



# The Penn State Chapter of The Greater Susquehanna Valley

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## 25th Annual Pig Roast Set for Sunday August 28, 2005

The Penn State Nittany Lion, The Penn State Cheerleaders, members of the Penn State Blue Band and several headline guests are expected to be on hand to help celebrate the 25th annual Penn State Chapter of the Greater Susquehanna Valley pig roast, Sunday August 28th at the New Berlin American Legion.

In 1980 Bob Werba, DJ Mapes and others, with help from Mr. John Black at the Penn State Alumni office, started the annual pig roast. Over the past 25 years it has grown into the most attended club event and our annual forum for giving away chapter scholarships. This year we are hoping to give away 4 incoming freshman scholarships along with 2 endowed scholarships to existing Penn State students. Your continued support throughout the last 25 years has made it possible for the Greater Susquehanna Valley Penn State Chapter to provide nearly \$65,000.00 in scholarship monies to deserving area students attending the Pennsylvania State University.

Festivities get under way at 12:00 pm with the pig being served at 1:00 pm. Sure to be another fun filled day, guests are asked to bring a covered dish and their own table settings. The meat, condiments, beverage and some selected hot dishes are provided.

This year's pig roast will feature numerous raffles throughout the day including a Penn State collectibles auction, an autographed Penn State memorabilia auction, several 50/50 raffles, Adult and children's door prizes and the drawing for the Football Ticket raffle winners. 25th Anniversary memorabilia will also be available and some special 25th anniversary events will help to make this the best and biggest pig roast in club history. We hope to see you there!!!

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## 2005 Club Meeting Dates Announced

The Greater Susquehanna Valley Penn State Chapter has announced it's 2005 meeting dates and locations through July 2005. Club meetings are at 6:00pm the first Wednesday of each month unless otherwise noted. The 2005 meetings and locations have been scheduled as follows:

- January 2005—No Chapter Meeting**
- February 2, 2005—Vinnie's Pizza in Middleburg**
- March 2, 2005—Staff's Place in Sunbury**
- April 6, 2005—La Prima Vera in Lewisburg**
- May 4, 2005—The Forest House in Forest Hills**
- June 1, 2005—Sand Bridge picnic area on Rt. 192**
- July 6, 2005—Shikellamy State Park Marina on the island between Sunbury and Northumberland**

Please note that the June 1, 2005 and July 6, 2005 Chapter meetings are our traditional summer picnic meetings and anyone planning to attend those meetings should bring a covered dish along with their own table settings and drinks. If you have any questions about upcoming club meetings, please contact President Curt Rothermel at (570) 966-7197.





**FOOTBALL**

**Penn State Defense Nationally Ranked**

The Penn State defense played superbly throughout the 2004 season and has finished in the top 10 nationally in four statistical categories.

The Nittany Lion defense can also lay claim as the only unit in the nation to not allow more than 21 points in a game throughout the 2004 campaign.

In the NCAA's final statistical rankings for the 2004 season, Penn State was ranked fifth nationally in scoring defense at 15.3 points per game. The Nittany Lion defense allowed 14 touchdowns in 11 games (1.27 avg.), held all 11 opponents below their total offense average and 10 opponents below their scoring average. Penn State allowed 18 touchdowns overall, including two interception returns and two punt returns for scores.

Penn State ranked 10th in the nation in total defense at 291.55 ypg. Penn State improved its total defense average by more than 70 yards from the 362.4 ypg allowed during the 2003 season.

Penn State's pass defense was ranked No. 6 nationally at 162.3 ypg, while the Lions were No. 4 in pass efficiency defense with a 99.8 rating. Penn State allowed only five touchdown passes all season, with just two coming in the eight Big Ten contests.

The Nittany Lion defense returns nine starters for the 2005 football season.

**Raffle Tickets Benefit Club Scholarship Fund**

The Penn State Chapter of The Greater Susquehanna Valley will be, again this year, selling football raffle tickets to benefit the Scholarship fund. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. First prize is 1 pair of 2005 Football season tickets. Second through eighth place are a pair of tickets for an upcoming Penn State home football game and are listed below:

- **1st prize—2 Season Tickets**
- **2nd prize—2 tickets Ohio State**
- **3rd prize—2 tickets Wisconsin**
- **4th prize—2 tickets Purdue**
- **5th prize—2 tickets Minnesota**
- **6th prize—2 tickets Cincinnati**
- **7th prize—2 tickets South Florida**
- **8th prize—2 tickets Central Michigan**

This past year the scholarship fund awarded five \$1,000.00 scholarships to area Penn State students, four incoming freshman scholarships and one endowed scholarship. Tickets will be available from any chapter member starting in May or at the annual pig roast. Ticket drawing will be held Sunday August 28, 2005 at the pig roast. Please help support the scholarship fund by buying or selling these tickets. If you need further information, please contact Gabe DePietro at (570) 966-0076.

2005 Penn State Football Schedule

**Football Recruiting Among Nation's Best**

The Penn State recruiting class of 2005 is among the nation's best and features two of the top 10 recruits in the country. Among them are the top defensive back recruit in the nation, Justin King of Pittsburgh and speedster Derrick Williams of Greenbelt, MD. Below is the list of verbal commitments already made to Penn State for the 2005 season:

<b>Francis Claude</b>	TE	6-5/246	Vancouver, Que.
<b>Brennan Coakley</b>	TE	6-5/235	Sandy Hook, CT
<b>Kevin Cousins</b>	WR	6-3/189	Richmond, VA
<b>Devin Fentress</b>	DB	5-10/164	Chesapeake, VA
<b>Willie Harriott</b>	DB	5-10/180	New Haven, CT
<b>Kevin Kelly</b>	K	5-9/175	Langhorne, PA
<b>Justin King</b>	DB	6-0/183	Pittsburgh, PA
<b>Dennis Landolt</b>	OL	6-5/268	Delran, NJ
<b>Sean Lee</b>	LB	6-3/215	Pittsburgh, PA
<b>James McDonald</b>	WR	6-2/176	Washington, D.C.
<b>Steve Quinn</b>	LB	6-2/208	Philadelphia, PA
<b>Lydell Sargeant</b>	ATH	5-10/172	Lompoc, CA
<b>Anthony Scirrotto</b>	DB	6-1/185	West Deptford, NJ
<b>Knowledge Timmons</b>	ATH	5-10/175	York, PA
<b>Derrick Williams</b>	ATH	6-0/189	Greenbelt, MD

<b>Sept 3</b>	<b>South Florida</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>Sept 10</b>	<b>Cincinnati</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>Sept 17</b>	<b>Central Michigan</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>Sept 24</b>	<b>Northwestern</b>	<b>Away</b>
<b>Oct 1</b>	<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>Oct 8</b>	<b>Ohio State</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>Oct 15</b>	<b>Michigan</b>	<b>Away</b>
<b>Oct 22</b>	<b>Illinois</b>	<b>Away</b>
<b>Oct 29</b>	<b>Purdue</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>Nov 5</b>	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>Nov 19</b>	<b>Michigan State</b>	<b>Away</b>





**Chapter Plans Bus Trip to Atlantic City**

Again this spring, the club will be taking a one day bus trip to Atlantic City, April 9, 2005. The bus will depart at 6:00am from the Sun Area Vo-Tech School in New Berlin and take us to the Sands Casino in Atlantic City. You will be able to gamble, enjoy the sights of Atlantic City, eat great food or whatever you choose all day long. The bus will depart for home at 8:00pm that evening. The Cost of the trip is \$30.00 per person and there will be some type of casino rebate. That information will be available closer to the trip. For more information or to make reservations, call Vice-President DJ Mapes at (570) 966-1141.

**Club Canopy in the Works**

The Chapter has purchased a 10’x10’ EZ Up canopy for use at various functions. We are currently in the process of getting the Chapter name and Penn State logo screen printed on the canopy to make it really stand out. Look for the new canopy at various chapter functions including the Ice Cream Sale, Pig Roast and other activities throughout the year.

The Greater Susquehanna Valley Penn State Chapter is in the planning stages for a bus trip to the Penn State vs. Illinois away football game this fall. We need at least 40 people interested in the trip to move forward with our plans. The trip will leave either Thursday October 20th or Friday October 21st and return home Sunday October 23rd. The cost of the trip has yet to be determined but would include bus transportation to and from Champagne Illinois, bus transportation to and from the game, hotel lodging and a ticket to the game. Last year’s trip to Boston College was a huge success and the club would like to continue attending various away football games to help support our team. If you are interested in going on this trip to the Penn State vs. Illinois away football game, please contact DJ Mapes at (570) 966-1141 **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!!**

**Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pick Ups** – Will begin again in the spring. Anyone who can volunteer should call Don Sumner at 966-1225 for information. The club is a 10 year participant in this worthy cause. Our stretch of highway is on Rt. 45 just past Laurelton and the committee does a great job of maintaining our piece of highway along the route to Penn State!!!

**Endowed Scholarship donation information**

Because of the great fund raising efforts of all chapter members throughout the 2004 year, the Greater Susquehanna Valley Penn State Chapter was able to contribute \$2,000.00 to our Endowed Scholarship fund. This contribution, to the principle, should afford us the ability to give away two \$1,000.00 scholarships this year to area students already enrolled at Penn State. If you are planning on, or would like to make a donation to the chapter Endowed Scholarship fund, please make sure you are using the correct allocation code. The verbiage for this fund is “The Great Susquehanna Valley Penn State Chapter Endowed Scholarship Fund”. Our club allocation code is **SXXGQ**. If you have any questions about donating to the Endowed Scholarship fund, or any other scholarship questions, please contact Curt Rothenmel at 966-7197.

**Women in Transition Christmas Presents**

Again this holiday season, the club donated Christmas gifts for children to the area Women in Transition. Our thanks to all the club members who provided gifts this year and thanks for your continued support of this charitable cause.

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### **Chapter Elects Officers for 2005**

The Greater Susquehanna Valley Penn State Chapter elected new officers at its November monthly meeting. Chapter officers for 2005 are:

<b>Curt Rothermel</b> —President	<b>DJ Mapes</b> —Vice-President
<b>Tony Barnasconi</b> —Secretary	<b>Sherie Bradic</b> —Membership Secretary
<b>Larry Weader</b> —Treasurer	<b>Mary Depietro</b> —Historian

### **Penn State Alumni Volunteer Update**

For those of you who are not familiar with this publication, the Alumni Volunteer Update is an email publication put out monthly by the Penn State Alumni Association . The Alumni Volunteer Update contains information and articles about Penn State Alumni Chapters, such as our chapter, from all across the country. It also has feature stories on various chapter fund raising efforts throughout the year as well as an upcoming events bulletin board and Alumni and University news. An article about the 2004 Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter pig roast will appear in either the February 2005 or March 2005 Alumni Volunteer Update. If you wish to subscribe to this free publication, go to <http://www.alumni.psu.edu/> and click on the Alumni Volunteer Update link. This will allow you to subscribe to this Penn State Alumni publication and keep you up to date on all the latest happenings from Penn State Alumni across the country.