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FOR LATEST TRIP INFORMATION.

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Outdoor Club of South Jersey

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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

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

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

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

MEETINGS

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

A Message From The President

Once again the earth is reawaking with life as the Spring season is upon us. In this issue of the *Trekker* you will find old time favorites, such as the bus trip to Washington DC and the *Après* ski party. You will also find some new hikes and other activities as well. Some traditional activities like hikes and swims you will not find. For liability reasons, swimming is permitted only in legally designated areas.

The Board of Trustees continues to work on issues related to membership and the website. Input from members on issues that affect the club is always welcomed. Members are invited to attend Board of Trustee meetings that are held on the second Thursday of each month (unless otherwise posted) at the Cherry Hill Library.

Once again, our volunteer leaders have put together a schedule that is amazing. There is no other local outdoor club that can rival the amount and type of activities that we have.

When you are on an activity, take a minute to thank the leader. Without our leaders, there are no activities.

Hope to see you in the outdoors.

Kathleen Pearce
OCSJ President
bakerkp1@verizon.net



NEWS AND NOTES

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

“HOT PAGE” OCSJ website information access by Cell phone.

The method that OCSJ communicates to members about additions, deletes or changes to our activities as printed in the quarterly *Trekker* is through the club website at www.ocsj.org. The OCSJ club website is accessed over 6,000 times per month.

The OCSJ “Update” or “HOT PAGE” messages can be accessed from your Cell phone if you have Internet access capability. The URL for the OCSJ Cell phone page is www.w.ocsj.org

The full OCSJ website is designed for best viewing using a 1024 by 768 pixel screen resolution. A Cell phone has a much smaller screen size. The OCSJ Cell phone page uses 176 by 184 pixel screen resolution and is very limited in what content can be displayed.

Additions in the future will include, real time information such as weather and water level (gauges).

PARTICIPATION NOTICE

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

Coming Events

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BEGINNERS AND NEW MEMBERS HIKE. See April 5 entry.

THE ANNUAL RICHARD GREVE MEMORIAL VOLUNTEER WORK TRIP TO HARPER'S FERRY, WV will be April 4 to 6, arriving on Fri and leaving on Sunday. Our work supports the Appalachian Trail Conference and may involve raking or planting, cleaning or stuffing envelopes. They have been very appreciative of our efforts in past years. We work on Saturday; on Sunday we hike or explore the historic town of Harpers Ferry. Free accommodations at the ATC's hostel. Call Eileen Greve, 609-267-3598.

PRE-EARTH DAY CLEANUP AT UNEXPECTED WILDLIFE REFUGE. See April 12 entry.

ANNUAL APRIL APEX. Saturday, April 12. This is our "Hikers Marathon", a 26 mile hike that is the ultimate for those really seeking a challenge. Participation has grown in each of the past 3 years, and in 2006 we had 10 who completed the hike. Any questions contact Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRay@aol.com. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com

EARTH DAY VOLUNTEER PROJECT. OCSJ will join Bass River State Forest to work on projects around the park. . See April 20 entry.

CANOE/KAYAK CEDAR CREEK AND SUPPORT EARTH DAY 2008. See April 20 entry.

ANNUAL APRÈS SKI PARTY. Saturday, April 19, 3:30pm to 9 pm at Dan McAuliffe's house. Our annual bash is a chance for us to get together, share photos and reminisce about the season just past, and also to learn about the trips planned for next season, with chance for early sign-up. Covered dish, BYOB. If you've ever wondered what the X/C ski group does, or if you have any interest in skiing or snowshoeing, please join us! Call Dan McAuliffe, 215 630-7478 or dnmcauliffe@msn.com or Eileen Greve, 609-267-3598 e-mail: egreve2@verizon.net

WHEATON ARTS 2ND ANNUAL ECO-FAIR! See May 3 entry.

ANNUAL ALL GIRL BACKPACK TRIP. See May 3-4 entry.

SLICK 4TH ANNUAL SUNSET LAKE/COHANSEY RIVER CLEANUP! Help support National River Cleanup Week. See May 10 entry.

WORTHINGTON STATE PARK ON THE DELAWARE RIVER - CAMPING MIDWEEK. See May 13-15 MIDWEEK CAMPING.

WASHINGTON DC BUS TRIP & SELF-GUIDED TOUR. Saturday, May 10. Packed with famous sights, celebrated symbols of patriotism, free attractions, the sights and sounds of the nation's capital offer inspiring experiences COST: \$25.00 per person. All payments must be made by April 26, 2008. ADVANCE RESERVATIONS are required. See entry for May 10 for signup details. Don't delay!

SOCIAL FLATWATER KAYAK INTRODUCTION TRAINING. See May 17 entry.

POETRY IN THE PARK HIKE. See May 18 entry.

CANOEING/ KAYAKING SKILLS REFRESHER ON LAKE OSWEGO. FIRST OF A SERIES. See May 24 entry.

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.

Coming Events *(continued)*

DELAWARE WATER GAP HIKE & KAYAK COMBO. 5 miles, Moderate pace. Hike 5-6 Rigorous Vertical Miles. Enjoy a leisurely barbeque lunch w/restrooms. Leader will provide burgers and veggie burgers. Bring food or snack to share. After lunch, kayak 5 miles down the Delaware River to your car at Kittatinny Point. Leader Joel Penn, 609-313-2376. jpenncpa@comcast.net. See June 1 entry.

OLD LOGGERS PATH BACKPACK – 17 miles. See June 7- 8 entry.

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY HIKE. See June 8 entry.

CANOEING/ KAYAKING SKILLS REFRESHER ON LAKE OSWEGO. New and beginning paddlers are welcome. See June 11 entry.

CAMPING WEEKEND AT BASS RIVER STATE FOREST. Friday to Sunday, June 13-15. Join us for a fun-filled weekend of camping, swimming, kayaking, mountain biking. Campfire, Friday, /Saturday nights. Contact Pat Burton, 856-767-8064 or Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849. See entry for June 13-15 for sign up details.

HISTORIC CAPE MAY WEEKEND - Friday to Sunday-June 20, 21 and 22, 2008. 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 10.

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. We will be kayaking both days (Minimum of 12 foot kayak with spray skirt is required). Optional visit to Cristfield for an all you can eat crab. Contact leaders ASAP to reserve a spot and obtain camping information (reserve directly), as this trip will fill quickly. See June 20-23 entry. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. or pis1@ccnj.net

SLICK 1ST ANNUAL MAURICE RIVER CLEANUP! See June 21 entry.

ONE FOR THE KIDS HIKE AT PALMYRA COVE NATURE CENTE. Our second annual hike for the children and grandchildren of New Jersey Outdoor Club JUNE 21, Saturday.

BICYCLING ROAD COURSE – June 28. Learn about bicycling handling & safety, and emergency maneuvers. Presenter Fran Horn, 856-786-0048. See page 6.

VOLUNTEER VACATIONS. Are a series of trail stewardship project on America's public lands. In 2008 there are 75 projects in 25 states. Choose from many diverse locations across the country, from east to west coasts. *YOU MUST ACT NOW FOR THE GREATEST SELECTION OF PROJECTS AVAILABLE.* No experience is necessary. Each trip offers a wide variety of tasks with something for everyone to do. The trip calendar and detailed descriptions for each project are available online at www.AmericanHiking.org There are alternative Spring breaks vacations for college groups in several states. Call Andrea Ketchmark at 301-565-6704 x206 for information. A GREAT WAY TO SPEND A VACATION.

FOURTH OF JULY ON THE MAURICE RIVER. See July 4 entry.

BUS TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY SEPTEMBER 13. New York City, the most beguiling city in the U.S. See it! Feel it! Celebrate the Festival of Gennaro in Little Italy's main strip Mulberry Street. Explore Manhattan, Downtown, Midtown and Uptown. Whatever you want. We drop you off at South Street Seaport and pick you up for return trip home. Details coming. Check the website and Summer Trekker. Leader: David Hegelein.

SEPTEMBER IN WESTERN MAINE. Bald Mountain Camps, Oquossoc, ME. (www.baldmountaincamps.com) Two dates proposed August 31-September 2 and September 7-12. Activity options include hiking, kayaking, biking, golf, tennis, photography and wildlife viewing to name a few. Leader Judy Norcross, 856-235-8735. See page 6.

BICYCLING COURSE ROAD 1

Registration before class required

Includes: Bicycle handling & safety. Emergency maneuvers

Presented by: Fran Horn, 856-786-0048

Dates: June 28, 2008

Cost: \$50.00 for Course Materials

To participate in the course, return this form with a \$50 check payable to OCSJ by June 21, 2008.

Fran Horn, 2410 Laurel Dr., Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

SEPTEMBER IN WESTERN MAINE

Location: Bald Mountain Camps, Oquossoc, Me. (www.baldmountain-camps.com) Historic sporting camp located on pristine Mooselookmeguntic Lake

Activities: Several hiking options (mt. tops, water falls, backwoods roads, a piece of the A.T.), kayaking/canoeing, biking, golfing, tennis, photography, wildlife viewing, geocaching, sunsets, moonrises, starlight, loon calls to appreciate, or slip into Rangeley if civilization required.

Trip includes: Guided kayaking or canoeing pristine lakes and rivers with our host and Registered Maine Guide, Steve Philbick. Log cabins with fireplace, wood, bath, linens, porch. Meals in the lodge dining room for first class breakfasts and dinners, sack lunches for the trail.

Price: 5 days/\$825 plus tax for lodging, meals, guide, shuttles. Bikes, canoes, kayaks, maps and other gear is included and available on request.

Contact: Judy Norcross, 856-235-8735, E-mail: jsnorcross@aol.com. Photo CD of area available. Two dates proposed: August 31st-September 5th and September 7th-12th. Happy to answer questions.

BACKPACKING/CAMPING

A Message From the Backpacking/Camping Activity Chair

Welcome Spring. Hopefully we have nice weather for all the camping and backpacking trips our leaders have scheduled for you. Looks like we have something for everyone and maybe we will have a few trips to add to the web page later on.

Don't let lack of equipment keep you home, always call the leader for details as many people have extra tents etc., so let's enjoy the Spring together. Pat Burton.

BICYCLING

A Message From the Bicycling Activity Chair

By the time you get this, hopefully the weather is a little warmer. At the time of writing (late January), we have had a pretty mild winter so far. But I expect there's still more winter on the way, so I assume you're looking forward to the spring weather as much as I am!

We are still looking for a B ride coordinator. I've been asking for over a year now, and there still haven't been any takers. The Club could really use some help in this area, so if you're willing to give something back, please let me know. Also, Nancy Pomilio will again be the captain of the club's MS Bike Tour Team. Last year, we were the second largest club team (damn those Wild Bucks!), so we need some new faces to regain our number one status. If you are interested in doing a fantastic ride for a great cause you can register at <http://tinyurl.com/2fj87x>. There will be some exciting changes in the Tour this year, plus the ride will be capped at 8,500 registrants. So make sure to register early.

You'll notice that I've added our ride classifications to the monthly ride schedule on-line and that there are two new classifications. A number of riders have been tackling the hills in the area, so we've added some classifications to help with those hill rides. A HILL ride includes climbs of 5-10% and generally shorter lengths. A HILL+ ride includes climbs of 10-20% and generally longer lengths. All these rides regroup at major intersections, so you don't need to be familiar with the area to participate. However, these rides are definitely challenging, so make sure you've got your climbing legs and gears on if you come out. Thanks to Lance Roman for doing such a great job in coordinating these rides for all the mounting goats (and we other mortals!).

If anyone has any comments or suggestions on improving what we do, please feel free to contact me. Thanks and Happy Cycling!

Tony Marchionne, 609-828-0268
tonymarch@iwon.com



CANOEING/KAYAKING



A message from the Canoe/Kayak Activity Chair

A special thank you to all the leaders who have helped me over these many years as your chair. They have done it again by offering a great selection of activities to you the members. Don't forget to thank them for all the hours of volunteering, without them there would be no activities. I hope to see you all on the water more this year.

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. Carry a copy of the incident report form. Need a form or address etc. please contact me?

See You on the Water!!
Frank Pearce, 856-767-2780
Hornet71@verizon.net

HIKING

A Message from the Hiking Activity Chair

Spring has sprung. The days are getting longer and this is definitely the time to get out and hike before the heat of the summer.

Some of the varied trips offered by the leaders are the Palmyra Children's Hike, New Members Hike, Delaware Water Gap Area Hikes, Local 4-miler, and Earth Day Hikes, and a Poetry Hike, not to mention the April Apex 26. Also check for on-line only Web Hikes and the Updates section of the Website www.ocsj.org for last minute changes or cancellations.

Tom Neigel
Vice President/Hike Chair
609-206-3389

“Three years later and quality leaders still provide a great service:

“Our Spring schedule will have a familiar look to it, with hikes offered on most Mondays, Wednesdays, Friday evenings, Saturdays and Sundays. And choices available on a number of these days. In addition to the “tried and true” standards that are always the core of our schedule, you will find a few new hikes not previously offered, so look this schedule over carefully.”

Quote from Spring 2005 Bill Poulson, Hike Chair -”

WALKING PACE DEFINITIONS

WALKING PACE

These are averages only; actual results may vary due to factors such as 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 per mile	25 or more minutes	20-25 minutes	17-20 minutes	17 or less 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.

BACKPACK TRIP RATING SYSTEM

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

STANDARD MEETING PLACES

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

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



OUTDOOR CLUB of SOUTH JERSEY

Historic Cape May Weekend

Friday to Sunday — June 20, 21 and 22, 2008

To start the summer session, 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 your 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	\$195 per person
Room for 2 with private bath	\$235 per person
Room for a single person with shared bath	\$260 per person

Please send the **entire amount** for the weekend with the form below no later than April 30, 2008. 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 2008 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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YES! I want to participate in the Annual Historic Cape May Weekend. Enclosed is my payment.

Please make your check payable to Patricia Carey

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

I will be sharing my room with: _____ Please pair me with a roommate.

I am interested in riding my bike to Cape May on Friday. (Bikers leave from Medford area)

I am interested in leading an activity: hiking____biking____kayaking____

Will you lead an activity? _____

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



APRIL



“It’s a job that is never started that takes the longest to finish”

RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

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

- APRIL APEX FOURTH ANNUAL MARATHON HIKE.** See April 12 entry.
- ANNUAL APRÈS SKI PARTY.** See April 19 entry.
- BEAR MOUNTAIN BACKPACK.** See April 19-20 entry.
- WHEATON ARTS 2ND ANNUAL ECO-FAIR!** See May 3 entry.
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- CAMPING WEEKEND AT BASS RIVER STATE FOREST.** Friday to Sunday, June 13-15.
- HISTORIC CAPE MAY WEEKEND.** See June 20, 21 and 22 entry.
- JANES ISLAND KAYAKING WEEKEND.** See June 20-23 entry.
- SLICK 1ST ANNUAL MAURICE RIVER CLEANUP!** See June 21 entry.
- BICYCLING ROAD COURSE.** See June 28 entry.
- SUNSET & FULL "STRAWBERRY" MOON PADDLING TRIP.** See June 18 entry.

Note various trips require participants to contact leader to confirm participation

CHECK THE OCSJ WEBSITE ON YOU COMPUTER AT (WWW.OCSJ.ORG) OR ON YOUR CELL PHONE AT (W.OCSJ.ORG) * IF YOU HAVE INTERNET ACCESS) FOR LATEST TRIP INFORMATION.

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FOR DETAILS GO TO THE BICYCLING HOME PAGE.

APRIL 2
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.



HIKE TO MT. MISERY. 9-10 miles, moderate pace. Hike from Pakim Pond to Mt. Misery on the White Trail through the woods, returning through the bogs. Lunch on the trail. Meet at Pakim Pond parking lot. LP, NC. Bad weather cancels. Leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817. Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

APRIL 3
Thursday
10:00 a.m.

PALMYRA NATURE CENTER HIKE. 6-7 miles, brisk pace. Take Rt. 73 North to the stop light across from Kerbeck auto. Turn right and take the jug handle across the highway and follow the signs to the Nature Center. Meet in the parking lot at the Center. NP, FS, NC. Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, e-mail: BarbnRayHikers@aol.com

APRIL 3
Thursday
6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill, 856-772-6465 or e-mail: Geofneil@aol.com. Recurring Hike on Thursday nights as listed.

APRIL 4
Friday
7:00 p.m.
*Recurring Every
Friday Night*



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, e-mail: mike@mikebaker.com e-mail: alison@mikebaker.com

APRIL 5
Saturday

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 (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 5
Saturday
10:00 a.m.
New Member Hike



BEGINNERS AND NEW MEMBERS HIKE. 4-5 miles, easy pace. An introductory easy hike to get you started, if already a member, or for anyone wanting to get outdoors but is not familiar with places to walk or hike. We'll hike along Batsto Lake and if we are lucky we'll see an early spring flower, trailing arbutus, along the way. Bring lunch, beverage for after hike lunch at the picnic tables. Meet at Batsto Village parking, off Rt. 542, between Hammonton and Green Bank. Leaders: Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849, Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379.

APRIL 5
Saturday
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BALDPATE MOUNTAIN HIKE. 8 miles, moderate pace. Located about two miles from Washington Crossing NJ. This is the highest point in Mercer County. NP, FS, NC. Bring lunch to eat on the trail. INDIVIDUAL registration for this hike is required. e-mail preferred. Time and directions will be supplied. Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, e-mail to: BarbnRayHikers@aol.com. Paul Foged 732-988-5273.

APRIL 6
Sunday
8:00 a.m.



COOPER RIVER AND ADJOINING PARKS HIKE. 6 miles, brisk pace. A “get-it-over-early” loop hike plus an option to have brunch with us afterwards at a nearby Old Country Buffet. Meet at the National Guard Armory parking lot at Park Avenue and Grove Street in Cherry Hill. This meeting place is one block from the intersection of Rt. 70 and Haddonfield Road/Grove Street. This intersection is at the corner of the old Garden State racetrack and has a sign for Chili’s Bar and Grill. NP, NC, FS. Leaders: Barb&Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbNRayHikers@aol.com

APRIL 6
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

MAURICE RIVER PADDLE. Meet at the Super Wawa on Delsea Drive – Malaga 5 Points. A trip for experienced paddlers on this river, expect surprise conditions. Pack Lunch. Call or email to confirm route. Leader: Vicki S., 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@netzero.com

APRIL 6
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

RALPH STOVER PARK HIKE. 8 miles, moderate pace. Hike the high cliffs at Ralph Stover park along the Tohicken Creek. We may see whitewater kayaks and technical climbers. Meet at Visitors parking at Washington Crossing State Park on the PA side. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

APRIL 6
Sunday
10:00 a.m. Or
10:45 a.m.

SOUTH WISSAHICKON VALLEY HIKE. 5 or 8 miles, moderate pace. Come explore one of the most awesome urban wilderness areas in the country, along with historic Rittenhousetown, and the Hermits and Gorgas Lane Caves. Rugged terrain. Sturdy shoes required. Wimp-out at 5 miles. **NO RESTROOMS.** Lunch at Lovers Leap (No jumping please!). Bring lunch, beverage. NP. Meet before 10:00 a.m. in front of Crate & Barrel, Cherry Hill Mall [the flagpole is gone], for car pooling; or by 10:45 a.m. at Henry Avenue and Walnut Lane parking area. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-234-9474, kranzdnr@verizon.net

APRIL 7
Monday
10:00 a.m.



BYRNE STATE FOREST HIKE. 5 miles easy to moderate pace. This is a new hike for us. We will hike from Bryne Office Headquarters to Batona Trail, then along the Blue Trail and return to the headquarters. Meet at Byrne Headquarters Parking Lot. Bad weather cancels. Leaders: Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893 and Bill Schmitt, 856-787-1838.

APRIL 8
Tuesday
10:00 a.m.

PADDLE EGG HARBOR RIVER, PENNY POT TO WEYMOUTH FURNACE. Meet at Penny Pot at 10:00 a.m., or arrive early for breakfast At Harley Dawn at 9:00 a.m. No rentals on this trip, Call or e-mail to confirm, Tim Jowett, 856-464-2136, or timjs10@aol.com

APRIL 9
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

TITUSVILLE & WASHINGTON CROSSING S.P. Hike 6-7 miles, moderate pace. Along Delaware River and D&R Canal through an interesting town with many original mid-1800s. Bring lunch, in covered pavilion. From S.J. take I-295 N. to I-95 S; follow to last exit in N.J. (Rt. 29). Proceed N. to jct. with Rt. 546. Turn left, go short distance and then turn right into parking lot. Bad weather cancels. LP. Leaders: Heinz Knaupp, 609-801-1168. Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

APRIL 9
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

LUNCH IN HADDONFIELD. 8 miles, brisk pace. A loop hike with a stop at a pizza pie restaurant for lunch. Meet at the

National Guard Armory parking lot at Park Avenue and Grove Street in Cherry Hill. This meeting place is one block from the intersection of Rt. 70 and Haddonfield Road/Grove Street. This intersection is at the corner of the old Garden State racetrack NP, FS, NC. Leaders: Barb&Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com

APRIL 10
Thursday
6:00 p.m.



ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill 856-772-6465 or e-mail: Geofneil@aol.com.

APRIL 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.

APRIL 11
Friday
7:00 p.m.

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

APRIL 12
Saturday
6:00 a.m.

APRIL APEX

APRIL APEX FOURTH ANNUAL MARATHON HIKE. 26.5 miles, moderate expeditionary pace - one gets us there. This is not a competition, we start and finish as a group. This year the OCSJ's longest hike will be held on the towpath of the D&R canal on the New Jersey side. We will park at Washington Crossing State Park and travel via shuttle to Frenchtown and then trek back to our meeting place. Further information and details will be supplied to all attendees. **INDIVIDUAL Pre-Registration is required for this hike. E-mail PREFERRED No calls or Emails' after Thursday April 10. NP, NC, FS.** Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817. smallfluke@yahoo.com

APRIL 12
Saturday
9:00 a.m. to
1:00 p.m.

PRE-EARTH DAY CLEANUP AT UNEXPECTED WILDLIFE REFUGE. Earth Day is when we try to "pay back" for all the earth gives us. Annually we return to this beaver sanctuary to pick up accumulated trash and litter along a road bordering the refuge. Bring work gloves. **PLEASE CALL TO FIND OUT ABOUT LUNCH.** Meet at the Refuge. Call Sara Summerville at 856-697-3541 or the leader, for information, sign up, directions. Leader: Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849.

APRIL 12
Saturday
4:45 p.m.

SUNSET HIKE AND STAR 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, Mars 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@cccj.net

APRIL 13
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

OSWEGO RIVER PADDLE. We meet at Oswego Lake Put-In. Pack Lunch. Call or e-mail to confirm. Leader: Vicki S., 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@netzero.com

APRIL 13
Sunday
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 14
Monday

CANOE/KAYAK the MAURICE RIVER. The Maurice River and its tributaries drain the southwest portion of the Pinelands National Reserve. Join us for a leisurely paddle on a section of the river to be determined depending on river conditions. We may paddle from Willow Grove Lake to Almond Road or from Almond Rd to Sherman Avenue. Meet at the Pegasus Diner on Routes 40 and 47 in Malaga for breakfast before the trip. Please contact leaders for meeting time and to confirm trip. Co-Leaders: Dawn P-D, 856-453-1007 or daybreakdelights@verizon.net or Trina P., 856-224-1055 or trp51@hotmail.com

APRIL 14
Monday
10:00 a.m.



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

APRIL 16
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

PENNYPACK-LORIMER PARKS LOOP HIKE. 10 miles, moderate pace. Come enjoy these lovely parks at a beautiful time of the year. Meet at Bustleton Avenue & Benton Street park entrance. Cross Tacony-Palmyra bridge into Phila. ; take Levick St. to Roosevelt Blvd. (Rt. 1). Turn right onto Rt. 1-N center lanes; go about 2.5 miles (past Rhawn Street) to Strahle Street and turn left. Take Strahle to Bustleton and turn right. Go 1/2 mile to Benton Street, turn left and park. NP. Check with leader if really bad weather is forecast. Leader: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133, e-mail: jerryhyker@yahoo.com

APRIL 16
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

DINOSAUR AND LUNCH HIKE. 6 miles, easy pace. The first large and nearly complete dinosaur fossil ever found was discovered in Haddonfield, NJ. What! You didn't know that? We will hike to the find-site, and briefly hear about the discovery. We will see a statue of the giant lizard. Lunch, pizza in town. (No picnic places available). Open woodland trails and town streets. Take Kresson Road in Cherry Hill to Brace Road. Then north on Brace 1/3 mile to Bortons Mill Road. Left down to parking. Or, Rt. 70 in Cherry Hill 1 mile west of 295 to Rt. 154 South. Watch signs. Take 154 South to Bortons Mill Road. Go right on Bortons 1/4 mile. Peppy Bath, 609-587-4849 and Manny Robbins, 856-428-4841.

APRIL 16
Wednesday
10:30 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 walk

to Spring Lake looking for early signs of spring. Contact leaders to confirm trip and your participation. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com

APRIL 17
Thursday
6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill 856-772-6465 or e-mail: Geofneil@aol.com.

APRIL 18
Friday
7:00 p.m.



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

APRIL 19
Saturday
9:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK THE N. BRANCH RANCOCAS CREEK. Paddle the 10-mile Canoe Trail from Burlington County College's Pemberton Campus to Historic Smithville Park. The North Branch transitions from a typical, quiet Pinelands stream with low banks and the distinctive "cedar water" tint to a wider and steeper-banked waterway moving through closed canopy forests of tall hickory, oak, red maple and tulip poplar. Meet at the Canoe Trail launch ramp on W. Rancocas Road, off Rt. 530 in Pemberton. Leader is an "early riser", so contact him between 4 a.m. and 7 p.m. if you have any questions. Participants MUST be ready to shuttle at 9 a.m. so arrive early to unload your boat and gear. No Rentals available. Leader: Dave L. Cell, 609-784-4066 or home, 609-735-9109 or dlynch50@verizon.net

APRIL 19
Saturday
7:30 p.m.



MOONLIGHT IN THE SPRINGTIME HIKE. 7 miles, moderate pace. Enjoy an evening in the Pines. Mercury and Venus will be unbelievably brilliant in the Seven Sisters Star Cluster. Meet at Atsion. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

APRIL 19
Saturday
3:30 p.m.

ANNUAL APRÈS SKI PARTY. Saturday, April 19, 3:30pm to 9 pm at Dan McAuliffe's house. Our annual bash is a chance for us to get together, share photos and reminisce about the season just past, and also to learn about the trips planned for next season, with chance for early sign-up. Covered dish, BYOB. If you've ever wondered what the X/C ski group does, or if you have any interest in skiing or snowshoeing, please join us! Call Dan McAuliffe, 215 630-7478 or dnmcauliffe@msn.com or Eileen Greve, 609-267-3598 e-mail: egreve2@verizon.net

APRIL 19
Saturday
7:30 p.m.



SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE AND CAMPOUT. 6-7 miles. Moderate pace. Hike over roads and trails lit by the Pink moon with a campfire at end. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. Overnight camping is available Fri. & Sat., call leader to reserve space. NP/NC. Meet at parking area opposite Group campsite area, Bryne State Forest, enter forest off Rt. 72, 1 mile E. of jct. Rts. 70&72. Leader, Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593, eve., or pis1@cccnj.net

APRIL 19-20
Sat. To Sun.

BEAR MOUNTAIN BACKPACK - 14-16 MILES. Trip will follow the Timp-Torne trail through Bear Mountain and Harriman State

Parks. Spectacular ridge top views of surrounding area, the Hudson R. and NYC in the distance. Saturday night at the scenic West Mt. shelter. Side trip to the Cat's Elbow. Max 8 people. NC/NP. Moderately strenuous. Leader: Bruce Steidel, 609-448-4361. E-mail: bsteidel@aol.com

APRIL 20
Sunday
9:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK CEDAR CREEK AND SUPPORT EARTH DAY 2008. Earth Day is April 22! We'll pickup trash as we paddle 7 miles from Ore Pond to Dudley Park. We'll provide the trash bags. Contact leaders to confirm trip and meeting logistics. Leaders: George and Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

APRIL 20
Sunday
9.00 a.m.

MENANTICO CREEK – BROAD ST TO PONDS. Depending on water level, trip is for intermediate paddler's. You MUST be able to handle your boat and be able to get it over obstructions. There will be trees and shallow areas. Call leader for Meeting Place. John Kee, 856-691-3047. Taxman56@aol.com. Please put OCSJ in all e-mail headers.

APRIL 20
Sunday
9:00 a.m. to
2:00 p.m.



EARTH DAY VOLUNTEER PROJECT. OCSJ will join Bass River State Forest to work on projects around the park. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUESTED.** Let Bass River Forest office at 609-296-1114, know you will be there. Bring beverage, lunch, and work gloves. Snacks provided. Meet at Bass River State Forest Office. Entrance is on Stage Road, 3.4 miles E of Rt. 679 (from the W and NW); or 6 miles W of Tuckerton (from the E and N); or 3 miles N of New Gretna (from the S). From all points follow signs. Leaders: Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849. Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379.

APRIL 20
Sunday



CANOE/KAYAK THE ALLOWAY CREEK. Enjoy a paddle in with the tide on Alloway Creek in Salem County. We will paddle 10 miles starting at historic Hancock's Bridge, site of an infamous Revolutionary War massacre and ending in Alloway. The Alloway Creek is a moderately 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. Meet at the Bradway's Market on Route 49 in Quinton for breakfast before the trip. Contact leaders at least 2 days before trip date to confirm trip, participation and time. Co-Leaders: Dawn P-D, 856-453-1007 or daybreakdelights@verizon.net or Steve L., 609-501-2535 or salevick@aol.com

APRIL 21
Monday
10:00 a.m.

ATSION HIKE. 5 miles easy to moderate pace. We will start at parking lot and hike along Hawkens Trail. Meet at the Atsion Rangers Station Parking lot off Rt. 206. Bad weather cancels. Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893 and Bill Schmitt, 856-787-1838

APRIL 23
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

TYLER STATE PARK WILDFLOWER HIKE. 5-6 miles along Neshaminy Creek at a moderate pace with stops to view wild flowers. Bring lunch and beverage to eat at the Schofield Ford Covered Bridge. Directions: I-95 North to the Newtown/Yardley exit 49. 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- take either and meet at the Boat House parking lot, which is all the way in and down to the creek. More information call or e-mail Pat Burton, 856-767- 8064 camperpat@hotmail.com

APRIL 24
Thursday
9:00 a.m.



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

APRIL 24
Thursday
6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd. cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill, 856-772-6465 or e-mail: Geofneil@aol.com.

APRIL 25
Friday
10:00 a.m.

DELAWARE WATER GAP. 10-11 miles, Brisk pace. LEADER'S CHOICE, Rocky/rigorous hike. Bring sturdy shoes and a walking stick. Bring lunch (homemade banana bread provided for dessert!) Meet in the Dunnfield Creek/Appalachian Trail parking lot on the westbound side of Interstate 80 just before crossing into Pennsylvania. N40.58.306 / W75.07.527 BW WF FS. Joel Penn, 609-313-2376 jpenncpa@comcast.net

APRIL 25
Friday
7:00 p.m.



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

APRIL 26
Saturday
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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

APRIL 26
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

SHAD FESTIVAL HIKE. 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 D+R Canal, Jimison Farm. Leader Dave and Julie Hegelein 856-235-8792.

APRIL 27
Sunday
8:30 a.m.

SOCIAL HIKE. RALPH STOVER STATE PARK, PA. 7-8 MILES. Moderate pace. Be prepared for rock scramble and steep climbs for spectacular views of the TohickonCreek. Hiking boots required and good physical condition. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. NP/NC. Meet at Crown Plaza (formerly Hilton Hotel) rear parking area, Rt. 70 Cherry Hill, to carpool/caravan. Leave at 8:30 am sharp! Or meet at Ralph Stover Street. Park near the bridge on Tohickon

Hill Road in Pt. Pleasant, PA at 10:00 a.m. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 evenings only or pis1@cccnj.net Inclement weather cancels.

APRIL 27
Sunday
9:30 a.m.

MANUMUSKIN PRESERVE HIKE. 6-7 miles, moderate pace, with possible extension to 12 miles for experienced hikers. 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 water fowl. 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, lunch and binoculars suggested. Meet at the Wawa on East Rt.49 and Wade Blvd. in Millville, easy access from Rt. 55. Contact leader prior to trip to confirm participation. Susan Brown at e-mail: slstretch@comcast.net and 856-364-0278.

APRIL 27
Sunday
10:00 a.m. Or
11:00 a.m.

WISSAHICKON DAY PARADE HIKE. Miles: 5 or 7, moderate pace. We'll hike down to the Valley Green Inn and have lunch while watching all of the trappings of the annual Equestrian Parade. The parade commemorates the closure of Forbidden Drive to vehicular traffic many years ago. On the way back we'll check out the covered bridge, the falls and a new trail. Rugged terrain. Bring or buy lunch. NP. Meeting Place: Meet before 10:00 am in front of Crate & Barrel, Cherry Hill Mall [the flagpole is gone], or 11:00 at Andorra Nature Center, Ridge and Northwestern Avenues, Roxboro. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292 kranzdnr@verizon.net

APRIL 28
Monday
10:00 a.m.



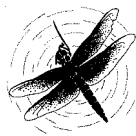
ONG'S HAT TO DEEP HOLLOW. 5 miles moderate pace. We'll hike along the Batona Trail to Deep Hollow. Meet at the Batona Trail head a short distance down a dirt road opposite Cafe Apany on Magnolia Road (about 1 1/2 miles from the Four Mile Circle. Bad weather cancels. Leader Janet Horton, 857-461-5771. E-mail: janeth1@comcast.net

APRIL 30
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

PENN STATE FOREST HIKE. 9 miles, moderate pace (3 mph). View lake, sandy roads, dwarf pines, a hill with a view, and if Jack can find it, a landing gear from a F105 jet that crashed on 1/17/71. Meet at Oswego Lake. Bring lunch and wet weather gear. It rained last year. Leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817 and Jack Dalton, 609-296-1805.

APRIL 30
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

3-B - BOARDWALK, BRIDGE, BEACH (OCEAN CITY). 7 miles, moderate pace. Walk on Ocean City boardwalk 1-1/2 miles north, 2-1/2 miles through Gardens, over Longport Bridge. Lunch at fishing pier picnic area on bridge. Back over bridge to beach (tides permitting), back on boardwalk to starting point. Meet at 12th Street Pavilion on boardwalk. Leader: Noel Wirth 609-938-0418. ocncw101@comcast.net





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*“Never look down on anybody unless
you are helping him up”*

RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

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Note various trips require participants to contact leader to confirm participation

CHECK THE OCSJ WEBSITE ON YOUR COMPUTER AT (WWW.OCSJ.ORG) OR ON YOUR CELL PHONE AT (W.OCSJ.ORG) * IF YOU HAVE INTERNET ACCESS)

FOR LATEST TRIP INFORMATION.

CYCLISTS JOIN THE GOOGLE GROUPS FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION.

FOR DETAILS GO TO THE BICYCLING HOME PAGE.

MAY 1

Thursday

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. We'll paddle 10 miles from Dover Forge to Dudley Park! Meet Double Trouble Park, Pinewald-Keswick and Double Trouble Rds. Please contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. Leaders: George and Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

MAY 1

Thursday

6:00 p.m.



ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill 856-772-6465 or e-mail: Geofneil@aol.com.

MAY 2
Friday
7:00 p.m.



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

MAY 3
Saturday
9:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK THE N. BRANCH RANCOCAS CREEK. Paddle the 10-mile Canoe Trail from Burlington County College's Pemberton Campus to Historic Smithville Park. The North Branch transitions from a typical, quiet Pinelands stream with low banks and the distinctive "cedar water" tint to a wider and steeper-banked waterway moving through closed canopy forests of tall hickory, oak, red maple and tulip poplar. Meet at the Canoe Trail launch ramp on W. Rancocas Road, off Rt. 530 in Pemberton. Leader is an "early riser", so contact him between 4am and 7 p.m. if you have any questions. Participants **MUST** be ready to shuttle at 9 a.m. so arrive early to unload your boat and gear. No Rentals available. Leader: Dave L. Cell 609-784-4066 or Home 609-735-9109 or dlynch50@verizon.net

MAY 3
Saturday

WHEATON ARTS 2ND ANNUAL ECO-FAIR! Join us at Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center on Glasstown Road in Millville. Looking for club members to help man an OCSJ information booth from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come out and meet new people and tell them what you like about our great club! Last year's Eco-Fair was a very nice event and the booth volunteers had a great time. Anytime you could give us to come out and spread the word about the OCSJ would be greatly appreciated. For more information about the Eco-Fair go to www.wheatonarts.org. Contact leaders to confirm participation and time. Leaders: Dawn Perry-Dunnam, 856-453-1007 or e-mail daybreakdelights@verizon.net; or Emily Rottkamp, 856-455-2309.

MAY 3
Saturday
10:00 a.m.



TYLER STATE PARK HIKE. About 7 miles mostly paved paths, moderate pace. Hike along scenic Neshaminy Creek with views of surrounding areas from high points. Bring lunch. Directions: I-95 to Newtown/Yardley Exit 49. Then drive west on four lane Newtown Bypass 4.5 miles. Turn left at Tyler Park traffic light. Go to boathouse parking lot. Meet at pavilion closest to foot-bridge across Neshaminy Creek. Leader: Bruce Steidel, 609-448-4361 bsteidel@aol.com

MAY 3
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

DELAWARE WATER GAP COPPERMINES LOOP. 7-8 miles, moderate pace, with time for scenery, history, and photo ops. The morning warm up will greet you with pretty views of a hemlock gorge. After lunch at Catfish Pond we will hike the Appalachian Trail along the ridge with views of Lower Yards Creek Reservoir and return along the Kaiser fire road. This is a rocky, strenuous hike but a great place for your first strenuous hike. Hiking boots required. Bring lunch, snacks and plenty of water. Meet in the Coppermines Parking Lot. Rt. 80 W to Exit 1 Millbrook/Flatbrookville (last exit before toll into PA). At bottom of ramp, turn right at stop sign onto Old Mine Road and when LONG light turns green, continue for approx 8 miles north on Old Mine Road to Coppermine Trail parking on left. NP, NC. Jim G., 732-946-4545 jgahler@verizon.net

MAY 3-4
Sat.-Sun.

ANNUAL ALL GIRL BACKPACK TRIP. A 10 mile trip around Harriman State Park. There will be some elevation changes and lots of beautiful scenery. All abilities are welcome. Call the leader for more information Crysti Davis (formerly Crysti Jackson) Evenings, 856-534-7507.
E-mail Crystijac@aol.com

MAY 4
Sunday
9:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK THE WADING RIVER on CINCO DE MAYO!!
Ole! We'll paddle 10 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. Rentals available from Pine Barrens Canoe Rental 609-726-1515 or www.pinebarrenscanoe.com. Contact leaders to confirm participation. Leaders: George and Leona F., 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com

MAY 4
Sunday
9:15 a.m.
9:45 a.m.



CARBON COUNTY, PA HIKE. 8 to 10 miles. Easy to moderate pace. Depart from Germantown & Rex Avenues in Chestnut Hill (Philadelphia, PA) at 9:15 a.m. or meet in Macy's parking lot adjacent to Germantown Pike at Plymouth Meeting Mall (off PA turnpike interchange # 333 - Norristown) for departure at 9:45 a.m. sharp. We will hike somewhere in scenic Carbon County, PA. The hike may include stream crossings, and some bushwhacking. Bring lunch & water. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

MAY 4
Sunday
10:00 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., all day trip. Meet at Atsion Ranger Station Parking Lot. Leader Vicki S., 856-256-9568, or e-mail: ravingwriter@netzero.com

MAY 4
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

DELAWARE WATER GAP HIKE. 9-10 miles, moderate pace. Hike the high cliffs of Mt. Tammy, and along the A.T. on Dunfield Creek. Can be a strenuous hike, rocky climbs. Wear sturdy footwear. Bring binoculars for good views of the Delaware River + Cap. Bring lunch. Meet at Visitors Center off I-80 0.25 mile before last exit before P.A. toll bridge. Leader: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

MAY 4
Sunday
10:00 a.m. or
10:45 a.m.



MID WISSAHICKON VALLEY HIKE. 5 or 7 miles, moderate pace. We'll check out one of the most awesome urban wilderness areas in the country, traverse the Fingerspan bridge and climb our way to the Indian Statue. Rugged terrain. Sturdy shoes required. Wimp out at 5 miles. Bring or buy lunch at the Valley Green Inn. NP. Meet before 10:00 a.m. in front of Crate & Barrel, Cherry Hill Mall [the flagpole is gone], for car pooling, or by 10:45 a.m. at Henry Avenue and Walnut Lane parking area. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292.
kranzdnr@verizon.net

MAY 5
Monday
10:00 a.m.

BATSTO HIKE. 5 miles easy to moderate pace. We will be walking along the east side of the Batsto River. Meet at Batsto Parking Lot. Bad weather cancels. Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893 and Bill Schmitt, 856-787-1838.

MAY 7
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

HISTORIC FAIRMOUNT PARK LOOP HIKE. 9-10 miles, moderate pace. See historic mansions of Fairmount Park (Hatfield

House, Smith House, Rockland, Chamounix, Lemon Hill, Mount Pleasant, Ormiston, Laurel Hill, Woodford, and Strawberry). Cross Ben Franklin Bridge into Phila. take Vine St. Expressway (I-676 West) to 22nd St. and go short distance, then left onto Ben Franklin Pkwy. Take Pkwy (right hand lanes) past Art Museum onto Kelly Drive. Turn left into the new Lloyd Hall public parking at the beginning of Boat House Row. Heavy rain cancels; call leader if in doubt. Leader: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133, e-mail :jerryhyker@yahoo.com

MAY 8
Thursday
6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill 856-772-6465 or e-mail :Geofneil@aol.com.

MAY 8
Thursday
7:30 p.m.



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

MAY 9
Friday
7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See April 4 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 10
Saturday
7:00 a.m.
BUS TRIP



WASHINGTON DC BUS TRIP AND SELF-GUIDED TOUR. Packed with famous sights, celebrated symbols of patriotism, free attractions, the sights and sounds of the nation's capital offer inspiring experiences **COST: \$25.00 per person.** TO ORDER: Send check payable to **OUTDOOR CLUB OF SOUTH JERSEY** to Christine Denneker, 50 South Bridgeboro St., Delran, NJ 08075. **All payments must be made by April 26, 2008. ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST.** Order tickets as soon as possible. We need an early response, in order to not disappoint anyone. First come, first served. No reserved seats. Please include your telephone number and e-mail address. For a receipt, include self-addressed stamped envelope. All sales final. For refund, tickets must be re-sold. **Meet by big flagpole, front of Macy's, Moorestown Mall, off Rt. 38.** Bus departs on time, rain or shine. Arrive DC 10-11 a.m. Depart DC 5:30 pm. Arrival time from DC approx. 8:30 p.m. (Volunteer gratuity for driver) Leaders: Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849. Christine Denneker, 856-461-5379.

MAY 10
Saturday

SLICK 4TH ANNUAL SUNSET LAKE/COHANSEY RIVER CLEANUP! Help support National River Cleanup Week while enjoying one of South Jersey's least known 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 Cohanse 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 April). 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; or Emily Rottkamp, 856-455-2309 or 856-362-1205 (cell phone for last minute directions).

MAY 11
Sunday
9:00 a.m.



EARLY 4-MILER HIKE. 4 miles, moderate pace. Hike around this local park for an early walk and head back home for Mother's Day. Quick stop halfway to look out over the lake. Meet at Station Avenue and 10th Avenue in Haddon Heights, at the tip of Haddon Lake Park (same park as the Dell). Leader Tom Neigel, tom-neigel@ocsj.org, 609-206-3389.

MAY 11
Sunday
9:30 a.m.

PADDLE THE UPPER MULLICA. We'll paddle this more challenging section from Jackson Road to Atsion Lake. Meeting place will be the Jackson Road bridge near the Atco Dragway. Experienced paddlers only. No rentals available. Leader Harry Barok, 985-6172, 6 p.m. thru 10 p.m.

MAY 11
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

MOM'S DAY ON THE EGG. Paddle Penny Pot to Weymouth Furnace. Leader Vicki S. call 856-256-9568, or e-mail: ravingwriter@netzero.com

MAY 12
Monday

CANOE/KAYAK THE MAURICE RIVER. The Maurice River and its tributaries drain the southwest portion of the Pinelands National Reserve. Join us for a leisurely paddle on a section of the river to be determined depending on river conditions. We may paddle from Willow Grove Lake to Almond Rd or from Almond Rd to Sherman Ave. Meet at the Pegasus Diner on Routes 40 and 47 in Malaga for breakfast before the trip. Please contact leaders for meeting time and to confirm trip. Co-Leaders: Dawn P-D 856-453-1007 or daybreakdelights@verizon.net or Trina P., 856-224-1055 or trp51@hotmail.com

MAY 13-15
MIDWEEK
CAMPING

WORTHINGTON STATE PARK ON THE DELAWARE RIVER-CAMPING MIDWEEK. Arrive Tues and set up, a kayak trip will take place on Wed, no rentals. Participants responsible to obtain their own camp-site. Call the leader to find out her site #, and for assistance to share a site with someone. Nice hiking trails in the area, along with showers and facilities. Call Pat Burton, 856-767-8064 camperpat@hotmail.com

MAY 14
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

CRANBURY BOGS HIKE. 8/9 miles, moderate pace (3 mph). Tour the Pines and Bogs in Lebanon. Meet at Byrne office (Ranger Station). Heavy rain cancels. Leaders, Joe Hummel 856 235 8817 and Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

MAY 15
Thursday
9:30 a.m.
New



PADDLE MANTUA CREEK. Join us as we paddle on one of our local creeks. This non-shuttle trip offers few stops and little shade, but many chances to see hawks, turtles and maybe some beaver activity. Please bring water, sunscreen and lunch. Contact leaders for meeting place and to confirm participation. Trina and Charlie P 856-224-1055 email trp51@hotmail.com

MAY 15
Thursday
6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park. Meet

at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill 856-772-6465 or e-mail: Geofneil@aol.com.

MAY 16
Friday
10:00 a.m.

DELAWARE WATER GAP. 8-9 miles, 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 (home-made 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. N40.58.306 / W75.07.527. BW, WF, FS. Joel Penn, 609-313-2376. jpenncpa@comcast.net

MAY 16
Friday
7:00 p.m.



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

MAY 17
Saturday
8:30 a.m.

SOCIAL FLATWATER KAYAK INTRODUCTION TRAINING. A certified ACA instructor will be on hand to share information about paddling techniques, safety and equipment. Come out and learn about this ever growing popular sport. Learn how to handle a flatwater kayak or improve your skills, great for beginners. Call leader to reserve space. After a brief lake training we will paddle on the Wading Rive. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after trip. NC/NP. Meet at Bel-Haven, Paddle Sports on Rt. 542, Atl Co., 12 miles E. of Hammonton. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. or e-mail: pis1@cccnj.net pis1@cccnj.net

MAY 17
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 either Smith Bridge or Brandywine State Park in Delaware. Water level determines. No rentals available. Contact leader for details. Leader: Frank Pearce, 856-767-2780 or e-mail: hornet71@verizon.net

MAY 17
Saturday

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. www.monmouthcountyparks.com/parks/manasquan_park.asp Meet at the Manasquan Reservoir Visitors Center. Please contact leaders for trip logistics and confirmation. Leaders: Jim G., 732-946-4545 or jgahler@verizon.net and George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

MAY 17
Saturday

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 (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

MAY 17
Saturday
7:30 p.m.

MAY MOON FULL MOON. 7 miles, moderate pace. Come out on a spring evening to listen for Whippoorwills', and gaze at the moon. Meet at Atsion. Leader Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

MAY 17
Saturday
7:30 p.m.



SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE. 6 miles moderate pace. Hike under the Flower Moon as we walk along old cranberry bogs and listen to the evening serenade. Bring snack type food to share for our tailgate social after the hike. NC/NP. Meet in parking lot at Whitesbog Village, Burl.Co. From Rt. 70 E, take Rt. 530 N. go 1 mile, turn right onto village entrance road. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. or pis1@cccnj.net

MAY 18
Sunday
9.00 a.m.

MENANTICO CREEK – BROAD STREET TO RT. 47. Depending on water level, trip is for intermediate paddler's. You **MUST** be able to handle your boat and be able to get it over obstructions. There will be trees and shallow areas. Call leader for Meeting Place. John Kee, 856-691-3047. Taxman56@aol.com. Please put OCSJ in all email headers.

MAY 18
Sunday
9:00 a.m.

SOCIAL KAYAK TRIP. Paddle the Oswego River, one of the most picturesque rivers in the Pines. Bring lunch and water with you. We will stop to explore and swim along the way. Limited space, call leader to confirm participation and trip status. NP/NC. Meet at Bel-Haven Paddle Sport Rt. 542, Greenbank, Burlington Co., Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 856-697-3870 or pis1@cccnj.net

MAY 18
Sunday
9:00 a.m.



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

MAY 18
Sunday
10:00 a.m. Or
10:45 a.m.

SOUTH WISSAHICKON VALLEY HIKE. 5 or 7 miles, moderate pace. Come explore one of the most awesome urban wilderness areas in the country, along with historic Rittenhouse Town, and the Hermits and Gorgas Lane Caves. Rugged terrain. Sturdy shoes required. Wimp out at 5 miles. **NO RESTROOMS!** Lunch at Lover's Leap (no jumping please!). Bring lunch, beverage. NP. Meet before 10:00 a.m. in front of Cherry Hill Mall [the flagpole is gone], for car pooling, or by 10:45 a.m. at Henry Avenue and Walnut Lane parking area. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292. kranzdnr@verizon.net

MAY 18
Sunday
10:30 a.m.
Poetry Hike

POETRY IN THE PARK HIKE. Approximately 4 miles, easy to moderate pace. Walk in the footsteps of Thoreau as we take a modest hike through the forest pausing and reflecting by a quiet pond. We will start the hike with a few words, and stop at a few locations along the way for readings. Therese will be reading from her book of poems, *Uncommon Geography*. These are poems that embrace the earth. Meet at the intersection of the group campsites in Brendon Byrne State Park. Heavy rain cancels. Leaders: Tom Neigel at tom-neigel@ocsj.org 609-206-3389, and Therese Halscheid Website: ThereseHalscheid.com

MAY 18
Sunday



SUNSET & FULL "FLOWER" MOON PADDLING TRIP. Time & Location TBA, check the OCSJ website for information one week prior. This will be a joint trip with the Great Bay Paddlers Club. Bring "munchies" to share and refreshments to enjoy for our gathering after the paddle! Call or e-mail leader to confirm your attendance **AT LEAST TWO (2) DAYS PRIOR TO THE TRIP!** Leader: Roger Marcotte, 609-812-0201
rogercotte@comcast.net

P.S. *In case you did not know . . . First Bridge Marina & Kayaks no longer exists! The location is now N.J. Green Acres Land. The location on Great Bay Blvd., Little Egg Harbor, remains a great paddling location with ramp. There are presently no other facilities available.*

MAY 19
Monday
10:00 a.m.

A SEARCH FOR HUDSONIA. 6 miles, easy to moderate pace. This low plant with golden flowers is rare except in the sandy "Wastes" of the pinelands. Considered a relic of the ice age. We missed it last year but let's see if we can find the pretty flowers. We will follow trails in the open pinelands south of the Mullica River and will lunch at a pretty spot. Meet at Atsion next to the Ranger office. Heavy rain cancels. Manny Robbins, 856-428-4841 and Peppy Bath, 609-587-4849.
pep157@optonline.net

MAY 19
Monday
10:00 a.m.

RAILS TO TRAILS. 5 miles easy to moderate pace. We will hike the trail to Burmingham. We will take a trail into Pemberton, then Back to Railroad Station Meet at the Old Pemberton Railroad Station and Museum. Bad weather cancels. Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893 and Bill Schmitt, 856-787-1838.

MAY 20
Tuesday
10:00 a.m.

PADDLE THE MAURICE RIVER FROM WILLOW GROVE LAKE TO ALMOND ROAD. Meeting time will be at 10:00, at the Wawa with the gas pumps, on Rt. 40 and 47, or arrive early or breakfast at the Pegasus Restaurant at 9:00. No rentals for this trip call or e-mail to confirm, Tim Jowett, 856-464-2136 or, timjs10@aol.com

MAY 21
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.



COOPER RIVER PARK HIKE. 10 miles, moderate pace (3mph). Urban hiking along river and park trails between Rt. 103 and Kings Highway. Meet at the parking lot at the Cooper River Yacht located on South Park Drive (south side of Cooper River) approximately midway between Rt. 130 and Cuthbert Blvd. Leader: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

MAY 21
Wednesday
10:30 a.m.

BACK TO BIVALVE. 7 miles, moderate pace. Meet at 2800 High St. (BSDP office) Bivalve (Port Norris). Walk to Shellpile, Bivalve village and observation decks. Picnic at BSDP wharfs.

Off Rt. 553 Cumberland Co. Check your maps. Bring binoculars (and bug repellent if it's warm.) Leader: Noel Wirth, 609-938-0418 ocncw101@comcast.net

MAY 22
Thursday
9:00 a.m.

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

MAY 22
Thursday
6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill, 856-772-6465 or e-mail: Geofneil@aol.com.

MAY 23
Friday
7:00 p.m.



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

MAY 24
Saturday
9:00 a.m.

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

MAY 24
Saturday
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 24
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 26
Monday
10:00 a.m.

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. Please contact Leader Vicki S., 856-256-9568, or ravingwriter@netzero.com

MAY 28
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

KINGSTON LOCK TO GRIGGSTOWN HIKE. 9-10 miles, moderate pace. Hike from Kingston Lock to Rocky Hill to Griggstown causeway and back. Lunch at Griggstown picnic area. Meet at Kingston Lock. LP. Bad weather cancels. Leaders: Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609. Heinz Knaupp, 609-801-1168.

MAY 29
Thursday
6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill 856-772-6465 or e-mail: Geofneil@aol.com

MAY 30
Friday
7:00 p.m.



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



Volunteer Opportunities

The Club offers all members an opportunity to be a part of, or to create their own outdoor experience or activity. All activities are led by volunteer members. **NO** volunteers, **NO** activities. It's that simple!

You can make a difference. Your volunteer involvement in Club activities is unique and special contributions that play a valuable role in *YOUR* Club.

PLAN AND LEAD AN ACTIVITY.

HELP TO MAINTAIN THE TRAIL.

PLAN AND LEAD A "LITTER" CLEAN-UP DAY.

HELP THE TRAIL COORDINATOR BUILD A FOOT BRIDGE.

WRITE YOUR LEGISLATORS. A SIMPLE NOTE IN SUPPORT OF TRAILS, BIKE PATHS AND GREENWAYS IS ALL IT TAKES.

CHAIR A COMMITTEE. (See Christmas Party, Officer Nominations, etc.)

PLAN AND LEAD A TOUR TRIP.

Talk to your Activity Committee Chair about what you can volunteer to do to improve *YOUR* Club.



JUNE



“Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail”

RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

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

DELAWARE WATER GAP & KAYAK COMBO. See June 1 entry.

OLD LOGGERS PATH BACKPACK – 17 miles. See June 7- 8 entry.

CANOEING/ KAYAKING SKILLS REFRESHER ON LAKE OSWEGO. New and beginning paddlers are welcome. See June 11 entry.

CAMPING WEEKEND AT BASS RIVER STATE FOREST. Friday to Sunday, June 13-15.

HISTORIC CAPE MAY WEEKEND. See June 20, 21 and 22 entry.

JANES ISLAND KAYAKING WEEKEND. See June 20-23 entry.

SLICK 1ST ANNUAL MAURICE RIVER CLEANUP! See June 21 entry.

BICYCLING ROAD COURSE. See June 28 entry.

SUNSET & FULL "STRAWBERRY" MOON PADDLING TRIP. See June 18 entry.

Note various trips require participants to contact leader to confirm participation

CHECK THE OCSJ WEBSITE ON YOUR COMPUTER AT (WWW.OCSJ.ORG) OR ON YOUR CELL PHONE AT (W.OCSJ.ORG) * IF YOU HAVE INTERNET ACCESS)

FOR LATEST TRIP INFORMATION.

CYCLISTS JOIN THE GOOGLE GROUPS FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION.

FOR DETAILS GO TO THE BICYCLING HOME PAGE.

JUNE 1

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

DELAWARE WATER GAP AND KAYAK COMBO. 5 miles, Moderate pace. Hike 5-6 Rigorous Vertical Miles. Enjoy a leisurely barbeque lunch w/restrooms. Leader will provide burgers and veggie burgers. Bring food or snack to share. After lunch, kayak 5 miles down the Delaware River to your car at Kittatinny Point. Bring sturdy shoes and a walking stick. PFD & Whistle are a must on the river. No rentals available. Meet at the Douglas Parking area on Old Mine Road. Rt. 80 W to Exit 1 Millbank/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). Joel Penn, 609-313-2376. jpenncpa@comcast.net

JUNE 1

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

CALICO HIKE. 6-7 miles, moderate pace. Hope to see calico (*kalmia latifolia*) in bloom. We'll hike over old roads and trails to a scenic bog for lunch. Bring lunch, beverage and bug repellent. Meet at Atsion. Leader: Christine Denneker, 856-461-5379.

JUNE 2

Monday
10:00 a.m.

SMITHVILLE HIKE. 5 miles easy to moderate pace. We will walk thru Smithville and view the gardens at the Mansion on the way back. Meet at Smithville Woods Parking Lot off Rt. 38. Bad weather cancels. Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893 and Bill Schmitt, 856-787-1838.

JUNE 3

Tuesday
9:30 a.m.

PADDLE SALEM RIVER. Before the summer heat sets in, explore this non tidal section with us. Limited places to stop. Bring water, lunch and sunscreen. Meeting place to be determined. Contact leaders Trina and Charlie P., trp51@hotmail.com 856-224-1055.

JUNE 4
Wednesday
9:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK CEDAR CREEK AND GEOCACHE TOO!
Enjoy an always-spectacular paddle in the amber-colored waters of Cedar Creek from Dover Forge to Dudley Park (10 miles). Interested in geocaching – there are several caches in Double Trouble Park as we paddle. Please contact leaders to confirm trip and meeting logistics. Leaders George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

JUNE 4
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

YARDLEY CANAL HIKE. 8-10 miles, moderate pace. Hike from Washington Crossing Historical Park/PA to a little past Yardley and back. Meet at Washington Crossing Historical Park parking lot (Penna.), off of PA. Rt. 32. LP. Heavy rain cancels. Leaders: Heinz Knaupp, 609-801-1168. Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

JUNE 5
Thursday
6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill, 856-772-6465 or e-mail: Geofneil@aol.com

JUNE 6
Friday
7:00 p.m.



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

JUNE 7
Saturday

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. Continue past 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. Leader: Frank Pearce, 856-767-2780 or e-mail hornet71@verizon.net

JUNE 7
Saturday
12 noon

HOT DOG KAYAK TRIP ON THE GREAT EGG FROM WEYMOUTH FURNACE TO LENAPE LAKE. Hot dogs will be supplied by the leader, bring your own drinks and snacks to share afterwards, Rentals will be available to Winding River Campground at 1-609-625-3191, reserve your boat early, as their weekends are busy, Call or e-mail to confirm, Tim Jowett, 856-464-2136, or, timjs10@aol.com

JUNE 7- 8
Sat. to Sun.

OLD LOGGERS PATH BACKPACK – 17 miles. The OLP is one of Pennsylvania's premier trails with sweeping vistas. It passes several streams, including Rock Run, a stream of exceptional beauty. Optional Friday night camping at nearby World's End State Park Moderate. Max 10 people. NC/NP Leader: Bruce Steidel, 609-448-4361. e-mail: bsteidel@aol.com

JUNE 8
Sunday
8:30 a.m.

SOCIAL WISSAHICKON GORGE HIKE. 7 miles moderate pace over hills. Hike the Gorge in late spring with it's spectacular views. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. NP/NC. Meet in rear parking lot Hilton Hotel, on Rt. 70

Cherry Hill to carpool/caravan. Or meet at 9:30 a.m. at Valley Green parking lot in park. Leader Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. or pis1@cccnj.net

JUNE 8
Sunday
9:00 a.m.

PADDLE HAINES CREEK (MEDFORD CANOE TRAIL): Meet at Kirby's Mill. No shuttle/No rental. Leader Harry Barok, 985-6172—6 p.m. thru 10 p.m.

JUNE 8
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 8
Sunday
*Time to be
Announced*



NATIONAL TRAILS DAY HIKE. 3-5 miles, moderate pace. We join with Bass River State Forest to celebrate 16th year of National Trails Day (NTD) and the Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) 75th Anniversary. Our hike will take us to the CCC memorial site for the ceremony. As of press time, NOT ALL DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE. CHECK THE HIKING SECTION UPDATES ON OUR WEB SITE, www.ocsj.org. Meet at trailhead on Stage Road 1.4 miles E of Rt. 679 (from the W and NW); or 7.9 miles W of Tuckerton (from the E and N); from New Gretna go 2.3 miles to Stage Road, make left. Go 5 mile (from the S) From all points follow signs. Leader: Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849.

JUNE 9
Monday
10:00 a.m.

COLLINGSWOOD PARKS. 5 miles, easy pace. A short jaunt through the town with its interesting shops and on through Knight's Park and then along the paved trail along Newton Creek. All scenic in the Spring. And for once, forget ticks, because there aren't any. Bring lunch and drink, or buy at MacD. Go to Route 70, proceed as follows. From where Rt. 70 (Marlton Pike) overpasses 295 go west about 4 miles. Stay in the right lane. At close to 4 miles you will see a tall hotel on the left, and an overpass straight ahead. Go UNDER the overpass and swing right onto Cuthbert Rd. going south. Proceed about 1 mile on Cuthbert to Haddon Avenue. Go right on Haddon Avenue about 1/2 mile. Look for the Collingswood Library on the right. Pass the library and turn right and come behind the library and find parking. Meet at library. Manny Robbins 856-428-4841 Peppy Bath, 609-587-4849.
E-mail pep157@optonline.net

JUNE 11
Wednesday
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 and Leona F., 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com

JUNE 12
Thursday
6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles. Moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. Contact leader before

8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill, 856-772-6465 or e-mail: Geofneil@aol.com.

JUNE 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.

JUNE 13
Friday
7:00 p.m.



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

JUNE 13-15
Noon Friday
to Noon Sunday



OCSJ SPRING CAMPOREE. Camping possibilities include swimming at lifeguarded beach, kayaking, mountain biking at Bass River State Forest. Come on down! Join in the fun! We have a group campsite for the weekend. Check in Friday p.m. or Saturday a.m. Campfire each night. Saturday we bike 4-6 miles, or you can swim and relax at the lake. A kayak trip is planned for Saturday, no rentals. Sunday, after a leisurely breakfast you must break camp, then you can spend the afternoon at the lake, take a bike ride or kayak a stream. Bring your bikes, kayaks and swim suits! There will be a small per person campsite fee. **CAMPERS MUST CALL THE LEADERS AND MAKE A RESERVATION BEFORE JUNE 6th.** Members not camping are welcome to join the daily activities, please note there is an entrance fee into the park. You can even backpack or bike in to join the group. Seniors use senior pass. **ENTRANCE** is on Stage Road, 3.4 miles E. of Rt 679 (from the W and NW) or 6 miles W of Tuckerton (from the E and N) or 3 miles N of New Gretna (from the S). From all points, follow signs. For info call the leaders Pat Burton, 856-767-8064. camperpat@hotmail.com and Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849.

JUNE 14
Saturday
9:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK THE N. BRANCH RANCOCAS CREEK. Paddle the 10-mile Canoe Trail from Burlington County College's Pemberton Campus to Historic Smithville Park. The North Branch transitions from a typical, quiet Pinelands stream with low banks and the distinctive "cedar water" tint to a wider and steeper-banked waterway moving through closed canopy forests of tall hickory, oak, red maple and tulip poplar. Meet at the Canoe Trail launch ramp on W. Rancocas Road, off Rt. 530 in Pemberton. Leader is an "early riser", so contact him between 4 a.m. and 7 p.m. if you have any questions. Participants **MUST** be ready to shuttle at 9 a.m. so arrive early to unload your boat and gear. No Rentals available. Leader: Dave L. Cell 609-784-4066 or Home 609-735-9109 or dlynch50@verizon.net

JUNE 14
Saturday
7:30 p.m.



SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE AND CAMPOUT. 6 miles moderate pace. Join us as we hike under the Strawberry Moon on 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 Road. Go 1.5 miles to Goshen Pond campsite sign, turn onto dirt road and follow to campsites. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 evenings or e-mail: pis1@cccnj.net

JUNE 15

Sunday
8:00 a.m.

COOPER RIVER AND ADJOINING PARKS HIKE. 6 miles, brisk pace. A “get-it-over-early” loop hike plus an option to have brunch with us afterwards at a nearby Old Country Buffet. Meet at the National Guard Armory parking lot at Park Ave. and Grove St. in Cherry Hill. This meeting place is one block from the intersection of Rt. 70 and Haddonfield Road/Grove St. This intersection is at the corner of the old Garden State racetrack and has a sign for Chili’s Bar and Grill. NP, NC, FS. Leaders: Barb&Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com

JUNE 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 Road, Moorestown. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048, e-mail: franhorn@aol.com.

JUNE 15

Sunday
9.00 a.m.

MENANTICO CREEK – BROAD ST TO RT. 47. Depending on water level, trip is for intermediate paddler’s. You MUST be able to handle your boat and be able to get it over obstructions. There will be trees and shallow areas. Call leader for Meeting Place. John Kee, 856-691-3047 Taxman56@aol.com. Please put OCSJ in all email headers.

JUNE 15

Sunday
10:30 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK ON THE CROSSWICKS CREEK/HAMILTON TRENTON MARSH. Enjoy a relaxing Father’s Day on the water. We’ll paddle from Bordentown Beach to Roebling Park and grill hot dogs for lunch. Optional, walk 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

JUNE 16

Monday
10:00 a.m.

BOARDWALK HIKE. 5 miles easy to moderate pace. We will walk the Boardwalk from Ventnor to Atlantic City. It should be a pleasant walk. Meet at the Ventnor Library. (6500 S. Atlantic Avenue at Newport Avenue). Bad weather cancels. Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893 and Bill Schmitt, 856-787-1838.

JUNE 17

Tuesday
6:45 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. 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.

JUNE 18

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

COOPER RIVER FIGURE EIGHT HIKE. 6 or 12 miles. Moderate pace. We will hike the first loop to the East returning to the parking area for lunch and then do the second loop. Meet at the National Guard Armory parking lot at Park Avenue and Grove St. in Cherry Hill. This meeting place is one block from the intersection of Rt. 70 and Haddonfield Road/Grove Street. This intersection is at the corner of the old Garden State race track NP, FS, NC. Leaders: Barb and Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com

JUNE 18
Wednesday

SUNSET & FULL "STRAWBERRY" MOON PADDLING TRIP. Time & Location TBA, check the OCSJ website for information one week prior. This will be a joint trip with the Great Bay Paddlers Club. Bring "munchies" to share and refreshments to enjoy for our gathering after the paddle! Call or e-mail leader to confirm your attendance AT LEAST TWO (2) DAYS PRIOR TO THE TRIP! Leader: Roger Marcotte, 609-812-0201 rogercotte@comcast.net

JUNE 18
Wednesday
8:00 p.m.

ALMOST SUMMER SOLSTICE FULL MOON HIKE. 7 miles, moderate pace. Stroll under a full strawberry moon. Hear a symphony of hunkers, screamers, whistles, and croakers. Meet at Batsto Village Parking. Leader Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

JUNE 19
Thursday
6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill 856-772-6465 or e-mail: Geofneil@aol.com.

JUNE 20
Friday
9:30 a.m.



WADING RIVER PADDLE. Bring PFD, lunch and water. Spend a few hours on a beautiful, twisty and partially shaded river. Meet at Pine Barrens Canoes, Rt. 563, Chatsworth. All shuttles will be arranged thru Pine Barrens. (No self shuttles). Call 1-800-732-0793 to reserve a boat. Rain cancels. Call or e-mail Becky S. if you have questions. quasar@snip.net or 856-218-7725.

JUNE 20-22
Fri.-Sun.



ANNUAL HISTORIC CAPE MAY WEEKEND. Join us for our annual Cape May weekend, which is perfect for all club members. The Chalfonte is our "home base" and we always enjoy staying at this charming landmark hotel, dining in the acclaimed Magnolia Room and "rocking on the porch". Activities include: bicycling, kayaking, geocaching, local theater, walking tours and much more. Don't miss an always spectacular and fun weekend in Cape May with leaders Pat and Bruce Carey. See page 10. The registration form is also on the OCSJ website. If you have any questions, please contact Pat and Bruce at 609-877-5872 or foxii25@comcast.net

JUNE 20-23
Friday-Sunday
9:00 a.m.

JANES ISLAND KAYAKING WEEKEND. Kayak, camp and bike this weekend on the Chesapeake Bay at Janes Island State Park. Must confirm participation and trip status with leaders. 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. Saturday night will include an optional visit to Cristfield 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. Minimum of 12 foot kayak with spray skirt is required. Leaders: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. or pis1@cccnj.net

JUNE 20

Friday
7:00 p.m.



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

JUNE 21

Saturday

SLICK 1ST ANNUAL MAURICE RIVER CLEANUP! Help support National River Cleanup Week while enjoying a paddle on the Maurice River. The Maurice River and its tributaries drain the southwest portion of the Pinelands National Reserve. The main focus of our cleanup will be the section of the river between Almond Rd and Sherman Ave. If we have enough volunteers to split into two groups, we will also cleanup the section of the river between Willow Grove Lake and Almond Rd. 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 meeting place. 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).

JUNE 21

Saturday
9:00 a.m.

ONE FOR THE KIDS HIKE AT PALMYRA COVE NATURE CENTER. Our second annual hike for the children and grandchildren of Outdoor Club of South Jersey members. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The pace and distance will be tailored to the ages of those attending. On the hike we hope to see some of the wildlife in the Nature Center including the resident deer herd. Note the early start time. Following the hike you can attend Palmyra Cove's Jubilee an event that is great for the kids. It includes the moon bounce, pony rides, face painting, and plenty of good things to eat and drink. Take Route 73 North to the light across from Kerbeck auto turn right and take the jug handle across the highway and follow the signs to the Nature Center. Meet in the parking lot at the Center. NP, FS, NC. Leaders: Barb & Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com

JUNE 22

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

"SOME PEOPLE CALL ME MAURICE" RIVER PADDLE, but it is pronounced like "Morris" the cat. Start at Willow Grove and end at Sherman Avenue 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 23

Monday
10:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK THE GREAT EGG HARBOR RIVER. Enjoy an early summer paddle from Penny Pot to Weymouth Furnace. Meet at the Harley Dawn Diner; arrive early for breakfast. Please contact leaders to confirm trip. Leaders: Dawn P-D (856) 453-1007 or e-mail: daybreakdelights@verizon.net or Trina P (856) 224-1055 or trp51@hotmail.com

JUNE 26

Thursday
9:00 a.m.

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

JUNE 26

Thursday
6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill, 856-772-6465 or e-mail: Geofneil@aol.com.

JUNE 27

Friday
7:00 p.m.

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

JUNE 29

Sunday
9:00 a.m.

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

JUNE 29

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

O' WE GO PADDLE the OSWEGO. We meet at Oswego Lake Put-In. Pack Lunch. Call or email to confirm. Leader: Vicki S., 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@netzero.com

JULY 4

Friday
10:00 a.m.



FOURTH OF JULY ON THE MAURICE RIVER. Meet at Garden Road, south side, we paddle to Union Lake 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

Along the rivers, over the hills, in the ground, in the sky, spring work is going on with joyful enthusiasm, new life, new beauty, unfolding, unrolling in glorious exuberant extravagance, . . . new birds in their nests, new winged creatures in the air, and new leaves, new flowers, spreading, shining, rejoicing everywhere.

--- John Muir

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CLUB T-SHIRTS Qty _____ Size _____
Tan, Club logo on back in green... XL \$8.00 each + (*S&H \$3.00)
Red, Club name on front... S \$8.00 each + (*S&H \$3.00)
**Tan, logo on back in red...S...M...L...XL \$8.00 each + (S&H \$3.00)
**Green, logo on back in white...S...M...L \$8.00 each + (S&H \$3.00)
Green Mist, Club name on front in dk. Green.. S \$8.00 each + (*S&H \$ 3.00)

****POLO SHIRT** (With collar) Qty _____ Size _____
Light YellowS...M...L...XL \$18.00 each + (S&H \$ 3.00)

CAP, winter, baseball style, micro fiber, black, OCSJ in gold Qty _____
embroidery on crown. One size fits all \$8.00 each + (*S&H \$1.75)

NECKERCHIEF, yellow, green piping, Qty _____
Screen print Club logo \$2.00 each + (*S&H \$1.25)

****BIKE JERSEY** L XL Qty _____ Size _____
Cool-max, 3 rear pockets, sun yellow,
Front zipper, blue club logo on back \$35.00 each + (*S&H \$3.00)

****WATER BOTTLE**, white with Club logo \$6.00 each . . .Qty _____

****NEW ITEMS - BUY NOW WHILE SIZES ARE AVAILABLE!**

** S&H - Stated rates for single item. For multiple items - May call or email for adjusted rate. General rule: For Sweatshirts, T-shirts & Bike Jersey: rate listed for 1st, then add \$1.00 for each additional. Insurance available on request: call.*

Order total _____ **Shipping total** _____ **Amt. Enclosed** _____

Shipping Address:

Name _____

Address _____

City, State _____ Zip Code _____

Contact Phone (____) _____ Day [] _____ Eve [] _____

E-mail Address _____

* * * **MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL INFORMATION** * * *

1. If you elect to receive your Trekker via E-mail, a notice of expiring membership will be mailed to you.
2. If you elected to receive your Trekker via postal mail, check your address label. It's easy to renew. Check the membership desired, include a check for the proper amount, and **return this page** with your label intact on the reverse. We'll take it from there.
3. If your address has changed, please indicate new address. If you move, please file a change of address card with us.
4. Keep your membership current. Memberships must be renewed one month prior to March, June, September, and December. A current paid up membership card must be presented at each outing for free participation, except for fees for campsites, canoe or kayak rentals, transportation and the like.
5. Membership forms may be downloaded from the OCSJ website (www.ocsj.org)

Individual - 1 year \$20

Family - 1 year \$25

Trekker (our club newsletter) sent by US Mail 1- year \$5

Make checks or money orders **payable to:**

Outdoor Club Of South Jersey, Inc.
P.O. Box 455
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003-0455

Check Desired Membership	Check One	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if this is
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> New	an address or Email
<input type="checkbox"/> Family \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	change
<input type="checkbox"/> Trekker \$ _____	(I choose to receive the Trekker via postal mail at \$5.00)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gift \$ _____	Gift contribution to Richard Greve Memorial Fund (Not Tax Deductible).	

Note—Trekker is "FREE" via the club website at www.ocsj.org

Please review the "GUEST" policy on our club website at www.ocsj.org

Last Name	First Name	M.I.
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Street Address		P.O. Box or Apt #
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E-mail Address		
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Check here if you **Do Not** want to be included on mailing lists for other organizations.

**Check activities in which you would participate
In order of preference: 1-2-3, etc.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Backpacking	<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic backpacking course
<input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling	<input type="checkbox"/> X-C Skiing	<input type="checkbox"/> Special activities
<input type="checkbox"/> Camping	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Committees
<input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing/Kayaking	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Projects

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