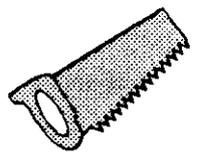


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Grove City College Outing Club Alumni Newsletter

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New Member Outing

By Melissa Fronks

On September 11, approximately 110 prospective members for the 1994 Outing Club ventured into the great outdoors visiting the Club Cabin. Some of the members spent the four exciting hours hiking to the point overlooking the Allegheny River. A few daring souls literally went over the edge and plunged down the side of the mountain. Reaching the river bank some courageous guys and two females took a dip in the quickly flowing river. Other members took a relaxing walk through the forest and still some remained at the cabin, relaxing in the wonderful setting.

For dinner, hot dogs were roasted on a campfire. A few unfortunate weenies didn't make it any farther than the burning flames, but all in all they were deliciously cooked to perfection. For dessert, one could choose to roast or burn marshmallows. To top off the gourmet meal, beverages included natural well-water. The day was full of unforgettable memories for the new members of the Outing Club.

Second New Member Outing

Sept. 18th saw the second new member outing of 1994. Around 50 students found their way out and took part in the adventure. Several people went mountain biking and after visiting the bluffs, they took a fast ride down to the river. Most of

the others hiked on the other trails to the river to swim and relax. After dragging the fools in the river back out, everyone returned to the cabin for another famous hot dog dinner. No one was trampled or otherwise disabled and thus the second '94 new member outing was a success. Anyone with cooking experience is welcome to suggest new and easy meals that college kids can't screw up....

Backpacking

On September 24th and 25th a group of adventure seeking members of GCC's finest organization, yes, I'm talking about the Outing Club, took off for Alleghany National Forest. A weekend full of song lyrics, quotations, and stories about Steve doing incredibly stupid things when in contact with those of questionable character was merely the surface of our backpack trip. We hiked the trail, and only Eric and I got lost (not to worry, it was only a momentary lapse of reason on our part). Hiking to our most excellent campsite in absolute perfect weather had all of us just happy to be there. When we arrived at the site we set up camp, and a few of us went repelling with Steve and his lovely pink webbing. Coming back from an exhilarating hour of hurling our bodies over the edge of a thirty foot cliff, we busted into our haute cuisine. Namely, Ramen noodles, Dinty Moore Beef Stew, and of course spaghetti. Lively banter was heard around the

fire that evening. "The next time we wish we hadn't brought you along we're going to leave you at home." Quotes such as this and others like it were plentiful. Later, we took to watching the stars while we sat on the top of the rock. It's a forty foot drop you know!

Sunday broke out bright and sunny, and started with Melissa and I continuing our singing marathon. I know it was appreciated by all present. We set out for home around 11:00am. Upon making it back to the cars, we discovered we had time to spare. Never let it be said that the Outing Club will waste an opportunity- we took the chance to go freeze ourselves in Minister Creek. Brad and Abe happily used the swim to soap up and wash off. (Something a few others would have been wise to do also. J/K)

Horseback Riding

by Amy Maraney

On Saturday, October 8, nine girls went horseback riding at Pleasant Valley Stables. We left from West at 1:30 in the afternoon and were supposed to arrive at the farm by 2:00. However, the directions we were given were very poor, and I-79 was under construction, of course. After driving around for awhile, the lead car remembered that an occupant in the second car had ridden there before. That car now began directing us through a maze of turns and bumps. Several times we were unsure if she really knew where we were going, we seemed

to be driving in circles. But, we finally arrived at 2:30 and soon began our trail ride. As we rode, we discovered that several of the horses were not very fond of the mud and that they enjoyed crushing our legs and heads into trees. The horse I was riding kept wheezing and coughing, and it stopped several minutes once for no perceivable reason. It refused to go even though I kept kicking it as hard as I could. Another horse turned around on two separate occasions to bite the one behind it, causing mild panic from the rest of the horses. After returning to the barn at a gallop--except for my sluggish horse--we paid and departed. The ride back to college was uneventful. For me, the most interesting part of the excursion was getting there.

Campus Clean-up *by Steve Jones*

Spring cleaning came a little early this year for the Outing Club. The College asked for our help in cleaning up the hill from the flag pole down to Wolf Creek. The Maintenance Department made us an offer we couldn't refuse- in return for our help, they would make a \$100 dollar donation to the club, provide all the tools, and also provide food and drink for everyone that showed up. They will also help in making repairs to the cabin.

There was a remarkable turn out for the clean-up effort as the club came out in force to attack the job before them. Starting at 8:00am sharp, club member cleared leaves, brambles, and branches. Crews of 10-15 students worked together as a team, taking two hour shifts. Club member Jason Cooper

said of the clean-up, "It was a good way to get to know some of the other members of the club while providing a service to the campus community."

Pig Roast

On Sunday, November 6th, we celebrated our annual pig roast. As usual, the weather was rainy and cold bringing out the average turnout. The tasty meal consisted of roasted pig, mashed potatoes, corn, string beans, apple sauce, and a choice of apple, pumpkin, or cherry pie. This tasty meal was provided by a group of faithful Outing Club members who stayed up all night turning the pig and baking pies the previous week. Thanks to the superb leadership of Sara Otto, the former vice-president, the pig roast was once again a fun and fattening festivity!

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