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Message from the President / State of the Council Report

The challenge of operating the Pittsburgh Council of Hostelling International is about to reach a turning point in the more than fifty-year history of the organization. The responsibility of operating two facilities will soon be behind us. Without the facilities, the organization will have the opportunity to chart a new organizational course for both members and visitors to the Pittsburgh region. Currently, we are seeking to complete the transaction of the Allentown facility to the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh. Meanwhile, we have already finalized our involvement in the operations of the Ohioyle facility and have turned responsibility over to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Removal of the two facilities will drastically change the financial and organizational structure of the council. Because of this shift, we will require the support of our members now more than ever.

Recently, I shared a letter with the board of directors that was supplied to us by a group of long standing members and volunteers of the organization. The letter simply stated the importance that members have had over the course of the organization. From organizing weekend trips, to raising funds for the facilities, it has been the members who have helped to provide the valuable experiences akin to the Pittsburgh Council. With this thought in mind, the board would like to thank those who supplied not only this letter in particular, but their time and energy over the years.

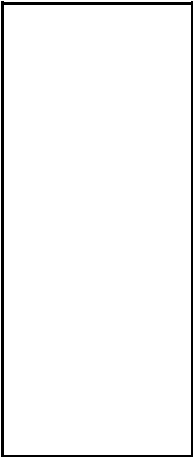
Recognizing the importance of members inside of this organization, we have to be conscious of our past and able to seek future opportunities. In the absence of an overnight facility and a changing activities dynamic, we will need to address how to achieve our mission of helping all people, especially the young, gain a greater understanding of the world and its people through hostelling. To do so, we are asking you, the membership, to send us your thoughts on issues such as programming, activities, expanding membership, fundraising and travel education.

In an attempt to address the needs of evolving organization, the board has recently created a new committee structure that we feel will coincide with the organization's evolution. Those committees include communications, membership, program-

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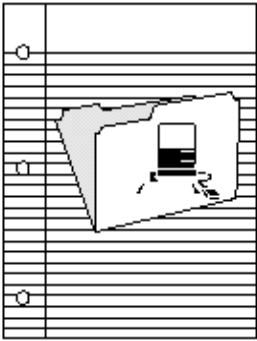
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Hostelling International is a non-profit organization which promotes international understanding, educational and recreational travel, good citizenship and an appreciation of America. HI does this by bringing travelers of all ages, backgrounds and nationalities together in hostels and by providing low-cost travel programs. HI-USA is the US affiliate of Hostelling International (HI), (formerly named International Youth Hostel Federation (IYHF), which coordinates more than 4,500 hostels worldwide- the largest network of accommodations in the world.



**Submissions Policy:
Golden Triangle**

Classified Ads:

- Classified ads 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 ads for non-members.

- Free ads 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-religious
- Above rules apply in addition to general rules for submission

General rules for submission

- No handwritten submissions
- Submissions Can be;
On computer disk (IBM), E-mail (Internet/compuserve), 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 for 2004

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ming and organizational infrastructure. If you wish to provide input, we ask that you simply send written communication to the council’s email address pittcouncil@hotmail.com or by sending standard mail to P.O. Box 53067, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Also, please include your email address if you are interested in receiving future updates and information electronically.

Thanks you for your time and dedication and your commitment to the future success of the Pittsburgh Council.

Questions about membership?

Use the link below to get them answered!
<http://www.hiusa.org/membership/index.cfm>



BICYCLING

IMPROMPTU BICYCLE RIDES EMAIL LIST

Our bicycle email list is up and running. We have been enjoying some good rides. The biggest need now is for people to announce rides.

If you would like to get on our bike email list our address is:
letsbikenow-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

HELMETS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE PROTECTION OF ALL. YOU RIDE AT YOUR OWN RISK

Glenn Oster continues to ride and report on various trails across the USA. Visit his website at <http://www.intellweb.com/trails/oster.htm>

UPCOMING SLIDE SHOWS

March 4: We show the 16mm film "Madrid". Sights of the city include flamenco dances, the Escorial Palace, the Plaza Major bullfighting arena, and the Prado Museum.

March 11: Cake, apple pie and soft drinks party.

March 18: Mary-Jo Haywood, "Tanzania: Fauna and Flora". Traveling by van, she visited Serengeti National Park and Arhusa National Park. Baboons, giant baobab trees, storks, even pygmy native people.

March 25: We show the 16 mm film "The Last Rhino". A boy tracks down a wounded rhinoceros. With the help of his visiting cousin from London, he brings it back to his uncle's game preserve in Kenya.

April 1: Bring your 10-20 best slides of sports, travel or nature (or a short home-made video).

April 8: Cheese, bread and Juicy Juice party.

April 15: We show the 16 mm film "Life On Ice". The Arctic Ocean has its own food chain. Specially evolved algaeas grow on the underside of ice floes, in dim light and bitter cold. Next in the food chain are crustaceans, fish, seals, walrus, whales and pol ar bears. Produced by the National Film Board of Canada.

April 22: John Kocon, "Hiking and Enjoying Nature In The Kiskiminetas Watershed". He shows pictures of Roaring Run Trail, the Baker Trail, the Horse Trail, Crooked Creek and the Conemaugh River. See remains of the Pennsylvania Canal which brought Charles Dickens to Pittsburgh in 1842. He is involved in protecting biodiversity in the watershed.

April 29: Potato chips,crackers and Juicy Juice party.

May 6: We show the 16 mm film "Mai Zetterling's Stockholm". The swedish actress shares a personalized image of this capital city with the highest standard of living in Europe. Seven centuries of architecture.

May 13: Joyce Appel, "Scandinavian Adventure With A Variety Of Outdoor Activities". Canoeing in Finland, boat trip in fjords of Norway. Hiking in Lap-lands of Norway, Sweden and Finland. They flew to the Faroe Islands of Dane-mark and hiked there.

May 20: Pizza and soft drinks party.

May 27: We show the 16 mm film "Great Railway Journeys Of The World: Three Miles High". The highest railroad in the world climbs the Peruvian Andes to 15000 feet. Travel with a vintage Pullman car and steam locomotive, from Cuzco to La Paz. Produced by the BBC.

June 3: Norm Snyder, "Three-Day Backpack Trip In Little-Known Parts Of The Grand Canyon". See the spectacular waterfall of the Thunder River in Utah. Te-petes Creek comes out of Tepetes Cave in Arizona. They explore the cave for 800 feet. Also a backpack t o the Paria River of Utah. And Fulford Cave in Col-orado.

Slide shows start at 8:30 PM, at Council 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.



ROCK CLIMBING

Important Notice / Rock Climbing

We regret to inform our members that the Pittsburgh Council is no longer able to sponsor any rock climbing activities for insurance reasons. Our liability insurance is provided through the National AYH organization. After lengthy discussions with Na-tional’s insurance carrier, we have been notified that a number of activities classified as “high risk” have been excluded from our coverage effective 1 April. While Na-tional was successful in negotiating the removal of several activities (such as ice-skating and cross country skiing) from the initial list of exclusions, they were ulti-mately unsuccessful in being able to have rock climbing covered. While we are disap-pointed with this exclusion, we have no choice but to stop sponsoring all rock climb-ing activities. Thank you to all of the volunteers who assisted in the organization and operation of the rock climbing activity over the years. It would not have been possi-ble without you. Discussions are underway with other activities organizations that may be able to sponsor rock climbing activities. For more information, please contact Chuck Jones at charljonz@excite.com or (412)766-4036 or Annie Jones at (412) 303-1793. Please call before 10 o'clock at night. <http://www.wpfi.org/>

While it is unfortunate that we will no longer be able to sponsor rock climbing, we would like to remind both members and non-members of the great activities that we sponsor, and encourage everyone's continued participation.



SEA-KAYAKING

Kelleys Island, Cape Henlopen and Presque Isle are just a few of the interesting and exciting places we visited last summer. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced paddler, we have a trip for you. So grab your paddle and sunscreen and we will see you on the water.

ActivityCo-Chairs Vickie 412-344-4929
Russ 412-331-2073

See
Sierra Clubs Hikes, at end.

Rambles For Spring 2004

MARCH

March 3-Nine Mile Run. Marian Fast . 412-241-2109.

March 10-Historic Homestead-Steel Industry History. Optional restruant lunch.
Mary Ruth Aull. 412-795-7078.

March 17-Oakmont walk ending at Blanche and Jack Asherman’s home. Bring a bag lunch. 412-828-8158.

March 24-TBA. A hike in South Hills Area with newcomers, Dan and Sue Sebolt. 412-563-6987.

March 31-Southside. Mary Ann Brincka .412-884-0383.

APRIL

April 7-Riverside Park in Tarentum and beyond. Bag lunch. Ed Divers. 412-828-5154.

April 14-Montour Trail from Enlow Road. Bag lunch. Bill Phoennik. 412-279-5411.

April 21-Laurelville Mennonite Camp in Mt. Pleasant. Joanne Winwood. Bag lunch. 412-371-3167.

April 28-Wildflower hike in Slippery Rock Natural Area and newly developed Wolf Creek Conservancy Area in nearby Moraine State Park. Bag lunch. Bob Tate.

MAY

May 5- Keystone State Park. Bag Lunch. Earl McCabe. 412-761-1844.

May 12-North Park. Lunch at North Park Lounge or bag lunch. Maureen Kelly. 412-821-5709.

May 19-Rachel Carson Homestead and trail. Bag lunch. Luc Berger. 412-683-3131.

May 26-Raccoon Creek Park. Bag lunch. Connie Black. 412-371-1062

Rambles begin at 10 A.M. Meet in Mellon Park upper parking lot at Fifth and Shady Avenues. Carpooling is encouraged. Please pay driver \$1 to \$4.00, depending on length of trip.

Rambles are subject to change due to weather or other circumstances. Call trip leader for more information if you plan to meet at trail head or to inquire about difficulty of the hike. Alternate phone number or for general information call Billie Woodland 412-886-1603.



HIKING/BACKPACKING/TRAILS

AMBLE HIKES ARE 4-6 MILES IN INTERESTING LOCATIONS AROUND PITTSBURGH. CONNIE BLACK HAS AGREED TO TAKE CALLS FROM THOSE WISHING TO LEAD AN AMBLE AS WELL AS THOSE WISHING TO GO ON AN AMBLE. CONNIE'S PHONE NUMBER IS 412-371-1062 AND HER EMAIL IS ceblack@libcom.com

ALLEGHENY GROUP - SIERRA CLUB - OUTINGS FEB. 28 - JUNE 20, 2004
* Suggested carpool fee: 6 cents/ passenger-mile + a share of any tolls.
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Note for Ski-Tourers:

(1) In the winter of 2002-03, snow conditions on the ridges were excellent. At times there were 6 ft. of snow on both Chestnut and Laurel Ridges. In the winter of 2001-02 there was hardly any snow, so we mainly hiked. In the winter before that snow conditions were so good that people had a hard time finding a source of ski-touring gear. Our winter trip plans attempt to deal with this uncertainty. (See below.)

(2) Allegheny Group offers a 26-page (8.5x11") booklet Ski-Touring in Western Pennsylvania that discusses equipment, clothing, places to go, technique, etc. Edition 4 (2004) is available for \$2.00 + \$1.50 for book-rate postage from Bob Roth, 80 Roseleaf Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15220. Make checks payable to Allegheny Group, Sierra Club.

(3) Gear rentals are no longer available at Laurel Mountain or Ligonier. Rentals are now (winter of 2003-04) available from Ligonier Country Inn along US30 in Laughlintown. A complete set of skis, boots and shoes rents for \$18/day or \$13 after 1:30 PM. Snowshoe rentals are \$20/day, or \$15 after 1:30 PM. For more information call 724-238-3651 or go to www.ligoniercountryinn.com.

SKI-TOURING (through Mid-March): Decisions on where and when to go ski-touring depend so much on snow conditions that advance trip planning earlier than a day or two before the trip is impractical. Therefore the list below gives only the name of the leader who has agreed to lead any ski-touring trip on the weekend indicated. Call that leader around mid-week if you want to be notified of any trip going out on the coming weekend. State your experience level and whether you need to rent gear.

EVENING CONDITIONING WALKS

South Park (year-around). Thurs. evenings, 6:15 PM. Locations vary. Call Bonnie Thomas, 412-833-1068, for meeting time and place.
East End (during EDST): co-sponsored by the Sierra Club and the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy on Wednesday evenings in Schenley Park. Meet at 6 PM in front of the Visitors' Center. Call Don Stone, 412-441-2027 East Suburbs (during EDST): Tuesday and Thursday evenings in Duff Park near Murrysville. Call Nick Broskovich, 724-863-6707

DAY- AND WEEKEND TRIPS

Sat. or Sun. Feb. 28 or 29 - Ski touring for beginners at Laurel Ridge State Park (Rt.653) or Laurel Mountain (Rt. 30). Hike in Duff Park if snow conditions are not good. Date depends on weather and snow. \$8.00 carpool - 60 miles or \$7.00 - 57 miles. Call Nick Broskovich 724-863-6707

Sun. Feb 29 -- Hike - strenuous and exploratory - in a Meadow Run (cascades) /Cucumber Run (falls) loop from the great falls at Ohiopyle, perhaps also including the views from Tharp Knob. \$9.50 carpool - 72 miles from Shadyside. \$9.50 carpool - 72 miles from Shadyside. Call Dick Pratt, 412-362-5567.

Sat.-Sun. Mar. 6-7 - Backpacking on the Laurel Highlands Trail. Stay in trail shelters. Call Harold Kotchig, 412-341-1196

Sat. or Sun. Mar. 6 or 7 - Ski touring for beginners at Laurel Ridge State Park (Rt. 653) or at Laurel Mountain (Rt.30). Hike in Duff Park if snow conditions are not good. Date depends on weather and snow. \$8.00 carpool - 60 miles or \$7.00 - 57 miles. Call Nick Broskovich 724-863-6707

Sun. March 7 - Hike a tough 17 miles in McConnell's Mill State Park. From Alpha Pass down to the waterfall and back. Well worth the effort for the scenery and variety. The route is rocky and hilly, but on a well-established trail. \$3.25 carpool - 25 miles from Cranberry Mall. Call Dave Mottorn, 724-327-7582

Sat. March 13 - Hike a river-forest loop near Freeport: 5 or 8 miles depending on weather. Meet at Harmarville Ames at 10 AM. \$1.75 carpool - 15 miles. Call Ed Divers, 412-828-5154

Sat. or Sun. Mar. 13 or 14 - Ski touring, intermediate, wherever snow conditions are good. Hike if snow conditions are not good. Date depends on weather and snow. Call Bruce Sundquist, 724-327-8737
Sun. March 14 -- Hike - strenuous and exploratory - on a loop between Lake Arthur and the Blazing Star Reserve in Moraine State Park, utilizing Glacier Ridge Trail one

way. \$6.25 carpool - 52 miles from Shadyside. Call Dick Pratt, 412-362-5567

Sat. or Sun. Mar. 20 or 21 - Ski touring for beginners at Laurel Ridge State Park (Rt. 653) or Laurel Mountain (Rt.30). Hike in Duff Park if snow conditions are not good. Date depends on weather and snow. \$8.00 carpool - 60 miles or \$7.00 - 57 miles. Call Nick Broskovich 724-863-6707.

Sat. March 20 - Hike a fast-paced 7.5 miles in Deer Lakes County Park, a few miles from Harmarville. Call Judy or Don Ziegler, 412-826-0519

Sun. March 21 -- Hike an intermediate 8 miles in Laurel Hill State Park along the lakeshore, through old-growth hemlocks and along some streams. \$7.25 carpool - 55 miles. Meet at Gateway Middle School in Monroeville. Call Mike Robertson, 412-678-4039

Sun. March 21 - Hike a strenuous 16.5 miles in Moraine State Park from the bike concession to the lookout beyond Rt. 518 across the Glacial Moraine Trail and back. Fairly hilly terrain but on a well established trail. \$3.50 carpool - 30 miles from Cranberry Mall. Call Dave Mottorn, 724-327-7582

Sun. March 21 -- Take some llamas for a 3-mile walk in Pine Ridge Park in Indiana County near Blairsville. \$3.50 carpool-30 miles. Call Diane Neely, 724-459-3012

Sat. March 27 -- Hike about 10 strenuous miles, on Rachel Carson Trail. Start at Hartwood Acres and end at Rural Ridge. Many steep hills, probably muddy. \$3 carpool - 25 miles from the Arts Center. Call Jim Ritchie at 412-828-0210.

Sat. March 27 - Take some llama for an easy 4-5-mile walk in Blue Spruce Park in Indiana County. \$6.00 carpool - 50 miles. Call Diane Neely, 724-459-3012

Sat. April 3 -- Take some llamas for a 3-mile walk in Pine Ridge Park in Indiana County near Blairsville. \$3.50 carpool-30 miles. Call Diane Neely, 724-459-3012

Sat.-Sun. April 3-4 - Backpacking, moderate, on Morrison Trail in Allegheny National Forest near Allegheny Reservoir. \$22.50 carpool - 160 miles. Call Harold Kotchig, 412-341-1196

Sun. April 4 - Hike about 8 moderate miles on a loop route near West Winfield (a new route). Meet at Harmarville Ames at 10 AM. \$2.50 carpool - 20 miles. Call Ed Divers, 412-828-5154

Sun. April 4 - Hike a tough, mostly uphill, 13 miles of Laurel Highlands Trail from Ohiopyle north to the Summit Trailhead. There will be a car shuttle. \$8.50 carpool - 65 miles. Call Dave Mottorn, 724-327-7582

Sat. April 10 - Hike a 7-mile loop on Glacier Ridge Trail near Lake Arthur in Moraine State Park. Fast-paced. \$3.50 carpool fee - 30 miles from Cranberry Mall. Call Judy or Don Ziegler, 412-826-0519

Sat. April 10 -- Llama walk, an easy 4-5-miles in Blue Spruce Park in Indiana County. \$6.00 carpool - 50 miles. Call Diane Neely, 724-459-3012

Sat. April 10 - Visit Bear Cave on Chestnut Ridge near Blairsville. Intermediate. \$4.25 carpool - 35 miles. Call Norm Snyder, 412-351-4068

Sat. - Mon. April 17-18-19 - Backpack the entire 26 miles of North Fork Mountain Trail in West Virginia's Monongahela National Forest. This trail is rated as one of the country's best trails to hike and backpack. There are countless spectacular overlooks. A shuttle and water-drop-off will be provided as an extra charge to participants. Limit: 12. \$24 carpool - 173 miles. Call Alan Aliskovitz, 724-283-5436 or at amaxa@hotmail.com

Sun. April 18 - Bicycle 56 miles of the Yough River Trail from Connellsville to Confluence and back. Lunch at a B&B in Confluence. \$5.25 carpool - 40 miles. Call Dave Mottorn, 724-327-7582

Sun. April 18 - Hike an intermediate 8.5 miles on the north end of Laurel Highlands Trail from Seward to the radio tower and return. Most of this route runs along the south rim of Conemaugh Gorge. Views should be great this time of year. \$6.00 carpool - 51 miles. Call Donna Allen, 412-372-2993

Sun. April 18 -- Hike - strenuous and exploratory - along the south canyon slopes through Laurel Ridge in Ohiopyle State Park, between Sugar Loaf Knob and Ramcat Run. \$9.50 carpool - 72 miles from Shadyside. Call Dick Pratt, 412-362-5567

Sun. April 25 -- Hike about 10 miles on White Tail Trail high up on Chestnut Ridge, from Lick Hollow to Skyline Drive. All in Forbes State Forest. Intermediate difficulty. \$8.25 carpool - 65 miles. Call Jim Ritchie, 412-828-0210.

Sun. April 25 -- Hike, exploratory, 10+ miles in Lower Indian Creek Valley from Rt. 381-Mill Run Reservoir to the Youghiogheny River, to find a 60 ft. rock face above Lower Indian Creek Valley near the Yough River. See what's left of the 1850 ghost town of Hampton. We may see the Hawkins Hollow Big Blue Holes. \$7.50 carpool - 56 miles. Call Don Stone, 412-441-2027

Sat.-Sun. April 24-25 -- Umpteenth annual easy backpacking/compass-training trip in Quebec Run Wild Area on Chestnut Ridge in Forbes State Forest. This will qualify you for our more advanced backpacking trips requiring prior experience. Limit: 12. \$8.25 carpool -- 65 miles. Call Bruce Sundquist, 724-327-8737
Sat. May 1 - Hike an easy 8 miles on the Freeport- Butler Bike Trail, a good place and time for wildflowers. \$2.00 carpool - 17 miles from Harmarville. Call Janna

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Zuroski, 412-422-3406

Sat.-Sun. May 1-2 - Backpacking, intermediate, in Savage River State Forest (MD) \$14 carpool - 98 miles. Call Harold Kotchig, 412-341-1196

Sun. May 2 -- Easy 1.5-mile hike (2 hours) in Seldom Seen Greenway (Beechview Area). Meet at the far end of Brashear High School's parking lot at 590 Crane Ave. in Beechview at 1:30 PM. Call John or Kathy Murphy, 412-341-9367, or Bill Lawrence, 412-922-3951

Sun. May 2 -- Hike 16 miles on the Laurel Highlands Trail from the Summit Trailhead north to Laurel Ridge State Park (Rt. 653) and return. There is a steep climb at the north end. \$9.00 carpool - 68 miles. Call Dave Mottorn, 724-327-7582

Sat. May 8 -- Visit Barton's Cave on Chestnut Ridge near Quebec Run Wild Area. Intermediate. \$8.25 carpool - 65 miles. Call Norm Snyder, 412-351-4068

Sun. May 9 - Hike an easy 5 miles on Glacier Ridge Trail in Moraine State Park, starting from the Rt. 528 Bridge. See spring wildflowers and scenic views of Lake Arthur. \$6.25 carpool-52 miles from Shadyside. Call Luc Berger, 412-683-3131

Sun. May 9 -- Hike - strenuous and exploratory - along Scott Run into Cheat Canyon and on to Big Sandy Creek, east of Coopers Rock State Forest on Chestnut Ridge. \$9.25 carpool - 73 miles from Shadyside. Call Dick Pratt, 412-362-5567

Sat. May 15 - Exploratory 8-mile loop hike - Laurel Ridge to Bidwell Station along the Youghiogheny River. Some rough terrain. Meet in Monroeville at 9 AM. \$8.50 carpool - 65 miles. Call Ed Divers, 412-828-5154

Sun. May 16 - Bicycle 62 miles on Allegheny Heritage Trail from Confluence to Meyersdale and back. Most of the trail is a 2% grade. Two participants saw a pair of bears on this ride last year. \$9.75 carpool - 76 miles. Call Dave Mottorn, 724-327-7582

Sat. May 22 - Hike an intermediate 7.7 miles in Laurel Hill State Park through old-growth hemlocks and along the lake. \$7.25 carpool - 55 miles. Call John Dern, 412-856-4642

Sat.-Sun. May 22-23 -- Easy overnight backpacking trip in Quebec Run Wild Area, in Forbes State Forest on Chestnut Ridge; In on Saturday, out on Sunday. No more than 6 miles to the campsite. Limit: 10. \$8.25 carpool -- 65 miles. Call Jim Ritchie, 412-828-0210.

Sun. May 23 - Bicycle, easy intermediate, on the Yough River Trail from Ohiopyle to Camp Carmel. Then bike or hike up to Morgan Run Falls and back (Total: 20 miles round trip) \$8.50 carpool-60 miles. Call Nick Broskovich 724-863-6707

Sat.- Mon. May 29-31 - Three-day intermediate backpacking trip in northern Dolly Sods, the higher, more open, more scenic, less visited part of Dolly Sods - Raven Ridge, Cabin Mountain, and the Forks - 15 miles of backpacking starting from Bear Rocks. Prior backpacking experience required. Limit: 10. \$23 carpool - 160 miles. Call Bruce Sundquist, 724-327-8737

Sun. May 30 -- Canoe/ kayak up Loyalhanna Creek. Start at Bush Recreation Area and see how far we can go. Up to Rt. 22 is 7 miles one way but we'll try to go farther. Canoes or kayaks can be rented at reasonable rates. We'll see a lot of wildlife and pick our way over the tributaries of the creek. You'll find this an unusual paddle. \$3.00 carpool - 26 miles. Call Dave Mottorn, 724-327-7582

Sat.-Sun. June 5-6 - Canoe/kayak camping weekend on Allegheny River islands. \$10 if you don't have a boat. Meet at Harmarville Ames at 10 AM. \$1.25 carpool - 10 miles. Call Ed Divers, 412-828-5154

Sat.-Sun. June 5-6 - Backpacking in Allegheny National Forest on North Country Trail and in Tionesta Scenic area. Backpack 7miles per day. \$22.50 carpool - 160 miles. Call Harold Kotchig, 412-341-1196

Sun. June 6 - Hike a 7-8-mile loop in Roaring Run Natural Area in Forbes State Forest. Fast-paced, 28 stream crossings. \$6.25 carpool - 45 miles. Call Judy or Don Ziegler, 412-826-0519

Sat. -Tues. June 12-15 - Four days of backpacking/ base-camping/ hiking on Red Creek/ Roaring/ Flatrock Plains of Monongahela National Forest. Visit one of the highest, and most rugged, parts of the West Va. Highlands at the peak of the spring colors (mountain laurel, azaleas, pink Ladyslipper orchids). Prior backpacking experience is required. Total backpacking miles: 16. Limit: 10. \$22 carpool - 150 miles. Call Bruce Sundquist, 724-327-8737

Sun. June 13 - Hike, easy intermediate, in Ohiopyle State Park. Hike Ferncliff Peninsula trails, Great Gorge Trail and Meadow Run Trail. \$8.50 carpool-65 miles. Call Nick Broskovich 724-863-6707

Sun. June 20 - Hike 10 miles in the Mt. Davis area of Forbes State Forest. We'll see if we can catch the Mountain Laurel in full bloom on Pennsylvania's highest point. \$11.50 carpool - 86 miles. Call Dave Mottorn, 724-327-7582

Sat.-Mon. Sept. 4-6 Backpacking - base-camping - hiking trip to the backside of Spruce Knob (el.4860) in Monongahela National Forest. 7 total miles of backpacking, all along upper Seneca Creek. Base-camp at Judy Springs. Spend the rest of the free time visiting the surrounding scenic ridge tops, stream sides and high mountain meadows -- or just enjoy the immediate surroundings of the Judy Springs campsite. Prior backpacking experience is required due to remoteness of the area. \$25 carpool-175 miles. Limit: 10 Call Bruce Sundquist, 724-327-8737

NOTES: Ask the leader for names and phone numbers of trippers for you to arrange a car pool. Reserve at least 36 hours in advance. If you leave your phone number on the

leader's answering machine, give it slowly and clearly. Notify leader to cancel your reservation. Bring lunch, rain gear, water, first-aid kit, small flashlight and extra clothes for changes in weather. If you have a cell phone, bring it along. Cell phones have saved the day on several trips when accidents have required evacuation of trippers. Sierra Clubbers planning to lead outings during 06/01/04 -09/15/04 should contact Bruce Sundquist, 724-327-8737, bsundquist1@juno.com by 05/01/04.

HEADWATERS GROUP, SIERRA CLUB, OUTINGS THROUGH AUGUST, 2004 Don't forget rain gear. Share carpooling expenses. Call the outings committee chair, 814-255-4775 if you cannot reach the trip leader. If you are from the Allegheny County area, ask the trip leader about possibilities for carpools from Allegheny County. Johnstown is about an hour's drive east of Pittsburgh, but some trips are less than an hour's drive from Pittsburgh. Sun. April 18 - Hike the Ghost Town Trail between Vintondale and Twin Rocks - an opportunity to enjoy the emerging spring plants and to view a fine overlook of fast-flowing Blacklick Creek. The wetlands are always interesting. Meet at D St. Athletic Field at 1:30 PM. Contact Judy Parks, 814-535-2055(W) or 814-255-6264(H).

Sun. April 25 - A ramble up Millcreek Hollow. Hopefully we will be able to observe spring flowers both near the water's edge and along the hillside. Meet at Benscreek at 1:30 PM. Contact Dorothy Brock, 814-288-2299

Sat. May 1 - Enjoy a moderate hike in Bear Run Nature Reserve near Ohiopyle. It includes a number of hiking trails made particularly attractive by the Bear- and Beaver watersheds. Meet at Benscreek at 8:30 AM. Call Ed Statler, 814-255-4775

Sat. May 8 - Enjoy a canoe run on the Raystown Branch of the Juniata River - the trip often referred to as "the Loop". Put in several miles from Breezewood. Meet at Rax at 8:30 AM. Contact Donna Gregory at 814-255-1765

Sun. May 23 - Enjoy an afternoon hike on portions of the old PW&S railroad line and the Laurel Highlands Trail. This is a pleasant loop hike with two fine vistas. Meet at Benscreek at 1:30 PM. Call Ed Statler, 814-255-4775

Sat. June 5 - A bicycle ride on Allegheny Highlands Trail from Rockwood to Markleton and return. The trail has varied scenery that includes portions of the Casselman River. Meet at Benscreek at 8:30 AM. Contact Ed or Karlice Makuchan at 814-255-2676

Sat.-Sun. June 19-20 - Overnight camping trip to Black Moshanon State Park - a park with a variety of hiking trails and a swimming beach. Canoes available. Contact Jean Rigo at 814-255-1180

Sun. Aug. 29 - Annual Sierra Club Picnic at Shawnee State Park Picnic Area #6 near the East Beach parking lot. Gather at 2:30 PM for a short hike or, if you prefer, a swim. This is a good opportunity to compare vacation experiences. A charcoal grill will be available. Pack a picnic lunch with a dish to share. Call Ed Statler, 814-255-4775

SIERRA CLUB MEMBERSHIP INDUCEMENT

If you join the Sierra Club on one of our outings, your \$25 introductory membership will get you a free hip pack. Call 724-327-8737 for application form and pack.

ALLEGHENY GROUP MONTHLY MEETINGS

Monthly meetings of Allegheny Group are now held at Pittsburgh Civic Garden Center on Shady Avenue just south of Fifth Ave. Driving south on Shady from Fifth, turn left at the second driveway into a parking lot in front of the Scaife Unit of the Arts Center. Parking there is metered (quarters only - 25 cents per hour). Follow the cobblestone driveway back to the Garden Center. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM. The first 30 minutes is a business meeting, the main program begins around 8 PM. A social hour follows. We must vacate the building by 10 PM.

Wed. March 10 -- AMERICAN NUCLEAR SOCIETY PRESIDENT DEBATES SIERRA CLUB ON FUTURE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY

Larry Foulkes, a Pittsburgh resident and ANS president, has requested an opportunity to discuss nuclear power with the Sierra Club, and Dr.Judith Johnsrud, a power house in her own right, has taken the "con" side for the Club in the debate. Judith has been with us before, discussing her courageous visit to Chernobyl, where she was the only woman and the only person smart enough to bring her own geiger counter!! All the nuclear power execs gathered near her as her meter clicked off the high exposures! This should be terrific.

Wednesday, April 14 -- EMMY-AWARD WINNING FILM ON ANSEL ADAMS LIFE AND ART.

Ansel Adams was a Sierra Club director for over 30 years and embodied the essence of landscape photography the world over. A truly great conservationist, his art served his passionate love of the land. This program will be introduced by Linda Benedict Jones, director of Pittsburgh's Silver Eye and curator of the nationally-touring show of Ansel Adams' work that opened right here in Pittsburgh. This program is sure to be one to remember. There will be original Ansel Adams photographs and many of his books. If you have memorabilia of your own, bring them to share. Contact Don Gibbon to discuss ideas you may have.

Wednesday, May 26 GREEN ONIONS A PROBLEM? HOW ABOUT EATING LOCALLY GROWN ORGANIC FOOD FROM THE CO-OP?

The national powerhouse chain store, "Whole Foods" moves into a town and immediately begins to kill off local farmers, stealing the markets for quality fruit, vegetables and dairy products. The Sierra Club has long preached "bioregionalism," eating what comes from your own ecosystem. There are many organic farmers in the Pittsburgh region, doing great work. You can support them through the East End Food Coop... and know exactly where your food comes from, regaining a closer connection with the "good earth" that provides it. Join us for a slide visit to some of those farms, meet a

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couple of farmers and learn about the Co-op, as multimillion-dollar full service grocery store in the East End. It's a lot more than you think!



CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

Cross Country Ski weekends coming up. Yes, winter will be approaching soon and then it will be skiing time! It truly is “winter wonderland” at Wilderness Lodge near Wattsburg, PA. and Allegany State Park near Salamanca, NY. Ask anyone who has gone. You will feel like you are in fairytale land in the middle of an unforgettable snow scene. It is for beginners or experienced, snow shoeing or skiing, and rentals are available, or bring your own. Reserve early because the weekends fill up fast.

(However, watch out for the one big tree on a turn on the road to Wilderness Lodge. It loves to jump out and grab cars as they go by. Ask Dave Adams.)

BUTLER OUTDOOR CLUB OUTINGS:

Fri.-Sun., Feb. 20-23 -- Hike, snowshoe or cross country ski in Allegany State Park near Salamanca, NY (in the snow-shadow of Lake Erie) with Butler Outdoor Club. (Ski rentals available) We rent 3 cabins (basic - heat, refrigerator, stove, counter and table). Bring covered dish to share for "pot luck" dinner on Sat. Otherwise, bring your own breakfast and lunch. \$30/ person for the weekend. Space for 18 people. Contact Joyce Appel, 724-526-5407 or joyceappel@arm-tek.net

Other Outdoors Clubs

Butler Outdoors Club

BOC runs the same sorts of trips as Allegheny Group. Contact Dave Adams, 724-453-1685 DaveEAdams@aol.com or Bob Tait, 724-287-3382 BobTait@zbzoom.net or visit <http://www.butleroutdoorclub.com> Some trips by BOC and North Country Trails Assn. (NCTA) are listed below.

Wissahickon Nature Club

If you enjoy nature lore, look into the meetings and field trips of Wissahickon Nature Club. They meet every other Saturday at 6 PM (except June-August) at Community Presbyterian Church, 7501 Church Av., Ben Avon. Contact Chuck Tague, 412-488-8760 or 432 Olympia Rd, Pgh. 15219

Botanical Society of Western Pennsylvania

BSWP offers field trips in spring, summer and fall to look at and learn about the enormous variety of plant life that western Pa. offers. Everyone is welcome on field trips; amateurs, professionals, non-members, and anyone who is curious about the natural world. Trips are often at a leisurely pace, but may require hiking and traveling through wet/muddy areas. For information, e-mail your address for sample newsletter and membership information to yoree@sgi.net, or call Loree at 724-872-5232.

WPW (Western Pennsylvania Wheelmen) Bicycle Club

Home Page: <http://wpwbikeclub.org> Ride Hotline: 412-422-2234 Various length and difficulty rides scheduled each weekend and some during the week. Monthly meeting usually the 2nd Monday at 8pm at the Frick Environmental center on Beechwood Blvd in Squirrel Hill. See home page for details.

Moraine Sailing Club

MSC offers sailing opportunities for new and experienced sailors at Lake Arthur in Moraine State Park. They have an active education program for all ages, numerous sailing related social events, Day Sailing at Lake Arthur, and a very active sailboat racing program. For more information see the MSC Web Page at www.morainesailingclub.org or contact Chris Neuwirth 412-441-5590, email to: cmn@andrew.cmu.edu

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA FIELD INSTITUTE -- TRIPS

For information on WPFI events, contact Sean Brady sbrady@wpfi.org 412-255-0564 or visit <http://www.wpfi.org/> All events open to the public. Fridays, Noon-12:50 PM Nature Walks starting in Market Square, Downtown Pittsburgh, Cost: Free

Outside Adventure Learning of Western Pennsylvania

Outside Adventures 2002 Paddling Schedule Call 724-230-0237 or 412-968-0310 for information or to sign up for any event. www.outsideadventures.org or www.outsideadventures@Yahoo.com More outings continuously offered. Call for Updates: 724-230-0237 or 412-968-0310. Outside Adventures Sea-Kayaking Program "Sea-Kayaking Taught From Scratch" Outside Adventure Learning of Western Pa. is a non-profit educational organization committed to introducing individuals to safe and enjoyable recreational outdoor pursuits. The sea-kayaking program specializes in teaching all levels of sea-kayaking skills and organizing trips from our evening introductory classes for new paddlers up to advanced expedition tours. Outside Adventures welcomes participation from individuals, families, youth organizations and outings clubs. Sea-kayaks, or touring kayaks are versatile, fun, human-powered watercraft that enables us to do all these things and more. They are sleek and fast, more efficient than canoes, more comfortable and stable than whitewater kayaks, have hatches to swallow loads of gear, and steerable rudders that enable even beginners to control the boat with ease.



CANOEING

Activity Co-chairs: Paul Henry (724) 347-3282
Brian McBane (724) 443-8972

Hopefully the water will be plentiful this spring. Many times pick-up trips are planned for those with paddling experience on warm days in April. Call Brian McBane (724-443-8972) to see what's happening.

- April 30 - May 2 Paul Henry and Joyce Appel (724-526-5407) Canoe/Kayak camping trip in the Grand Canyon of PA on Pine Creek. (Class 1-11) This is a great trip to start off the season. Friday night we will rent a house trailer or guesthouse at a small campground in Morris, called Twin Streams Campground. We all pile in for the night, shuttle in the morning, have breakfast at the campground or eat at the world famous diner in Wellsboro. We hit the stream with camping supplies, stop now and then, take it easy on the banks, or hike up a sidestream to check out falls, and pools which may be warm enough to swim around in. We will have lunch on one of the banks. We will then find a nice spot on an island or along the river bank to camp. Guaranteed fun, laughter, campfire stories and Joyce's smores. joyceappel@arm-tek.net
- May 1 Brian McBane (724-443-8972) Class I-II or II trip (destination depends on weather).
- May 15 Hope King (724-898-1891) Wildflower paddle, easy run, Class I or I-II.
- May 10, 17, 24 June 1 Tuesday Evening Canoe School. Learn to paddle tandem with basic instruction on the Allegheny River. Each session is repeated weekly—come for all or whatever your schedule permits. Canoes, paddles, PFD's provided. Bring something padded for kneeling. Call Brian McBane (724-443-8972) for details.
- May 28-31 Jon and Becky Maiman (412-242-7179) Annual Memorial Day Weekend Canoe Camp—river to be determined. Call to make reservations no later than May 21.
- June 5 Brian McBane (724-443-8972) Moving water school.



SAILING

The AYH no longer owns its own sailboats or runs trips but Bob Zavos will help coordinate sailing interests with other area organizations. The Moraine Sailing Club (MSC) is the largest local sailing group. Most activities are on Lake Arthur in Moraine State Park which is about 35 miles North of Pittsburgh. They offer education, social events and run a youth summer sail camp. They also have a large racing program and sponsor a Community Sailing Program for people without their own sailboats. They help organize/publicize Cruising Trips, but do not officially sponsor them. More information is on their website at www.morainesailingclub.org. Big boat sailors may want to check out the Erie Yacht Club: www.erieyachtclub.org or the Erie Bayfront Center for Marine studies: www.goerie.com/bcms

MSC and the Carnegie Mellon Explorers Club will hold a **Learn to Sail Seminar on March 28 from 2-5 pm** at Baker Hall, Room A53, Carnegie Mellon University. This is a 3-hour overview on how to sail using video, displays, and hands-on drills. It covers the basics of sailing and provide information on opportunities to continue training "on the water" this summer.

Moraine Preservations Fund (MPF), is looking for volunteers to help with the 50 passenger pontoon boat which they run on Lake Arthur in the Summer. It is used for scientific hands-on field trips for students and summer and fall tours for the public. They are looking for people interested in becoming volunteer mates and captains. You will need to have a boater's safety class, which you may already have taken or is easily available locally. To be a mate you must be 16 and 18 to be a captain. The boat training is given by experienced MPF captains, and you will be tested and licensed by the Fish and Boat Commission. The times and amount of time you would volunteer is completely by your choice. Even limited help is appreciated. If you have questions or would like to sign up, please contact Ruth Roperti at 724 843 7046, or email: missionmorain@zoominternet.net

The 6th annual **Lake Arthur Regatta is scheduled for August 14 &15**. This is one of the largest water and boating related activities in the area. Mark your calendars and look for more information later in the season on the MSC Website or the Butler County site: www.visit-butler-county-pennsylvania-pa.com/

8th Annual Outdoor Extravaganza, May 28-31, 2004
Sponsored by Butler Outdoor Club

Mail Form to: Joyce Appel, Box 204D, R.D.#1 East Brady, PA. 16028

Name(s):	
Address:	
Phone:	Fax or Email:
Total No. Adults:	Total Number of Children under age 12:

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* Half price meals for children under age 12.
* Fri. activity fee includes the weiner roast.
- * No dinner on Mon.
* Mark vegetarian meals as needed

	Fees:	Fri 5/28	Sat 5/29	Sun 5/30	Mon 5/31	Totals
Activity Fee	\$ 5/day/adult or \$15/weekend					
Breakfast	\$ 5/day					
Bag Lunch	\$ 5/day					
Dinner	\$ 10/Sat \$8/Sun.					
Pontoon Boat Tour	\$ 6.50 Adult					
	\$ 4.00 Child					
Kayak (per person)	\$15 rental					
Canoe (per canoe)	\$25 rental					
Camping (per person) (Pay owner on arrival)	\$5 per night	# of people	# of people	# of people		(Pay owner)
TOTALS:						

Please select a 1st and 2nd choice for an activity each day. Shaded areas may not be available that day.

Biking on a Trail (Circle 15 miles, 30 miles or 30+)			
Road Biking (Circle 15 miles, 30 miles or 30+)			
Mountain Biking (Circle easy, intermediate, or advanced)			
Horseback Riding (Pay at nearby stables, \$16 for 1 st hr.)			
Hiking (Circle easy, intermediate, advanced)			
Pontoon Boat Tour of Lake Arthur			
** Rapeling & Rock Climbing at McConnell's Mill SP (circle beginner or experienced)		Raindate	Raindate
Canoeing / Kayaking stream or river (Rentals, send money) (Circle beginner or experienced)			
Canoeing / Kayaking lake (Rentals, send money) (Circle beginner or experienced)			
** Caving (Circle beginner or experienced)			
** Beginning Sailing by Moraine Sailing Club			

** Call or email to be sure Rock Climbing & Rappelling, Caving, and Sailing are on the days marked. joyceappel@arm-tek.net (724)526-5407

8th Annual Outdoor Extravaganza
Memorial Day Weekend May 28-31, 2004
Base camp at Breakneck Campground
(Near McConnell's Mill & Moraine S.P.)
Sponsored by Butler Outdoor Club

(Take I79, exit Route 422 west 1/8 mile. Then take Rt.19 South 2.9 miles and follow signs "Outdoor Extravaganza" as you turn right onto Cheeseman Rd. 1.7 miles to the campground.)

We have a weekend full of various outdoor activities:
road bike trips, bike trail trips, mountain biking, canoeing or kayaking on lakes or streams, caving, sailing on Lake Arthur at Moraine State Park, rock climbing and rapeling at McConnell's Mill S P, horseback riding and various kinds of hikes from easy to advanced. Also Pontoon Boat Tour on Lake Arthur and telescope viewing at the campground.
We use Breakneck Campground for our base camp. Leaders meet you here and take you to where each trip begins at 9:00AM each morning.
Delicious breakfasts, bag lunches and evening meals are catered at the campground. All meals are optional.
Friday is a Weiner Roast, and Sat. we go all out with a "Pig Roast." Each evening brings a wonderful speaker presentation or entertainment.

This weekend is a must! For more detailed information contact:
Joyce Appel, R.D.#1, Box 204D, East Brady, Pa. 16028 Phone: (724) 526-5407 joyceappel@arm-tek.net

Baker Trail/Rachel Carson Trail Resources

Right now the trail needs AYH members who would like to participate in trail crew maintenance activities. Please contact Don Erdeljac at DonErdeljac@comcast.net or call 412 486 9292 for details.

Rachel Carson Trail website: www.rachelcarsontrail.com; this website has information about the Rachel Carson Trail, the Baker Trail, and the Rachel Carson Trail Challenge.

Hostelling International website: <http://trfn.clpgh.org/ayh/>; **general information about the BT/RCT sponsor organization.**

"Guide to the Rachel Carson Trail"; this is a trail guide, with topographic maps, and some interpretive information about the 34-mile long trail, available from HI-Pittsburgh for under \$10, including postage and handling. Call 412-431-4910 to order.

"Baker Trail Guide Book": a trail guide with topographic maps, and interpretive information about the 141-mile long Baker Trail. Available from HI-Pittsburgh for under \$10, including postage and handling. Call 412-431-4910 to order.

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The Pittsburgh Council Office and Travel Store is currently closed. but all passes, ID cards, rail passes, and books are available at the weekly Thursday Open House meetings. For more information or directions email to pittcouncil@hotmail.com