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Logo Competition

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania is sponsoring a competition—open to all Pennsylvania residents—to design a logo to designate wildflower areas. The department and the federation have launched a program to plant wildflowers along state roads throughout the Commonwealth. The winning entry will be reproduced on metal signs and posted throughout the state.

The contest rules are: all entries must be done on 14-by-11 inch poster board; a maximum of four colors, including background color, may be used in the design, which must include the word "wildflower," artists full name, address and telephone number (including ZIP code and area code) must be placed in the upper right-hand corner on the back of the poster.

Entries from Allegheny, Beaver and Lawrence counties should be mailed flat in a 14 1/2 inch Manila envelope with sufficient postage to: Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, District 11-0, Four Parkway Center, 875 Greentree Road, Pittsburgh, Pa., 15232, Attention: Deborah Weisberg, Press Office. Deadline is March 24, 1989.

A finalist from each of PennDOT's 11 engineering districts will be selected for the judging April 18 at the federation's annual convention at Seven Springs.

Plans Progressing for 62-Mile Trail in Pine Creek Valley

When Conrail first announced plans last year to abandon 62 miles of rail line in the Pine Creek valley from Jersey Shore to Wellsboro Junction, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (DER) requested the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) to authorize the conversion of the rail bed to trail use, as is permitted under current federal law. On September 14, 1988, in response to that request, the ICC issued a Notice of Interim Trail Use.

Consequently, negotiations will begin between DER and Conrail on an agreement regarding the proposed trail use. Initially, DER has offered to assume both management responsibility for the corridor and legal liability to the extent allowed by Pennsylvania law. DER has also acknowledged that the agreement will be subject to the possible future re-

establishment of rail service on the line.

Current DER plans call for the creation of a non-motorized trail similar to those already established along the Youghiogheny River and Oil Creek in western Pennsylvania. Both of these trails are proving to be very popular. In the case of the Youghiogheny Trail, both Somerset and Fayette counties are seeking to extend the trail beyond the present State Park location. This initiative is being undertaken because of economic benefits to the counties that are expected to result from the extension of the trail.

The portion of Pine Creek that parallels the rail line includes the Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania, a scenic gorge that is a registered National Natural Landmark. DER is firmly committed to the protection of this magnificent

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Everything but the Kitchen Sink...

First, there was the guy who brought along the one gallon coffee pot; then came the women who swore by the "pressure cookers for canoes" method. There have also been people who don't cook at all, or those who intended to simply "find nuts and berries" for 3 or 4 days. People all have individual gadgets and variations that they swear by for outdoor cooking. The Cookbook Committee would like to know the outdoor cooking idiosyncrasies of the Pittsburgh Council. Tell Joy Layton at a Thursday night meeting or call her machine at 421-3975. By the way, there was also the guy who swore by the cast iron skillet in his backpack....

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Trips and Tales

by Cathy Szymanski

Climbing the Walls?

At Exkursion in Monroeville, there is a climbing wall where anyone is welcome to practice climbing with a safety rope. Recently, a climbing competition was held January 8, with a second one to be held next year after Christmas. There were four categories ranging from beginner, intermediate, advanced, and expert. Ken Cline won in the advanced category. Bob Rentka won in the expert category and received a backpack as a prize. Everyone that entered got a small prize.

Prizes were awarded by

Exkursion. Some were donated by equipment manufacturers which included such items as climbing harnesses, slinks and quick draws. Rick, the man I spoke with over the phone, summed the competition up: "It was a real nice day; essentially everyone competed against each other, but there was no heavy competition, just friendly."

Luxury Camping Trip

When is the last time you've been on a luxury camping trip? Mark Mistrick led such a trip on October 15 and 16. They left at 9 a.m. Saturday for, according to Mark, a "money back guaranteed

trip" which included sea kayaking, hiking, and camping at Lake Chautauqua. Mark must have had the sixth sense for weather because it was excellent, with only sprinkles of rain at night. They stayed at State Safari Camp, complete with warm showers, which was a nice feature after a day of vigorous kayaking. "We had wonderful kayaking", explained Angel Guyche, in her excitement.

The only obstacle was that her spray skirt came loose. Of course, the fearless leader coached her into putting it back on. Kayaking brings on hearty appetites. They did their luxury shopping at Giant Eagle and purchased 2 1/2 inch Delmonico steaks. Besides good food and good exercise, two barrels of wood provided them with the warmth of a campfire night, while Hough Schinn entertained them with guitar music.

AYH'ers On Ice

Marta, Dorothy Tuckey and Marilyn and Cliff Ham have been getting together to skate at Schenley Park Wednesdays from 1 pm to 3 pm. Marta said, "It's not crowded and they play nice skating music." She has been practicing on the skates she bought this year at the Winter Festival held in Canada, where a 5 mile canal is frozen over. Marta feels that skating at Schenley will be good preparation for her return to the Winter Festival next year.

Schenley Park Park had its own winter event on January 15. There was a centennial observation. People skated in costumes of 100 years ago and the park personnel dressed in the same. Marilyn and Cliff Ham did some reminiscing of their own. Cliff talked of how he and Marilyn skated on frozen marshes in New England when they were young. The skaters noticed a young man hanging onto the side of the rink; apparently it was his first time on skates. Marilyn talked with him and found he was from Saudi Arabia. The young lady with him was from Mexico. Cliff stated, "It

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AYH Trips for March, 1989

Activity	Level	Leader	Phone	Time
Saturday, March 4				
X-C Ski	All	Jack Peth	921-7214	8:30
Sunday, March 5				
X-C Ski	All	Fred Parker	856-4713	8:30
Friday, March 10-12				
Hike/Car Camp	Inter.	Glenn Oster	364-2864-h 234-3967-w	
Saturday, March 11				
X-C Ski	All	Rick & Shirley Ulaky	8:30	
Saturday, March 11				
Hiking	Inter.	Glenn Oster	364-2864	
<i>Car Camp and day hike in the super scenic gorges of Hocking Hills State Park in Ohio (Hopefully the various waterfalls will be frozen).</i>				
Saturday, March 18				
Hike	Inter.	Glenn Oster	364-2864	8:00
<i>Hike Baker Trail from Rt. 359 to the Cherry Run Valley and cross country to Rt. 422 - 10 miles. Call for info/reservations</i>				
Saturday, March 18				
Hike	Inter.	Tom Kaveney	276-8044	8:30
<i>Rachel Carson Trail, 8 mi., some hills</i>				
Sunday, March 19				
Maint. Hike	All	Pete Srini	921-1238	
<i>Maintenance on Baker Trail</i>				
Sunday, March 19				
Bike	All	Bill Johnston	243-1945	
<i>Laurel Ridge north of Rt. 653</i>				
Sat. April 1				
Hike	Inter.	Pete Srini	921-1238	
<i>Hike Bear Run Nature Reserve. Call for info and reservations.</i>				

Volleyball On Tuesdays in March

Yes, volleyball season is here once again, scheduled for **March 7th, 14th and 21st**. Join Joel Platt at Taylor Alderdice High School (421 4446 (w), or 521-5244 (h)). There will be no games on March 28.

Backpack the Swiss Alps of the USA

August 4 Through 19

Room for only three more trippers

Ride a narrow gauge railroad along the wild Animas River from Durango to Silverton, Colorado and see some of the most spectacular scenery in the lower 48. Then head for the high country on an intermediate/advanced backpack hike for seven days circling back to Durango.

On the way out by van, we'll visit Royal Gorge and Great Sand Dunes National Monument. We'll

take a roundabout route home and make stops at Mesa Verde, Arches national Park, Dead Horse Point, Colorado National Monument, Black Canyon of the Gunnison, Crested Butte and Colorado Springs (Garden of the Gods). This should be a super trip! Cost will vary with the number of trippers but should be under \$500 each. Sign up early so that we can get reservations on the train. (We need to book the reservations six months in advance).

Call Glenn Oster for more information and reservations at 364-2864(h) *



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was interesting talking to both of them coming from a tropical climate."

Blackwater Falls: When I asked Eileen Mormer's opinion of the Falls trip, her first response was "Everybody did a little bit of everything. There was a lot going on down there. There were families that hiked with kids, and even a few babies were on this trip." This is the third or fourth year the trip was organized; the lodge has been rented for next year on January 26, 27 and 28. As Eileen explained, "It's a tradition that has been established, and AYH traditions are hard to break." Carl did most of the coordination. He also started a chart listing all the trips being held for the weekend.

Bill Johnston started the advertisement for the trip, brought food and beverage to snack on the bus, and made arrangements for the restaurant. Approximately 1250 people participated in the weekend event. Although it was organized to be a ski weekend, there was absolutely no snow. "It was really a hiking trip", as Judy Menosky described. On Saturday, Bill Johnston led a hike to Seneca Rocks. Bill said he "had about 18 folks. The bus dropped 6 people at Canane Valley. They hiked a 1.3

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mile pass to the North Peak of Seneca Rocks, then proceeded upward another 14 feet on North Fork Mountain, where at the top is a panoramic view of Germany Valley.

John Pop was one of the hikers on the Seneca trail. He told me that he has hiked Seneca Rocks for the past four years and that it was nice to see it in the winter. "There were nice views at different angles than one normally sees", John stated. Not every hike includes sight-seeing in town. However, they had a chance to look in the Gendarm Climbing store and to stop in the visitor's center after the hike where they saw a 20 minute movie.

"It was intense, got a good aerobic training for the ski marathon in February", said John. On Saturday, Dick Neller led a hike to Dolly Sods. They left 9:30 am from the lodge. "It was a loop hike. One car was left one mile East of Laneville. They drove 2 miles East on Forest Service 19 to Dolly Sods picnic area. They hiked 3 miles North on Rohrbough Plains Trail.

Lunch took place on the edge of Red Creek Gorge, a rocky outcropping at the top of the Gorge. It was a spectacular view to take pictures. After lunch, they hiked one mile down a side stream, Fisher Spring Run, to Red Creek. "The hike down was fun, elaborated Dick. "Fisher Run was a very wild stream. Three people put their foot in the water." They had to cross Fisher Springs twice. A lot of water was in the streams because the snow had melted. The trip was planned so they wouldn't have to cross Red Creek. The hikers rock-hopped across the small streams. Mary Leaddon said "It was very nice, a pretty good hike." She stated that she was used to hiking because she

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goes backpacking a lot on Laurel Highlands.

When they got back to Dolly Sods picnic area, the place was a sheet of ice and they had to creep the last couple hundred yards. I could sense how much Dick enjoyed leading the hike when he

described it as "An interesting mix of hiking at high levels, with great views



and it was pretty along the stream with its white water rapids."

On Sunday, Dick Neller led what he called an "Exploratory hike." They explored Lime Rock

trail. They drove from Blackwater Falls as far as Big Run, a creek which was running over the road too deep for them to continue. This group of hikers found Trail Head, named for a ghost town at the bottom of the railroad. There is an old logging railway that descends the gorge wall going West. They finished the hike at 3 pm and returned to Pittsburgh by driving to Parsons, West Virginia, then North along Cheat River. John Pop also did some hiking on Sunday. He hiked over to the cross-country ski center, mainly

along the roads and saw some deer.

Between the lodge and the falls, about 20 little trees, 203 inches in diameter, were cut down by beavers. John told me he couldn't figure out

why the beavers had cut them down because "It was quite a ways from the river." Paul Wolz said there was "hiking all around the

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Vacations — AYH Style

American Hiking Society—Volunteer Vacations 1989

The AHS is committed to filling the sites listed below for 1989. The projects were selected in October, and the descriptions are as accurate as possible. However, it is sometimes necessary to slightly alter the work and/or dates due to such causes as heavy snow-pack retention or bad weather. The actual adventure you will share will remain the same.

Don't be misled by our name "Volunteer Vacations." Our volunteers work very hard at all our sites, however, new trail construction and work at high altitude is probably the most demanding. Please bear that in mind when selecting a work site. All food is provided by our hosts but if you are on a special diet, plan on supplementing what is provided. The starred sites will pack in the food, (not your personal gear unless so specified) on stock/boat/plane, if available. Be aware that most western trails are used by hikers and horses. These trails, along with most northern trails are also used by skiers in the winter.

At the remote sites you will have one day off. Where base camp is not remote, the mid-weekend will be free. Unless indicated otherwise, the last date listed is the last work day. You can make travel plans for the next day. For more information, write to AHS Volunteer Vacations, PO Box 86, North Scituate, Massachusetts 02060. Sites are at the following:

- Alaska** - Admiralty Island National Monument
- Alaska** - Chugach National Forest
- Arizona** - Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest
- Arizona** - Grand Canyon National Park
- Arkansas** - Buffalo National River
- California** - Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail
- California** - Siskayoo National Forests
- California** - Plumas National Forest
- Colorado** - Routt National Forest
- Colorado** - San Juan National Forest
- Colorado** - Uncompaghre National Forest
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- Hawaii** - NA Pali Coast Rehabilitation Project, Kauai
- Idaho** - Idaho Panhandle National Forests
- Idaho** - Nez Pierce National Forest
- Kentucky** - Daniel Boone National Forest
- Massachusetts** - Boston Harbor Island State Park
- Montana** - Flathead National Forest
- New Mexico** - Lincoln National Forest, Ruidoso
- New Hampshire** - White Mountain National Forest, Conway
- New York** - High peaks wilderness area
- Texas** - Big Bend National Park
- Vermont** - Green Mountain National Forest
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- Wyoming** - Bridger-Teton National Forest

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Dale Boyer Home Hostel
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Rural Valley, PA 16249
412-783-6188

Living Waters Hostel
RD #1 (1 mile west on Route 30)
Schellsburg, PA 15559
814-733-4607

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lodge. He also said six people went ice skating. Besides hiking and skating, a few people went to Canane Valley. One of these people was Hiroto Odaka, a Japanese exchange student staying with Donald and Karen Shepherd. Hiroto went downhill skiing at Canane.

Evening activities included square dancing and movies such as "Diva." Everyone sounded like they had a good time. Mary Leddon said she went on a bus from North Hostel and stopped at a restaurant in Union Town and had some homemade pie. That restaurant was Glinsin's, according to Eileen Morner, where Bill Johnston stops there on the way home for dinner. They already have their reservations there for next year. Glinsin's said they would bake extra pies for those hearty AYH appetites. Blackwater Falls sounded like a definite success, although, as Donald Shepherd said, "We could have used more snow."

Pittsburgh Area Rails-to-Trails Study To Begin in March

by Dino Angelici

The conversion of abandoned railways to trails for outdoor use, also known as "Rails-to-Trails", has been going on nationally for some time now and is about to take shape locally.

In March, the Rails to Trails Conservancy will begin an inventory of the abandoned railroads in the Greater Pittsburgh area and will make an assessment of their potential for use as trails. The funding is being provided by Rob Thompson, a Western Pennsylvania Wheelmen member, the Western Pennsylvania

Conservancy, Allegheny County, the Wheelmen, and Pittsburgh Council.

The assessment report will not create any trails by itself but will identify those areas where conversion to trails could be successful.

The first step then is to find the railroads (and old trolley lines). Many have been taken over for other uses without approval and may be hard to find. So, if you know where they are, call me at 931-6651 and I'll make sure they're included in the study. *

in cabins, enjoy home cooked meals! Laurel Hill is close to Ohlerville and Cooper Rock. A wonderful place to start your season!! More information to follow in next newsletter; or call Carla Steele at 921-2069.

Wanted: Kitchen crew for Laurelhill weekend. Enjoy cooking for crowds? Ever want to learn? Give it a try with lots of support from experienced people! Call Carla Steel at 921-2069.

Annual Banquet: Get ready for an evening in an elegant setting with delicious food and lively conversation. Join us on Friday, April 7th at the Sewickley Country Inn for the Annual Banquet. We begin at 6 pm with cocktails from the lounge, then choose from 2 luscious entrees: Broiled fresh flounder stuffed with crabmeat or chicken cordon bleu with supreme sauce.

This year's banquet will address the "State of the Council" and give an overview of the progress on the Pittsburgh Hostel. We will also be showing the new hosteling slide show produced by National. This show was produced as a result of a yearlong nationwide tour of AYH Hostels by photographer Thorsten Blackwood. It includes color slides of hostels, activities and the breathtaking scenery that surrounds the hostels in the United States. Those of us who saw the show at the National Council Meeting thought it was great! Later enjoy the entertainment in the hotel lounge. The cost is \$20—\$5 of this is a donation to Pittsburgh Hostel Development. For reservations, please call Linda Smithyman after 5:30 at 531-1868 before March 30.

Easter Weekend

Washington D.C. Trip: March 23-26. Cycle the bike paths in and around Washington, D.C. or climb at Great Falls and Carder Rocks or do both! Call Eric for climbing details and reservations at 687-0766 or call Mike for cycling information. A \$25 deposit is necessary; cost is \$75 plus food. *

See story in February newsletter.

Upcoming Meetings and Trips

The **Canoeing** Group will meet at the home of Jan and Gordon Bugby on Monday, March 13 at 7:30 pm to plan the canoeing program for 1989. We will review problems and opportunities, explore new options, prepare the schedule, staff trips with leaders, review the publicity plans and discuss new business. The Bugby home is at 262 Cascade Rd., Forest Hills; telephone 371-4233. From the Parkway East, go South on Ardmore Blvd. (Rt. 30) two streets to Befington and turn right. Go two blocks to Cascade and turn right, 262 on left. All interested persons are invited to attend.

The **AYH Sail-Cruising** program is off on its maiden voyage April 15-23. Six hardy souls will venture into ecstasy on the Gulf of Mexico for a 300 mile cruise. Swimming and snorkeling, gourmet dining, rum punch on deck while savoring the balmy breezes, and some of the best sailing in the United States are features of the trip. Shore visits at the Dry Tortugas, Key West, Marco Island and the South Seas Plantation on Captiva Island offer a change of pace and a stretch for weary sea legs.

Sorry, the April 15 trip is filled. But, another trip of the same

itinerary is planned for May 13-21. Eight days aboard a 40' to 45' cruising sloop should be just the right tonic for winter weary Pittsburghers. Rick Tomlinson will lead this trip and provide sailing instruction and navigation



training for those who have not sailed before. Rick, who has sailed for more than 30 years, also heads the AYH canoeing program. Call Rick at 963-8910 for more information.

Get Ready!! Mark your calendar May 19, 20 and 21 for **Laurel Hill State Park weekend**. Break out of winter into canoeing, sea kayaking, kayaking, mountain biking, climbing, hiking and maybe even start your tan!! Stay

Plant Trees and Enhance Trails with Volunteers for Outdoor Allegheny

Volunteers for Outdoor Allegheny (VOA) is an organization dedicated to improving public access trails and other outdoor resources in the Allegheny region. VOA organizes one-day outings where members and friends can make tangible, satisfying improvements to trails, woods, and other public natural areas. Some of VPA's accomplishments include:

- Trail development at the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy's Wolf Creek Narrows near Slippery Rock
- Capture and relocation of overpopulating Canada geese in North Park (the

Game Commission trucked to a more remote wetland)

- Installation of hiking trail erosion control measures (water bars) in the woods of North and Schenley Parks
- Planting more than 1200 trees and shrubs along Panther Hollow trails
- Hiking and maintaining the Rachel Carson Trail in a joint project with Pittsburgh AYH.

AYH and VOA share many common values (and members, including Larry Laude, Glenn Oster, Brian McBane, and Joy Layton), so VOA will soon be applying for affiliate status as Hostel Club sponsored by

Pittsburgh Council.

VOA is a small but effective volunteer group that needs the help and comradeship of AYH members and like-minded people to grow and continue their success.

VOA invites AYH members and their friends to VOA's Annual General Meeting at 7:30 pm on Friday March 10 at the Schenley Ice Skating Rink meeting room.

Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy a slideshow, help plan this year's projects and outings, and make new friends.

For more information, call AYH members Brian McBane, Glenn Oster (364-2864), Joy Layton (421-3975), or leave a message on VOA's answering machine at 935-3250. #

Pine Creek Valley

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valley. Speaking of the Pine Creek valley, DER Secretary Art Davis wrote in a recent letter, "Nowhere else in Pennsylvania is the scenery and natural wonder of a river valley as striking as in the Pine Creek area".

The portions of the Pine Creek Gorge that are included in State Forest ownership have already been designated as a State Forest natural Area. Moreover, Pine Creek has also qualified as a scenic river under both the state and federal scenic river programs. Because of the remote, undisturbed character of much of Pine Creek, it has been selected by the Game Commission as the primary location for testing the reintroduction of the river otter in Pennsylvania. It is also known to provide habitat for the bald eagle.

The upper portion of the corridor, in Tioga County, is already largely in public ownership as parts of the Tioga and Tiadaghton State Forests, as well as State Game Lands No. 68. The lower portion, in Lycoming County, is bounded by both private

and public lands. Officials of both Lycoming and Tioga Counties have expressed their support for DER's efforts.

Once established, the Trail will benefit from an existing network of river access areas, primitive camping areas, and parking areas.

These have been designed and planned to channel public use away from sensitive areas and to provide protection for private property. #

(Reprinted from the Winter 1989 KTA Newsletter)

Unseen Buds

Unseen buds, infinite, hidden well,
Under the snow and ice, under the
darkness, in every square or cubic
inch,
Germinal, exquisite, in delicate lace,
microscopic, unborn,
Like babes in wombs, latent, folded,
compact, sleeping;
Billions of billions, and trillions of
trillions of them wating,
(On earch and in the sea—the
universe—the stars there in the
heavens,)
Urging slowly, surely forward,
forming endless,
And wating ever more, forever more
behind.

Walt Whitman,
Leaves of Grass

For Sale

1. La Prealpina Fork Mount Bike Roof Rack for small-medium car with rain gutters, \$40.
2. Cannondale "caboose" rack pack (red) \$25.
3. X-C Ski set for child; 35 cm (size 4) boots/90 cm poles/140 cm skis \$30.

Call **John McDonald**
at **793-5817**

1. Forrest Lifetime ice hammer, 50 cm dropped pick \$50;
2. Koflach rigid double boots size 9 mens, \$50.
3. Joe Brown helmet size med., \$20.

Call **Sandra Nossiter**
at **341-4539**

Annual TORSV-EAST

AYH Greater Boston Council is sponsoring their 18th annual Tour of Scenic Rural Vermont, to be held on Friday-Sunday, June 23-25.

This tour, considered "one of the premier tours in the Northeast-hands down", begins at Rawsonville, Vermont, and follows Rout 100 north to Waterbury Center. This ride of over 100 miles each way includes climbs over three mountains and is for experienced cyclists only. You will agree that the "scenic" part of the name is most appropriate as you pedal past quiet lakes, bubbling brooks, mountain vistas, pastoral farmland and through Granville Notch with its view of Moss Glen Falls.

The cost for this weekend is \$35.00, which includes rustic accommodations Friday night, Saturday night accommodations in Waterbury Center, dinner Saturday and breakfast Sunday, as well as emergency sag wagon service. Participation is limited to 80, so register early by sending payment to: AYH TOSRV-EAST, c/o Albert Lester, 395 Oak St., Westwood MA 02090 (make checks payable to: Albert Lester). Detailed information will be mailed after June 5. For further information about the trip, contact Jacek Rudowski at (617) 361-5273 or Al Lester at (617) 769-1429 (both evenings).

Albert Lester,
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- ☐ Donation for Hostel Development Fund (tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law)
- ☐ Grand total—make all checks payable to Pittsburgh AYH

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City _____ State _____

Birthdate: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ Phone _____

If you wish membership card sent to a temporary address, give same below:

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City _____ State _____

Were you a member of AYH this past year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

When do you need card? _____ (Signature of applicant)

AYH MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- International Hostel membership card plus Pittsburgh Council ID card good for discounts at local bike shops and outfitters.
- USA Hostel Handbook.
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- "The Golden Triangle," Pittsburgh Council's newsletter of trips and activities.
- Open house Thursday nights at Council headquarters.
- Access to National travel programs and Leadership Training courses.

*Memberships valid from September 1 to December 31 of the following year.



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- ☐ \$ 5.00 Youth (17 years and under)
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- ☐ \$ 10.00 Adult (18 years to 54)
- ☐ \$ 15.00 Family (includes children under 18 years)
- ☐ \$ 1.00 Postage and handling (for each membership ordered)

Note: A full AYH membership or a hostel guest membership is required for access to AYH and international hostels. An AYH membership also includes the current U.S. Hostel Handbook.

Make all checks payable to "Pittsburgh AYH" (include \$1.00 postage). Thank you!

NAME: _____ (Last) _____ (First) _____ (Middle)

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Were you a full member of AYH this past year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Pittsburgh AYH Activities Membership Benefits

Council Membership Card good for discounts at local bike shops and outfitters.

Ability to upgrade to full hostel membership at any time for difference in fee.

Access to local Pittsburgh AYH trips without paying non-member fees.

The Knapstock, National AYH Travel Newsletter, available at council headquarters.

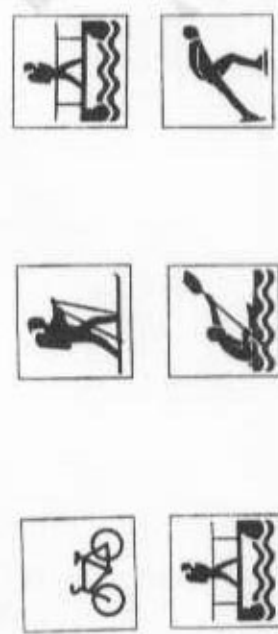
Ability to qualify to lead Pittsburgh Council trips.

The Golden Triangle, Pittsburgh's monthly 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. 1st to Dec 31st of the following year. All candidates for the Pittsburgh Council Activities Board or Board of Directors must hold full AYH memberships to qualify for these positions.)

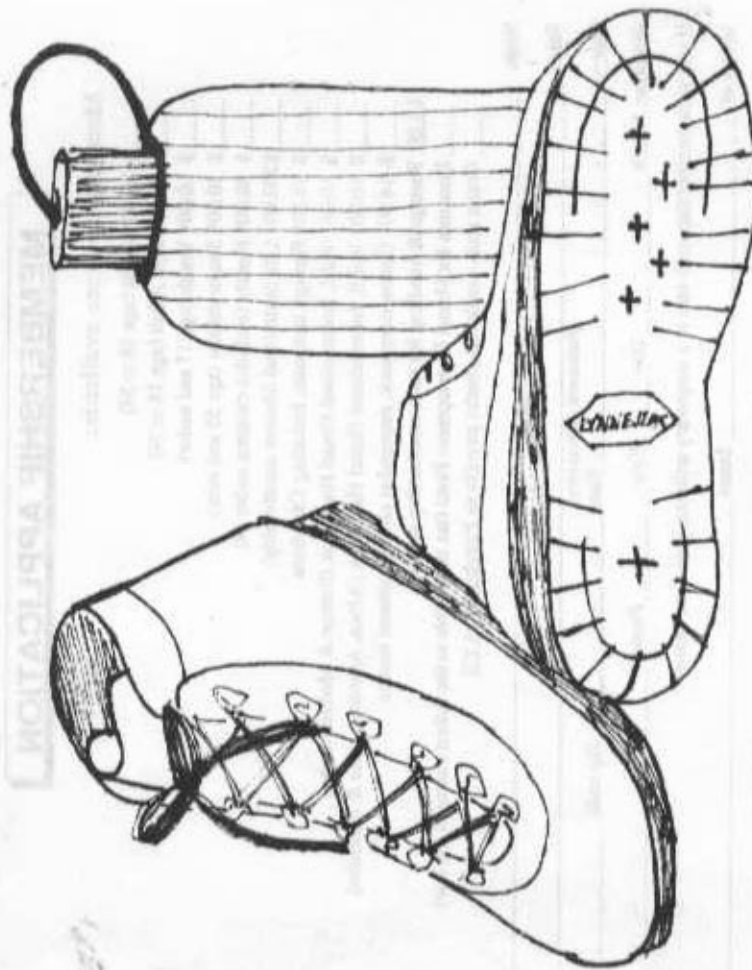


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