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*Riverview Park*

*October 21, 1979*



### Open House and Slide Programs

Every Thursday Night  
Doors Open: 7:45  
Slide Show: 8:45

Our Thursday Night Open House is for members as well as non-members. This is a great time to see friends, make new ones, reminisce about good times, plan new trips, get a ride to the Evergreen.

Oct 4 Misty memories of Norway and Switzerland by Rob McEachern.

Oct 11 In search of the Canadian Mousse by Joe Hoechner

Oct 18 I Think I'll Climb Mt. McKinley by Bruce McClellan

Oct 25 Another delightful AYH-oriented movie! come see what it is.

### Membership News

There has been an increase in dues and categories. See the back cover. If you join now, it will be good until Dec 80. There are still a few life memberships available for \$110.

Membership maintains a list of home hostels in the area, in case anyone should ask. It also has members interests, as indicated on the applications, should trip leaders desire that information.

People often ask Membership questions about hostels in the U.S. and abroad. With your help, we could provide this info.

If you have recently stayed at a hostel, we would like to hear comments (good and bad) about practices, customs, vacancies, experiences, etc. Send comments to: Membership, Pgh. Council AYH, 6300 Fifth Ave, Pgh Pa 15232.



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Change of Address: Please notify Pgh Council as soon as possible if you change your address. Otherwise, you miss the "Golden Triangle" and we get billed 25%.

### Deadlines for November

Thr, Oct 18: Everything is due.

Thr, Oct 25: Production Party.

### Activities Board Meeting in Oct

Tuesday, October 2, 8:00 PM

Joe Levine  
5555 Hobart St.  
Squirrel Hill  
422-8287

### AYHers Help WQED

There wasn't room last month to mention that a group of about 30 AYHers answered telephones at a WQED Pledge Night on August 20. The group had a good time talking to people behind the scenes, touring the station as well as being on television; and WQED appreciated the assistance.

\*\*\*\*\* ELECTIONS \*\*\*\*\*

It's that time of year again! Thursday, October 18, members at the Open House will elect people to the Activities Board, the people who will determine how active our programs are next year. If you are interested in running or just helping out, talk to Joe Hoechner or Jim Gogots. Current Nominees:

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Cycling	Chuck Ejzak & Ed Sieger
Kayaking	
Backpacking	Steve Martin
Canoeing	Dave Marschik
Gordan Bugby	Board of Directors
Lloyd Geertz	Board of Directors
Publications	Bruce Sundquist

Sveral people expressed interest in being co-chairpeople. I have not listed them, except for existing committees, because the size of the Activities Board has been unofficially growing. Co-chairpeople have not been forgotten; in some activities they are needed. But the goal should be to have one person in charge of an activity that members (including your editor) can go to with questions.

Spanish Youth Hostels -Cliff Ham  
(if I receive stories about other hostelling experiences, this could become a regular column. -Rick )

When Marilyn and I toured Spain in '79, we discovered differing customs in the various countries we visited. Almost no hostel official spoke English. Spanish hostels are largely government owned; most are secondary schools open for summer use only.

We stayed in one castle, one year-round hostel, and four schools. Hostels are well-distributed. Facilities are adequate, nothing fancy. Half had co-ed bathroom facilities.

A negative factor: many hostels report that accomodations are full when plenty of bunks are unoccupied. In Toledo the two of us stayed alone, yet girls and fellows had been turned away. We were refused at Jerez, although we weren't convinced the hostel was full. In Madrid, hostellers stated that beds were often unused when weary travellers were turned away.

Rules are fairly relaxed in Spain, with smoking and drinking on the premises allowed. The cultural habits of the country make 10 or 11PM closings almost impossible. Trains are late; midnight arrivals are frequent.

Once inside, meals were ample and distinctive. People were friendly. Prices were low.

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### Chiopyle Open House

On Sunday afternoon, Oct 7 from 1-4PM the Pgh Council would like to invite all to the new Hostel. For those who contributed, it's a chance to view the results.

There will always be painting, patching, and general maintenance to do. Possibly, future jobs will make the building more energy efficient. Joe Hoechner is seeking knowledgeable members to host, answer questions and show people around. You are encouraged to come on Sat and spend an overnight - free in exchange for your help (Don't forget your pass or we'll stamp your forehead!)

Call Joe at 322-6114 or Jim Gogots at 384-9149.

### Ice Climbing -Tim Campbell

We will be conducting Ice climbing classes this winter, starting with a ground school, and then trips to the ice wall of the instructors choice. You will learn how to use crampons, ice axes, ice hammers, ice screws, warthogs; and you discover the differences between it and rock climbing. Because the climbing will depend on day-to-day weather conditions, we'll need names to call on a last minute basis. If you are interested, call Tim Campbell at 322-8174 or Don French 734-1228.

### Consumers Guide to Hiking Ben Bragmans

The beginning hiker or backpacker is faced with some hard choices when looking through the monthly lineup of trips. Size up your potential leader by talking to him/her first and ask others about his or her past trips.

There are the Mt Everest conquerers and there are flower sniffers. Adventurers are capable of a ten mile forced march, setting up base camp, and climbing a mountain before dinner. But the slower paced are not. When talking to leaders, note a small cloud of macho shoptalk indicating a challenge'  
(continued next column)

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The other side is the easy-going at heart, those who stop off at pretty flower look for crayfish or spend a lunch hour at a nice overlook. You'll never see the top of the mountain on this trip.

Ask about the size of the trip. Small hiking groups tend to be more congenial than fifteen man expeditionary forces. Some trips are worked out to the last detail, including lists of camping needs and topo maps. Others are "see you at seven" which leaves all the planning to you. Which is fine for the more experienced.

And then there is food. Bringing your own can mean six stoves for seven people, the seventh only eats granola and a can of cold beans. Common food plans can be found at AYH, and it does lighten the load. Licking your chops in unison with the group does make for congeniality.

Last but not least in the organization is sharing. Rides organized with the correct number of cars is a must. Shared stoves, tents or tarps means not carrying five two-person tents for six people. Ask your trip leader about it.

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## Trips and Trails

The trips listed below are open to the public with the exception that AYH members are given priority when the trip is of limited size. Trip costs include 50¢ registration and insurance (\$500 med) plus transportation and rental. In addition, non-members are charged \$1.50/day, which can be deducted from cost of membership.

## Hiking



Chair: Bob Rudland (421-2227 H  
 462-5000 x6284 W)

Basics: tennies, rain gear, lunch, water.

- fr oct 5 BEDFORD - see description under biking.  
 - oct 7
- sat oct 6 BEGIN - Hike at Keystone nature trail & lake. Buy apples and cider. Bring gallon jugs. Call Ben Brugnans (421-0324).
- sun oct 7 BEGIN - Hartwood Acres: Meet @ AYH at 10 AM. Rob McEachern (828-2635)
- sun oct 7 ADV - 21 miles, Laurel Highlands Leave 7:30AM. Klaus Rixen (842-2121)
- sun oct 7 BEGIN - Afternoon hike at Ohiopyle Open House. Bob Rudland.
- sat oct 13 BEGIN - Arden Trolley Museum. Ride trolleys, see steam locomotives, antique railroad. \$5. Ben Brugnans (421-0324)
- sat oct 20 BEGIN - Rachel Carson, Leave AYH 9AM, Joe Levine (422-8287)
- 1 PICNIC - Hike at Riverside Park with Sally Brunson



## Jogging

### Races:

- sun oct 7 North Park - Pittsburgh Marathon
- sun oct 21 Irwin - 10 K Race.

### Jogging:

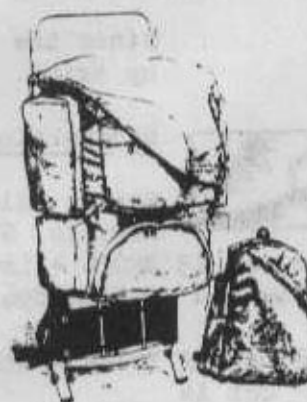
- wed oct 3 Schenley Park, 6PM near Tennis Courts
- wed oct 10 Frick Park, 6 PM near Nature Center
- wed oct 17 Highland Park, 6 near steps to Reservoir
- wed oct 24 Schenley Park, 6 near tennis courts
- wed oct 31 Highland Park, 6 PM near steps to Reservoir

-- Keep the weekend of Feb 8-10, 1980 open.

That's the Annual Winter Weekend at  
 Laurellville Hostel.

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## Bicycling

Chair: Chuck Ejzak (327-5031)  
Ed Sieger (561-4790)

Basics: tube, tools, water, helmet. Rentals: bikes, helmets, panniers.

fri oct 5 BEDFORD - Fall Foliage and Apple Festival. Saturday: apple plant,  
- oct 7 Canondale factory, antique auto parade, fiddler's contest and square  
dance. Sunday: cycle to Ohiopyle or hike at Bear Run, attend Ohio-  
pyle Open House. We will car camp at Shawnee State Park - bring  
your own food. approx \$20. Leave AYH 7 PM. Call Mike or Marty  
Haddad at 371-5992 to reserve.

sat oct 20 INTER - 40 mi Slippery Rock Area. Leaves are changing. Call Chuck E.

sun oct 21 BEGIN - at Riverview Park - AYH picnic

sun oct 28 INTER - Mercer County. Fred Parker (824-2638)

## Canoeing



Chair: Dave Marschik (327-2778)

Basics: Lunch in waterproof bag, water, knee pads, raingear, change  
of clothes, non-cotton clothes, tennies.

Rentals: Limited number of canoes reserved thru trip leaders.

sun oct 7 INTER - Class II whitewater, Dave Marschik, call evenings.

sat oct 13 ADVANCE - Class III, Ray Yutzy (929-4443)

sun oct 14 INTER - Class II whitewater, Jane Toben (466-7885; 462-5000x6585)

sat oct 20 BEGIN - Class I, Jim Komosinski (371-9476)

sun oct 21 CERT - For those who have completed whitewater schools I & II, try  
for class II ACA Nat. Canoe Certification. Jim Roberts (539-3854)

Since the season is late, come to open house to learn about pick-  
up trips.



## Backpacking

Chair: Rob McEachern (828-2635)

Basics: Sleeping bag, food & water, shelter, pack, raingear.

Rentals: Sleeping bag, shelter, packs.

sat oct 13 BEGIN - Laurel Highland, about 11 miles. Don Lodge (H-563-0576;  
- oct 14 W-288-5896)

fri oct 12 INTER - Black Forest. Leave AYH 7PM. Steve Martin (462-5000x6185)  
- oct 14

sat oc 27 INTER - easy Allegheny Nat For, Chuck Ejzak (327-5031)  
- oct 28

-- For those backpacking in the Black Forest: there have been numerous reports  
about aggressive bears this year. Be especially careful with food and garbage.  
Some areas are probably best avoided.





### Climbing

Chair: Woj (322-4524)

Basics: Sneaks, lunch, water, funny hat, leather gloves.

sun oct / INTER - Coopers Rocks, W.Va. Rapelling, Leading, Aid. Call Tim Campbell at 322-8174 to reserve.

sun oct 14 INTER - Coles Cave, Leading. Call Tim Campbell.

sun oct 28 INTER - McConnells Mills-Rapelling, Leading, Friction. Tim Campbell.

### Caving

Chair: Norm Snyder (351-4068)

Basics: Heavy old clothes, boots, light, change of clothes, protection for head etc., food and water.

sat oct 13 BEGIN - to Bear Cave. I'm bringing my 9 year old daughter; the kids are welcome. Call Norm

fri oct 19 INTER - W VA cave, loaded with formations. Call Norm.  
- oct 20

### Special Events

sat oct 6 OHIOPYLE - Work Party. Free overnights for general yardwork, painting  
- oct 7 and clean up. Call Joe Hoechner (322-6114)

sun Oct 7 OHIOPYLE - OPEN HOUSE - 1 - 4 PM. To spend overnight or act as host, Call Joe Hoechner (322-6114) or Jim Gogots (384-9149)

fri oct 12 PAEE - Pa Alliance for Environmental Ed - Join Joe to represent AYH  
- oct 14 At conference at Sandy Lake. Cost \$15. Tent sites and meal package available. Call Joe.

fri oct 26 ENERGY - Show at Civic Arena, by Project Pacesetter. Check the  
- oct 28 newspapers for info. Should be good

Sun oct 28 CLOCK - Reset clocks (Spring forward, Fall back)

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

decem 26 SKI - The Western Pa Ski Council is sponsoring a ski trip to Vail,  
- jan 1 Colorado that's open to everyone. Other AYHers will be going for sure. Reserve early with Ron Sees at Pageant Travel (881-6888), which is located at 2514 Brownsville Road.

thr oct 18 Ooops, almost forgot. Our annual elections.

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So far, there have been over 100 overnights at our new Ohiopyle Hostel.

If you plan to be out in the Laurel Mts for Fall foliage, why not stay over? It's only \$3/night (if the heat's not on) Call 329-4476 to reserve

If you're using a hostel in a near-by state, tell Joe Hoechner. He has brochures that he'd like to spread around

## AYH Membership Application

Fill out the following membership application and bring or send it with a check payable to "Pittsburgh Council, AYH" to Membership, AYH, 6300 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., 15232.

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$7.00 Youth (under 18)

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$7.00 Senior Citizen (60 and over)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00 Organization (non-profit)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$14.00 Senior (18 and over)

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