



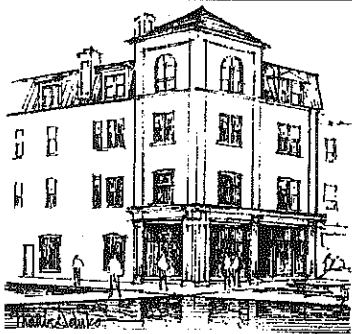
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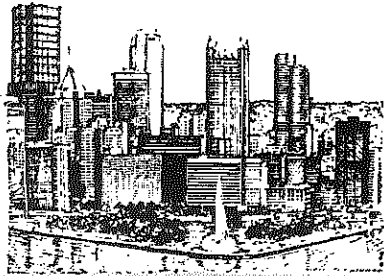
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.....And MORE!!!

TORNADO CHALLENGES HOSTEL STAFF

The tornado that touched down in Mount Washington about one mile from the hostel on June 2 left us without power for 28 hours. The emergency lighting gave out after 3 hours - long enough for everyone to bed down for the first evening. Hostellers and staff made the best of a bad situation by handing out flashlights on the second evening. Fortunately, hostellers are an adventurous bunch and didn't seem to mind the inconvenience too much. A metal covering for the rooftop air conditioning units became detached during the storm and was replaced. Otherwise the building sustained no damage. Within one block of the hostel some buildings experienced minor to serious damage. We were very lucky.

For more Hostel news, see page 4 & 5

THE 1998 GREAT RIDE

The 1998 Citiparks Great Ride will take place on July 26 this year. There will be some interesting changes, especially in the starting point, which be at the Technology Center on Second Avenue, just east of the 10th Street Bridge. The new starting point will feature lots of grass areas for relaxing before and after the ride, access to the new rail trail along the river, space for a family ride, and Free Parking!

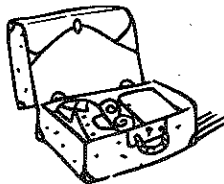
The applications should be going out in the mail in early May. If you've ridden on the Great Ride, the Mon Valley Century, or SABRE in recent years you'll be getting an application in the mail. If you don't get one by mid-May, call Citiparks or pick one up at the AYH Activities Headquarters or the Pittsburgh Hostel.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 1998 GREAT RIDE

The Great Ride is a major fundraiser for the council and specifically the Pittsburgh Hostel. If you are available on Sunday July 26th, please help. If you are busy on Sunday (or riding!), please consider helping with preregistration on Thursday evening. We need about 40 volunteers for Sunday and about 5 for Thursday evening. We've committed to Citiparks to provide volunteers primarily for course marshals, but will also accept volunteers for other positions. Call Larry Laude at 412-665-9554 to volunteer or for questions.

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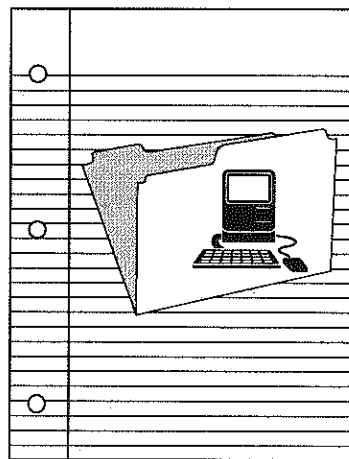
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About AYH

American Youth Hostels is a non-profit organization which promotes international understanding, educational and recreational travel, good citizenship and an appreciation of America. AYH does this by bringing travelers of all ages, backgrounds and nationalities together in hostels and by providing low-cost travel programs. AYH is the US affiliate of Hostelling International (HI), (Formerly named International Youth Hostel Federation (IYHF)), which coordinates more than 5,400 hostels worldwide-the largest network of accommodations in the world.



Submissions Policy: Golden Triangle

Classified Adds:

- Classified adds are free to Current members of HI-International
- All requests for classifieds must be made in writing via the Council Office. Request Must include full Name, address, phone number and Membership number of member. Members are not permitted to place adds for non-members.
- Free adds may not be for commercial gain.
- Above rules apply in addition to general rules for submission

Trips

- All trips must be approved by authorized co-chair
- Trip leader must be a council approved leader
- Trips must be submitted through co-chair, for that activity. Trip leaders, are not to submit trips directly to editor or office, any trips improperly submitted will not be listed.
- Above rules apply in addition to general rules for submission

Articles

- Members are encouraged to write articles, about travel abroad and in the states, and about activities and outdoor sports in which the council has a program
- All Articles are to be, non-political and non-secular
- Above rules apply in addition to general rules for submission

General rules for submission

- No handwritten submissions
- Submissions Can be;
 - On computer disk (IBM / MAC), E-mail (Internet/compuserve), Direct Modem, Type written material double spaced, faxed. NO EXCEPTIONS. Call if you have questions.
- Submitted before the deadline of the issue that submission needs to be run in. (See Editors Golden Rule)
- All Submissions are on a first come first serve basis, The GT makes no promises to print material received and all material received becomes the property of the GT.
- Standing Deadline; Deadline for the GT, has always been, and will continue to be the First Thursday of the month, prior to the month of the issue. (See Editors Golden Rule)
- Please always check in advance with office, to confirm schedule.

Editors Golden Rule

- "Lack of planning on your part, does not constitute an emergency on my part"

Please note, the Golden Triangle frequency of publication.

Number 1 issue ->February / March: **Number 2** issue ->April: **Number 3** issue ->May:
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Number 7 issue ->Sept: **Number 8** issue ->Oct: **Number 9** issue ->Nov:
and **Number 10** issue ->Dec. / January

Editor...

Upcoming Slide Shows

July 2: We celebrate Independence Day with a pizza party.
July 9: Sally Martin, "World Wander By Bicycle: Asia". She works in Mother Theresa's convent in Calcutta. Trekking from Pokara to the Annapurna range of Nepal. Trekking by elephant in Thailand.
July 16: Blanche and Jack Asherman, "Magnificent Switzerland And Germany". Ride the Glacier Express, hike the Alps.
July 23: Joan Rooff, "European Travel By Bicycle, Train and Riverboat". London, Amsterdam, Heidelberg. Staying in a castle hostel.
July 30: We show the video "Bali: Masterpiece Of The Gods". The island's inhabitants have preserved their distinct religion. Visual and performing arts play an important role in their culture and history.
August 6: Barry Adams, "Pukaskwa River And Lake Superior Adventure". Fortunes and misfortunes on this 10-day wilderness canoeing trip.

Slide shows start at 8:30 PM, at AYH Headquarters, Shady Avenue at Fifth Avenue. Doors open at 8:00 PM. If you want to give a show, call Luc Berger at 412-683-3131.

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Living Waters AYH Hostel
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Schellsburg, PA 15559
(814) 733-4212



SAILING

The AYH owns Flying Juniors, Sunfish, and an International 470. Several members also use their own sailboats. Most day sails and classes will be on Lake Arthur in Moraine State Park near Butler, Pa. Additional weekend trips and extended trips are also planned.

All trips require previous sailing experience unless otherwise stated. Participants for all sailing activities must be in good physical condition and able to pass minimum Red Cross recommendations for swimming competency. Personal Floatation Devices are required. Individuals with their own sailboats are encouraged to join our program.

Individuals who wish to receive additional updated sailing program information via EMAIL should send a request to RZavos@worldnet.att.net

July 17-19 Fri-Sun Toronto, Canada Bob Zavos 241-0659
TORONTO EXCURSION- We will stay at the AYH Hostel or a Bed & Breakfast and take in great sites, culture, and restaurants. Riverdance is playing at the Hummingbird Center this weekend. Day Sailing in rented boats is available at Toronto harbor. Stop off in Niagara Falls on the way. Exact itinerary is still flexible so call early with your suggestions. Reservations and deposits will be required by July 10th.

Aug 2 Sun Moraine State Park Marilyn Marrari 412-441-6764
Day Sail from Watts Bay. We will sail in Flying Juniors or Sunfish. Take your pick. Bring a lunch and we may go out for dinner in the area.

Aug 15 Sat. Lake Arthur Sara Zavos 241-0659
WOMEN'S SUNFISH REGATTA. The Moraine Sailing Club women will race Sunfish.. Day sailing in Flying Juniors is open to everyone. Call for list of activities planned..

Aug 22 Sat Moraine State Park Becky Jarold 412-931-0905
HIKING/SAILING. This is not an AYH trip but AYH members will participate in a joint gathering of Pittsburgh Area Clubs. These will include: The Sierra Club, Explorer's Club, Butler Outdoorsman's Club, the Moraine Sailing Club, Eastern Mountain Sports, and AYH. Hike at Moraine State Park led by the Sierra Club in the morning followed by a sail on Lake Arthur led by the Moraine Sailing Club. There is a Corn Roast Dinner for \$5.00 at the Marina Restaurant. For more details on the activities contact Becky. For dinner reservations call Barbara Keiser at 412-826-8369.

Aug 28/29 Sat-Sun Cleveland, Ohio Bob Zavos 241-0659
RED CROSS BASIC SAILING INSTRUCTOR This is not an ATH trip but we will coordinate a trip to Cleveland to take the Red Cross Basic Sailing Instructor course. A prerequisite is the Instructor Candidate Training course (available at the Pittsburgh Red Cross). Course fee is \$70. Upon successful completion you may meet your annual teaching requirement in our Introductory Sailing Courses.

August 1998 MAINE COAST Rick Tomlinson 814-445-3398
SAIL CRUISING - For those who may be interested in a 10-day cruise in late August, there is still space for one or two persons, but experienced sailors only

Oct 2-8, 1998 CHESAPEAKE BAY Rick Tomlinson 814-445-3398
SAIL CRUISING - We will charter a live-aboard auxiliary sailboat and cruise the Eastern shore of Maryland. Overnight visits at Oxford and St. Michaels, MD and four nights at pristine anchorages in secluded coves on the Choptank, Little Choptank and Tred Avon rivers. This trip will be organized and skippered by Rick Tomlinson. Pointers on sail trim, departure and arrival techniques, anchoring, helmsmanship, piloting and navigation will be offered during the cruise. Cruising experience is preferred, but one or two beginners will be considered. Late boarding available.

Fees: Day sail fee at Lake Arthur is \$14 plus the AYH activity fee of \$1 for members and \$3 non-members.

Introductory Sailing Classes

PROGRAM: The course is designed to provide the student with the knowledge and skill necessary for safe participation in recreational sailing. All courses are taught by qualified instructors using lectures and discussions with strong emphasis on on-the-water experience. Upon successful completion of all requirements students may obtain a Red Cross Sailing Course certificate.

COST: \$85 for AYH members, \$95 for non-members. The course fee includes a textbook. There is a \$10 DISCOUNT per person for two or more people who register together so bring your spouse, child or a friend.

PREREQUISITES: All students must be able to tread water for 10 minutes, swim at least 50 yards, and be in good physical condition. Individuals with any health problem that could effect their performance or safety should inquire before enrolling.

REGISTRATION: Participants must be at least 16 years old. Class size is limited so register early. Preference will be given to AYH members. Classes may be canceled or rescheduled due to extreme weather or low enrollment. In this case full refunds will be issued. If students cancel at least one week prior to the first classroom session they will get a full refund minus a \$5 fee. All students will be required to sign a liability waiver at the first classroom session.

CLASS SCHEDULE

	Shore School	Shore School	Water Classes
Class 3	Tue July 7 7-9:30PM	Thur July 9 7-9:30PM	Sat. & Sun. July 11&12 10-5:30PM

Please use the following form to enroll in classes. If you are not an AYH member you may fill in the application form that appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

1998 SAILING CLASS REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No. (H) _____ (W) _____

Class desired: Class 1__ Class 2__ Class 3__

Fee Enclosed \$_____ (Payable to Pittsburgh Council AYH)

Class Fee \$85 AYH members, \$95 non-members; \$10 discount for two or more registering together.

Mail this form along with your check to:
Pittsburgh Council AYH; 830 E Warrington Ave.
Pittsburgh PA 15210; ATTN: Sailing Classes

HOSTEL HAPPENINGS IN PITTSBURGH

HI/AYH National Board of Directors Comes to the Hostel

On Saturday evening, June 6, the Pittsburgh International Hostel held a reception for about 60 attendees of the HI/AYH National Board of Directors meeting held in Pittsburgh the same weekend. I would like to take this opportunity to thank former hosteller Michael Witteborg for preparing the food and for helping make this event a success. We're getting use to hearing what a great hostel we have, but it was certainly nice to hear it from people who really know about hostels - the National Board, as well as National staff and Council representatives.

Hostel Evaluators Training Session Held at the Hostel

On Friday, June 5, we hosted 15 hostel managers and council staff here to be trained in how to conduct yearly inspections of US hostels. The International Youth Hostel Federation (IYHF) in London is requiring each national hostel association, including AYH, to inspect each of their hostels yearly beginning in 1998. The Pittsburgh International Hostel was chosen for the training session largely because many of the participants were also attending the National Board of Directors meeting the same weekend. However, since our hostel was built to the IYHF Quality Standards, we were honored in most cases to show them ideal examples of how a hostel can be set up to meet the Standards.

Second Sundae Sidewalk Socials Each Month from 3-5pm

Sunday, June 14 was the second Sidewalk Social for the summer season. These events have been scheduled on the second Sunday of each summer month so that people from Pittsburgh can learn more about Hostelling International and the Pittsburgh International Hostel. So far, turnout has been lighter than expected. We would be interested in talking to anyone who can help us get the word out about these events and/or who would be interested in volunteering once a month to give tours, talk about hostelling, and scoop ice cream. All Second Sundae Sidewalk Socials take place from 3 to 5 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month in summer. The next one will be on July 12. August 9 and September 13 will finish up the summer.

Allentown Community Day Saturday July 25

Allentown, the neighborhood where the hostel is located, will be celebrating its Community Day on July 25 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The business district of Warrington Avenue will be closed to traffic and there will be music, children's area, food and music. The hostel will be participating by setting up an information table and giving tours of the building. Volunteers are needed and should call the hostel for more information.

Great Ride to be Held Sunday July 26 to Benefit the Pittsburgh International Hostel

A portion of the proceeds from the 1998 Great Ride helps support the Pittsburgh International Hostel. The Great Ride Mount Washington 5-Mile Bonus loop takes you by the hostel. Stop by and check it out!

That's it for this month. Call for more information or to volunteer. The hostel phone number is (412) 431-1267

Holly Ridenour, Hostel Manager

1998 HI/AYH MEMBER DISCOUNTS

HI/AYH members with valid membership cards are eligible for following discounts. Full details can be found in the FREE and just-published 1998 HI/AYH North American Hostel Handbook.

ALAMO CAR RENTAL: Various discounts. Request plan BY 19998 American Youth Hostels.

ANDY WARHOL MUSEUM: Buy one admission, get a second (of equal or lesser value) free.

MATTRESS FACTORY ART MUSEUM: \$1.00 off admission and 10% off merchandise in museum shop.

PITTSBURGH ZOO: \$1.00 off admission.

CITY BOOKS (Southside): 15% off all used books; 10% off most new books (some exceptions); 10% off all espresso bar items.

ALLEGHENY VALLEYS BICYCLE TOURS: 20% off the regularly advertised price of any bicycle tour granted to current HI members.

DANNY K'S DINER (3 blocks from hostel): 10% off final bill to all HI members.

PGH INTERNATIONAL HOSTEL: \$17.00/night for dormitory accommodation.

The deadline for the 1999 HI/AYH North American Hostel Handbook is rapidly approaching. Local area businesses receive free international promotion in this handbook simply by offering a discount to Hostelling International members. If you know of a business that would be interested in offering a discount or should be approached to offer one, please call Holly Ridenour at the Pittsburgh International Hostel.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS AT THE PITTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL HOSTEL TODAY!

The Pittsburgh Hostel has 50 beds available. If you or someone you know would like to stay, we'd be happy to make a reservation for you.

Individual HI/AYH members pay \$17.00/person/night for dormitory beds. Non-members may stay for an additional \$3.00/night.

Individuals can make a reservation for dormitory bed(s) by providing the following information:

Pittsburgh International Hostel Reservation Request Form

Reservation Name: _____

Date of Arrival _____

Morning of Departure _____ # Nights _____

Female Beds _____ # Male Beds _____

Include a check -OR-

VISA/MC/Discover # _____

Exp. Date. _____

Signature _____

Date _____

We have a 24-hour cancellation policy. You must cancel no later than 10 p.m. the night before your intended arrival date or your credit card will be billed for the first night's deposit. Government-issued photo ID required to check-in. Don't forget to bring your membership card!

Call the hostel directly for Family Rooms requests (limited availability). A surcharge and key deposit apply to these rooms.

Special Group Rate for 10 or more people. Please request a Group Inquiry Packet.

Need more information? We can send a copy of "Everything You Need to Know About Visiting Us" to you by email, fax or "snail" mail. Please call the hostel at 431-1267. You can send the reservation form above or request a copy of "Everything You Need to Know..." by fax or email. Our fax number is 431-2625. Email to ayh@trfn.clpgh.org

It doesn't get any bigger than 1998 for the Pittsburgh International Hostel. Lots and lots of Hostel Happenings. We plan on putting Pittsburgh and the Allentown area on the map with visitors from all over the world in the first full year of business. We look forward to seeing you here, especially if you can help us out in this exciting endeavor.

Holly Ridenour,
Hostel Manager, Pittsburgh International Hostel

Pittsburgh AYH is accepting pledges and donations for the Pittsburgh Hostel.

Our Fundraising efforts are escalating to foundations and will include corporations as well. If any member is involved or knows of someone involved with these groups we would appreciate it if you would take a few minutes to let us know. Having a contact person really helps to get some attention. We need to raise a ton of money for this building and we need all the help that we can get.

Thanks for your interest and help.

Clip out the coupon below and make your donation today.

Yes, I would like to make a Tax - Deductible donation of support for the Hostel in Pittsburgh in the amount of:

— \$2500

— \$1000

— \$500

— \$250

— \$100

— \$50

— Other: \$ _____



Donations of goods, furnishings or services are also needed! Please drop us a note describing what you have available.

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Pittsburgh Hostel Fund

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412-431-4910

1998 EVENTS AT PITTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL HOSTEL

Meet other HI/AYH members, hostel guests, and the public, see the hostel, and learn more about hostelling at the following events, either as a volunteer or participant in the activities.

During our normal hostel hours of 8 - 10 a.m. and 5 - 10 p.m. (we are closed during the day) the hostel is in the business of providing accommodation to its guests. For that reason only the lobby is accessible to non-guests during open hours and tours are not available without prior arrangement.

Tours of the hostel will be available at all events listed below.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED THIS SUMMER

Volunteers are needed for all the following events. Please call the Pittsburgh International Hostel at (412) 431-1267 to let us know how you can help make the 50th year of the Pittsburgh Council a great one!

ALLENTOWN COMMUNITY DAY SATURDAY, JULY 25, 10 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Listen to music, play in the children's area, food and fun. The Pittsburgh International Hostel will have an information table and will be giving tours of the hostel.

GREAT RIDE BENEFITS HOSTEL SUNDAY, JULY 26

To register for the ride: call CitiParks at (412) 255-2493 or stop by the hostel for an entry form. Volunteers are especially needed to make this event a success. Call the hostel to volunteer.

WORK PARTIES: SATURDAYS - 10 A.M. - 2 P.M. AUG. 22, SEPT. 26

"Clean Team" will help maintain the hostel and help the hostel staff with the extras we never seem to have the time for. Bring a broom and gloves if you have them. Refreshments will be served. Work Party originally scheduled for July 25 will not take place due to Allentown Community Day.

SECOND SUNDAE SIDEWALK SOCIALS FROM 3-5 P.M.

What would summer be without ice cream? Hostel tours are free. Come and learn more about Hostelling International and the Pittsburgh International Hostel. Second "Sundae" Sidewalk Socials will continue on the second "Sundae" of each summer month through September. Next event: July 12 (Also August 9, and September 13)

Watch this space in 1998 or call the hostel at 431-1267 for more details on Hostel Events.

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SEA-KAYAKING

July 7	Russ Tague	331-2073
North Park Lake Beginners intro.		
July 11-12	Crooked Creek Lake Dave Engel	363-3367
Beginners welcome		
July 18	Allegheny River Pam Snyder	724-545-2333
Parker to East Brady		
July 18-19	Summerville Lake; West Virginia Vickie Gotaskie	344-4929
River & lake paddle; Experienced beginners		
July 25	Ed & Vickie's Nicholson Island Ed Divers & Vickie Gotaskie	344-4929
Allegheny River beginner trip		
August 1	Russ Tague	331-2073
Allegheny River Courson Island to Tionesta; Optional Fri. night camping		
Sept 18-20	Pymatuning Lake & Conneaut Marsh Barb Peterson	371-2506
Sept 24-Oct 5	Lake Powell, Utah Gary McCormick	885-0712
Sea kayaking, canoeing, hiking, backpacking		
Oct 9-11	Eddie's Kinzua Fall Foliage Trip Fran Fleming	363-1221
Allegheny Reservoir; Kayak camping Experienced beginners or fxfx@ibm.net		

NOTE: Canoes are welcome on most sea kayak trips. Check with trip leader.

BICYCLING

Sat, July 11 **The Ghost Town Trail & Local History on the Side**
Follow the Blacklick Creek from coal mining town to coal mining town (some now ghost towns), and learn a little local history as we go. Swim after the ride at Yellow Creek State Park. The ride is about 32 miles long. Call Joan Roof at (412) 795-8345 for the time and meeting place.

Sun, July 26, **The Great Ride**

Sun, Aug 9 **A Ride Around "The 'Burg"**
Learn the delights of a Sunday morning ride around the most interesting Pittsburgh neighborhoods, at a laid back pace. We will look at the city from an environmentalists point of view. The cities must be made more livable, to save the countryside. How livable is Pittsburgh??? Come and judge for yourself. The bicycle gives us a perfect way to find out.)The exact route is not yet set, but it will include places like Shadyside, Squirrel Hill, The Strip, Downtown and The Southside. The Distance? Oh, maybe 25 or 30 miles. Lunch will be in a local cafe. Call Joan Roof at (412) 795-8345 for the time and meeting place.)

Sun, August 30, **The Mon Valley Century**

Sun, October 4, **SABRE**

MID-WEEK RAMBLES

"Rambles" are casual Wednesday outings sponsored by the Pittsburgh Council of Hostelling International - American Youth Hostels. Most take place in and around the city of Pittsburgh.

The group meets at 10 a.m. (9:30 a.m. during the summer) in the upper parking lot of Mellon Park in Shadyside, off Shady Avenue near the intersection with Fifth Avenue. Remember to bring quarters for the parking meters.

Trips are normally three to four miles in length, at a leisurely pace. Trips are always subject to change because of weather, conflicts of schedule, and the choice of the group. We do plan to walk in all kinds of weather, so please dress appropriately.

From time to time, we will schedule lunch at a restaurant or a brown bag lunch. These are optional.

We also try to carpool to save energy and to enjoy each other's company. For trips over 10 miles, please pay the driver \$2 per passenger.

Call the leaders listed below for information about a trip or to inform the leader that you plan to walk with the group (especially when reservations are requested or you plan to meet us at the trail head), but please call before 10 o'clock at night.

July 1	Call activity chair for info and to reserve
July 8	Call activity chair for info and to reserve
July 15	Call activity chair for info and to reserve
July 22	Call activity chair for info and to reserve
July 29	Call activity chair for info and to reserve

ROCK-CLIMBING

Rock Out With AYH!

The AYH Rock Climbing program is a great way to experience the thrill of rock climbing. Our Beginner trips are focused on teaching "never-ers" the basics of rock climbing. AYH supplies the climbing gear plus a group of experienced climbers to set up the climbs and teach the course. All you need to bring is a bag lunch, water, and a sunny disposition. Wear loose-fitting, comfortable clothes (shorts and T-shirts in the summer) and tennis shoes. It's not a bad idea to pack raingear in the event of a late-afternoon thunderstorm.

Beginner trips are held at Coopers Rocks State Forest, Exit 15 on Rt 68, east of Morgantown, WV. Trips leave from AYH headquarters at 7:30 am. We arrive at Coopers Rocks around 9:30 am and take a short walk to the climbing area. We are back at the cars by 4:30 or so. Many climbers stop at a local restaurant for dinner before driving back to Pittsburgh. We arrive back at AYH headquarters before 8 pm.

Cost is \$10 for AYH members (\$12 for non-members). Gas money (\$5, if you car pool from AYH Headquarters) and dinner are NOT included in the trip fees. Beginner trip fees break down as follows:

- \$3 activity fee, for first-timers only
- \$3 harness/helmet rental, if you don't own your own
- \$3 rope fee for periodic rope replacements
- \$1 AYH registration fee (\$3 for non members)

Experienced climbers are welcome on our "Beginner" trips since we top-rope climbs of varying difficulty (through 5.10). Seneca Prep trips teach seconding skills in preparation for a multi-pitch climbing trip to Seneca Rocks. The AYH climbers also make frequent "unofficial" trips to Seneca Rocks, New River Gorge, the Gunks, and local climbing areas. Several AYH climbers can be found hanging out (pun intended) at The Climbing Wall (in The Factory on Penn Avenue) on Thursday nights from 7 to 9:30 pm before retiring to the Evergreen pub (also on Penn Avenue) for a few cold ones and to make plans for the coming weekend.

To find out more about the AYH climbing program, call Jim "Woj" Wojciechowski @ 412-322-4524 or Vern Miller @ 724-935-3434. To sign up for a specific trip, call the Trip Leader listed in the table below. Trip size is limited. Call the Trip Leader (not the climbing chairmen) to sign up.

1998 AYH ROCK CLIMBING TRIPS

DATE/DAY	LEVEL	TRIP LEADERPHONE
July 10-12	Seneca Rocks	Jim "Woj" Wojciechowski (412) 322-4524
July 26 Sun	Beginner	Dave Hartman (412) 821-3796
August 8 Sat	Beginner	Tom Kaveney (412) 276-8044
August 29 Sat	Seneca Prep	Pat Holtzinger (412) 343-8379
Sept 11-13	Seneca Rocks	Jim "Woj" Wojciechowski (412) 322-4524
Sept 26 Sat	Beginner	Dave Hartman (412) 821-3796

NOTE: Saturday, June 27th and Sunday, August 30th are make-up dates in the event a Beginner trip is rained out

ADOPT THE BAKER TRAIL

We continue to experience some turnover of maintainers along our trails. Qualifications are: you must be outdoors-minded; responsible; shows initiative, and doesn't need a lot of supervision; not afraid to get your hands dirty and want to make a contribution to the world of hiking. We have one section close to Pittsburgh, require less than a 1 hour drive from Pittsburgh, probably up PA Route 28 through Kittanning. It's possible to do all your work in one day each year. If you are interested, call me, Jim Ritchie, 828-0210, and I will send you a map; you can check out the trail on your own; if you are still interested, call me again, and I will arrange to meet you on the trail to give you some supplies and provide about one hour of on-the-job training. Take a look at these:

1. **Garver's Ferry to Godfrey on the Allegheny River.** This section starts at Route 356 near Freeport, goes to the high bluffs above Freeport, and then down to the Kiski River. From Schenley, across the Kiski, the trail follows the Armstrong Rail-Trail to Godfrey—easy maintenance.
2. **Bethel Township Maintenance Building to Crooked Creek Visitor's Center.** Park at the Maintenance Building and descend Cook's Summit to Route 66, go past the Llama Farm and then along Crooked Creek all the way to the Visitor's Center. Mostly wooded, off road.
3. **Cochran's Mill to Idaho.** About 2 miles of wooded trail running parallel to Cherry Run, a trout-quality stream, followed by a stretch of easily-maintained, rural, dirt roads. I think there's a paw-paw tree along the way.

Call Jim Ritchie, 828-0210.

HIKING/BACKPACKING/TRAILS

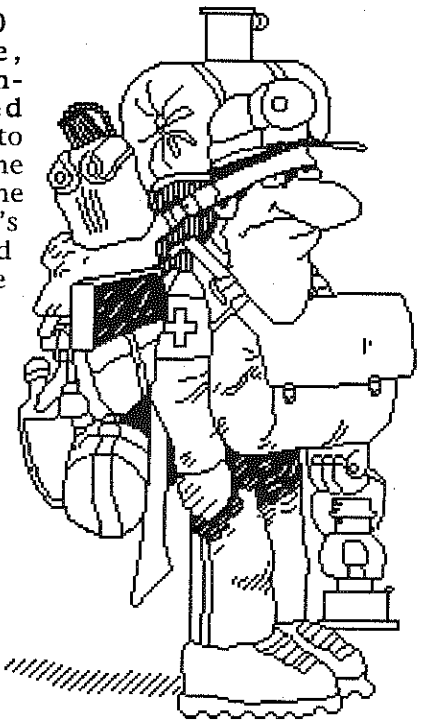
July 18 Saturday
Jim Ritchie 828-0210
Trail Maintenance, Baker Trail, Bethel Twp. Maintenance Bldg. to Crooked Creek Dam. Mostly, we need to put up fresh blazing, trim away the vegetation, pick up trash, cut the overgrowth back a little. See Cook's Summit, the Llama farm, and Walter's latest bridge. If we're there late enough, we may stop and eat dinner at Pitzer's

August 1 Saturday
Jim Ritchie 828-0210
Trail Maintenance, Baker Trail, Bethel Twp. Maintenance Bldg. to Crooked Creek Dam. Mostly, we need to put up fresh blazing, trim away the vegetation, pick up trash, cut the overgrowth back a little. See Cook's Summit, the Llama farm, and Walter's latest bridge. If we're there late enough, we may stop and eat dinner at Pitzer's.

August 15 Saturday Patti Brunner 325-3224
Trail Maintenance, Baker Trail, Crooked Creek @ Kerr Road. This is the area past the Covered Bridge at Crooked Creek. We will fix up the trail through a former strip mine site, from the Bridge to Kerr Road.

August 29 Saturday Jim Ritchie 828-0210
Trail Maintenance, Baker Trail, Heathville or Ford City. If we go to Heathville, we will put the finishing touches on the new trail installed around the strip mined area. At Ford City, we will do routine maintenance (trimming, blazing, pickup, a little chain saw) from the Visitor's Center to the Covered Bridge.

August 30 Sunday Leo Stember 681-1385
Trail Maintenance, Rachel Carson Trail, LaFever Hill or ???



State Forestry Hearings in Pittsburgh

Tuesday June 16, the state Bureau of Forestry conducted a "scoping meeting" to determine what issues the citizenry believes should be addressed in the 15-yr Forest Management Plan beginning the year 2000.

About 25 citizens did attend on a dark and stormy night. Mostly environmentalists. Bureau officials were impressed by the quality of the comments made. The vast majority of the recorded comments focussed on the management of the forest, as opposed to the recreational uses. Lots of support for zero-cut and bio-diversity.

The Bureau will accept additional comments from the public until JULY 12.

If you were unable to attend the meeting, please mail your comments to:

PA Dept. Conservation and natural Resources
 Bureau of Forestry
 Forest Advisory Services
 PO Box 8552
 Harrisburg PA 17105-8552

These public comments, at this early stage of the planning process, a fine way to make sure that the Bureau starts off in the right direction.

SPEAK OUT ON STATE FOREST MANAGEMENT

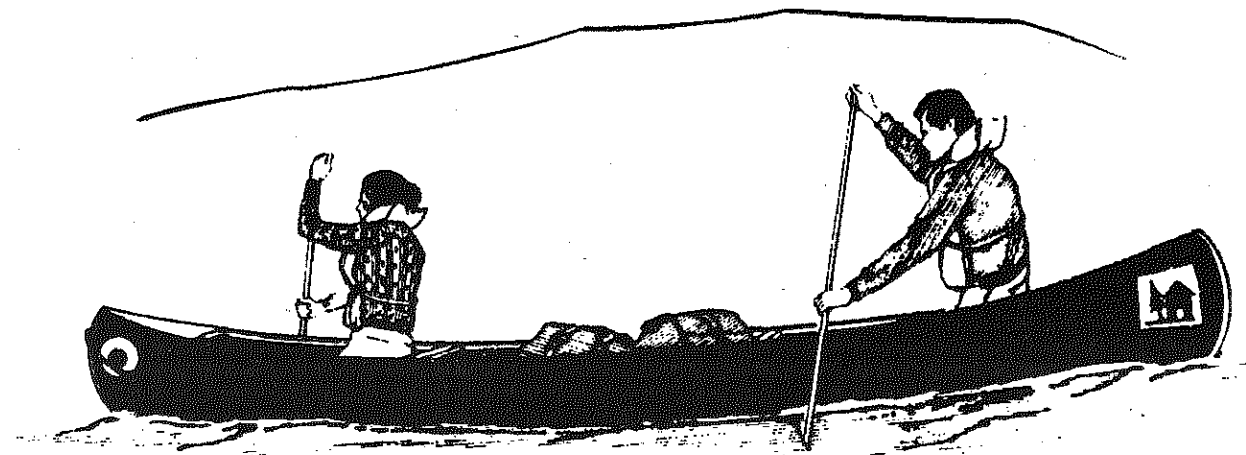
If you are acquainted with a particular state forest and want to talk or write about that, fine; but if you are not you can also write about state forest management in general which can be applied to all of the state forests.

Several other documents are also available. One is a report drawn up by one person who attended a meeting that has already been held; it gives a good idea as to the general tone of the meeting and how he tried to raise questions amid a set-up that actually inhibited significant input. Another is a report of an attitude survey about what Pennsylvanians think about their forests and from which something can be said about that.

If there are any questions about all of this get in touch with Sam Hays, Chair, Public Lands Committee, Pennsylvania Chapter, Sierra Club, at 1421 Wightman St., Pittsburgh, Pa., 15217, 412-421-6560; email: <sph1+pitt.edu>. If he cannot be reached, contact Arthur Clark, forest campaign organizer at <aclark@envirolink.org> or Peter Wray, Chair, Allegheny Group, Sierra Club, 412-244-9907 at <wray+pitt.edu>.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS

CANOEING



Basic Canoe School was a resounding success. On May 26, the last class, the entire class, as a graduation exercise, paddled from Sylvan down river and around the back channel of the island on river right. There we observed the beaver lodge complete with views of the beaver and honed some basic maneuvering skills over a serpentine course of old pilings. We rounded the island to paddle upriver to further hone skills in dealing with waves from passing boats, and learn the proper way to land a canoe on a beach. Congratulations to all participants and their instructors.

Informational Note: There is a growing logistical problem with AYH canoeing caused by the inability of the newer cars to carry canoes. As the participants' cars become newer, they lack rain gutters and thus the capability to be fitted with a generic rack. This situation can severely limit the number of trip participants.

Note: River Gages: In addition to the river gage link to the army corps of engineers, the USGS has a site that provides this and other PA rivers including the popular West Branch Susquehanna and Pine Creek of the gorge fame. This link starts at http://www.pah2o.er.usgs.gov/rt/rt_table.html

Upcoming Trips

July 2-5 Thu eve - Sun Jon Maiman 412-441-2306

Class I-II canoe camping. Join Jon for his fifth annual July 4th canoe camping trip. Pot luck group dinner Friday and/or Saturday evenings. Past destinations include: Clarion River, Allegheny River, and the West Branch of the Susquehanna River. Exact location will be determined by river levels. On most trips we manage to stop at a riverside town along the way. So don't forget your ice cream money! Space is limited so please call early for reservations.

July 11 Sat Rich Gemeinhart 412-462-1876

Moving water school. Call for details.

July 17-19 Thu eve - Sun. George Schnakenberg 412-734-3046

Class I canoe camping. Canoe camping trip on the scenic Allegheny River. We will run either the upper section from Buckaloons to President or Franklin to Emlenton which has the potential for a mid-trip day hike to a Kennerdell overlook and/or the iron furnace. Departure from Pittsburgh will be either late Thursday or very early Friday. This is an ideal trip for first-time canoe campers. Call George for details. Note: At this time of year, only the Allegheny can guarantee water.

July 25 Sat Brian McBane, 724-443-8972

Class I trip. Call for details.

Oct 25-26 Sat& Sun Jon Maiman 412-441-2306

Class I-II canoe camping. The annual "leaf trip". Call for details.

Sunday, August 2: Umteenth Annual Youghiogheny River inner-tube hike from Johnson's Run to Camp Carmel (3 miles on foot, 3 miles in inner-tubes) Must be hot and sunny or trip will be postponed. Limit: 18. Call Bruce Sundquist, 724-327-8737

Friendship Hill National Historic Site Offers an Evening Walking Program on Lewis & Clark

Friendship Hill National Historic Site will present a special evening program during the summer called "Don't Know Much About Lewis & Clark". Offered on July 11 and August 8 starting at 6:00 p.m., the walking program presents the principal players of this historic exploration and its importance in the development of the early American Republic. The roles of Meriwether Lewis, William Clark, their "Permanent Party", and the supporting qualities of Thomas Jefferson and Albert Gallatin will be explored. The program begins at the park's visitor center and will last one to one and a half hours. Comfortable clothing and sturdy shoes are highly recommended for the one-half mile walk on trails through fields and wooded areas of the park. In case of inclement weather, the program will be offered inside the park auditorium.

Friendship Hill National Historic Site is a national park dedicated to preserving Albert Gallatin's western Pennsylvania home. Little remembered today, Gallatin was an influential and highly respected cabinet member for two presidents, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison. His contributions to a young American Republic are presented in his historic home through exhibits, audio and visual programs and guided tours. The park is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. To accommodate the evening program, the park and its facilities will be open late July 11 and August 8 till 8:00 p.m. only.

The park is located midway between Uniontown, PA and Morgantown, WV-on Pennsylvania state route 166. For additional information or directions please contact the park at (724) 7259190 or visit our web site at www.nps.gov/frhi.

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FOR SALE: Thule car roof rack system. Rain gutter mounting feet w/ locks; 50" cross bars; two upright (front wheel on) bike racks; four vertical ski holders. Exc. condition. \$150 for everything. Call mike at 412-268-8830 (day) or mkb@cs.cmu.edu 7/98

FOR SALE: PUR Pioneer Water Filter Small, lightweight, and easy to operate. Used only once. Best Offer. Call Don at 412-824-3534 7/98

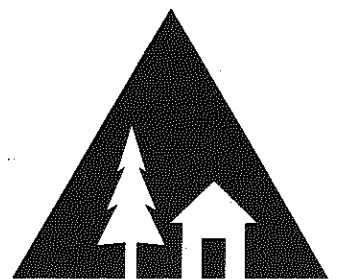
For sale: International 470 Sailboat. One of eight Olympics class sailboats. 1971 Vintage, good condition, newer sails, original trailer, cover. \$850. Call Bob at 412-241-0659 or email to ZavosRJ@ch.etn.com

For sale: Sailboat. American classic O'Day Widgeon 15 ft daysailer w/ trailer and 2 sails. Blue/white in good condition. Will deliver. \$975 or best offer. Call 800-813-6336.

For Sale: North Face Back Magic, external frame backpack; flexhip joints, heavy duty, large capacity. Will deliver. \$75.00 obo. Call 304-233-5960.

For Sale: Tent - Sierra Designs "Clip-Flashlight", 2 person, superlightweight, footprint, extra pole, excellent condition, \$125. Sleeping Bag - North Face Littlefoot, Polyester, child/small adult, 20 degrees, excellent condition, \$60. Call 724-337-1366.

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REMINDER TO TRIP LEADERS

All trips and equipment usage must be approved by the appropriate activity chair or co-chair. Trip reports and fees should be turned in by the end of each month at either the AYH Activities Building or AYH Office or mailed to Pittsburgh Council, 830 Warrington AVE., Pittsburgh PA 15210

The Pittsburgh Council Travel Store is open Mon. 10 to 4, Wed. 11 to 6 and Fri. from 10 to 4. Hours are subject to change, so it's a good idea to call the office at 412-431-4910 before coming in. We're in the Pittsburgh Hostel at 830 E Warrington Avenue in Allentown. All passes, ID cards, rail passes, and books are available.