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Special Outings Issue Spring 2002

Hells Canyon - Chief Joseph National Preserve Slideshow Presentation

On the evening of Monday, April 1st, the Greater Baltimore Sierra Club and the Hells Canyon Preservation Council invites you to discover the beauty and grandeur of the deepest canyon in North America with a new slideshow. The slideshow will begin at 7:00 PM at the Towson library, which is located at 320 York Road, 1.1 miles south of beltway exit 26.

Situated in the Northeastern corner of Oregon, saddling the border with Idaho, the Hells Canyon-Wallowa Mountains Ecosystem is a critical conduit for interchange of genetic diversity of plants and animals in the Western frontier. You will see beautiful images of glaciated peaks, dense forests, grasslands, semi-arid desert, and wild rivers from professional photographers. You will also

Hells Canyon

learn about the ongoing conservation efforts and future plans to protect the Hells Canyon legacy. The slideshow will be presented by Min Lee, who is the Hells Canyon Preservation Council grass roots coordinator and lives in Portland, Oregon. Ms. Lee is touring the nation in hopes of expanding support for the Council's efforts on behalf of Hells Canyon and the Chief Joseph National Preserve.

For further information contact the Greater Baltimore Sierra Club Chair Richard Klein at 410-654-3021 or

Recycling Facts:

Did you Know that recycling:
One tin can saves enough energy to run a tv for three hours;
one glass bottle saves enough energy to light a 100 watt light bulb for four hours; and one ton of paper save 3.5 cubic yards of landfill space?

Meet the Outing Leaders

Following is a brief biography for each of the people who are responsible for the Greater Baltimore Group's incredible Outings program.

Clint Buttner has been leading Sierra Club hikes for... and he's been a Club member since 1982.

Bob Connor loves to lead hikes along Loch Raven and Prettyboy reservoirs as well as the Gunpowder and Susquehanna rivers. Bob has been a Sierra Club member for eight years. He's been leading hikes and cross-country ski trips since 1999. Bob says Club outings are a great opportunity to meet people and enjoy beautiful scenery while getting good exercise.

Jim Denny has been leading Sierra Club hikes, backpacking, bicycling, and canoe trips for 15 years. He's been a Club member since the early 1980s. Jim's favorite areas are northern Pennsylvania and battlefields. But he enjoys any outing, especially those where he discovers a new hidden treasure or some other unexpected place. Jim feels it's important to have lots of people leading outings so the Club can offer a variety of experiences to participants.

Bill Diggs & Cecilia Wolyniak have been leading Sierra hikes together for 10 years and have been Club members for 12 years. They particularly like hikes on the Eastern Shore, especially at Wye Island and Dames Quarter. Bill & Cecilia say a hike anywhere is great when you get a good group of folks who make it fun and interesting.

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Outings Leaders Needed

NO Experience Required,
Training Provided.

The Greater Baltimore Group urgently needs members interested in acting as leaders for hikes, tubing trips, backpacking weekends, and other outings. We will conduct an evening workshop to show you how to lead an outing safely. We will also pay for first aid training. So if you have ever had a desire to lead a hike, then.....

**Call Outings Committee Chair
Jack Wise
410-256-3963**

In Memory of Kathy Outings Leader 1987-2002 by Jack Wise, Chair - Greater Baltimore Sierra Outings Committee
Kathy Meisz died of cancer on January 6, 2002. It's hard to find the words to express the sadness that is felt by myself and all the members of the Outings Committee in the loss of Kathy. Kathy was kind, thoughtful and genuinely enjoyed being with people.

Kathy and her husband Carroll have lead outings for over 15 years. Some of their favorite outing destinations

were Chincoteague, Antietam and the Gunpowder River. They also had a New Years Eve party every year. The party was always a good time to talk about past and future trips. Kathy will be deeply missed by myself and all the members of the Outings Committee.

Following are a few of Bette Thomson's memories of Kathy: Riding bikes at max speed on Chincoteague to reach the beach by sun rise; witnessing the birth of a calf during a Pennsylvania hike; drinking hot tea from

matching L. L. Bean thermoses on a sub zero hike; biking on the NCR Trail. Kathy always wore a smile. Kathy was dependable. Kathy made everyone feel welcome. Kathy told wonderful and interesting stories. Kathy was always ready to investigate, learn and enjoy. Kathy was a dedicated, responsible Sierra Club leader. Kathy was a beautiful person - inside and out. Kathy was much loved and respected.

In Memory of Kathy, Outings Leader 1987-2002 by Jack Wise



Outings Leader Bios Continued

They fondly remember those occasions when they would chance upon some unexpected treasure, such as six bald eagles seen at Blackwater Refuge, an unusually large deer herd crossing the trail ahead, and a February hike where ice flows were cascading down Great Falls, just upriver of Washington, D.C.

Joyce Fletcher has been leading hikes for adults and children since 1990, a couple of years after she first joined the Sierra Club. Joyce began her Leadership as a co-leader before branching out on her own. She enjoys the new growth in the springtime and is always ready to stop and identify plant life. Joyce's "Kid's Hikes" are fun and interesting and ALWAYS include homemade cookies! Beginners hikes are also a specialty of Joyce's as are her city tours. Joyce leads a diversity of outings ranging from easy for beginners to longer and more challenging for the seasoned hiker.

Ted Hellen is known by many as the guy who leads great backpacking trips with some of the coziest camp fires. He's been leading not only backpacking trips but day hikes and bicycling outings since 1987. Ted has been a Sierra Club member for a few years longer and joined just after thru-hiking the Appalachian Trail. His favorite area is the Dolly Sods Wilderness of the West Virginia panhandle. Ted loves to see folks come out on a hike and get turned out to the wilderness.

John Hoffman just lead his first hike, though he's been participating in our outings since he joined the Club in 1974. John, a retired history teacher, is known and loved for the fascinating background he offers on the old foundations and other landmarks encountered on most outings. John's favorite places to hike are Kelly's Run along the Susquehanna, especially when the rhododendrons are in bloom, as well as the Gunpowder and Redfish Lake near his Idaho cabin. In fact, John's first Sierra Club hike was with a group of folks tramping around the Idaho lake.

Richard Klein is also fairly new to leading Sierra Club hikes. Like John he's been a member for many years and has attended past Sierra hikes. And like Ted, Richard's favorite place is Dolly Sods. He presently serves as Group chair, Conservation chair, and treasurer. Richard started leading hikes to explore ways of making it easier for outing participants to plug into opportunities to preserve forests, wildlife and waterways. Richard recalls a Sierra hike which ended with a stop at a point where pollution was dumping illegally into the Patapsco. The public attention generated by the Sierra hike led to elimination of the pollution.

Karen Jonczak Nally is also a new hike leader though she's been a Sierra Club member for 20 years. Karen particularly enjoys leading beginner hikes at Oregon

Ridge Park. She sees Oregon Ridge as the ideal place for folks new to hiking. The trails are fairly easy, short and well marked. Also, help is nearby for those extremely rare times when something happens.

George Matysiak has been a hike leader and Club member for a couple of years. His favorite hiking area is the Appalachian Trail. But George's fondest memories are of Club hikes along Muddy Run and on the Mason-Dixon Trail - both in southern Pennsylvania. The Muddy Run hike took place in November and there was this incredible sunset near the end.

Carroll Meisz

John Railey served as the Greater Baltimore Group Outings Committee chair from 1990-96 and has been the chair of the Maryland Chapter Sierra Club Outings Committee since then. John has been leading Sierra Club hikes from the early 1980s and has been a member a few years longer. John leads day hikes and weekend trips that combine short hikes with sight-seeing sojourns. John's favorite dayhiking areas are Fair Hills in Cecil County, the Appalachian Trail and Shenandoah. One of John's most vivid memories is of a hike along Little Devils Stairs in Shenandoah. Fog rolled in at a point where the trail passed through a boulder field dotted with hemlocks. John said the fog-shrouded trees and rocks were just so beautiful and mysterious. Its experiences such as this which keep John leading hikes. John says Sierra hikes are a great social experience and a way to break completely from the everyday world by focusing on the trail, wildlife, new plants, while looking for old friends who should be in bloom.

Bette Thomson has been a Sierra Club member for 20 years. Bette serves as the Group's Outings Coordinator. In this capacity Bette sends new outings to webmaster Cathy Disbrow and newsletter editor Robin Leitch. Bette also gets new outings out to all the area newspapers. Bette enjoys day hiking because of the healthy exercise, her love of nature and the outdoors, and comradeship with fellow hikers. She also has had great fun during weekend get away outings to Berkley Springs and Chincoteague.

Jack Wise chairs the Outings Committee for the Greater Baltimore Group. He's been a Club member and outings leader for 20 years. Jack leads hikes, cross-country skiing trips and tubing trips. His favorite areas are western Maryland, the Gunpowder and the Pinnacle located along the Susquehanna, a short distance north of Maryland. Jack leads outings because of the importance he attaches to helping people get out and appreciate the natural world - an appreciation which hopefully leads to action in support of preservation.

Allegheny Wild Roadshow

Allegheny Wild! Roadshow Allegheny Defense Project Presents a New Vision for "America's Number One Most Endangered National Forest"

On the evening of Tuesday, May 7th, the Greater Baltimore Sierra Club will host Allegheny Wild!, a multi-media presentation about the history, threats to, and future of the Allegheny National Forest. The presentation will begin 7:00 PM at the Pikesville library, which is located at 1301 Reisterstown Road, 0.9 miles south of beltway exit 20.

The presentation is part of the Allegheny Defense Project's tour of the mid-Atlantic. ADP has recently launched an "Allegheny Wild!" Campaign which seeks to develop a pro-active vision for Pennsylvania's only national forest, the Allegheny, through a grassroots effort. Allegheny Wild! seeks to shift the management of the Allegheny National Forest from resource extraction to ecosystem restoration.

The Allegheny National Forest is a unique place where one can find rhododendrons and mountain laurels growing beneath towering white pines, eastern hemlocks, sugar maples, and tulip poplars. The Allegheny is known as a place of incredible beauty, a haven for wildlife, and a favorite destination for hikers, paddlers, birdwatchers, and campers. The Allegheny National Forest provides habitat for many species of songbirds, as well as for fishers, river otters, black bear, and brook trout.



Unfortunately, the Allegheny National Forest is currently threatened by increased logging and oil and gas drilling. Massive timber sales such as the East Side timber sale, which would log 8,600 acres of the Allegheny combined and a 500% increase in oil and gas drilling over the past five years earned the Allegheny the dubious distinction of America's #1 Most Endangered National Forest in a 2001 report by the National Forest Protection Alliance.

Through the Allegheny Wild! Campaign, the Allegheny Defense Project, and other groups are working to develop and implement an alternative vision for the 500,000-acre forest. "At its core, Allegheny Wild! will advocate for an end to commercial extraction, designation of more and bigger Wilderness Areas, improved low-impact recreation opportunities, ecological restoration of degraded ecosystems, and greater protections for the habitats of rare, threatened, and endangered species," said Jim Kleissler, ADP's Forest Watch Director.

For further information contact the Greater Baltimore Sierra Club Chair Richard Klein at 410-654-3021 or GBSierra@ceds.org.

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baltimore/outings.html](http://maryland.sierraclub.org/baltimore/outings.html)

Baltimore Inner City Outings: *Mary-Lynn lanham*

Baltimore Inner City Outings (BICO) is one of 45 members of the community outreach program of the Sierra Club's Inner City Outings. (ICO). BICO has been providing outings to Baltimore inner city youth since January 1999. BICO is composed of four youth teams directed by 15 dedicated volunteer leaders. The youth teams are from four community partnerships: Canton Middle School, The Learning Cooperative, the Choice Program of UMBC's Shriver Center, and Big Brother's, Big Sister's of Central Maryland. Youth participants are a diverse group of boys and girls. Each team conducts outings on a monthly basis. Since BICO's initiation, 98 outings for 1200 youngsters experiences have been conducted. Bico's goals involve developing and implementing enjoyable and stimulating outdoor learning experiences for youth. Our main focus is to help inner city youth develop a comfort with an appreciation for the natural environment. Outings destinations have extended from Leakin Park, and city neighborhoods to Assateague Island and the Appalachian Trail. They have provided opportunities to learn about ecosystems and how to protect the environment. Planned activities help promote self-esteem and the development of skills necessary to work as a team.

Outings may be one day trips or overnight camping either in tents or cabins. Some of the activities include hiking, biking, canoeing, tubing, visiting nature centers, learning outdoor wilderness skills such as orienteering, and community service projects including planting trees, laying mulch, stenciling storm drains, and stream cleanup.

Overnight camping trips provides an opportunity for kids to get away from their home environment for an extended period of time. We typically venture father away on overnight trips, giving the kids and opportunity to get away from the city light. Although scary for some, fears tend to dissipate and excitement ensues. For some kids, it's the first chance they have had to gaze up at a clear night sky and observe the stars. To promote teamwork, the kids are assigned group responsibilities including camp set-up/take-down and kitchen duties. And as on all trips "Leave No Trace, Only Footprints" is the common theme.

Another popular outing is the Appalachian Challenge, an outdoor obstacle course offered to us by The Park School. The purpose of the course is to provide a basis for teaching youth team-building skills, including learning to trust teammates and how to effectively communicate with one another in attempts to reach a common goal. To be away from familiar ground and to be challenged to perform a task that requires 100% group effort can be intimidating for inner city kids. However, by days end, unexpected challenges are met and bonds are developed that will forever be embedded in their memory. Hopefully, the challenges that will confront them throughout their lives will be approached with greater self-confidence.

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**For more information visit
www.sierraclub.org/ico/baltimore, or contact
Bob Burchard**

Baltimore Inner City Outings:

April 2002

21- Hope: Earth Day Celebration in Greenbelt Park

21- Littles: Tree Planting in Baltimore with Parks and People Foundation

21-CMS: Appalachian Challenge at The Park School

21- HPCS: Compass course in Patapsco State Park

May 2002

5- HPCS: Sheep and Wool Festival

19- Hope: Community Service Project with Parks and People Foundation

26th&27th- Littles: Canoeing and Camping on the Shenandoah River

June 2002

2- CMS: Community Service project in Canton and swim at UMBC

2- National Trails Day service project with REI-Timonium

16-Hope: Farm visits- Service project at Days End Farm and berry picking at Lariland Farm (NASA Goddard in case of rain)

23-HPCS: Orienteering at Outward Bound course in Leakin Park

23&24- Littles: Camping at Thorpewood in Catocin Mountains.

Leave No Trace

As the title implies, Leave No Trace is about how to enjoy the out-of-doors that minimize negative effects to wildlife, plants, the land and other visitors. The following principles are based upon information presented on the Leave No Trace website: <http://www.lnt.org/>

PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE

Know the regulations and special concerns for the area you'll visit.

Prepare for extreme weather, hazards, and emergencies. Schedule your trip to avoid times of high use.

Visit in small groups. Split larger parties into groups of 4-6.

Repackage food to minimize waste.

Use a map and compass to eliminate the use of marking paint, rock cairns or flagging.

TRAVEL AND CAMP ON DURABLE SURFACES

Durable surfaces include established trails and campsites, rock, gravel, dry grasses or snow.

Protect riparian areas by camping at least 200 feet from lakes and streams.

Good campsites are found, not made. Altering a site is not necessary.

In popular areas:

Concentrate use on existing trails and campsites.

Walk single file in the middle of the trail, even when wet or muddy.

Keep campsites small. Focus activity in areas where vegetation is absent.

In pristine areas:

Disperse use to prevent the creation of campsites and trails.

Avoid places where impacts are just beginning.

DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY

Pack it in, pack it out. Inspect your campsite and rest areas for trash or spilled foods. Pack out all trash, leftover food, and litter.

Deposit solid human waste in catholes dug 6 to 8 inches deep at least 200 feet from water, camp, and trails. Cover and disguise the cathole when finished.

Pack out toilet paper and hygiene products.

To wash yourself or your dishes, carry water 200 feet away from streams or lakes and use small amounts of biodegradable soap.

Scatter strained dishwater.

Leave What You Find

Preserve the past: examine, but do not touch, cultural or historic structures and artifacts.

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APRIL 2002

1 MON: Hells Canyon - Chief Joseph National Preserve Slideshow

Presentation. The Greater Baltimore Sierra Club and the Hells Canyon

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York Road, 1.1 miles south of beltway exit 26. For further information

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7 SUN: Blackwater N.W.R. Bike Ride

Moderate 25 mile bicycle ride around and through the Blackwater National

Wildlife Refuge. Flat course but can experience strong headwinds. Bring

lunch and water. No go if rain. Meet at Southwest Park & Ride (Rolling

Road at Wilkens Ave) at 8:00 a.m. Please call before 9:30 p.m. Jim Denny 410-719-1429

7 SUN: Muddy Run PA.

Moderate six (6) to eight (8) miles in a scenic river valley. Meet at KMart on Route 1 just

north of Beltway Exit 32 at 11:00 a.m. Leader: Jack Wise 410-256-3963.

13 SAT: Loch Raven

Five (5) to six (6) moderate miles. Meet at the Carver Center in Towson, 938 York Road, at 10:00 a.m. Leader: Clint 410-235-5835

14 SUN: Kelly Run & Pinnacle Hike

Moderate 7-8 miles with a good view of the Susquehanna River. Meet at

the Kmart on Belair Road at 10:00 a.m. Jack, 410-256-3963.

20 SAT: Jerusalem Mill East

About seven (7) miles of moderate trail along the Little Gunpowder Falls. Some hills and

stream crossings. Boots recommended. Optional tour

of Mill afterwards. Meet at Belair Road K Mart at 9:30 a.m. Leader: Joyce 410-254-7240.

20-21 SAT-SUN: Appalachian Trail Backpack. Appalachian Trail backpacking along a

section in Maryland or Pennsylvania. Meet early Saturday morning at a specific

trailhead, backpack 6-8 miles to a shelter, spend the night at the shelter then on

Sunday we'll hike another 6-8 miles to our stopping point. To register contact Richard Klein at 410-654-3021

18 SAT: Sand Flat Pond Loop

Moderate seven (7) mile circuit in the Frederick City Watershed, with couple of steep climbs. Part of this hike will be on the Catocin Blue

Trail. Optional dinner stop is possible. Depart Giant/Walmart parking lot, SE Corner of Route 40 & Rolling Rd., at 9:45 a.m. Leader: John 410-752-0104.

19 SUN: Big Gunpowder Falls Sunday Afternoon Circuit Hike Moderately difficult 4-6 mile hike. Meet at Mt. Carmel Road Park & Ride,

Carmel Road Park & Ride at 9:30 a.m. Rain date

Sunday, May 5th. Leader: Ted 410-239-4590.

27 SAT: Susquehanna River Clean Up. Joint effort with other groups to clean up the Susquehanna River Valley. Call Jack Wise 410-256-3963.

27 SAT: Gettysburg Battlefield Bicycle Ride

A 15 to 20 mile loop. Hills and tourist traffic to contend with. Experience the Battlefield in its entirety - close up and personal. Bring lunch and

water. No go if rain. Meet at Giant Plaza (Rolling Road at Route 40) at 8:00 am. Please call before 9:30 p.m. Jim Denny 410-719-1429

MAY 2002

4 SAT: Gunpowder Falls State Park

Moderate six (6) miles along the Gunpowder Falls. Hills, steam crossings and maybe wild flowers if

we are not too late. Bring lunch and water. Boots recommended. Meet at the Gunpowder Falls

State Park parking lot on Belair Road at 10:00 a.m. Leader: Joyce 410-254-7240.

5 SUN: Gunpowder River Hike

Moderate 7-8 miles below the Prettyboy Dam. Some hills and rocky areas.

Meet at Deercro Road. Park & Ride at 11:00 a.m. Jack, 410-256-3963.

7 TUE: Allegheny Wild! Roadshow. The Allegheny Defense Project Presents

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you can do to save the forest. The presentation will begin 7:00 PM at the Pikesville library, which

is located at 1301 Reisterstown Road, 0.9 miles south of beltway exit 20. For further information

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11 SAT: C&O Mystery Hike

Approximately eight (8) flat miles on the C&O Canal Towpath. Call the hike leader for details.

Leader: Bill Diggs 410-574-1453. Co-Leader: Cecilia Wolyniak.

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22 WED: Gunpowder River Hike. Easy 2 miles along the Gunpowder River. Meet at the parking lot at Rt. 1 and the Gunpowder River at 7:00 p.m. Jack, 410-256-3963.

25 SAT: Loch Raven Five (5) to six (6) moderate miles. Meet at the Carver Center in Towson, 938 York Road, at 10:00 a.m. Leader: Clint 410-235-5835

25 - 27 SAT-MON - Memorial Weekend: St. Mary's Wilderness Backpack. This will be a moderate level backpack into the river-gorge area of St. Mary's Wilderness, VA. We will base camp near a waterfall then do someday hiking to explore other areas within the wilderness system. Meet at Route 32 & I70 Park & Ride at 7:30 a.m. Saturday. Leader: Ted 410-239-4590.

JUNE 2002

2 SUN: Big Gunpowder Falls Sunday Afternoon Circuit Hike. Moderately difficult 4-6 mile hike. Meet at Mt. Carmel Road Park & Ride, next to I-83 exit 27, at 1:00 p.m. Richard Klein: 410-654-3021.

5 WED: Oregon Ridge Park Hike & New Member Meeting. Meet at the Nature Center at 7:00 p.m. This will be a moderate hike followed by a New Member Meeting. Leader: Jack Wise 410-256-3963.

8 - 9 SAT & SUN: Savage River Forest Weekend. See one of the last remaining stands of Old Growth Forest (trees that are over 100 years old) on the east coast. Day hikes are planned for both Saturday and Sunday. Stay at a local motel, or camp at New Germany State Park. The group will dine together, on Saturday evening, at a local restaurant. Limited group size. For details, and reservations, contact John at 410-752-0104, before 8:30 p.m.

14-16 FRI-SUN: Wild Oak Trail Backpack. Moderate to strenuous back in George Washington National Forest. We'll leave Friday evening and return Sunday evening. Group size limited to ten. To make a reservation call Richard Klein 410-654-3021.

15 SAT: Inner Harbor Promenade. Hike from the Inner Harbor to Fells Point and back. Easy, flat walk of not more than five (5) miles. Stop in Fells Point for a snack. Meet at the Visionary Arts Museum at 8:30 a.m. Leader: Bill Diggs 410-574-1453. Co-Leader: Cecilia Wolyniak.

21 FRI: Loch Raven Sunset Hike. Summer solstice sunset hike. Moderate 2 miles with a view of the sunset. Meet at Morgan Mill

and Loch Raven Drive at 7:00 p.m. Jack, 410-256-3963.

23 SUN: Gunpowder River Tubing Trip. Bring a tube or rent one. Wear old sneakers or water shoes and have away of keeping your keys from falling out of your pocket. Cool weather alternative will be a hike. Meet at Monkton Station at 1:00 p.m. Jack, 410-256-3963.

23 SUN: Loch Raven Hike. Moderate 4-6 mile hike. Meet 1:00 PM at Willow Grove Farm off Cromwell Bridge Road 1.5 miles northeast of beltway exit 29A. Richard Klein: 410-654-3021

JULY 2002

4-7 THU-SUN: Susquehannock Trail Backpack. Moderate to strenuous backpack in northern Pennsylvania. Group size limited to ten. To make a reservation call Richard Klein 410-654-3021.

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12-14 FRI-SUN: Western Maryland Car Camping Trip. Car camping in New Germany State Park. Escape the summer heat of Baltimore for the weekend. Moderate hiking and biking and swimming at nearby lakes. Info: Jack, 410-256-3963.

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21 SUN: Gunpowder River Tubing Trip. Bring a tube or rent one. Wear old sneakers or water shoes and have away of keeping your keys from falling out of your pocket. Cool weather alternative will be a hike. Meet at Monkton Station at 1:00 p.m. Jack, 410-256-3963.

AUGUST 2002

11 SUN: Big Gunpowder Falls Sunday Afternoon Circuit Hike. Moderately difficult 4-6 mile hike. Meet at Mt. Carmel Road Park & Ride, next to I-83 exit 27, at 1:00 p.m. Richard Klein: 410-654-3021.

16-18 FRI-SUN: Ramsey Draft Wilderness Backpack. Moderate to strenuous backpack in one of the most beautiful wilderness areas of Virginia. Group size limited to six. To make a reservation call Richard Klein 410-654-3021.

SEPTEMBER 2002

8 SUN: Big Gunpowder Falls Sunday Afternoon Circuit Hike. Moderately difficult 4-6 mile hike. Meet at Mt. Carmel Road Park & Ride, next to I-83 exit 27, at 1:00 p.m. Richard Klein:

410-654-3021.

15 SUN: A/T from Fox Gap. Seven moderately paced miles with several short stops, as we traverse a portion of the South Mountain Battlefield, and cross the Bank Road, on our way to the First Monument to George Washington. From Fox Gap we will ascend 800 feet to the crest of South Mountain and then return by the same path. Bring lunch and water. Depart Walmart/Giant Shopping Center (SE Corner Rolling Rd & Rt. 40) at 10:00 a.m. John; 410-752-0104

20-22 FRI-SUN: Elk Bugling Backpack. Hear Rocky Mountain elk bugling while doing a moderate to strenuous backpack in the Quehanna Wild Area of northern Pennsylvania. Group size

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