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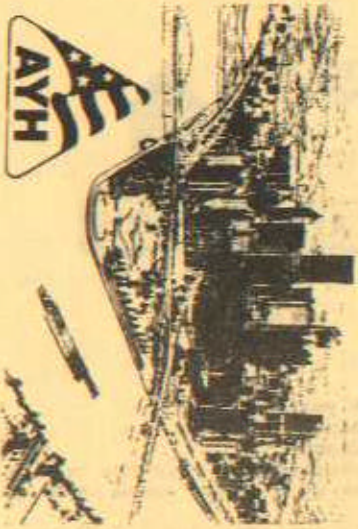
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Pittsburgh Council of American Youth Hostels is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to hostelling, outdoor education and self-powered recreation. We have many activities. The council has some rental equipment available for use on council trips. A full range of skill levels are offered, and we also offer courses in our activities so that everyone may upgrade their skills. Pittsburgh Council AYH maintains about 200 miles of trail in western Pennsylvania, writes and publishes several guides for people interested in outdoor activities and maintains the Ohiopyle State Park Youth Hostel.

Our headquarters is located near the corner of Fifth and Shady Avenues in Mellon Park. We are nestled between the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts and the Pittsburgh Civic Garden Center. Meetings are held every Thursday evening. The building opens at about 8 pm and the program starts around 8:15. Weekly trip announcements are made immediately following the program. Thursday evenings are the only time when you can be sure that a real person will answer the phone. A machine will answer at all other times; leave your name and address and you will receive a response to your message.

Pittsburgh Council AYH trips are listed in the center of this issue. AYH trips are led by competent people who volunteer their time and receive no financial reimbursement. If you'd like to go on an AYH trip, carefully peruse the trip calendar, then look under the activity notes, where you may find more information. After you have read over everything call the trip leader to reserve space on a trip.

Talk things over with the trip leader. Find out what you need to bring; ask where you'll be going. How late will you get back? What is all this going to cost you? AYH trip registration runs 75¢ per day for members, \$2.25 for non-members. You are expected to bring enough money with you to cover carpool, registration, equipment rental and any other expenses (we often stop at a restaurant on the way home).

Trips listed are open to the public; AYH members are given priority. Trip costs include transportation, rentals, and a 75¢ registration fee. IN ADDITION, non-members are charged \$1.50 per day, which may be deducted from the cost of membership when joining AYH. The registration fee also covers insurance (\$1000 medical/\$1000 accidental death or dismemberment).



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- \$ 10.00 Youth (17 years and under).
 - \$ 20.00 Adult (18 years to 54).
 - \$ 10.00 Senior Citizen (55 years and over).
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 - \$ 1.00 Postage (for each Membership or International Handbook ordered)
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NOTE: International Hostel Handbooks are available for \$ 8.00 each at Pittsburgh Council Headquarters (Thursday nights 8-10 PM) Volume I (Europe and the Mediterranean) and Volume II (Africa, America, Asia and Australia). Make all checks payable to "Pittsburgh AYH"

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(Last) (First) (Middle)

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BIRTHDATE: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ Phone # _____

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"The Knapsack", National A.Y.H. Travel Newsletter.

"The Golden Triangle", Pittsburgh Council's Newsletter of Trips and Activities.

Open House Thursday nights 8:00 p.m. at Council Headquarters.

Access to National travel programs and Leadership Training Courses.

(NOTE: Memberships valid from Sept. 1 to Dec. 31 of the following year.)

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AYH THURSDAY EVENING PROGRAMS FOR SEPTEMBER

September 3: Hiking The Pecos Wilderness with Cliff Ham

September 10: Cascading Through the Pacific Northwest with the Hulls

September 17: Cathy Lynch takes us summer sightseeing and kayaking.

September 24: Pat Rossi helps us cool off with skiing in Avoriaz and Kitz Buehl.

PITTSBURGH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES MEMBERSHIP

Pittsburgh Council is introducing a new "Activities Membership" this year for those who wish to take part only in the activities and social events of the Council and who do not expect to be staying at hostels. Here's how it works: the Activities Membership costs one-half the regular AYH hostel membership (for example, \$10 for an adult activities membership vs \$20 for the adult hostel membership). You pay member fees on trips and other events, and you will receive the Golden Triangle monthly. What you will not get is a hostel pass, the US hostel handbook, the quarterly national AYH magazine Knapsack, or voting privileges in Council elections. If you want to stay at a hostel, you will need to buy an AYH hostel membership or a one-night guest membership. However, you can use your activities membership as a credit towards the purchase of a hostel membership. Activities memberships purchased this year will expire on December 31st, 1988, the same as the hostel memberships.

Why are we doing this? We want to see if we can increase Council membership by offering a lower cost membership to those who do not use hostels. Frankly, we would prefer to sell hostel memberships but recognize that not everyone wants to use them. We intend to offer this as an experiment for a year or two and will then evaluate whether this is something that should continue on a permanent basis.

If you are interested in the new Activities Membership, check out the rates on the application form on the back page. However, you may want to consider buying the two-year hostel membership for \$30, which is a 25% discount from the \$20 adult hostel membership.

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES BOARD MEETING

The September Activities Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 2nd at 8 pm at Bill Johnston's home in Penn Hills. Be sure to come early (6 pm) for a picnic (bring your own food), corn roast and games.

The September Board of Directors meeting will be on September 9th at 8 pm at a location to be announced. Call Larry Laude at 665-9554 for details.



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YOUR OWN PLACE ON THE RIVER

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The cost for all of this? A bargain \$5 during the summer and \$6 during the winter. We provide the bunk beds and the blankets, you provide your food. And if you put in some work at the hostel, we will reduce or even waive the overnight fee. The only restriction is that you must have an AYH pass or buy a guest membership at the door.

Interested? Call Sue Moore, our manager at the Ohiopyle Hostel, in the evenings at (412) 329-4476. Reservations are a real good idea on summer weekends and on snowy weekends, but on week nights there is almost always plenty of room. Remember, Ohiopyle is only 90 minutes from Pittsburgh and just a short drive from downhill ski areas.

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 _____ \$ 15.00 Family (includes children under 18 years)
XX \$ 1.00 Postage and Handling (for each membership ordered)

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MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO "PITTSBURGH AYH" (include \$1.00 postage).

NAME _____
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

STREET _____
 (Permanent Address Only)

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

BIRTHDATE: Month _____ DAY _____ Year _____ PHONE: _____

Were you a full member of AYH this past year? _____

SIGNATURE: _____

UNITED WAY DONOR OPTION PLAN

The United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania provides a donor plan which permits contributors to specify which organization they wish their money to go to. Pittsburgh Council has been accepted by the United Way as a qualifying agency. We ask that you consider designating your United Way contributions to go to Pittsburgh AYH to help in our hostel development program. To do this, you'll need to complete a donor option form. A sample is shown below, but you'll need to get an original from your employer. Also, for those of you who designated us for 1987, remember that a donor option form must be submitted each year to remain in effect.

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VOLUNTEER FOR THE MVC AND THE MS150

Would you like to do something different? Then volunteer to help with this year's MVC. The MVC is sponsored by Pittsburgh AYH and is ridden by cyclists throughout the area. We have had people from as far away as Philadelphia participate in previous MVC's, although most of the cyclists live in Western PA. The event is open to all bicyclists whether or not they belong to any clubs. The primary goal of the ride is to have fun. Secondly, we want to introduce people to group riding and AYH. You can help us to achieve this goal by giving us some of your time. You will get to meet lots of people and we guarantee you'll have fun. Volunteers will get lunch and an MVC t-shirt. Volunteers' jobs include marking the roads, driving Sag, the lunch stop, the snack stop and registration. Dates to remember: Saturday, August 22 -- mark the routes Sunday, September 6 -- MVC

The MS 150 is put on by the Pittsburgh Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. It is a two day ride which will leave from North Park on Saturday, September 19, spend Saturday night in Ellwood City, and return on Sunday, September 20. Volunteers are needed to help with driving sag vehicles, rest stops, and the activities on Saturday night. This event is also guaranteed to be lots of fun. If you would like to help with either or both events, contact Chuck or Lynn Ejzak at 466-6196.

RESPONSE continued

Again, there is no extensive written position description for a member of the Board. According to the by-laws, the Board:

- must approve each year's budget;
- "...shall serve as a Board of Trustees to administer, manage, and hold title in the name of the Council to real estate, securities, and trust funds", and;
- approve other contracts to be entered into by council officers on behalf of the Council (Article X, Section 6).

I agree with Mr. Hoechner in that the Board of Directors should make possible a "full range of services/information/facilities" for members. I do not agree that we necessarily offer what "other councils provide". The obligation of the Board is to provide what is best for the organization to the degree that it is able with the tools that it has at hand.

4) There are NO provisions for the Board of Directors to take an active part (in "day to day Council business").

Although the qualification of one year membership on the Activities Board applies to only four of the seven members of the board, I cannot recall a single person who did not have at least that much experience becoming a member of the Board in my ten years as a member. At present, there is not one member of the Board of Directors who is or has not been active in some aspect of the Council's "day to day" business.

The Board of Directors was not designed to run the "daily" business of the organization. The Activities Board does a much better job at that than would the committee structure which Mr. Hoechner would seem to prefer. The Board is there to advise them when unusual, difficult or legal situations arise.

Finally, Mr. Hoechner asserts that the current Board of Directors is not fulfilling their responsibilities to the organization. Mr. Hoechner is very familiar with the local Board, its members, and its mode of operation. He has witnessed very responsible judgements consistently over the past years. Not all conclusions were easily reached and followed lengthy and occasionally heated debate.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MR. HOECHNER AND THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IS THAT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE ABLE (THOUGH THEY MAY FIND IT DIFFICULT) TO ACCEPT A JUDGEMENT WITH WHICH THEY DISAGREE, KNOWING THAT WHAT THE MAJORITY OF THE BOARD FAVORS WILL MOST LIKELY BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

I WOULD THEREFORE ADVISE HIM TO CAREFULLY CONSIDER HIS STATEMENTS AND THE IMPRESSION THEY MAY GIVE TO SOMEONE LESS FAMILIAR WITH THE ORGANIZATION AND WOULD FURTHER SUGGEST THAT POSITIVE CRITICISM WILL GO MUCH FARTHER TOWARD ATTAINING HIS GOALS THAN WILL NEGATIVE, BIASED COMMENT.

My apologies to the editor for a letter of such length, but the matter is one which I feel needs to be settled now. The Golden Triangle was not intended to be a forum for the debate of such issues.

Letter to the Editor:
A RESPONSE TO "A MODEST PROPOSAL TO EXPAND THE
PITTSBURGH COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS"
by Barry Govenor

(editor's note: In the August "Triangle", Joe Hoechner presented one point of view on a proposal to expand the Pittsburgh Council Board of Directors. Barry Govenor, current Vice-Chairman of the Board, responds.)

Mr. Hoechner has chosen to indirectly attack the action(s) of the current Board by presenting to you many points which have already been thoroughly discussed on the Board level and which have not been concluded to his satisfaction. I would like to address his points as follows:

1) "Is it fair to compare the National Board of Directors with the Pittsburgh Council Board of Directors" (or vice-versa, as the National Board should set the standard for the organization)?

No. As Mr. Hoechner is aware, there is a difference between the operation of the national organization and the operation of local councils. Although there are several areas in which the goals of local councils and "national" overlap, there are many that do not, and boards tailored to those needs work best for the successful continuation of the council involved. The committee structure of the National Board does work well and the number of people required to fill those committee posts dictates, to some degree, a larger board.

On the other hand, Mr. Hoechner failed to mention any of several discussions on the National level which dealt with the problems of how cumbersome a 25 member Board can be. Nor did he mention the extensive debates which took place when a resolution to trim the National Board to nine members was presented to the National Council.

2) "There is no committee formation, no qualifications for potential (Board) nominees";

a. True. There are no standing committees on the Pittsburgh Council Board. However, ad hoc committees are formed as needed and the necessary tasks have been very competently carried out in this manner.

b. According to the current by-laws of the Council, "the Board of Directors shall consist of seven persons, four of whom shall have served one year on the Activities Board."

One year's service on the Activities Board may not be accepted by Mr. Hoechner as adequate qualification for those four members but it does reflect the fact that though there are no written qualifications for these positions, the thought of the organization is that the majority of the members of the Board should be in touch with the pulse of the organization while enough latitude is allowed to bring in outsiders or newcomers with special skills as they are needed.

3) "There is no 'job description of duties' of members of the Board 'beyond approval of a new budget once a year'".

1987 MVC
MON VALLEY CENTURY
Sunday, September 6th at 7:00 am

Join Pittsburgh Council AYH for an enjoyable day of cycling through the Mon Valley. Three different lengths of rides are available: 100 miles, 100 km (62 miles), and 35 miles. All rides will be followed by a sag vehicle for those with bike problems. Weary cyclists have last priority.

For safety reasons, helmets are encouraged to be worn by all cyclists. Pittsburgh Council has a limited number to rent for minimal cost.
WHEN AND WHERE: Meet in Elizabeth, PA - Rt 51 approx. 6 miles South of Century III Mall for registration from 6:30 - 9:30 AM (100 milers are encouraged to leave by 7:30 am). Call Chuck or Lynn at 466-6196 if you need more information.

COST: for the day is \$12 (\$10 for AYH members who can pick up T-shirt at Thursday meeting) and includes lunch and T-shirt. Bring money to buy additional snacks at any of the many convenience stores along the routes.
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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Elsewhere in this issue, there will be an article for the annual meeting and elections coming up on October 15th. One of the ways I have of judging the direction of the Council for the coming year is to see how easy or hard it is to find volunteers for the various offices and committees, particularly in comparing those related to activities with those related to hostels and hostel development. So far I am encouraged; there are a lot of new people this year participating in the running of the Council and the Council activities. Hostel operation and development is still the weak half of the Council, however. If you have enjoyed hostelling, consider whether you are willing to contribute your time and energy to making more hostels available for yourself and for others. While Western Pennsylvania is not the tourist attraction that, say, Cape Cod or the California Coast are, we still have a lot to offer hostellers from around the world. We will continue to need your participation to provide warm, friendly hostels for them to use while they are here. With a little help from a lot of people, we can make it happen. Call. Help. Today.

Larry Laude, Pittsburgh AYH President. (412) 665-9554 (evenings)

NOTES FROM THE AUGUST ACTIVITIES BOARD MEETING

The Council will pay the entire cost of replacing rented cycling helmets damaged while being used on a Council trip, as long as there was no negligence or mishandling by the tripper. (Previously, the tripper was required to pay half the replacement cost.) The Council will join Rails to Trails, which works toward converting unused railroad right-of-ways to trails. Activities Chairs were asked to provide a list of recognized trip leaders. All trips announced in the newsletter or at Open House meetings that are not Council sponsored trips must be clearly designated as private trips. The Council will join the Pittsburgh Convention and Visitors bureau. ...Larry Laude

WHAT'S GOING ON OUT THERE?

We'd like you to help us keep informed on what's happening in the Pittsburgh Council's area. Things we'd like to see are potential hostel buildings or locations; potential pass-selling agencies (particularly in the Erie area and on college campuses); newspaper or magazine articles on trails, special events, cycling rides or races, trail guides, or maps; and anything else you think might be of interest to the Council or to individual members. Send your information to Pittsburgh AYH, 6300 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15232.

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball will be moving indoors in September. Please call the volleyball activity chairmen for the date and for more information.

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A FEISTY NOTE

It's been awhile since my last "note;" several things have come to my attention over the past couple of months.

First, the "keep it simple" format for the AYH Picnic worked beautifully. Thanks to Chuck and Lynn Ejzak for a fine job of "unorganizing". Let's do it more often.

Second, to the individual who took the time to write to me in the hope that I would get the canoeists, kayakers, etc. to state their destinations in the trips calendar -- sorry, no way. I know that some of us live a ways out of the Center of the Universe (Shadyside) and find long distance calls, drives, etc. expensive. But there's just no way that you can predict water levels a month in advance when you have to turn in your trips! Even hikers and backpackers sometimes want to suit their trip to the weather conditions -- I wouldn't want to schedule Roaring Run with its many stream crossings after a major storm!

Congratulations to Blanche Asherman on her retirement! Now that she is becoming "a lady of leisure", we'll expect to see more of her on the trail! I have heard a rumor, though, that Jack and Blanche were seen at a local bike shop recently. Could it be that the Ashermans will be wearing "skin shorts" this fall?



HOT AIR BALLOON RIDES

How do you describe your feelings after your first Balloon ride? You won't be able to really... you'll know they won't understand... but you'll know that you have to try. Perhaps you will echo Wilbur Wright, wondering at how such feelings of serenity and peace can be combined with such nerve tingling excitement and aliveness. Perhaps you'll exclaim over the beauty of the patchwork postcard like country side, or tell how many deer you saw darting through the woods, or marvel at how the monarch butterfly followed along after the balloon. Or perhaps you will just quietly reflect on how many people's day was made a little brighter and happier as they saw a balloon float overhead and waved and called to the balloonist. However you describe it, you will know it was worthwhile, unique adventure.

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Bring non-cotton clothing, hat, water bottle, glasses strap, rain jacket, tennies, dry clothes in a separate bag, and knee pads. Trips normally meet at HQ at 8:00 am. Call the trip leader to reserve space on a trip.

CLIMBING

Beginner trips are open to everyone. No previous rock climbing experience is necessary. Bring a bag lunch, water, tennis shoes, and leather gloves if you have them. Trips leave from HQ at 7 am and usually return around 9 pm (we stop for dinner on the way home). Call the activity chairpeople for more information.

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KAYAKING

AYH beginning kayaking schools are held once a month, June through September, each summer. These schools provide an introduction to the exciting sport of white water kayaking. They are open to complete beginners (those who have never been in a kayak before) and to those who have never kayaked on white water before. The schools last an entire weekend and include an overnight stay at a youth hostel. The first day of the school is spent learning the basic skills of kayak paddling on a nice, calm lake. The second is spent developing those skills on a very easy (Class I-II) white water river. The dates for the remaining 1987 beginner schools are: and September 12-13. Space is very limited and preference will be given to AYH members, so sign up early. Call Lou Conley at 681-8321 for further information.



PITTSBURGH COUNCIL AYH ACTIVITY CHAIRPEOPLE



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AYH PYMATUMING WEEKEND -- SEPTEMBER 11-13

BASIC SAILING CLASS

OR

BICYCLE

AND/OR

SEA-KAYAK at the
AMERICAN RED CROSS
SMALL CRAFT BASE



¶ Sailing: a 2 day basic sailing course will be conducted for a maximum of 10 people. Students must be over 10 years old and be able to maintain themselves unaided for three minutes in deep water. Reserve with \$20 below.

¶ Sea-Kayaking: Both days or kayak one and bicycle the other. Reserve below with \$10 plus \$7 for each day's kayak rental. **Limited Space**

¶ Bicycling: Rides of several lengths and diversions will be offered. Reserve below with \$10.

¶ Lakeshore tenting near the parking area, well water, outhouses, and washhouse (no showers). Group picnic dinner Saturday of salad, beans burgers, and fresh corn on the cob. Breakfasts at 7 am with cold cereal, juice, fruit, bagels, and hot beverages.

¶ The cost is \$20 for sailing and \$10 for bicycling and sea-kayaking, plus any rentals. Transportation costs for 240 miles are paid directly to the driver. Group carpooling will leave HQ at 6:30 pm on Friday.

¶ Bring: 2 lunches, sleeping bag and pad, tent, swimsuit, towel, sneakers, for any water activity (swimming included), eyeglass strap, sunscreen, insect repellent, and rainwear.

¶ Questions??? Call Fred Parker at 856-4713.

RESERVATION FORM

Give or mail to Fred Parker, 331 Skyview Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ home _____ work _____

Sailing _____ both days

Sea-Kayaking _____ Sat _____ Sun

Bicycling _____ Sat _____ Sun _____ length of ride desired

Can Drive? _____ Yes _____ No _____ # passengers



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DATE	DAY	ACTIVITY	LEVEL	LEADER	PHONE	TIME	DESCRIPTION
26	Sat	Canoe	II	Frank Bruns	561-8579	8:00	
26	Sat	Climb	Novice	Chairmen	see list	7:00	Cooper's Rocks, WV. Last beginner trip of the year!
26	Sat	Hike	Easy	Glenn Oster	364-2864h 234-3967w	8:00	Enjoy the satisfaction that you've done your part in improving Baker Trail north of Cook's Forest. Call for info and reservations.
26	Sat	Sea-Kayak	All	Ted Self	795-6286	8:30	To be announced
27	Sun	Bike	Mystery			9:00	Local ride, 15 miles. Morning ride to brunch. Leader is still to be determined. Call Chuck at 466-6196 by Thursday for details.
27	Sun	Canoe	II/III	Rick Tomlinson	963-8910	8:00	Challenging rapids. Don't miss this one!
9/27-10/4		Climb	Adv	Chairmen	see list		Advanced climbing trip to the Schawangunks, New Paltz, New York.

AYH MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

(Classified ads are free to all AYH members, subject to available space and deadline restrictions.)

FOR RENT: Large two bedroom apartment available on S. Graham St., Friendship. Rent about \$450.00, including utilities. Call AYH members Cliff and Marilyn Ham for information. 687-4520.

COMPANION WANTED to discover America. From mid-September through mid-October. Call Holgar Huff at 687-2255.

THINK SNOW!

The whole Blackwater Falls Lodge has once again been reserved for AYH's mid-winter Get-A-Way Weekend in the mountains of West Virginia. The dates are January 15-17, and registration forms will be in the October newsletter. Even though we have room for over 100 people, we were sold out before the end of October last year.

HOSTELING TELE-TIPS

Have you called the local Pittsburgh Better Business Bureau lately? If you call (412) 456-2720, ask for tape #T-22. You'll hear a 5 minute recorded message describing what hostels are and ending with the Pittsburgh Council's phone number for more information. Give it a try - this is not an expensive toll call!



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OCTOBER ELECTIONS

The annual council meeting and elections will be held on Thursday, October 15th. The nominating committee will be making recommendations to the membership in the October newsletter. Other candidates may be nominated in writing to the Secretary or from the floor at the meeting. At this time, we are looking for persons to fill the following positions: hostel development, hostel operations, Chiopyle review committee, assistant editor, trails coordinator, Baker Trail coordinator, Rachel Carson Trail coordinator, service, special events, and volunteer coordinator. Other positions are available on the various committees. If you are interested in any of these or are willing to volunteer in other capacities, please contact Larry Laude at the meetings or at 665-9554 (evenings).

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FLOATING BATTLESHIP BECOMES HOSTEL

The World War II battleship USS Massachusetts has been chartered by AYH as the first floating hostel in the United States. She joins a network of over 250 U.S. hostels in 41 states.

The Massachusetts is berthed at Fall River, Massachusetts, in Battleship Cove -- the world's largest display of historic naval ships. Battleship Cove is also home to the submarine, USS Lionfish; the destroyer, USS Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr.; and, the only wooden World War II PT boats on display.

Affectionately called "Big Mamie," the Massachusetts was commissioned on May 12, 1942, and first saw action in the Battle of Casablanca in North Africa before moving to the fight in the Pacific. She fired the last 16-inch shell in World War II in the bombardment of Japan on August 3, 1945.

During the Massachusetts' active career of four years and nine months, she participated in 35 engagements and never lost a man.

She was taken out of commission in March, 1947, spent the next 18 years in "mothballs" at Norfolk, Virginia, and was stricken from the Navy List in 1962. The next step is usually the scrap heap, but because of the interest of former crew members and the citizens from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the ship was saved.

After three years of planning, during which the schoolchildren of Massachusetts contributed over \$50,000, she was officially turned over to a non-profit educational organization, the USS Massachusetts Memorial Committee. She has been on public display since 1965 and for the past 15 years has been the site for a youth overnight program. In 1985 "Big Mamie" was named a National Historic Landmark by the National Park Service.

A portion of the ship will serve as an AYH hostel with space for 50 in the refurbished quarters. The hostel on the USS Massachusetts is open from April 16th to October 14th. The overnight accommodation fee is \$8 for AYH members.

More information about the USS Massachusetts hostel can be obtained by calling National AYH at (202) 783-6161 or writing to: AYH, Department 851, P.O. Box 37613, Washington, D.C. 20013-7613



TRAIL NEWS

There will be a bridge-building weekend on the Quehanna Trail in north central PA on October 17-18. If you'd like more information about Quehanna Trail contact Joy Layton at 422-1995. Or call the man who really knows the bridge building weekend and current updates on the trail -- Ralph Seeley of the Penn State Outing Club. (814) 863-4134w or (814) 692-8223h or write: Room 8, IM Building, University Park, PA 16802.

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ACTIVITY NOTES

BICYCLING

Call the trip leader ahead of time to let them know that you plan to ride (especially if you need to rent a bike or a helmet) and to find out any last minute changes. Last minute riders (those who do not call the trip leader ahead of time) are often welcome, but be aware that you may be disappointed. Bring a spare innertube (patch kits are OK, but a spare is better), rain wear if the weather looks threatening, and money for food stops. Make sure that your bicycle is in proper working order before the trip (ask Chuck or Judy for advice if needed). Lastly and most important, wear your helmet. Hardshell helmets are required for use on all AYH rides. A brochure describing this year's major bicycle trips is available from Judy or Chuck. If you would like one mailed to you, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Chuck Ejzak, 6858 Willson St., West Mifflin, PA 15122.

AYH TRIPS FOR SEPTEMBER 1987

DATE	DAY	ACTIVITY	LEVEL	LEADER	PHONE	TIME	DESCRIPTION
4-8	FSSMT	Backpack	Int/Adv	Glenn Oster	364-2864h 234-3967w	6:00 pm	Hike the Appalachian Trail in Northern New Jersey. Discover that NJ really does have mountains, lakes, and clean air. Call for info and reservations.
4-7	FSSM	Hike/Bike	All	Steve Nydes	661-9357h 521-1053w	7:00pm	Nice weekend at Ironmasters Mansion and Gettysburg Hostels. Relaxing, fun weekend. Call for info and reservations.
6	Sun	Bike	Adv-Easy	Chuck & Lynn Ejzak	466-6196		Mon Valley Century. 100, 65, and 35 mile rides. See application in this issue.
6	Sun	Hike	Easy	Linda Smithyman	531-1868h 434-6093w	8 am	Chiopyle State Park. Meadow Run and Great Gorge Trails. Nice waterfalls.
11-13	FSS	Bike Sea-kayak	Adv/Easy	Fred Parker	856-4713		Pymatuning Bicycling, sailing, sea-kayaking weekend. See the ad in this issue.
12	Sat	Canoe	Class I/II	Claire Bunker	244-9788	8am	Excellent trip for graduates of Whitewater I school.
12-13	SS	Climb	Int	Chairmen	see list		Multi-pitch climbing at Seneca Rocks. (limited based on number of leaders.)
12	Sat	Hike	Easy	Bruce Sundquist	327-8737	8:00am	Trail maintenance on the foot trail in Wolf Creek Narrows.
12-13	SS	Kayak	Novice	Lou Conley	681-8321		Beginner Kayaking School. See write-up under kayaking.
13	Sun	canoe	II	Karen Lukas	661-4835	8:00	
13	Sun	Hike	int	Pete Srini	683-3611h 343-8800w	8:00	Explore the Roaring Run Nature Area. We will be crossing the Roaring Run only 28 times.
19-20	SS	Backpack	Int	Pete Srini	see above	8:00	Heart's Content in the Allegheny National Forest. 11 miles total.
19-20	SS	Bike	Int/Easy	Chuck Ejzak	466-6196		The MS 150. 90 miles. Ride to raise money to fight MS. Riders and volunteers needed. Applications at HQ or call Chuck for one. Reserve early.
19	Sat	Canoe	Flat	Shirley Ulaky	422-0849	8:00	Explore Geneva Marsh Bird Sanctuary.
19	Sat	Hike	Easy	Pat Rossi	335-5067	8:15HQ	Baker Trail from Crooked Creek to Scenic Covered Bridge and back for a swim. Meet at HQ at 8:15 or at the New Kensington Arby's at 9:00
19	Sat	Sea-Kayak	All	Cathy Lynch	361-3707		To be announced.
20	Sun	Canoe	I/II	Oscar Mayer	422-8216	8:00	Enjoyable stream.
20	Sun	Hike	Int	Dan Martt	921-4638		Hell's Hollow, McConnell's Mill bushwhack.
26-27	SS	Backpack	Novice	Jack Peth	921-7214h 269-5265w		Novice backpack on the John P. Saylor trail. For anyone who wants to try backpacking for the first time.

The Susquehannock Trail Club is celebrating their Bidecennial year with a series of circuit hikes on the Susquehannock Trail System in north central PA. Call club president Curt Weinhold at (814) 274-9858 for date and information. The club also has other activities planned, ask for a copy of their current newsletter.

