

BANFF CENTRE

MOUNTAIN
FILM FESTIVAL
WORLD TOUR

April 10-11

The State Theatre

The World's
Best Mountain Films



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Paul Zizka, Banff National Park

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A Message from Kelly Forest



As the new chair of the Sierra Club Moshannon Group and the co-chair for this event, welcome to the Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival World Tour at the State Theatre.

My husband, Chris, and I were fortunate enough to attend the 50th anniversary of the Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival in Banff in November 2025. This was my first time in the Canadian Rockies and I was awestruck by their beauty. Banff Centre sits at the top of the town of Banff. Nikon's Canadian ambassador Kristian Bogner took us on a walking tour to the nearby Bow River. He gave us tips about shooting wildlife, the river, and the mountains.



While there, we watched films, explored the town of Banff, drove to Lake Louise, and Chris even got a chance to do some early skiing. Being a tour host for Banff gave us special privileges, like happy hours with film makers, fellow tour hosts (where we discussed and rated films), and the Banff Centre staff that makes it all work. If you are lucky enough to win the Lake Louise Pass during intermission, I hope you'll visit one of the most beautiful places on earth.

There were over 85 films at the festival, and not enough time to view them all. In one film, *A Little Story About Forever*, a father and son explore "forever" as it relates to PFAS, plastics the "forever chemicals" in our waters affecting our health and environment. The Moshannon Group continues to test for PFAS in the stormwater runoff from the airport which Penn State is required to clean up. We are keeping an eye on PSU's progress there. Future testing results and updates will be on [our website](#), [Moshannon Group](#) | [Sierra Club](#).



Sierra Club PA and the Moshannon Group are working hard to fight for our climate, land, air, water and wildlife, people, justice and exploring the outdoors. Visit our table in the lobby and consider joining the Sierra Club to help spread our message and to be part of a healthier future.

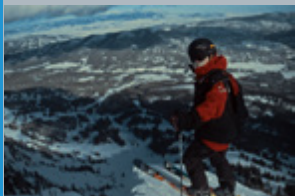
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Jaunt

Inastark warehouse office, Justice is weighed down by mounting deadlines and an endless to-do list. But every day, he finds escape in a one-hour ritual that reignites his spirit.



Bridgers

Two Bozeman-based ski patrollers reflect on the rapid changes facing their home and the sport they love. With 50 seasons under his belt, Dene Brandt regards the future with an optimism that infects his younger co-worker.



Beyond Parallels

After crossing Canada from North to South in 2021, the adventurers of AKOR expeditions set out on a new challenge: a crossing of the Canadian Far North from West to East, from the Yukon to Baffin Island. A 6,900-kilometre journey by bike, canoe, sailboat, and on foot.



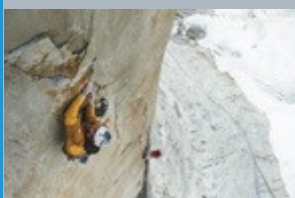
One Step Ahead

After losing his leg in an accident, Norwegian skier Bernt Marius gets back to doing what he loves best: skiing big lines in the Sunnmøre Alps.



Trail to Bayanihan

Sam pedalsthrugh diverse landscapes in the Philippines, celebrating the joy of biking and the power of community. Riding with local groups like the Baguio crew, she discovers how biking bridges distances, connects cultures, and transforms her search for heritage into a celebration of shared humanity.



Reel Rock: Riders on the Storm

Big wall climber Siebe Vanhee enlists Drew Smith and fellow Belgian countrymen Nico Favresse and Sean Villanueva O'Driscoll to attempt the first free ascent of the elusive Riders on the Storm route on the East Face of Patagonia's Torre Central.

5:30PM

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WELCOME -
LEON KOLANKIEWICZ
WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST

6:45-10.00 PM

3 FILMS
15 MINUTE INTERMISSION
PRIZE DRAW
3 FILMS

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Cold Calls – Japan

ColdCalls is a skifilm pieced together through conversations, memories, and whatever the season decided to offer!



The Hive Architect

For the last 14 years Matt Somerville has spent the winters creating his log hives before driving around all of England in the summer, erecting them as non-intervention habitats for wild honey bees.



Best Day Ever

*2025 Best Film: Mountain Sports

2025 Audience Choice Award

Best Day Ever follows the stories of adaptive mountain bikers Greg Durso and Allie Bianchi as they navigate the relentless challenges of their disabilities with humour and attitude. Along the way, they embrace the tremendous support, friendship, and joy they find in their rural Vermont riding community.

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Deluge

Georgia Astle, Casey Brown, Carson Storch, and Tom van Steenbergen battle the elements.



Dissidence

Two unexpected names are emerging on the stage of the climbing World Championships: Ravianto and Raviandi Ramadhan, twin brothers from Indonesia. With nothing but their own resources, *Dissidence* retraces their extraordinary journey, from the training walls of Jakarta to a climbing route in Savoie, France.



A Baffin Vacation, Love on Ice

Join adventurers Erik and Sarah on yet another outrageous Baffin Vacation as they kiteski north along the remote coastline of Baffin. Over their 69-day holiday, they ski mountains, climb an epic big wall, and cross a glacier in search of new rivers to whitewater kayak.

12:00PM

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WELCOME - CHRIS FOREST
PROFESSOR. CLIMATE DYNAMICS
PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

1:15-4.30 PM

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Rogatkin

From the highs to lows, Nicholi Rogatkin has changed the sport of slopestyle mountain biking with countless world-first tricks. Through a 20-year career of pushing the sport, he has been a positive inspiration for his community.



A Sense of Fight

Callan Blanchknox reflects on the deeper meaning of climbing—beyond strength, it's about movement, connection, and the sense of fight it brings—all while tackling the first ascent of an epic upside-down cave traverse.



The Finisher: Jasmin Paris and the Barkley Marathons

The Finisher follows ultrarunner Jasmin Paris as she takes on the notorious Barkley Marathons, attempting to become the first woman to ever complete the race in its 38-year history. Through past failures and relentless perseverance, Paris pushes the limits of endurance and possibility.

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That One Friend

Professional backcountry skier Sierra Schlag has built a career around focus, grit, and always chasing the next big line. She takes her job, and her skiing, seriously. But when Waverly Chin—aka Waves—her funky, free-spirited best friend shows up with snacks and silliness, it's a reminder not to take life (or skiing) too seriously.



The Book of George

From Brooklyn's concrete jungle to the heart of the Everglades, meet George McKenzie Jr., a Black photographer transforming his lens into a beacon of change. Swapping the weight of a gun for the promise of a camera, George found his calling amid nature's raw grandeur, capturing everything from city pigeons and rats to elusive panthers.



Arctic Alchemy

Traveling by packraft and foot through Alaska's mighty Brooks Range, Roman Dial and his team have a goal of finding the source of a mysterious phenomenon poisoning watersheds in the Arctic. Along the journey, Roman reckons with fatherhood, personal tragedy, and the power of wilderness to both break us and bring us fully alive.

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STATE COLLEGE BOROUGH
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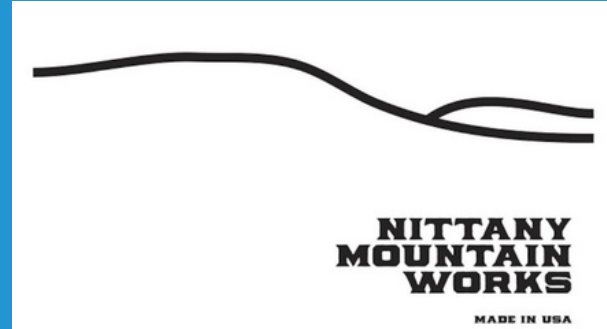
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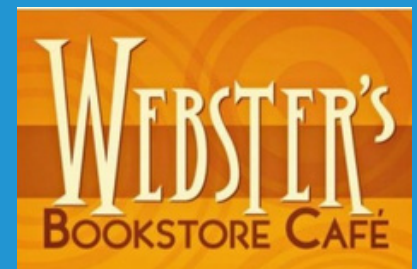
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Join Us! Volunteer, Attend An Event, Get Involved!

Here is a sampling of the Moshannon Group's activities:

- Hikes and outings celebrating our region's natural resources;
- Earth Day clean up of local watershed with ClearWater Conservancy
- Earth Day Celebration - Borough of State College & Millbrook Marsh
- Conservation, clean air and water, clean energy, and climate crisis education programs.
- Working with local municipalities to achieve renewable energy goals
- Hosted region's first Sun Day celebration for solar and wind energy
- Supporting Solar and renewable energy providers
- Supporting a local Plastic Bag Ban
- Co-hosted the second annual Environmental Leadership Gathering
- Identifying and listing orphaned and abandoned gas wells to be plugged;
- PFAS Surface Water Survey and education event for Spring Creak and Bald Eagle Creek in partnership with the PA Senior Environmental Corps
- Advocating against the destruction of farmland and wildlife habitat as a result of proposed PA 322 Connector
- Participation with the PA Climate Action Group in public actions to raise awareness of the climate crisis;
- Identifying local candidates for Sierra Club endorsement;
- Advocating for PA bills and local ordinances in support of clean energy, air, water and soil as well as more park and forest land.
- Support for local organizations such as Penns Valley Conservation Association and Clearwater Conservancy.

Upcoming Events

Visit [meetup.com/moshannon-group-sierra-club/](https://www.meetup.com/moshannon-group-sierra-club/)

Watershed Clean up - Saturday 4/18

Earth Fest - Sunday 4/19

State College Earth Day Celebration - 4/21