



# The Penn State Chapter of The Greater Susquehanna Valley

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## 29th Annual Pig Roast Set for Sunday August 23, 2009

The Penn State Nittany Lion, The Penn State Cheerleaders and several distinguished University guests headline the 29th annual Penn State Chapter of the Greater Susquehanna Valley pig roast, Sunday August 23rd, 2009 at the New Berlin American Legion. This event is the club's most attended event and this year we are celebrating our 29th anniversary pig roast in grand style. You don't want to miss this year's pig roast.

Festivities get under way at 12:00 pm with the pig being served at 1:30 pm. Guests may arrive any time after 11:30 am. The cost of admission is \$9.00 per adult, \$3.00 for children 5-11 and children under 5 are free. Sure to be our best pig roast ever, guests are asked to bring a covered dish and their own table settings. The meat, condiments, beverages and some selected hot dishes are provided.

There will be numerous raffles throughout the day including a Penn State collectibles auction, an autographed Penn State memorabilia auction, adult and children's door prizes and the drawing for the Football Ticket Raffle winners. Last year the raffles included a Brad Shoemaker print, a Joe Paterno autographed football helmet and many Penn State collectibles. This year's raffles will be even bigger and better.

**Due to the yearly growth in the number of pig roast attendees, we are asking you to PLEASE make your reservations early so we can provide an accurate number of attendees to the caterer.**

Please fill out the form on the back of this newsletter and mail reservations to The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter, PO Box 402, New Berlin, PA 17855 or call 966-1141.

## Chapter Plans Northwestern Football Trip

The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter is sponsoring a bus trip to the Penn State/Northwestern football game this fall, Saturday October 31, 2009. Our chapter has purchased group tickets for the game and will be taking a 4 day trip to Northwestern. The trip will leave Thursday October 29, 2009 and return home Sunday November 1, 2009. All the fine details for this exciting 4 day trip to Northwestern and the Greater Chicago area to see our Nittany Lions will be released as soon as they are finalized, however we would like to do some type of group activity on Friday in and around the Chicago area. We will also make available any and all Alumni Association activities for the weekend trip including the pre-game Alumni Association pep rally. Full details on the pre-game pep rally will be made available as soon as they are released by the university. The trip cost will be \$435.00 per person and



includes bus transportation to and from Northwestern, hotel lodging, ticket to the game and admission to any Alumni Association activities that we attend. Space is limited for this trip and seats are being sold on a first come, first serve basis. A deposit of \$100.00 per person is required to reserve your seat on the bus. All final details for the Northwestern trip will be provided to everyone with a reserved seat on the bus as well as made available on our website, [www.gsvpennstatechapter.com](http://www.gsvpennstatechapter.com). If you would like more information about this trip, or to make a reservation, please contact DJ Mapes at 966-1141 or email [DJ@gsvpennstatechapter.com](mailto:DJ@gsvpennstatechapter.com).

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FOOTBALL

Raffle Tickets Benefit Club Scholarship Fund

We Are...SMART!!!

The Penn State football team produced another outstanding academic performance during the Spring 2009 semester, with 46 squad members earning at least a 3.0 grade point average.

Among the 46 Nittany Lions, 42 will be returning for the 2009 season. Seventeen of the 42 returnees earned Dean's List recognition by posting a 3.5 GPA or higher this past semester.

Two of Penn State's school record five ESPN The Magazine Academic All-Americans® from 2008, kick snapper Andrew Pitz (Bettendorf, Iowa) and Stefen Wisniewski (Bridgeville), earned perfect 4.00 grade point averages during the spring semester, as did punter Jeremy Boone (Mechanicsburg). Boone and Pitz graduated in May and Wisniewski, a student in the Schreyer Honors College, is entering his junior year.

Senior linebacker Josh Hull (Millheim) is the third returnee among Penn State's Academic All-Americans® from last year and he again earned Dean's List honors during the spring semester.

The Penn State Chapter of The Greater Susquehanna Valley is currently 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 2009 Football season tickets or \$500.00 cash. Second through seventh place are a pair of tickets for an upcoming Penn State home football game, or \$70.00 cash, and are listed below:

- 1st prize— 2 Season Tickets or \$500.00 cash
2nd prize—2 Tickets Ohio State or \$70.00 cash
3rd prize—2 Tickets Iowa or \$70.00 cash
4th prize—2 Tickets Minnesota or \$70.00 cash
5th prize—2 Tickets Indiana or \$70.00 cash
6th prize—2 Tickets Syracuse or \$70.00 cash
7th prize—2 Tickets Temple or \$70.00 cash
8th prize—2 Tickets Akron or \$70.00 cash
9th prize—2 Tickets Eastern Illinois or \$70.00 cash

This year the scholarship fund awarded six \$1,000.00 scholarships to area Penn State students, four incoming freshman scholarships and two endowed scholarships. Tickets can be purchased from any chapter member or at the annual pig roast. Ticket drawing will be held Sunday August 23, 2009 at the pig roast. Please help support the scholarship fund by buying or selling the enclosed tickets and returning the stubs to the chapter at PO Box 402, New Berlin, PA 17855.



2009 Penn State Football Schedule

Table with 3 columns: Date, Opponent, Location. Rows include Sept 5 Akron Home, Sept 12 Syracuse Home, Sept 19 Temple Home, Sept 26 Iowa Home, Oct 3 Illinois Away, Oct 10 E Illinois Home, Oct 17 Minnesota Home\*, Oct 24 Michigan Away, Oct 31 Northwestern Away, Nov 7 Ohio State Home, Nov 14 Indiana Home, Nov 21 Michigan State Away.

\*Homecoming

2009 Football Game Start Times

The Penn State Athletic Office has announced game times for several of the 2009 football games. Penn State's first three home games against Akron, Syracuse and Temple will all kick off at 12:00pm and be broadcast on the Big Ten Network. The Nittany Lions Big Ten opener with Iowa, September 26 at Beaver Stadium, will be nationally televised starting at 8:00pm on ABC. Penn State's October 17, 2009 game against Minnesota will kick off at 3:30pm and be broadcast on ABC while the Nittany Lions away game against Northwestern, October 31, 2009 will be nationally televised starting at 4:30pm on ESPN.





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**Adopt-A-Highway Survey**

The Greater Susquehanna Valley Penn State Chapter has been a long term participant in this Penn-Dot program, with our stretch of highway along Rt. 45 outside Mifflinburg being maintained for over 10 years. We have recently encountered some scheduling problems with volunteers and are asking for your feedback as to member availability for this project. Please take a moment to choose from the options below and let us know when the best time would be to continue our Adopt-A-Highway program.

1. Weekdays during the day
2. Weekdays in the evening
3. Weekends during the day
4. Weekends in the evening

Please email your response to Adopt-A-Highway chairperson Linda Bollinger at [adnil@dejazzd.com](mailto:adnil@dejazzd.com). Thank you in advance for helping our chapter continue this worthy cause.

**Happy Hour Social Events**

The Greater Susquehanna Valley Penn State Chapter continues to hold happy hour social functions open to all chapter members and their guests. Each month the chapter holds a happy hour social event at various establishments throughout the area. The chapter happy hour social events are held the third Thursday of each month and start any time after 5:00pm. Upcoming happy hour socials are as follows:

- July 16, 2009—Selinsgrove Brewery—Selinsgrove
- August 20, 2009—Vic’s Pub, Lewisburg
- September 17, 2009—Damon’s Grill, Lewisburg
- October 15, 2009—Scarlet D, Mifflinburg
- November 19, 2009—Puirseil’s Irish Pub, Lewisburg

For more information about the chapter happy hour social events, please contact chairman Jared Kohl at [jaredfkohl@hotmail.com](mailto:jaredfkohl@hotmail.com).

**Third Annual Wine Tasting Event**

The Greater Susquehanna Valley Penn State Chapter is currently planning our third annual Wine Tasting Event, Sunday July 26, 2009 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at the Shade Mountain Winery south of Middleburg on route 104. The cost of the wine tasting event is \$15.00 per person and includes one bottle of Shade Mountain Winery wine with each ticket purchase. The chapter will provide light refreshments and live entertainment by local musician Greg Burgess throughout the afternoon.

For more information about our wine tasting event, please contact chairman Jared Kohl at [jaredfkohl@hotmail.com](mailto:jaredfkohl@hotmail.com).



**2009 Scholarship Recipients To Be Announced At Annual Pig Roast**

Again this year the Greater Susquehanna Valley Penn State Chapter is proud to announce the awarding of our annual scholarships to area students attending Penn State. Thanks to the generosity and support of all our members, local businesses, and friends, we will be awarding four \$1000 scholarships to local students who will be attending The Pennsylvania State University in the fall as incoming freshman. The talent of students in this area attending Penn State year after year is truly amazing. These students are among the tops in their classes academically, are young pillars in the community today, and will be among the leaders in the future. We are also excited to announce that our chapter will be awarding two \$1000 Endowed Scholarships to students from our area already attending Penn State. All of our annual scholarship recipients will be announced and presented their awards at the 29th annual pig roast, August 23, 2009.

Although we are not from the big city, our small area is rich in talent. We as a Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association are proud to be able to help the students of today who will become the leaders of tomorrow. It is through your support that we are able to award \$6000 in scholarships this year to these young leaders. Through our 26 active years as an organization, we have awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships to local students. We thank you greatly for all the support through the years and continue to look forward to what lies ahead as we continue to support those who strive for excellence at OUR beloved **PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY**.



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**Chapter Golf Outings**

The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter continues to hold monthly golf outings as a social function. Chapter members meet usually once or twice a month at the Shade Mountain Golf Course for 9 holes after work. Tee-off time is 6:00pm and our golf outings are usually on a Wednesday evening. There is no format to our golf outings and golfers of all skill levels are welcome to participate. If you are interested in joining us for a chapter golf outing, please contact chapter secretary Tony Barnasconi at [tony@gsvpennstatechapter.com](mailto:tony@gsvpennstatechapter.com).

**Email Newsletter** – The chapter email database has been established and chapter members are receiving our newsletters and other important communications from the chapter via email. We are striving to be able to contact all chapter members via email. If you have an email address, please provide it on the membership form on the back of this newsletter or email chapter Secretary Tony Barnasconi at [tony@gsvpennstatechapter.com](mailto:tony@gsvpennstatechapter.com) with your contact information.

**Ticket Exchange Board**—With the addition of our chapter website, we are moving our yearly ticket exchange board to our new location at [www.gsvpennstatechapter.com](http://www.gsvpennstatechapter.com). If you are interested in buying, selling or exchanging football tickets for the 2009 season, simply log on to the chapter website, choose the message board option from the main page, and post your listing in the Tickets forum, along with your contact information, number of tickets and asking price.  
**Please note that the chapter will not tolerate or allow the sale of tickets for more than face value. Anyone caught selling tickets for more than face value will have their ticket exchange board privileges revoked permanently!!!**

**Chapter Plans Away Football Parties**

**Homecoming 2009**

The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter is currently planning tailgate parties for the Illinois, Michigan and Michigan State away football games. The Illinois Party will be October 3, 2009, the Michigan party will be October 24, 2009 and the Michigan State Party will be November 21, 2009. All chapter members and their guests are invited to come and enjoy cheering on the Nittany Lions with other Penn State faithful from the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter. All of our chapter tailgate parties will be at Vic's Pub on Rt. 45 between Lewisburg and Mifflinburg. Please contact Secretary Tony Barnasconi at [tony@gsvpennstatechapter.com](mailto:tony@gsvpennstatechapter.com) if you plan on attending any or all of these par-

After a very successful march in the 2008 Homecoming Parade, our chapter will again be participate in Homecoming 2009 festivities by marching in the Friday night October 16, 2009 parade as part of Homecoming weekend 2009. Along with the parade, chapter members are welcome to attend the ice cream social Friday afternoon and the post parade party at the Hintz Family Alumni Center. Participation is open to any and all chapter members and their families who would like to walk in the parade and represent the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter. For more information on Homecoming weekend 2009, October 17 vs Minnesota, contact President Curt Rothermel at (570) 966-7197.



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It is with great pleasure and pride that the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association announces the naming of our chapter endowed scholarship fund. Almost 30 years ago, four area Penn State Alumni had a vision of starting an alumni chapter in this area. Over the last 30 years, our chapter has grown to become one of the most active Alumni Association chapters in the country. Our chapter has been recognized by the Penn State Alumni Association with several national awards, including the Networking and Fellowship award in 2006 and the first ever "Honorary Nittany Lion Mascot" award, presented by the Penn State Cheerleading squad in 2007. From our humble beginnings to our present day membership of close to 400 dues paying families, one couple has been instrumental in moving the Greater Susquehanna Valley chapter forward, constantly striving to do what is best for the chapter, our membership and the Pennsylvania State University. Their never ending efforts to build and maintain our chapter relationship with the Penn State Cheerleaders has made the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter Annual Pig Roast legendary, attended by University Officials, former football players, alumni, fans and supporters every August. Their honest, sincere love of Penn State should be obvious to anyone whose lives have been touched by this couple.

From this day forward, the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association's endowment scholarship awards will be known as **The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter Endowed Scholarship in honor of Bob and Edythe Werba** and will be awarded as such in perpetuity.

### Chapter Sponsoring NYC Bus Trip

The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter is sponsoring a one day bus trip to New York City on Saturday December 5, 2009.

The chapter will provide the transportation to and from New York City and the day will be yours to do whatever you like. December is great for Christmas shopping in the city and there are many opportunities to see a Broadway show or go to Radio City Music Hall for the Christmas show.

The cost of the bus trip is \$35.00 per person and the bus will leave from the Ames parking lot in Lewisburg at 6:00am. After spending the day in the city the bus will depart for home at 7:00pm.

We are also working on group tickets to the Radio City Christmas Show for anyone interested. Group tickets would be in addition to the \$35.00 bus price and would need to be ordered well in advance of the trip. If you are interested in seeing the Radio City Christmas Show, please let the chapter know as soon as possible.

If you are interested in reserving your spot on the chapter bus trip to New York City, please visit our website at [www.gsvpennstatechapter.com](http://www.gsvpennstatechapter.com) and download the New York City bus trip flyer. Print out the flyer, fill out the reservation form at the bottom and send, along with your check for \$35.00 made payable to the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter, to PO Box 402, New Berlin, PA 17855. For more information on this event, please contact Jane Barnasconi at 286-2272.

**Year 2009-2010 Membership dues are now due. Dues run from July to June at a cost of \$15 per year, per family or individual membership. A portion of this money is used for mailing costs with the balance going directly into the scholarship fund. Dues may be paid at the pig roast or by sending in the attached form on the back page of this newsletter!**

### Endowed Scholarship donation information

The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter endowed scholarship fund continues to grow and provide scholarships to area upperclassmen students already enrolled at Penn State. Our chapter has made great strides to ensure our ability to award these scholarships for as long as our chapter is in existence. With our recent contributions and rollover interest from previous years, we have positioned our chapter to be able to award a minimum of two endowed scholarships from this point forward. If you 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 Rothermel at 966-7197 or [curt@gsvpennstatechapter.com](mailto:curt@gsvpennstatechapter.com).



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**2009 Fall Chapter Meeting Dates**

Chapter meetings are held every first Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm at the site listed below. Meeting Dates are as follows:

**Aug 5, 2009 Jack Treas Park, Shamokin Dam**

**Sept 2, 2009 Ards Market, Lewisburg**

**Oct 7, 2009 Watson Inn, Watontown**

**Nov 4, 2009 Original Italian Pizza, New Berlin**

**Dec 9, 2009 Carriage Corner, Mifflinburg**

Our December meeting is the annual Christmas party at the Carriage Corner in Mifflinburg. Christmas gift donations for Women in Transition will be collected at that time. If you need any more info on the monthly chapter meetings or need to know the meeting location, contact Tony Barnasconi at [tony@gsvpennstatechapter.com](mailto:tony@gsvpennstatechapter.com).

**Please fill out the information below and send to GSVPC, PO Box 402, New Berlin, PA 17855**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Dues enclosed at \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ # of Pig Roast adults at \$9.00 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # of Pig Roast children at \$3.00 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of Family Members \_\_\_\_\_

Penn State Alumni Association Member \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Fund Donation \_\_\_\_\_

*The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association would like to take this opportunity to thank our many continued supporters. Without our business associates, patrons, friends and dedicated chapter members, we would not be able to thrive like we have for 29 years. Please patronize our sponsors, thank our patrons and friends and continue to support our club and its efforts in the years to come. Once again, thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you throughout the 2009-2010 membership year.*