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## BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL WORLD TOUR

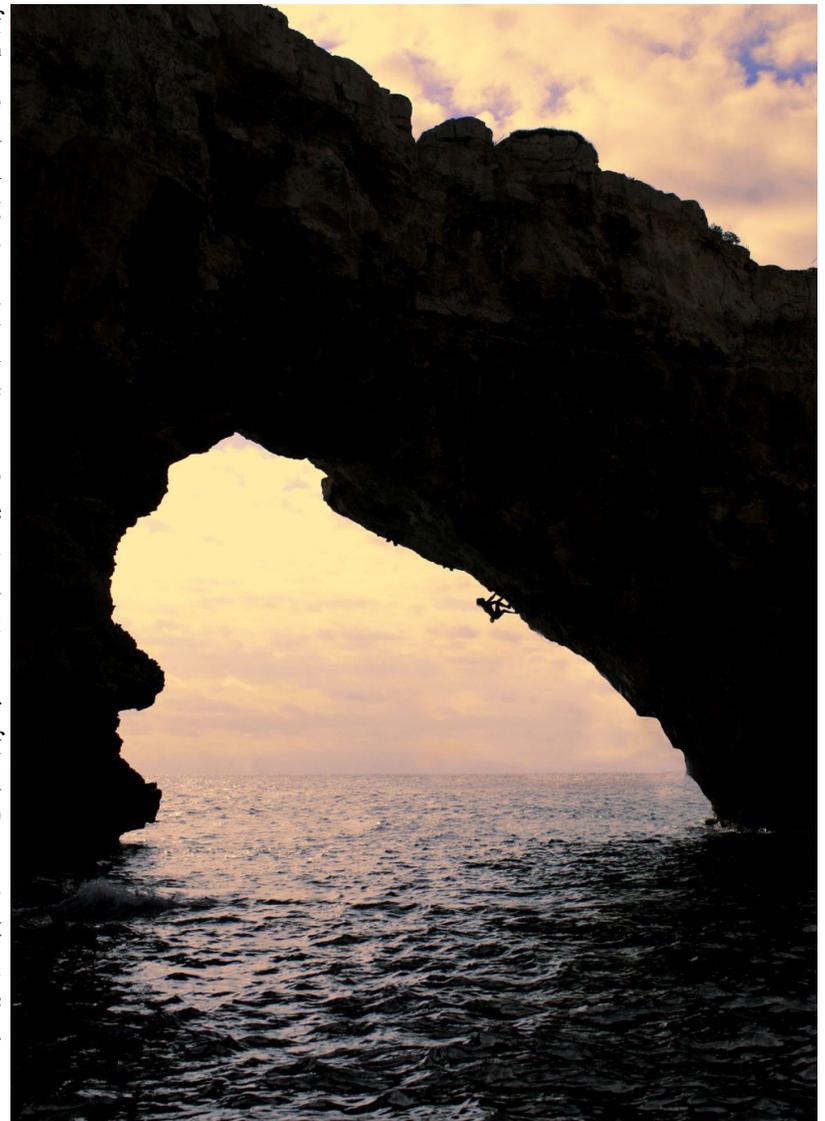
The Moshannon Group is hosting the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour in its 5<sup>th</sup> annual visit to State College for two evenings of films that get to the spirit of mountains and wild places throughout the world. This is an evening of fantastic films as well as an evening when we also bring together many local conservation groups in an impressive tabling event. Doors open at 6PM and the films begin at 7PM each evening. The pre-film hour along with intermission provides an opportunity to see what other local conservation groups are doing.

Different films will be shown each night, so join us both evenings. A bake sale will also be held to benefit People Protecting Communities in their continued fight to prevent what would be the largest landfill east of the Mississippi River from locating in Centre County.

The Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour is produced by Mountain Culture at The Banff Centre, and features award-winning films and audience favorites from approximately 300 films entered in the annual festival in Banff, Alberta Canada. The World Tour begins immediately after this festival, one of the most prestigious mountain festivals in the world, wraps up in November of each year. The World Tour has stops in more than 275 communities in 30 countries on all 7 continents.

At each location the local host chooses films with a focus that will appeal to the local audi-

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# MOSHANNON MUSINGS

Gary Thornbloom

This is the fifth year that we have hosted the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour for its State College stop. Your comments on this event have been overwhelmingly positive. The films are always surprising and offer fresh perspectives on the mountain spirit that animates many of our outdoor pursuits. The films are informative and entertaining. Last year we expanded the event to two evenings with different films each evening, and both evenings were equally well attended. This year we are again making it a two evening event.

We will also invite over a dozen local community and conservation groups to have tables where they present information about their organizations and their efforts to make this better place to live. Our Local Supporting Sponsors will have tables with information about their products.

During intermission the World Tour also includes a raffle of great outdoor products from the World Tour sponsors.

Last year's event included a bake sale by People Protecting Communities with all the proceeds going toward stopping the proposed Rush Township landfill. Last year they sold all the bake goods they had and this year they will be prepared with even more.

I hope you will consider joining us for an evening of great outdoor films, a chance to meet members of other local organizations, get some tasty snacks, and show your support for the Moshannon Group by attending and by bringing your friends!

See you there!

## TEN THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP CURB GLOBAL WARMING



### Drive Smart!

A well-tuned car with properly inflated tires burns less gasoline—cutting pollution and saving you money at the pump. Two cars? Drive the one with better gas mileage. Better yet, take public transit, walk, or bicycle.

### Buy Local and Organic

The average American meal travels more than 1,500 miles from the farm to your plate. Save energy, cut down on pollution, pesticides and chemicals—get your fruits and veggies from your local organic farmer.

### Support clean, renewable energy.

Renewable energy solutions, such as wind and solar power, can reduce our reliance on coal-burning power plants, the largest source of global warming pollution in the United States. Sign up for renewable energy and if your local utility does not offer it, ask them why not?

### Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs.

Especially those that burn the longest each day. CFL's produce the same amount of light as normal bulbs, but use about 25% of the electricity and last 10 times as long.

### Saving energy at home is good for the environment and for your wallet.

Think caulking and weather-stripping. Adjust your thermostat—for each degree you lower your thermostat in the winter, you can cut your energy bills by 3 percent. Ask your utility company to do a free energy audit to show you how to save even more.

### Become a smart water consumer.

Low-flow showerheads and faucets use half the water without decreasing performance. Turn your hot water heater down to 120°F and see hot-water costs go down by as much as 50%.

### Buy energy-efficient electronics and appliances.

Replacing an old refrigerator or an air conditioner with an energy-efficient model will save you money on your electricity bill and cut global warming pollution. Look for the Energy Star label and visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) to find the most energy-efficient products.

### Plant a Tree, protect a forest.

Trees "breathe in" carbon dioxide, but slash-and-burn farming practices, intensive livestock production, and logging have destroyed 90 percent of the native forests in the United States. You can take action in your own backyard — planting shade trees around your house will absorb CO<sub>2</sub>, and slash your air-conditioning bills.

### Reduce! Reuse! Recycle!

Producing new paper, glass, and metal products from recycled materials saves 70 to 90 percent of the energy and pollution, including CO<sub>2</sub>, that would result if the product came from virgin materials. Recycling a stack of newspapers only 4 feet high will save a good-sized tree. Please...buy recycled products!

### Mount a local campaign against global warming.

Educate your community about how it can cut global warming pollution. Support measures at the national, state, and local level that:

- Make automobiles go further on a gallon of gas;
- Accelerate the use of clean, renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind;
- Increase energy efficiency and conservation; and
- Preserve forests around the world.

## FROGWATCH USA *(Continued from page 5)*

On Sunday, April 20, from 2-4 pm, join the Moshannon Group for a fun and informative program that will introduce you to Frogwatch, feature a slide show of the frogs and toads of our area, let you know how you can be involved, and take you into Mary Ann's Marsh to find frogs and toads. Be dressed to get your feet wet! The program begins in the Canoe Creek State Park Education Center basement. Details in the EVENTS CALENDAR.

# WONDERING HOW TO GREEN YOUR HOME?

Energy efficiency and conservation are good for the environment, and making informed decisions about improvements can also result in saving money. Understanding residential energy use is both important and timely: according to the US Green Building Council, buildings have a significant impact on the environment. In the US alone, they account for 65% of electricity consumption, 36% of energy use, as well as 30% of greenhouse gas emissions, raw materials use, AND waste output. In the near future, electricity industry price caps in Pennsylvania will be removed and rates are predicted to rise. The cost of petroleum is rising, along with global temperatures.

Liam Goble, a founding member of Envinity, will provide an overview of green design building opportunities and cost effective energy efficiency improvements for homeowners in Pennsylvania. He will address the PA Home En-

ergy program, energy auditing, and other related services that can help you make your existing home or new building project both high performance and green. There will be a question and answer period following the presentation.



Envinity is a Green Design and Construction company in State College, Pennsylvania. Envinity fo-

cuses on energy efficient design using local and sustainable materials. Furthermore, the utilization of high efficiency heating and cooling equipment along with renewable energy systems are incorporated into the design and construction of Envinity's projects. In addition to design and construction, Envinity conducts energy audits, for homes and businesses, to provide a way for individuals and companies to reduce their utility bills. Envinity has been conducting energy audits since 2005. Envinity is currently conducting energy audits on individual residences as well as multifamily apartment complexes.

# HELP IMPROVE SPRING CREEK

The Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited (SCCTU) in partnership with the PA Fish & Boat Commission (PFBC) Clear Water Conservancy (CWC), Centre County Conservation District (CCCD) and several other conservation groups have big plans for instream and riparian habitat enhancement in the Spring Creek watershed during the next 3 years. It's an ambitious program that requires significant funding and equally important, the help of many volunteers. Sierra Club members and friends are encouraged to volunteer to support this effort that will ultimately benefit the entire community.

SCCTU was awarded a \$179,200 DCNR Community Conservation Partnership Program grant to complete six habitat enhancement projects from 2007-2010. Matching funds have also been secured from National TU Embrace-A-Stream grants, SCCTU pledges, CCCD grant funds and CWC grant monies focused on riparian improvements for Spring Creek. PFBC will be supplying in-kind services such as design and placement of instream habitat structures, heavy equipment and operators and project supervision.

Plans for 2008 include riparian enhancements, construction of instream habitat structures and a public access area, including a canoe access ramp at the former Mc Coy dam site located between Bellefonte and Milesburg. The second

project will focus on habitat improvement at a stream section above SR550 located on the PFBC property. This is tentatively scheduled for the period from Aug 18-Sept 5.

Please consider volunteering for this important work. In addition to having fun and enjoying some great food, you'll be joined by a diverse group of local volunteers who have a similar objective of protecting and improving our precious Spring Creek resource.

Volunteers should contact Joe Boston, SCCTU Habitat Chair (814-861-5566) [joeboston1959@comcast.net](mailto:joeboston1959@comcast.net) who's coordinating the project manpower needs. Tell Joe that you are a Sierra Club volunteer!

## **The Cottage at Black Moshannon**

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# EVENTS CALENDAR

## PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Members and non-members are welcome! **Thursday May 22, 7PM, Wondering How to Green Your Home? Green Building and Energy Efficiency for the Homeowner: The First Steps** a presentation by Liam Globle, of Envinity Green Design and Construction sponsored by the Moshannon Group and the Penn State Center for Sustainability. This will take place at the Schlow Centre Region Library Community Room, 211 S. Allen Street, downtown State College.

## OUTINGS

Contact information is in the directory at the end of the Newsletter.

**Saturday/Sunday April 5-6**, Trail work on the Mid State Trail. Volunteers are needed—PA trails are primarily maintained by volunteers. This is your chance to make a difference on the trails you enjoy! Contact Ben Cramer.

**Sunday April 20, 2-4PM**, Join the Moshannon Group to learn about **Frogwatch USA**. This fun and informative program will introduce you to Frogwatch, let you know how you can be involved, and will take you into Mary Anne's marsh to find frogs and toads! Be dressed to get your feet wet. Program begins in Canoe Creek SP Education Center basement See article on page 5. Contact Stan Kotala.

**Saturday May 10**, International Bird Day. Meet at the Canoe Creek State Park visitor center at 8:30am 2 hour **bird walk**. Expect to see about 80 species of birds. Contact Stan Kotala.

**Saturday May 24, 9-11AM, Beginning Birding** - Meet at the Lower Trail Mt Etna Trailhead pavilion for a leisurely mid-morning bird walk. Bird guidebooks, handouts, and binoculars will be provided. Learn to recognize birds by sight and by sound! See <http://rttcpa.org/TrailMapDirections.html> for directions. Contact Stan Kotala.

**Saturday/Sunday June 28-29**, 3rd annual rattlesnake tour in Cameron Co. **Morning Hike; Camping** the night before. Learn about the place these shy reptiles fit into the Penn's Woods landscape. (These dates are subject to change so check our website or contact Ben Cramer). Leader: Matt Wilson. Contact: Ben Cramer.

**Saturday/Sunday August 2-3**, Annual summer backpacking—location to be determined. Contact: Ben Cramer.

**Saturday August 16**, **Canoe** Spring Creek from Tussey Mountain Outfitters in Bellefonte, past the restoration where McCoy Dam was removed (site of late summer Moshannon Group volunteer work with Trout Unlimited—see related article on page 2), and then Bald Eagle Creek to Sayers Dam. We will stop for lunch at Curtain Village and will have a one hour tour of this historical site. Some canoes will be available if you need one. Sign up by late July for this outing. Contact Gary Thornbloom.

**CANOE & KAYAK TRIPS** will take place along the Little Juniata River and the Frankstown Branch of the Juniata River throughout the Spring, Summer, and Fall depending on weather and water conditions. If you'd like to be notified about upcoming trips (notifications will occur about a week in advance), please email trip coordinator Dr. Stan Kotala at [ccwiba@keyconn.net](mailto:ccwiba@keyconn.net) and he'll put you on the email roster.

## ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

**Tuesday June 17**, The picnic will be held with Juniata Valley Audubon at Canoe Creek State Park. See article on p. 5.

## 5TH ANNUAL BANFF FILM FESTIVAL WORLD TOUR

**Sunday and Monday April 27 & 28. Different films will be shown each night.** The Moshannon Group will host the Banff Mnt. Film Festival World Tour at 7PM at the State College High School **NORTH** Auditorium on Sunday evening and **SOUTH** Auditorium on Monday evening. Ticket details are on page 6. Related articles and description of films are on pages 1, 2, 6 & 7. Contact Ronn Brouman 867-0624.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All members are welcome. Held on the **first Tuesday** of the month, 7PM at ClearWater Conservancy. Call an Executive Committee Member to confirm the next meeting location and date.

## World Tour State College *(Continued from page 1)*

ence. The Moshannon Group selections emphasize mountain culture, the environment, and films with a strong human narrative. These films are interspersed with films that are humorous, and films that capture the excitement of extreme sports.

Information and descriptions of the films for each night, as well as ticket information, are on pages 6 and 7.

Join us when the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour brings the spirit of outdoor adventure to State College at the State College High School North Auditorium on Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup> and South Auditorium on Monday April 28<sup>th</sup>, with different films each night.

# 3780 ACRES ADDED TO MOSHANNON STATE FOREST!

The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy has acquired and will permanently protect 5,340 acres of scenic hardwood forest in Clearfield and Elk counties in the second phase of its 75th Anniversary Acquisitions. This land, which WPC has named "Bennett Branch Forest," was closed to the public and now will be open. This acquisition adds to an uninterrupted landscape of more than 200,000 acres in an area prized for its beauty, its value to plants and animals and the importance of its watershed.

The project was made possible through a \$6 million grant from the Richard King Mellon Foundation, and through \$2 million from DCNR. WPC will transfer ownership of 3,870 acres of the Bennett Branch Forest properties to DCNR Bureau of Forestry to become a permanent addition to Moshannon State Forest. WPC has retained ownership of 1,470 acres in Elk County, where it will manage the forest and carry out environmental clean-up projects.

The newly conserved land provides public access to a peaceful and remote wilderness area and contributes to large, uninterrupted tracts of forestland that are home to animals such as bobcats, bear, and birds including warblers and scarlet tanagers. WPC also plans to carry out improvement projects on the property that will help to re-

store the Bennett Branch watershed, an important tributary of Sinnemahoning Creek that has been impacted by acid mine drainage.

"We envision a Bennett Branch watershed that one day will be as clean and healthy as the upper Clarion River, a magnificent, restored waterway that was once nearly devoid of life due to impacts from pollution," said WPC Board Chairman Mike Boyle. "The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy has been working with the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Department of Environmental Protection to improve the Bennett Branch and Sinnemahoning Creek, and this acquisition enables us to make a substantial impact more quickly."

"The protection of these lands creates a better experience for hunters and other outdoor recreation enthusiasts," said DCNR Secretary Michael DiBerardinis. "It's important that we protect these large tracts of land offered by willing sellers to prevent breaking up forest land, and the disruption that causes for wildlife."

In a related transaction, an 80-acre parcel in Clearfield County will be transferred from the owner to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, which will build an acid mine drainage treatment plant to improve the Bennett Branch.

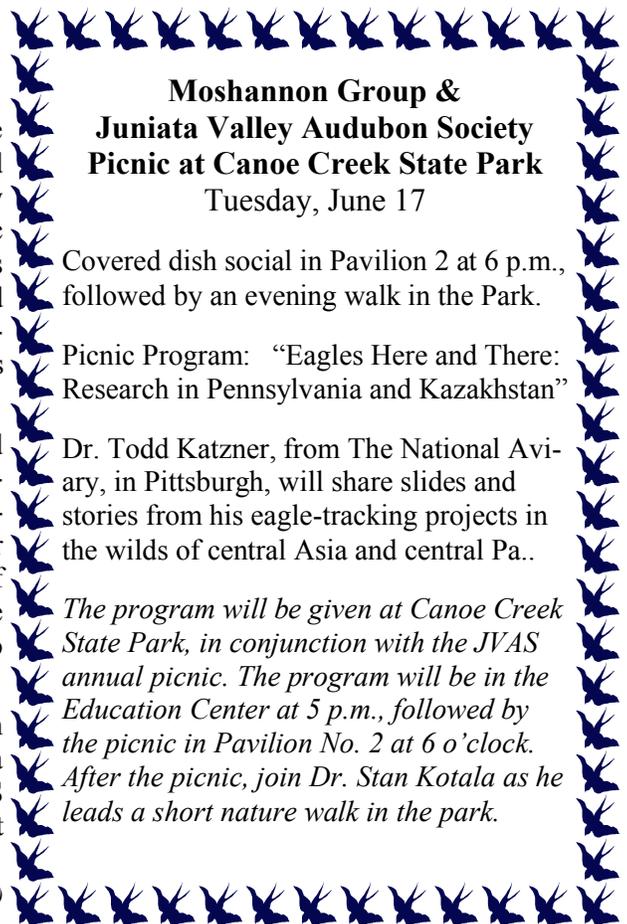
## FROGWATCH USE TRAINING SESSION SCHEDULED AT CANOE CREEK SP

Scientists are concerned about the recent decline in many of the world's amphibian species. Amphibians, such as frogs, toads, and salamanders, have porous skin and porous eggs that make them very vulnerable to toxins. Because their life cycles require both aquatic and terrestrial environments, amphibians are among the first species to suffer the consequences of environmental threats such as air and water pollution, destruction of habitat, and increased ultraviolet radiation. Since amphibians are indicators of ecosystem health, declines in their populations raise concerns about the health of our environment.

Tim Maret of Shippensburg University's Department of Biology and chair of the Pennsylvania Biological Survey's Herpetological Technical Committee states that "for many amphibian species in Pennsylvania, we just don't have the data to adequately determine their present status. We are lucky to have such a diverse assortment of amphibians in Pennsylvania. The first steps toward preserving these species should be to conduct inventory and monitoring programs to determine their present status and track future trends."

You can help scientists learn more about amphibian populations in the United States by becoming a volunteer for Frogwatch USA, a long-term frog and toad monitoring program managed by the US Geological Survey and the National Wildlife Federation. You do not have to be a frog and toad expert to make an important contribution.

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### Moshannon Group & Juniata Valley Audubon Society Picnic at Canoe Creek State Park Tuesday, June 17

Covered dish social in Pavilion 2 at 6 p.m., followed by an evening walk in the Park.

Picnic Program: "Eagles Here and There: Research in Pennsylvania and Kazakhstan"

Dr. Todd Katzner, from The National Aviary, in Pittsburgh, will share slides and stories from his eagle-tracking projects in the wilds of central Asia and central Pa..

*The program will be given at Canoe Creek State Park, in conjunction with the JVAS annual picnic. The program will be in the Education Center at 5 p.m., followed by the picnic in Pavilion No. 2 at 6 o'clock. After the picnic, join Dr. Stan Kotala as he leads a short nature walk in the park.*

[www.sierramsh.org](http://www.sierramsh.org)

## SIERRA CLUB MOSHANNON GROUP PRESENTS

Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour, State College High School, State College, PA April 27<sup>h</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>

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Advance sale tickets: \$12 (or \$20 for both nights); Tickets at the door: \$15

Tickets available at:

**Appalachian Ski & Outdoors**, 123 South Allen, State College

**Mt Nittany Wheelworks**, 106 Village Dr., State College

**Rothrock Outfitters**, 418 Penn St., Huntingdon

**Tussey Mountain Outfitters**, 304 West Linn, Bellefonte

Mail orders contact Paula Thornbloom [pthornbloom@cdfc.org](mailto:pthornbloom@cdfc.org)

702 Hall Road, Julian Pa 16844 (\$3 mailing charge applies)

### Films for Sunday April 27, 7PM at State High NORTH Auditorium

#### *Searching for the Coast Wolves*

Germany, 2006, 52 minutes

Directed by Richard Matthews

Produced by Heinz von Matthey

Website: [www.zdf.de](http://www.zdf.de)

Focus: Environment

Gudrun Pflueger is an ex-world champion cross-country skier and long-distance runner. For the last six years, she has been studying wolves in the wilds of Canada, collecting field data, hair, droppings and other evidence for use in scientific projects on wolves. She goes in search of the mysterious coast wolves of British Columbia, a quest that culminates with a dramatic and powerful encounter.

#### *Wings on Your Feet*

Switzerland, 2006, 25 minutes

Directed and Produced by Fulvio Mariani

Website: [www.siachen.ch](http://www.siachen.ch)

Focus: Telemark Skiing, Human narrative

John Falkiner and Paolo Tassi - two charming characters, powder hunters and free heel telemark interpreters - tell us about their dreams and why they have chosen skiing as their true lifestyle. Whooshing through Fulvio Mariani's camera shots, they guide us on journeys of discovery and friendship in magnificent landscapes around the world.

#### *Ain't Got No Friends on a Powder Day*

Switzerland, 2007, 5 minutes

Directed/Produced by Nicolas and Loris Falquet

Website: [www.huckandchuck.com](http://www.huckandchuck.com)

Focus: Skiing

Loris is a "classic" freerider. Jean-Yves, however, has a more or less "accidental" style. This film draws a parallel between two styles and two approaches to the same mountain, which are otherwise worlds apart.

#### *King Lines: Es Pontas*

USA, 2007, 13 minutes

Directed/Produced: Josh Lowell; Peter Mortimer

Website: [www.senderfilms.com](http://www.senderfilms.com),

Focus: Climbing

A segment from *King Lines*, filmed on location in Mallorca, Spain. This spectacular segment captures Chris Sharma's challenging ascent of the Es Pontas arch. Deep water soloing at its best. "He has everything," says jury member Kerrie Long. "He's young, talented, beautiful and articulate. And yet, this is a gritty story of persistence and determination — he's always reaching for the route he might not be able to do."

#### *Entropy*

Norway, 2006, 11 minutes

Directed and Produced by Morten Gjerstad

Website: [www.snowkitefilm.com](http://www.snowkitefilm.com)

Focus: Snowkiting

Entropy documents the most progressive season in snowkiting so far. Join a couple of the world's best riders as they search for the ultimate snow and wind conditions. Along the way, they reinvent snowkiting by taking a new-school approach and pushing the limit of 'wake style' maneuvers.

#### *Inner Balance*

Canada, 2007, 5 minutes

Directed/Produced by Brian MacKenzie

Website: [www.balanceproductions.ca](http://www.balanceproductions.ca)

Focus: Unicycling

*Inner Balance* features some of the top riders in their respective riding styles from Canada, USA, New Zealand, and Australia. Riders take unicycling to the next level with amazing drops and trials riding in a massive indoor bike park. You won't believe what's possible on a unicycle.

#### *Badgered*

##### Best Film on Mountain Environment

UK, 2005, 7 minutes

Directed by Sharon Colman Produced by Jamie Wolpert

Website: [www.nftsfilm-tv.ac.uk](http://www.nftsfilm-tv.ac.uk)

Focus: Environment/Animation

The tale of a badger who just wants the world to let him sleep.

#### *Trial & Error*

##### People's Choice Award (Radical Reels night)

Canada, 2006, 8 minutes

Directed and Produced by Bjørn Enga

Website: [www.radical-films.com](http://www.radical-films.com)

Focus: Mountain Biking

Mountain biker Ryan Leech sets out to ride an incredibly difficult trail in the coastal mountains of British Columbia. With the valley slated for clearcut logging, *Trial & Error* combines Ryan's extraordinary riding with his thoughts about the very special location.

#### *In-Flux*

France, 2005, 17 minutes

Directed and Produced by David Arnaud

[www.thinkliquid.net](http://www.thinkliquid.net)

Focus: Kayaking

In-Flux is about the true meaning of paddling - the perpetual need to go and travel the globe with your kayak in search of the magic something you can find only on the river. Shot in Italy, Canada, Norway, and the Reunion islands, the film combines adrenaline-driven action and remarkable natural wonders.

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# Films for Monday April 28, 7PM at State High SOUTH Auditorium

## *20 Seconds of Joy*

### Best Film on Mountain Sport

### People's Choice Award

Germany, 2007, 60 minutes

Directed by Jens Hoffman

Produced By Cleonice Comino

www.f24film.com

Parental Guidance: Coarse

Language Focus: BASE

jumping, Human Narrative

"I don't want to die, I want to live. I'm pretty good at running away, and this is my escape."

This is how Karina Hollekim describes her dedication to BASE jumping. Documentary filmmaker Jens Hoffman first met the now 30-year-old Norwegian in 2002. He immediately started to film, planning to follow Karina over a long period, trying to understand why a young woman would

challenge herself mentally and physically in such an extreme sport. Jens accompanies her through many stages of her BASE-jumping career, until it comes to a sudden stop and changes all aspects of her life.

## *Balance*

Canada, 2007, 11 minutes

Directed and Produced by Paul Cotton

[www.PaulCottonFilms.com](http://www.PaulCottonFilms.com)

Focus: Skiing

*Balance* profiles the rapidly growing world of new-school skiing, looking at all aspects of the sport: big mountain lines, terrain parks and half-pipes, and jibbing. This film captures the athletes' desires to push the edge of their abilities while facing the obvious safety risks associated with high caliber skiing. With high-energy footage cut to an upbeat soundtrack, the audience is challenged to judge whether these athletes are crazy or talented, or maybe both.

**NOTE TO PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN:** Any films that include cautions about coarse or suggestive language have been scheduled for Monday evening. While we do not believe that any of the language is gratuitous or crosses the line of what most people would find offensive we want you to be aware of the nature of the language in some of these films. None of the films on Sunday evening come with those sort of cautions. Questions: contact Ronn Brouman or Gary Thornbloom. Thank you!

**BAKE SALE:** If you would like to contribute baked goods for the Bake Sale that will be benefiting People Protecting Communities please bring baked goods each night to the PPC table. Questions: contact Terri Burbidge 387-6384 or [catnappb@verizon.net](mailto:catnappb@verizon.net)

## *Cross-Country with the Snakes*

USA, 2007, 7 minutes

Directed /Produced by Hansi Johnson

Website: [universalklister.blogspot.com](http://universalklister.blogspot.com)

Parental Guidance: Coarse Language

Focus: Cross-country skiing, Music

Cross-country with the Snakes is a short



MANDATORY PHOTO CREDIT: ©Cross-Country with the Snakes. Photo by Hansi Johnson, courtesy of The Banff Centre

film about a nordic-skiing punk band. It documents a tour with the Black-eyed Snakes as they ski all day and play rock at night. Nordic skiing, long portrayed as serene and classical, is cast in a new light as exciting and dynamic through the lens of punk/blues rock and fast-action photography.

## *The Western Lands - Hoy*

### **Best Short Mountain Film**

UK, 2007, 9 minutes

Directed and Produced by Grant Gee

Rating: suggestive language

Focus: Climbing, Human Interest

Writer Jim Perrin's attempted climb of the Old Man of Hoy on his 60th birthday. A poetic documentary of love, loss and landscape under the dying of the light.

## *Entropy*

Norway, 2006, 11 minutes

Directed and Produced by Morten Gjerstad

Website: [www.snowkitefilm.com](http://www.snowkitefilm.com)

Focus: Snowkiting

*Entropy* documents the most progressive season in snowkiting so far. Join a couple of the world's best riders as they search for the ultimate snow and wind conditions.

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by taking a new-school approach and pushing the limit of 'wake style' maneuvers.

## *Higher Ground: Mountain Photographer*

USA, 2007, 8 minutes

Directed by Chris Alstrin and Alexander Lavigne Produced by Chris Alstrin [www.hg-productions.com](http://www.hg-productions.com)

Focus: Climbing, Human Interest Andrew Querner, a professional photographer from Canmore, Alberta, explains what drives his quest for the perfect climbing photograph. Difficulty and chal-

lenge are climbing's chief attractions, but the objective hazards climbing presents tap deep sources of fear as well. Andrew Querner's photography feeds on that, and explores the relationship between climbers and the mountain environment.

## *Ice Mines*

Canada, 2007, 30 minutes

Directed and Produced by Will Gadd

[www.gravsports.com](http://www.gravsports.com)

Parental Guidance: Coarse Language

Focus: Ice climbing

What's an ice climber to do in the age of global warming? Go underground. Deep underground. Five years ago Will Gadd heard rumours of ice hidden in the blackness of abandoned mines in Sweden. Gadd and his friend Andreas Spak explore the mines, finding challenge, danger, and amazing ice formations.



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