Glenn SF, Rt 487, exit 35 off I-80 PA Tnpk. Call leader for additional info, carpool info and directions. Leader: Paul Serdiuk 609-462-3593 eves. Or pis1@ccnj.net.

MAY 26 Saturday 9:00 a.m. CANOE/KAYAK THE NORTH BRANCH RANCOCAS CREEK.

Begin the Memorial Day weekend on my favorite stream. We'll see sunning turtles and water lilies in bloom. Depending on river conditions we'll paddle either from Greenwood Bridge to Pemberton or from Burlington County Parks trailhead behind Burlington County Community College and take the "Water Trail" to Smithville. Meet at the launch ramp - located toward the southeast corner of BCCC's Pemberton campus on Rancocas Rd. Contact leader to confirm trip. Leader: Dave L. Cell 609-784-4066 or Home 609-735-9109 or dlynch@dandy.net

MAY 27 Sunday 10:00 a.m. PADDLE THE EGG HARBOR. Kick off summer by paddling Weymouth Furnace to Lake Lenape boat dock. Can be long trip, please bring lunch and hydration. Meet at Weymouth Furnace. Leader Vicki S., call (856) 256-9568, or mailto:ravingwriter@netzero.com

MAY 28 Monday 10:00 am **MEMORIAL ON THE MULLICA**. Line up for the paddle parade, Atsion to Pleasant Mills, 11 miles, No rentals. Meet at Atsion Ranger Station Parking Lot. Leader Vicki S., call (856) 256-9568, or ravingwriter@netzero.com

MAY 29 Tuesday PADDLE WITH THE TIDE ON THE COHANSEY RIVER. Enjoy a paddle down the tidal Cohansey River while we watch for eagles, osprey, great blue herons and other water birds! Then enjoy dinner at a restaurant on the river after the trip. This

is a 16-mile trip from Bridgeton to Greenwich. The Cohansey is a very large, wide river with a swift current and rapidly changing winds. Due to the need to maintain a fast pace, so that we don't run out of water before we reach our destination, all kayaks must be 12-feet in length or longer. Paddlers must be able to remain in their kayaks for long periods of time. There are only 2 possible stops on the route. Bring your lunch, sunscreen and plenty of water. Contact leader at least 2 days before trip date to confirm trip, participation and meeting place and time. Leader: Dawn P-D (856) 453-1007 or e-mail daybreakdelights@verizon.net

MAY 29 Tuesday 6:30 p.m.



AFTER WORK WALKER – TUESDAY EVENINGS. Approx 3+ miles. – varies. Moderate pace. See April 17 listing for full details. Check the website at: **www.ocsj.org** - Navigate to: **Hiking > Updates** for full details. NC, NP. Leader: Tom Neigel. 609-206-3389, or tom-neigel@ocsj.org

MAY 30 Wednesday 10:00 a.m. PENNYPACK-LORIMER HIKE. 10 miles, moderate pace. Meet at Bustleton Avenue & Benton Street park entrance. Cross Tacony-Palmyra bridge into Phila; 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. Leader: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133, jerryhyker@yahoo.com

MAY 30 Wednesday 6:30 p.m. UNION LAKE MOONLIGHT PADDLE. Leaving from the boat ramp in Millville and paddling up the Maurice River to just before Sherman Avenue. Back to the lake for moonrise with no shuttle needed. Boat must be 10 ft or longer, or approved by leader. Bring flashlight, bug spray and snacks for recreational dock sitting at end of paddle. Launch from new ramp on Carmel Road. Call or e-mail for directions. Wind and/or bad weather cancels. Susan Brown e-mail beachtherapy@comcast.net or 856-364-0278.

MAY 31 Thursday 6:00 p.m. WHEEL & SPOKE HIKE. 5-6 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park with a spoke up one or the other banks beyond Cuthbert Blvd. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill 856-772-6465 or Geofneil@aol.com.





JUNE

"The reward for work well done is the opportunity to do more."



RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

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

SUNSET & FULL "STRAWBERRY" MOON PADDLING TRIP. See entry June 1. NATIONAL TRAILS DAY CELEBRATION. See entry June 3.

THE ANNUAL "AII GIRL BACKPACK". HIKE THE A.T. IN NJ. See June 9-10.

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER KAYAK TRIP. See entry June 16.

PADDLE SKILLS NIGHT AT LAKE LENAPE. See entry June 20.

JANES ISLAND KAYAKING WEEKEND. See entry June 22-24.

PADDLE SKILLS NIGHT AT LAKE LENAPE. See entry June 24.

CANOEING/ KAYAKING SKILLS REFRESHER ON LAKE OSWEGO. See June 30.

HICKORY RUN STATE PARK. See entry June 30.

SUNSET & FULL "BLUE" MOON PADDLING TRIP. See entry June 30.

SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE AND CAMPOUT. See entry June 30.

**NOTE CHECK EACH LISTED ACTIVITY FOR DETAILS

Some trips require confirmation. **

CHECK OCSJ WEBSITE (ocsj.org)

FOR UP-TO-DATE WEEKDAY OR WEEKEND ACTIVITIES/RIDES LISTINGS.
ALL BICYCLE RIDES ARE ON THE WEB SITE. ADDED OR CANCELED
ACTIVITIES WILL BE ON LINE ALSO. CHECK THEM OUT!

JUNE 1 Friday 2:30 p.m.



SUNSET PADDLE ON THE CROSSWICKS CREEK/HAMILTON-TRENTON-BORDENTOWN MARSH. The Hamilton-Trenton-Bordentown Marsh is the northernmost freshwater tidal area on the Delaware. This is a 14-mile shuttleless trip on the Crosswicks Creek Canoe Trail. We paddle with the tide from Bordentown to Anchor Thread Park in Groveville. Bring your dinner to eat in the park. We return with the tide as the sun sets on the Marsh; maybe we'll see the "strawberry" moon too. Meet at Bordentown Beach, end of Park St, Bordentown. Please contact leaders to confirm trip participation. Leaders: George & Leona F, 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com

JUNE 1 Friday 6:00 p.m. SUNSET & FULL "STRAWBERRY" MOON PADDLING TRIP.

6:00 p.m. to approximately 8:00 p.m. - Put-in at First Bridge, Great Bay Blvd., Tuckerton. Weather Permitting - Paddle in the Great Bay Wildlife Management Area, featuring "Big Thoroughfare", "Hen's Claw" or Little Egg Harbor Bay. Enjoy a beautiful sunset and the Full "Strawberry" Moon! This will be a joint trip with the Great Bay Paddlers. Bring a flashlight and/or light stick. This trip is appropriate for all kayaking levels. Rentals are available by reservation (adults only please): \$30 Single - \$45 Double. Bring refreshments and munchies to enjoy at our gathering after the paddle. Call or e-mail leader to confirm your attendance at least 2 days prior. Leader: Roger Marcotte - 609-812-0201Cell: 609-412-4137 e-mail: rogercotte@comcast.net

JUNE 1 Friday 7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See April 6 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mile Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

JUNE 2 Saturday 8:00 a.m.



HIKE TO BUCK RUN. 7-8 miles, moderate pace. We'll hike in the cool of early morning to enjoy the Mt. Laurel over trails and woods roads. Bring beverage, insect repellent and lunch. Meet at Harrisville Pond Rt 679, 1.5 miles south of Rt.563, between Chatsworth and New Gretna. (We'll have lunch after the hike at the pond). Leaders: Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379 and Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849.

JUNE 2 Saturday 10:00 a.m. PADDLE THE S. BRANCH OF THE RARITAN. Water levels permitting, we will paddle from picturesque Clinton to Darts Mills. At this time of year the riverbanks should be covered in wild roses and other flowers. We stop for lunch near the pumping station for the Round Valley Reservoir. then continue pass horse farms and country homes before paddling thru the remains of the dam at Darts Mills. No rentals available and there will be a fee for using the take-out. Contact Leader for details. Leader: Frank Pearce, 856-767-2780 or e-mail hornet71@verizon.net

JUNE 2 Saturday 10:00 a.m. BELLEPLAIN STATE FOREST PARK RAMBLE. 6 miles – moderate pace. We'll enjoy a circular loop around Lake Nummy and local trails. A small scenic bridge across the lake, explore the nature trails, enjoy the pine groves, checkout the campgrounds, lean-tos, and yurts, and discover Savage Bridge Road. Meet at Belleplain State Park picnic area parking lot GPS (N39 14.865 / W074 51.439). Bring a lunch. NC, NP – Leader: Tom Neige,I 609-206-3389 or tom-neigel@ocsj.org

JUNE 2 Saturday 7:30 p.m.



SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE. Hike the first of the two Blue Moons of June at Whitesbog Village as we walk on old cranberry bog roads and listen to the evening serenade. Bring snack type food to share at tailgate social after the hike. Meet at parking lot at Whitesbog Village, Burl. Co. from Rt. 70 E. take Rt. 530 N., go 1 mile, turn right onto Whitesbog Road, and then left into village parking lot. NC. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. Or pis1@cccnj.net

JUNE 2 Saturday 8:00 p.m. **JUNE MOON JAUNT**. 7 - 8 miles, moderate pace. With a full strawberry moon, we will be looking for a sunset and moonrise, possible at the same time. Meet at Batsto. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

JUNE 3 Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. NATIONAL TRAILS DAY CELEBRATION. Bass River State Forest.. OCSJ IS CO-SPONSOR. WE NEED MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION FROM MEMBERS VOLUNTEER WORK PROJECTS AND GEOCACHING. ONE OR BOTH.

Morning, 9-12 – Volunteer Work Project. Pre-regestration requested. Call 609-296-1114. NOTE: Bring work gloves and beverage. Work projects on forest trails, litter pick-up, other work

Lunch, 12:30-1:00 p.m., hot dogs and chips provided by Bass River State Forest

1:00-4:00 p.m. Introduction to Geocaching Hike by South Jersey Geocaching Club. Hands on demonstration with accompanying short hike. Bring GPS, if you have one. NOTE; ENTRANCE FEE OF \$10 PER VEHICLE OR FREE IF YOU VOLUNTEER IN THE MORNING. Meet at Lake Absegami parking, Entrance is on Stage Road, 3..5 miles E of RT. 679 (from the W); or 6 miles W of Tuckerton (from the E); or 3 miles N of New Gretna (from the S). Coordinators, Cynthia Coritz, Joseph Trujillo. Christine Denneler.

JUNE 3 Sunday 9:30 a.m. NEW CANOE/KAYAK THE MANASQUAN RIVER. The Manasquan River is a magnificent natural resource in Monmouth County. It supplies the Manasquan Reservoir with clean drinking water and each day provides residents with 16 billion gallons of water. We will paddle a section of the upper Manasquan River through big hardwood forests and learn about the special characteristics of the watershed. This is a trip for experienced Pines paddlers; expect liftovers and carries. http://www.monmouth-countyparks.com/parks/manasquan_park.asp Meet at the Manasquan Reservoir Visitors Center. Please contact leaders for trip logistics and confirmation. Leaders: Jim G and George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

JUNE 3 Sunday 10:00 a.m. **LEADER'S CHOICE PADDLE.** We'll do either the Oswego or the Wading River. Meet at Pine Barrens Canoe Rental 3260 Route 563 Chatsworth, NJ. For rentals call 800-732-0793. Leader Art Midouhas 215-788 7451 after 8:30 p.m.

JUNE 4 Monday 10:00 a.m. HISTORIC SMITHVILLE HIKE. 5 miles, moderate pace. Meet at Smith's Woods access parking lot. Take Rt. 38 to Smithville Road in Easthampton Twp. Follow signage along Smithville Road to various park areas. Bad weather cancels. LP. Leaders: Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893 and Bill Schmitt, 856-767-1838.

JUNE 5 Tuesday 6:30 p.m.



AFTER WORK WALKER – TUESDAY EVENINGS. Approx 3+ miles. – varies. Moderate pace. See April 17 listing for full details. Check the website www.ocsj.org - Navigate to: Hiking > Updates for full details. NC, NP. Leader: Tom Neigel, 609-206-3389, or tom-neigel@ocsj.org

JUNE 6 Wednesday 10:00 a.m. COOPER RIVER – CANOE/KAYAK. (lots of paddling) the Cooper River 9-10 miles from Camden through Pennsauken/Cherry Hill & Haddonfield. Meet on South Park Drive boat ramp just west of the sailing school and just east of Rt 130. Eat lunch by the waterfall at Kings Highway in Haddonfield. Bring your binoculars (spot a turtle, blue heron, white egret or bald eagle). Some sand/mud pullovers possible. No rentals. No shuttle. Call or email Leader Joel P. to confirm participation. 609-313-2376 jpenncpa@comcast.net

JUNE 6 Wednesday 10:00 a.m. COOPER RIVER PARK HIKE. 8-9 miles, moderate pace. Urban hiking along river and park trails between Rt. 130 and Kings Highway. Meet at Cooper River Yacht Club parking lot on South Park Drive. From Rt. 70 take Cuthbert Road South. Go to 2nd traffic light. Turn right onto South Park Dr. After a short distance, parking lot is on right. LP. Leaders: Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609 and Heinz Knaupp, 609-801-1168.

JUNE 7 Thursday 6:00 p.m. WHEEL & SPOKE HIKE. 5-6 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park with a spoke up one or the other banks beyond Cuthbert Blvd. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill 856-772-6465 or Geofneil@aol.com.

JUNE 7 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.

JUNE 8 Friday 9:30 a.m. **WADING RIVER PADDLE**. Bring PFD, lunch and water. Meet at Pine Barrens Canoes, rt. 563, Chatsworth. Call 1-800-732-0793 to reserve a boat. Rain cancels. Call or email Becky S. if you have questions. mail to:quasar@snip.net or 856-218-7725.

JUNE 8 Friday 7:00 p.m. **FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE**. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See April 6 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mile Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

JUNE 9 Saturday 9:00 a.m. CANOE/KAYAK THE NORTH BRANCH RANCOCAS CREEK. Depending on river conditions we will paddle either from Greenwood Bridge to Pemberton or from Burlington County Parks new trailhead behind Burlington County Community College and take the "Water Trail" to Mount Holly. Meet at the trailhead launch ramp - located toward the southeast corner of BCCC's Pemberton campus on Rancocas Rd. Please contact leader to confirm trip. Leader: Dave L. Cell 609-784-4066 or Home 609-735-9109 or dlynch@dandy.net

JUNE 9 Saturday 9:00 a.m. PADDLE THE EAST BRANCH OF THE BRANDYWINE. We'll paddle approximately 9 miles from Downingtown to Shaw's Bridge with one portage. Directions: From the Commodore Barry Bridge take Rt.322 West following the signs for West Chester. When you come to where Rt. 202 and 322 meet, follow, 322 for 7 miles. Stay on till see sign for HIGH Street (before the by-pass). Do not take the by-pass-take High street. Into town of West Chester. Look for Iron Brewery on your left and when past it make a left onto Chestnut St., (Rt 322), follow till come to WAWA on your right side before entering Downingtown. We meet there for put-in. Contact Leader to confirm trip. If water is low, you will be wading at times.) Leader Eric Spiecker e-mail preferred spiecker@tmail.com or 856-667-3750.

JUNE 9 Saturday



CANOE/KAYAK THE GREAT EGG HARBOR RIVER. Enjoy a paddle from Penny Pot to Lake Lenape or opt to take out early at Weymouth Furnace. Meet at the Harley Dawn Diner; arrive early for breakfast. Bring your lunch, sunscreen and plenty of water. Contact leader at least 2 days before trip date to confirm trip, participation and meeting time. Leader: Dawn P-D (856) 453-1007 or e-mail daybreakdelights@verizon.net

JUNE 9 Saturday 4:45 p.m. SOCIAL SUNSET HIKE AND STARE GAZING. 6 miles moderate pace. Hike between two rivers as we watch the sun set over the pines. We come back to our tailgate social and then view Saturn, Venus and far off galaxies with Willingboro Astronomical Society. NC/NP. Meet at the northern parking lot at Batsto Village, Rt. 542, 8 miles east of Hammonton, Burl. Co. Please bring picnic type food to share at the tailgate. Leader: Paul Serdiuk 609-462-3593 eve or pis1@cccnj.net

JUNE 9-10 Sat. to Sun. THE ANNUAL "All GIRL BACKPACK". HIKE THE A.T. IN NJ. For novices, those who haven't hiked in a while, or those "ladies" who just want to get away. Beginner to Intermediate. Leader: Linda S. 856-854-8749, llindads2@aol.com

JUNE 10 Sunday 9:30 a.m. CANOE/KAYAK THE DELAWARE RIVER. We'll paddle from Kingwood Access to Lambertville Marina (15 miles). Class I to II rapids. Experienced paddlers only. Meet at Kingwood Access along rt. 29. Must call leader, between 6 and 10 p.m. M-F or Sat .10 a.m.-10 p.m., to confirm.Leader: Harry Barok, 856-985-6172.

JUNE 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m. **PADDLE THE BATSTO**. Meet at Atsion Ranger's Station on 206. We paddle Hampton Furnace to Batsto Village Pond. About 11 miles, an all day trip on what has been called the most remote river of the pine barrens. Pack lunch. Leader: Vicki S., 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@netzero.com

JUNE 10 Sunday 1:00 p.m. SOCIAL SEASHORE HIKE. Island Beach State Park. Hike 7 miles of sandy beach along the ocean's edge as we enjoy the quite serenity of the beach before the crowds arrive. Catch the early rays of summer and smell the delicious briny air as we watch the sun set over the bay. Meet at parking lot # A-7, look for OCSJ sign. Bring picnic/bbq type food to share at tailgate social after the hike. Come early and enjoy the sun, surf and sand. Take Rt 70 E. to Rt 37 E. to Rt. 35 S. Leader: Paul Serdiuk 609-462-3593 eve. Or pis1@cccnj.net

JUNE 12 Tuesday 6:30 p.m.



AFTER WORK WALKER – TUESDAY EVENINGS. Approx 3+ miles. – varies. Moderate pace. See April 17 listing for full details. Check the website at: www.ocsj.org - Navigate to: Hiking > Updates for full details. NC, NP. Leader: Tom Neigel,. 609-206-3389, or tom-neigel@ocsj.org

JUNE 13 Wednesday 9:00 a.m. **CANOE/KAYAK CEDAR CREEK**. Enjoy an always-spectacular paddle in the amber-colored waters of Cedar Creek from Dover Forge to Dudley Park (10 miles). Please contact leaders to confirm trip and meeting logistics. Leaders George & Leona F, 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

JUNE 14 Thursday 9:30 a.m. TUCKAHOE RIVER PADDLE. We will paddle the outgoing tide from Head of the River on Rt. 49 in Estell Manor to Mosquito Landing off Rt. 50 in Tuckahoe. Paddle time is approximately 2 to 21/2 hours. There may be eagle sightings. Optional tour of the 214 year old Head of the River M.E. Church after the paddle. Lunch at Mosquito Landing.or Head of the River Church depending on mosquitos. Shuttle will begin at 9:00 AM at Head of the River Church property. Strong wind/bad weather cancels. Bring bug spray. Contact trip leader Nancy T., 609-628-3116 or nancythomson@comcast.net.

JUNE 14 Thursday 6:00 p.m. WHEEL & SPOKE HIKE. 5 – 6 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park with a spoke up one or the other banks beyond Cuthbert Blvd. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill 856-772-6465 or Geofneil@aol.com.

JUNE 15 Friday 10:00 a.m. NEW DELAWARE WATER GAP HIKE & KAYAK COMBO LUNCH SOCIAL. Hike 5-6 Rigorous Vertical Miles. Moderate Pace. Enjoy a long leisurely barbeque lunch w/restrooms (leader will provide burgers/veggie burgers-bring food/snack to share). After lunch Canoe/Kayak 5 miles down the Delaware River to your car at Kittatinny Point. Optional dip in the Delaware at the end. Meet at the Douglas Parking area on Old Mine Road. Rt 80 W to Exit 1Millbank/Flatbrookville (last exit before toll into PA). Turn right onto Old Mine Road and go 4 miles to the Douglas Parking Area (1 mile past Forest Office). Rocky/rigorous hike. Bring sturdy shoes and a walking stick. PFD & Whistle are required on the river. No rentals available. NP, WF. Call or e-mail Leader Joel P. or Sonya F. to confirm participation. jpenncpa@comcast.net 609-313-2376 or sonya07@comcast.net 609-268-3734.

JUNE 15 Friday 7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See April 6 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mile Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

JUNE 16 Saturday 9:00am NEW

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER KAYAK TRIP. We will join a local Canoe/kayaking Club for this joint trip down the picturesque Susquehanna River. The river is mostly "slow and majestic" as we pass the historic Rockville Bridge, it's the longest stone arch bridge in the world, popular for photography buffs. We'll paddle by an island that's the ONLY one on this area of the Susquehanna that is the chosen nesting site for Snowy Egrets and Black-Crowned Herons - last year they were treated to great views of nests, fledglings, etc. There are many islands large and small in this stretch – we'll wind our way through them on our way to the take out point at the mouth of the Conodoguinet River. We'll have paddled close to downtown Harrisburg also by this time, so we will have views of the capitol building, reputably one of the most beautiful in the country. Meet at the Crown Plaza Hotel, rear parking lot, on Rt 70 in Cherry Hill to caravan down to the put in point. Contact leaders to confirm your participation and other logistical information. Leaders; Susan Brown, 856-364-0278 or slstretch@comcast.net, Eileen Minke: e.minke@comcast.net,

and Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. or pis1@cccnj.net

JUNE 17 Sunday 8:00 a.m. COOPER RIVER PARK AND ADJOINING PARKS. 6 miles. brisk pace. A loop hike. Meet at the National Guard Armory parking lot at North Park Blvd. and Grove Street in Cherry Hill. This meeting place is one block from the intersection of Route #70 and Haddonfield Road / Grove Street. A "get it over early" hike with optional brunch afterwards at the Country Buffet. NP, NC, FS. Leaders: Barb&Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012 or BarbnRay@aol.com

JUNE 17 Sunday 9:00 a.m.



CLASS C. FAMOUS BAGEL RIDE. 30 miles. Great ride in Burlington County with a bagel stop. Meet at Moorestown H.S., Bridgeboro Rd., Moorestown. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048, franhorn@aol.com

JUNE 17 Sunday 9:00 a.m.

MAURICE RIVER OR MENANTICO CREEK - Call for details. Depending on water levels Trips are medium length for intermediate paddler's. You MUST be able to handle your boat and be able to get it over obstructions. Call leader for meeting place. John Kee, 856-691-3047 Taxman56@aol.com Please put OCSJ is all email headers.

JUNE 18 Monday 10:00 a.m. ATLANTIC CITY HIKE. 5 miles, moderate pace. Meet at Gardner's Basin parking lot. Take Atlantic City Expressway, turn left onto Atlantic Ave., then left onto New Hampshire. Bring lunch or buy lunch at the Irish Pub. Bad weather cancels. LP. Leaders: Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893 and Bill Schmitt, 856-767-

JUNE 19 Tuesday 10:00 a.m.



CANOE/KAYAK THE WILD & SCENIC MAURICE RIVER. The Maurice River corridor is an unusually pristine coastal river with national and internationally important resources. It's part of the Atlantic flyway for migrating birds and a critical link between the Pinelands National Reserve and the Delaware Estuary. Join us for a trip from Willow Grove Lake to Almond Road. Meet at Al & Sam's Kayak & Boat Rentals, Delsea Dr, Vineland. Contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. Leaders: Trina & Charlie P., (856) 224-1055 or trp51@hotmail.com

JUNE 19 Tuesday 6:30 p.m.



AFTER WORK WALKER – TUESDAY EVENINGS. Approx 3+ miles. – varies. Moderate pace. See April 17 listing for full details. Check the website at: www.ocsj.org - Navigate to: Hiking > Updates for full details. NC, NP. Leader: Tom Neigel. 609-206-3389, or tom-neigel@ocsj.org

JUNE 20 Wednesday 10:00 a.m. THREE PARK HIKE. 7 miles, brisk pace. A loop hike that includes Cooper River Park, Newton Lake Park, and Knight's Park. Meet in the parking lot of the Lobster Trap restaurant on North Park Drive in Pennsauken. Take Cuthbert Blvd. South from Routes 38 or 70. Go to the first light just before the Cooper River Bridge and turn right on to North Park Drive. The parking lot is about half a mile down on the left. NP, NC, FS. Leaders: Barb&Ray Wittkop 856-662-4012 or BarbnRay@aol.com

JUNE 20 Wednesday PADDLE SKILLS NIGHT AT LAKE LENAPE. Novice to advanced. Come out to the lake and work on your paddling skills in an informal setting with fellow paddlers. Practice paddle strokes, rolling skills, self rescue, and safety techniques or just paddle around the lake. Interested beginners or first timers welcome. Contact John Kreutzer Phone, 609-412-2617, e-mail mrjnk347@msn.com

JUNE 21 Thursday 9:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK THE MULLICA RIVER ON THE SUMMER SOLSTICE. This is a beautiful time of year on the Mullica to enjoy the aquatic flowering plants of the NJ Pinelands. This is a long trip to Pleasant Mills and for experienced paddlers. Please contact leaders to confirm trip and meeting logistics. Leaders: George & Leona F, 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

JUNE 21 Thursday 6:00 p.m.



WHEEL & SPOKE HIKE. 5-6 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park with a spoke up one or the other banks beyond Cuthbert Blvd. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill, 856-772-6465 or Geofneil@aol.com.

JUNE 22 Friday 7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See April 6 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mile Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com alison@mikebaker.com

JUNE 22-24 Fri.-Sun. NEW



JANES ISLAND KAYAKING WEEKEND. Kayak, camp and bike this weekend on the Chesapeake Bay at Janes Island State Park. Janes Island State Park is a Chesapeake Bay Gateway, one of over 100 special places to experience the Chesapeake Bay. We will be kayaking both days on the many sheltered water trails around the Island and Little Annemessex River. We will be camping at Janes Island SP in one of the camping loops; limited numbers of cabins are available. Saturday night will include an optional visit to Christfield for an all you can eat crab fest, blue claw and soft shell. Biking will also be available around the many flat roads on the island and adjacent mainland. Contact leaders ASAP to reserve a spot and obtain camping information, as this trip will fill quickly. Campsite reservations will be made directly with State Park, however contact leaders for number and group area. Leaders: David Robinson ohrodchester@verison.net and Paul Serdiuk 609-462-3593 eve. or pis1@cccnj.net

JUNE 23 Saturday 9:00 a.m. CANOE/KAYAK THE NORTH BRANCH RANCOCAS CREEK. Depending on river conditions we will paddle either from

Greenwood Bridge to Pemberton or from Burlington County Parks trailhead behind Burlington County Community College and take the "Water Trail" to Smithville. Meet at the trailhead launch ramp - located toward the southeast corner of BCCC's Pemberton campus on Rancocas Rd. Please contact leader to confirm trip. Leader: Dave L. Cell 609-784-4066 or Home 609-735-9109 or dlynch@dandy.net

JUNE 23 Saturday 10:00 a.m. ONE FOR THE KIDS HIKE AT THE PALMYRA COVE NATURE CENTER. A leisurely nature walk for the children and grandchildren of OCSJ members. Members must accompany children. We will tailor the pace and length of the hike to the ages of those attending possibly dividing into two or more groups. We expect to see some of the birds and animals that are present including the resident deer herd. You may wish to bring a camera and/or binoculars. Bring lunch to eat at the picnic tables after the hike. Then visit the Nature Center that has a number of interesting exhibits and a great deal of educational information. Take Route # 73 north to the last light before the Tacony-Palmyra Bridge and turn right. Follow the signs to the Nature Center. NP. Leaders: Barb and Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012 or BarbnRay@aol.com

JUNE 23 Saturday **BICYCLING ROAD COURSE** – June 23 & 30. Learn about bicycling handling & safety, and emergency maneuvers. Presenter Fran Horn: 856-786-0048. See page 3.

JUNE 24 Sunday 9:30 a.m.



CANOE/KAYAK THE CROSSWICKS CREEK. This is a very special day – join us as we paddle the NECC headwaters with Jim Shields and members of the Crosswicks Creek/Doctors Creek Greenway Group. www.ccdcgreenway.org The trip will begin in New Egypt; we'll float along secluded beech forests, enjoy the quiet of Monmouth farms and end at the historic site of Walnford. We'll have a guided tour of the 1774 Waln home, an operating 19th century gristmill and the farm buildings along the creek. Meet at Tootie's Family Restaurant, Main Street, New Egypt – arrive early for breakfast!! Contact Leona to confirm trip and participation. Leaders: Jim S and George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com

JUNE 24 Sunday 10:00 am

"SOME PEOPLE CALL ME MAURICE" RIVER PADDLE, but it is pronounced like "Morris" the cat. Start at Willow Grove and end at Sherman Ave about 7 hours later. Pack lunch and water, bug and sun protection. Volunteer shuttle. Leader: Vicki S., 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@netzero.com

JUNE 24 Sunday TBA

PADDLE SKILLS NIGHT AT LAKE LENAPE. Novice to advanced. Come out to the lake and work on your paddling skills in an informal setting with fellow paddlers. Practice paddle strokes, rolling skills, self rescue, and safety techniques or just paddle around the lake. Interested beginners or first timers welcome. Contact John Kreutzer Phone 609-412-2617 e-mail mrjnk347@msn.com

JUNE 25 Monday 9:00 a.m. CANOE/KAYAK THE DELAWARE RIVER. We'll paddle 20 miles from Lambertville to Bordentown with a morning break at Scudders to watch the surfers, continue thru the Trenton Falls that mark the "fall line" and beginning of tidewater on the way to Bordentown. Kayaks must be over 12 ft in length; spray skirt required and helmet recommended. Call to confirm trip, meeting time and logistics. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

JUNE 26 Tuesday 6:30 p.m.



AFTER WORK WALKER – TUESDAY EVENINGS. Approx 3+ miles. – varies. Moderate pace. See April 17 listing for full details. Check the website at: **www.ocsj.org** - Navigate to: **Hiking > Updates** for full details. NC, NP. Leader: Tom Neigel. 609-206-3389, or tom-neigel@ocsj.org

JUNE 27 Wednesday 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 five quarters for the parking meter at the take out. Joe Logan, 609-634-1542, or mayandpops@aol.com, or Judy Champion, jkchampion@msn.com

JUNE 28 Thursday 6:00 p.m. WHEEL & SPOKE HIKE. 5-6 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park with a spoke up one or the other banks beyond Cuthbert Blvd. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill 856-772-6465 or Geofneil@aol.com.

JUNE 29 Friday CANOE OR KAYAK THE DELAWARE RIVER. The Delaware River is the longest un-dammed river on the east coast. So, start your 4th of July week vacation with a river trip from Kingwood Access, Frenchtown to Lambertville Marina (15 miles). Please call to confirm trip participation and logistics. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

JUNE 29 Friday 7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See April 6 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mile Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

JUNE 30 Saturday 9:00 a.m. CANOEING/ KAYAKING SKILLS REFRESHER ON LAKE OSWEGO AND THE OSWEGO RIVER. The weather is warm and so is the water. This is a good time to come out and meet knowledgeable paddlers from the OCSJ who will share information about equipment, safety practices, self-rescue, paddling techniques and efficiencies. New and beginning paddlers are welcome. Canoes and kayaks can be rented from Pine Barrens Canoe Rental 609-726-1515 or

www.pinebarrenscanoe.com. Please contact leaders to confirm your participation. Leaders: George and Leona F., 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com

JUNE 30 Saturday 9:30 a.m.



HICKORY RUN STATE PARK. 9 to 10 miles. Join us in exploring the vast wilderness of this great Pennsylvania Park just off the Northeast Extension of the PA turnpike. We will hike at a moderate pace to a great vista over the Lehigh Gorge along the Skyline Trail, then experience the rolling terrain with some good PA hills via the Pine Hill Trail. We'll take in Sand Spring lake and picnic area for lunch and then return sampling the sweet but poorly named "Shades of Death" Trail alongside the cool flowing waters of Sand Spring Run. We hope to see Rhododendron blooming and if so we'll get to walk thru the "Tunnel of Rodo's" on trail and be completely enveloped by the wild shrubs. You'll think you are in heaven or on your way!! Our return to the cars will be via the Skyline Trail. A great loop hike and we won't see the same section of trail twice. This 4 to 5

hour hike will yield about 900 feet of overall elevation gain for the day and little if any, asphalt (Yea!). An optional side trip to view Hickory Run's "Boulderfield". See this natural landmark only minutes away plus we may actually get to "splash" our cars thru Hickory Run Stream (subject to Park roadway conditions). Exquisite Hiker dining a distinct possibility at "The Powerhouse" Restaurant also only minutes away. Meet at Hickory Run Rest Area Pa Turnpike Northbound (I-476) between 8:50am and 9:10am SHARP when we will caravan directly to the parking area off Pa. SR 534 about 20 minutes away. Meet time at the lot is 9:30am. Boots recommended. extra water and towel a good idea if the heat/humidity is on. Facilities available in several places along the hike but not at the hike lot. Possible carpool/caravan available from Woodcrest Station of PATCO (e-mail leader for cost sharing and info). About 125 miles one-way from Cherry Hill. We usually make it in about 2 hours +/- with stop. Please register so we can keep you up to date directly with weather or other concerns. NP, WF, NC. Contact Leader: HykyrJoe Maryanski Jmaryanski@msn.com or 609-929-7498 eves. after 7pm and morning of hike. Co-leader: Joan Foltz Rfoltz@aol.com or 609-335-9675.

JUNE 30 Saturday 6:00 p.m. SUNSET & FULL "BLUE" MOON PADDLING TRIP. 6:00 to approximately 8:30 p.m. - Put-in at First Bridge, Great Bay Blvd., Tuckerton.Weather Permitting - Paddle in the Great Bay Wildlife Management Area, featuring "Big Thoroughfare", "Hen's Claw" or Little Egg Harbor Bay. This is the trip that will happen only "Once in a Blue Moon"! This is also an appropriate night for "Two-Buck Chuck" to join us for our pleasure after the paddle! Bring munchies and refreshments to enjoy. This will be a joint trip with the Great Bay Paddlers. Bring a flashlight and/or light stick. This trip is appropriate for all kayaking levels. Rentals are available by reservation (adults only please): \$30 Single - \$45 Double. Call or e-mail leader to confirm your attendance at least 2 days prior. Leader: Roger Marcotte -609-812-0201 - cell: 609-412-4137 or e-mail: rogercotte@comcast.net

JUNE 30 Saturday 7:30 p.m.



SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE AND CAMPOUT. 6 miles moderate pace. Join us for the second blue moon of June as we hike sand roads lit by moon light and come back to a roaring fire. Overnight camping is available, contact leader for reservation. Bring picnic type food to share at the tailgate social after the hike, any firewood and a chair to sit on. Meet at Goshen Pond campsites, from Rt 206 take Atsion Rd., go 1.5 miles to Goshen Pond campsite sign, turn onto dirt road and follow to campsites. Leader: Paul Serdiuk 609-462-3593 eve. Or pis1@cccnj.net

JUNE 30 Saturday

JULY 4 Wednesday 10:00 a.m.



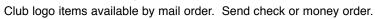
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FOURTH OF JULY ON THE MAURICE RIVER. Meet at Garden Road, south side, we paddle to Sherman Ave. thru the less populated stretch looking for shady spots. Pack lunch and hydration; also bug and sun protection. Leader: Vicki S., 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@netzero.com



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