

SIERRA CLUB  
MOSHANNON GROUP  
*explore, enjoy, and protect the planet*  
presents



Friday, April 8 + Saturday, April 9, 2022  
The State Theatre  
State College, Pennsylvania

# WELCOME

Welcome to the Sierra Club Moshannon Group's (SCMG) 19<sup>th</sup> annual presentation of the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour–State College. Two evenings of movies that capture the spirit of mountain culture and recreation—films that explore wild landscapes of the world, films that will inspire you or at least give you an adrenaline rush!

2019 was our last live event. We canceled 2020 as the pandemic entered our lives, and in 2021, we enjoyed the films on the comfort of our own couch. It is great to see everyone in person again! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for attending. Banff brings diverse groups together: environmentalists, extreme sports enthusiasts and people who just love the beauty of our natural world. Come along with us as this year's flicks explore the globe, as well as tell stories of people enjoying and protecting it.

Each evening's films showcase our incredible planet, and the animals and people that inhabit it. Getting particularly good buzz this year are "Precious Leader Woman," about indigenous snowboarder Spencer O'Brien; and "Bear-Like," where two adventurers contact grizzlies in Alaska. My late friend, Shirley Fye, who photographed bruins at Katmai National Park and attended the 2019 Banff fest at the State Theater, will be here in spirit for the latter film.

Please visit the tables in the lobby and the upstairs Attic to learn more about local organizations that share SCMG's vision. We have some new groups tabling this year, so take the time to check them out and say hello. Our sponsors are also partners in seeking to fulfill Sierra Club's "prime directives" to EXPLORE, ENJOY and PROTECT our planet. Special kudos to our guests, friends, supporters, local organizations and volunteers who make this Banff event a success every year. Showcasing this film festival in State College annually is a real team effort!

We are excited to have lots of prizes this year. After intermission, we will be drawing winners based on your seat assignment. Look at tonight's prizes before intermission to see all the local merchandise that we are giving away. Good luck and enjoy the show!

– Doug Mason, *Chair of Sierra Club Moshannon Group*

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# What does it mean to be a member of Sierra Club Moshannon Group?

When the Sierra Club Moshannon Group (SCMG) determined priorities for 2021, we chose sustainability as our overall theme. This implies sustainable development that avoids depletion of natural resources to maintain an ecological balance. This year, we remain in that vein as climate change will continue to be our top concern, as it was in 2020. We are in a climate emergency...2021 was one of the hottest years in human history!

Carbon dioxide emissions increased by almost 5 percent last year, meaning that the world now has a two-in-three chance of reaching 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) of global warming over pre-industrial levels within the decade. Due to COVID-19, carbon emissions dipped 11 percent in 2020, potentially buying the Earth time to transition to clean sources of energy. But in 2021, as economic activities rebounded, the emissions that cause climate change increased 4.8 percent from the previous year.

The goal of limiting warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius has been set by the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which found that warming beyond that threshold could set devastating events in motion, such as massive glacier melting that would lead to sea level rise flooding coastal cities. Last year, Nancy Parks, SCMG's director of both our air quality and conservation committees, wrote in our newsletter about the 26th Conference of Parties (COP-26) held in Glasgow, Scotland, that Fall. It was attended by 3,000 delegates from 197 countries which had signed the 1994 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Nancy wrote: "COP-26 had results that can help to ameliorate but not solve our worst climate and habitat issues... 130 countries have pledged to reach zero carbon fifty years from now."

Nationally, our leaders put all our eggs in the basket of the big reconciliation bill (Build Back Better legislation) that, so far, has gone nowhere. We need to do what we can through law, but we also need to push the throttle forward on regulation and on litigation. You know about the impact of corporate dark money, the oil industry's climate denialism and fossil fuel company strategies to delay environmental regulations and policies. The issue is also about a lack of political will.

I'm reminded of the ecological adage, "Think globally, act locally." Those of us who live in Centre County can be thankful that we have leaders who are showing the political will to work toward solving the climate problem. As Ellen Foreman, Ready for 100 director for SCMG, wrote in our most recent newsletter, "In January, Patton Township unanimously adopted a resolution to transition to 100 percent clean, renewable energy by 2050." Leaders of other municipalities in the Centre region, then Ferguson Township supervisor Peter Buck (now on the State College Area School District board), the Borough of State College's Council President Jesse Barlow and Harris Township supervisor Denny Hammeister preceded Patton Township supervisor Betsy Whitman in sponsoring similarly enlightened pieces.

In Pennsylvania, our leaders are having the wrong conversation on climate and need to change their stance. Our state government is keeping us from being part of the solution to our biggest crisis by downplaying if not denying climate change, subsidizing fossil fuel production, et cetera ad nauseam. On June 11 through June 13, environmental advocates, frontline community members, pipeline activists, grassroots organizers and other concerned Keystone citizens will converge on Harrisburg as part of the Pennsylvania Climate Convergence. Join the SCMG for the Convergence's educational march on June 12. We have rented a bus leaving State College at 7:30 a.m. that date. Stop by the SCMG table for more details to be part of this historic event.

Last year was also notable because SCMG celebrated its 40th anniversary. Now that folks can gather again, we are planning a summer party. Details will appear in our next newsletter and will be posted on MeetUp. We were formed in the 1980s to combat urban sprawl and its impacts to the water quality of Spring Creek in the rapidly growing area around State College. We continue that tradition by taking a strong stand on environmental issues throughout the 12 counties in Moshannon's region.

We have deep roots in this community. If you join us, you will find that we are a supportive, active group that is great to work with...visit our table in the lobby to get a membership application for the Sierra Club. In addition to knowing you are making a difference and are part of the largest national network of environmental advocates, membership means you will always be on top of environmental issues through our online presence, the national Sierra magazine, the Pennsylvania chapter's Sylvanian and Moshannon's newsletter.

Be sure to visit our tables at the Earth Day celebrations on Penn State Campus (April 22) and Millcreek Marsh (April 24). We will also be working at the Native Plant Festival on May 7 at the Boalsburg Fire House and the Pennsylvania Firefly Festival on June 24-25 near Tionesta in Forest County. We are all volunteers in SCMG, and I would be remiss if I didn't thank Kelly Forest for being the prime mover behind this year's Banff Mountain Film Festival. Job well done, Kelly, and thanks to all the others making this a great comeback year!

– Doug Mason, *Chair of Sierra Club Moshannon Group*

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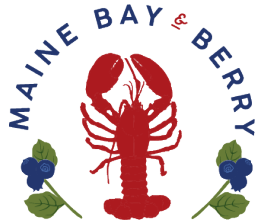
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## Intermission Prizes for Friday, April 8

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- Bag 1: 2 free day passes to Climb Nittany and SC bag
  - Bag 2: 2 free day passes to Climb Nittany and SC bag
  - Bag 3: 2 free day passes to Climb Nittany and SC hip pack
  - Bag 4: Organic Climbing pouch, 25\$ gift card at AO, pin, AO sticker, and SC canvas bag
  - Bag 5: Organic Climbing pouch, 25\$ gift card at AO, pin, AO sticker, and SC bag
  - Bag 6: Tussey Mountain Outfitters Bald Eagle float for two with shuttle, stickers and SC bag
  - Bag 7: Bamboo utensil set, Nittany Climb glass, SC water bottle and bag
  - Bag 8: Kitchen Kaboodle gift bag with SC mug
  - Bag 9: Nittany Mountain Works small hip pack, Buff and SC bag
  - Bag 10: Sun hat from AO, SC socks and bag  
OR  
Lake Louis Plus Card for 2022/2023—includes free lift tickets, discounts on food, lift tickets, etc for ski mountains in the Banff National Park
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## Intermission Prizes for Saturday, April 9

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- Bag 1: 2 free day passes to Climb Nittany and SC bag
- Bag 2: 2 free day passes to Climb Nittany and SC bag
- Bag 3: AO bag, sticker, microlite bottle, Life is Good hat, and SC camping "cup"
- Bag 4: Organic Climbing pouch, 25\$ gift card at AO, pin, AO sticker, and SC canvas bag
- Bag 5: Organic Climbing pouch, 25\$ gift card at AO, pin, AO sticker, and SC bag
- Bag 6: Tussey Mountain Outfitters Bald Eagle float for two with shuttle, stickers and SC bag
- Bag 7: Bamboo utensil set, Nittany Climb glass, SC water bottle and bag
- Bag 8: Kitchen Kaboodle gift bag with SC medium shirt
- Bag 9: hip pack from AO, Buff and SC bag
- Bag 10: Hip Bag from Nittany Mountain Works and medium SC shirt  
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