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Pittsburgh Celebrates National Youth Hostel Week

BAKER TRAIL GUIDE

A "Guide to the Baker Trail" was mailed during March to all Pittsburgh passholders and AYH Councils. The brochure, which contains a complete set of ten maps of the 133-mile trail, is available without charge to all new Pittsburgh AYH passholders. Additional copies are available for 20¢.

The maps in the Guide are the work of George Howe, who spends his non-hosteling hours in the Geography Department at Pitt.

Phil Exall, chairman of the Baker Trail, has announced that the Crooked Creek trip of May 19 and 20 will blaze the trail from Freeport to Crooked Creek, while the Mahoning Dam to Cook Forest section will be blazed by the end of June. They have been reserved.

A Boy Scout troop from Wexford will be out on the Trail the weekend of April 21, while a troop from the South Hills will go from Crooked Creek to Springdale the weekend of May 19.

HOSTEL CLOSED DURING JULY

The Brashear Camp Hostel will not be open during the month of July. The Brashear Association will open its summer camp for only the Month of July instead of its customary two-month session. The Pittsburgh Council is turning its tents and cots over to the Association so that a maximum number of children can be accommodated.

DANCE CLASS

A Square and Folk Dancing class of about 20 members is held each Monday evening at Hostel Headquarters. Having begun April 2, the class will continue for ten weeks. June Roshan is chief instructor.

A joint cycle trip with cyclists from Akron, Ohio, will replace the cross-country cycle race originally scheduled to open Pittsburgh's celebration of National Youth Hostel Week, Sunday, April 29.

The race was cancelled when Jim Beres, professional racer, wrote Bill Snell that he and about four or five others would be in Pittsburgh on the 29th and would like to join the Pittsburgh hostellers in a trip of about 75 miles. Mr. Beres raced professionally in Europe and now enters each year in the Tour of Monteville (N. Y.) and the Montreal-to-Quebec Classic, the two biggest cycle races on this continent. He is one of the top men in the Ohio State Championships. He cycles approximately 10,000 miles each year.

The trip will start from headquarters at 10 a.m. The route will probably be to the Brashear Camp Hostel near Zelienople, returning by 6:20 p.m. for dinner at headquarters. The dinner will be open to the general public and will be followed by a discussion of cycling--equipment, racing, etc. For further information about the cycle trip, contact Bill Snell, Hi. 1-7053. For dinner reservations, phone Therese O'Callaghan, Ma. 1-9907.

National Youth Hostel Week celebration will continue daily through May 6. Monday through Thursday, hostellers will gather at headquarters for games, square dancing, talent night, and folk songs. A short night hike and campfire supper are scheduled for Friday evening, with the Bouquet Huffs of the Baker Trail as the site. Youth Hostel Week will close with everybody going to West Virginia for the weekend to help the Hoof and Mouth Hiking Club of Wheeling celebrate its anniversary.

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HEADQUARTERS

The little long low building next to the Arts and Crafts Center at 6300 Fifth Avenue can hold a surprising amount of activity. Newcomers to Thursday Open House are always surprised to see such an active group and hear so much enthusiasm about coming trips. Cycling trips, all of which begin and end here, cause a stir of activity. The Cycle Shop is starting to look quite professional. Committee meetings and square and folk class sessions keep the lights burning many nights.

Come around to open house some Thursday soon. There will be an interesting program from 9 to 10 and plenty to talk about before and after the program. Grace Kriner, Program Chairman, has announced the following programs for May and June:

April 29-May 6 - National Youth Hostel Week

May 10 - A report of Mr. Frank Buchwald's very interesting talk on "Hosteling in Austria"

May 17 - Square and folk dancing

May 24 - Slides--Review of the month's activities

May 31 - "The Appalachian Trail" by Mrs. Timberlake

June 7 - "Photography" by Ed Morgan, Sun-Telegraph ace photographer

June 14 - Square and folk dancing

June 21 - "Hosteling in Europe" by Carol Hafer

June 28 - Slides--Review of the month's activities

JOIN THE SWITCH TO RALEIGH CYCLES --

See Bud Horn for parts and

accessories -- T-shirts,

pennants, shoulder patches --

ON THE BAKER TRAIL

by HERB BUCHWALD

Betty Bierer, Roger Giler, Ross Firestone of Cleveland, and I started the Easter trip off by a taxi ride from Clarion to Cook Forest. It was 10:30 p.m. when we got there, too late to get a cabin. The only thing left was an open pavilion. The snow and 18° temperature didn't bother us that night--much! After breakfast we made our way to the fire tower, which is the start of the Baker Trail. The walk along the Clarion River amid snow flurries and sun streaming through the clouds started the trail off perfectly. After lunch we climbed Hill 1776, the highest point on the Baker Trail. That afternoon we found that it was not all honors to be a member of the first party to hike the Clarion section of the Baker Trail. Yes, we got lost. The detour took us at least 5 miles out of our way, bringing us to Corsica after a 22-mile day. In Corsica we persuaded a minister that we were human and deserved a ride in his car to Brookville for a stopover at Olet Markle's. The next day was spent in some of the most beautiful lonely virgin pine country yet to be seen on the trail. We found lodging in the soft hay of a North Freedom barn that night. The rain and wind howled, but we didn't know it till 5:30 the next morning. Ross went home, but we carried on past Mahoning Dam on one of the wettest, coldest, windiest days of the season. That night we found lodgings in Dayton's only hotel. It was a beautiful Easter morning, and before the churchbells beckoned, we had started on our last day. We were now again in well marked Baker Trail country. Late afternoon we reached the Rammel's in Plumville (Louise Fransee's family), and were welcomed to an inviting dinner, before we returned by bus from a very well spent Easter vacation.

Summer Hosteling

North, South, East, or West -- Where are you going hosteling this summer?

The Extended Trips Bulletin containing complete trip itineraries, has been sent to everybody on the mailing list. Six trips have been scheduled, beginning June 15 and terminating Labor Day weekend. We urge you to plan early and we invite your inquiries.

Phil Fwald, Tony Frances, and Bruce Merritt will lead the Great Smoky Mountains' Hike, the Grand Teton Mountain Climb, and the Connecticut Valley Strawhat Theaters trip, respectively. However, the leaders for the trips to Washington, D.C., and Chesapeake Bay, the Baker Trail, the Finger Lakes and Niagara Falls, and a second section of the Connecticut Valley trip have still to be chosen. Applications should be mailed to the Extended Trips Committee by May 1. The committee will announce the leaders selected by May 15.

Because of the peculiar problems of planning the theater-cycle trip to the Connecticut Valley, only 6 trippers will comprise a section. With Bruce and June as Nos. 1 and 2, only 4 applications can be accepted. If interest warrants, another section will be formed with the leader selected from applications.

Individuals planning to take a Pittsburgh AYH summer trip should submit their applications at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the trip.

A.Y.H. SPEAKS

The Speakers' Bureau, under the chairmanship of Wesley Bunnello, has been actively spreading the word about hosteling. Since the first of the year, 15 groups have been addressed. On April 17, June Redman and Wes spoke at a luncheon meeting of the Allegheny Camp Council.

Wes will be glad to send a speaker with colored slides to any group around Pittsburgh. There is no charge.

COME CYCLING AT SUNSET.

Monday evening Sunset Cycle Rides will be resumed June 4. Cyclists meet at headquarters at 7 p.m. and decide on a 10-mile route. There is no charge.

Posters, Scrapbook --

The temperamental artists meet each Tuesday evening and, amid India ink, Tempera color, and poster boards, prepare publicity material for AYH. The work they turn out is very eye-catching and hosteler-catching.

Frances Czapiewski drew the cover for the Extended Trips bulletin, and designed the National Youth Hostel Week poster of which many copies are being made--to mention some of her work. Martha Wood adds water colors to her posters, or can be more precise with a map of the Baker Trail. Rosemary Thiebaut designed the very modernistic cover for the Third Anniversary banquet program. Bud Edlie, Fred Mauk, Edith Caporali, and Carol Hefer turn out their own styles of posters. All their efforts prepared the window display at the downtown branch of the Carnegie Library, April 3 to 17, for National Camp Week.

Fred Mauk is in charge of collecting photographs which can be used for publicity purposes. Show Fred your "contrasty" pictures.

Martha Wood has taken over the very excellent scrapbook which Historian Louise Frances kept for 1950. She would appreciate receiving snapshots for her week-by-week story. The three Pittsburgh dailies are easy to clip, but any articles you see in the local papers or in out-of-town papers might be missed if you don't clip them and send or bring them to Martha. The newspaper releases are prepared by Katie Polkofer, Autumn Colby, Betty Hattman, and Mary Louise O'Callaghan, public relations chairman.

A large Committee? Yes--but there is much more to do. Come around Tuesdays with a desire to help and you, too, can learn to use a Speedball pen.

IN THE SPRING A YOUNG MAN'S...

Cupid finally shot a true arrow in the Pittsburgh Council. Secretary June Redman and Membership Chairman Bruce Merritt announced their engagement the evening after the Pine Knob trip. They will be married on May 26. Our most sincere best wishes!

PITTSBURGH COUNCIL, AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS, INC.

MAY-JUNE TRIPS

Weekend outings open to 1951 passholders only. One-day affairs are open to all, but nonpassholders pay 25¢ additional registration fee. Costs listed are approximate but cover total expenses and will be collected by the leader at meeting place. Private cars permitted only when authorized by the leader.

Details of meeting places, times, and exact cost are listed on bi-weekly postal cards sent to 1951 passholders. Others phone leaders for details. Reservations accompanied by one-half the listed cost must be made in person or by mail at least 48 hours prior to outing.

April 29 to May 6 - NATIONAL YOUTH HOSTEL WEEK. See flyer.

✓ Saturday, May 12 - BAKERSTOWN CYCLE TRIP. The first "long" trip of the current cycling season, 55 miles. Come back to the Hostel Headquarters for a relaxed dinner. Leader, Larry Cohen, Em. 1-0869. Bicycle licenses necessary. Cost 60¢

✓ Saturday-Sunday, May 19-20 - CROOKED CREEK ON THE BAKER TRAIL. Good preparation for the rough hiking trips this summer. Packs, eating and sleeping gear are all necessary. Leader, Phil Ewald, Le. 1-3541. Estimated cost \$3.50

Friday night, May 25 - MON VALLEY AT NIGHT. A hike and campfire supper overlooking the Monongahela and the National Tube mills in action. Cost \$1.20. Reserve with Walt Pagels; call Jack Stein, Ja. 1-0381, for information. Bring eating gear.

Sunday, May 27 - SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS CYCLE. Put your bike in low gear for the hills back of the Ohio River. Bring your lunch. Cost 15¢ Leader, John Grable; call Fred Freuthal, Ja. 1-0195, for information.

✓ Wednesday, May 30 (Memorial Day) - BAKER TRAIL. A 10-mile hike along the Allegheny Sector of the Baker Trail, including many beautiful views of the Allegheny River from the heights. Bring your lunch and 90¢. Leader, Dan Moore, Mo. 1-4024

✓ Saturday-Sunday, June 2-3 - AVELL OVERNIGHT at the Pollack's. Here's one of our favorite cycle trips, ending at the West Virginia state line and the "Grand Canyon of Washington County." Cost \$1.80 Leader, Art Ellis; for information call Jack Stein, Ja. 1-0381. Bring eating and sleeping gear, and Saturday lunch.

Saturday, June 9 - DESTINATION MOON. See Hank Fisher, Mo. 1-6844.

Sunday, June 10 - TWIN ECHOES TRAIL. Bring your bathing suits for this summer hike along the overland trail east of Pittsburgh. Leader, J. D. Myers; call Fred Freuthal, Ja. 1-0195, for information. Bring your lunch and 75¢.

Friday night, June 15 - THE QUARRIES AT RENNERDALE. Look at the "bottomless" quarries in daylight and then a campfire supper on the rocks. Cost \$1.10 Leader, Fred Mauk, Em. 1-6299. Bring eating gear.

Saturday, June 16 - PLUM CREEK HIKE and campfire supper. A Saturday afternoon hike along the south bank of the Allegheny, across from the Baker Trail. Bring eating gear and \$1.25. Leader, Virginia Rach, Ch. 1-0636.

✓ Sunday, June 17 - CENTURY RUN TO PROSPERITY. Get up bright and early for this one in Washington County. Bring your lunch and 15¢. Leader, Bud Horn, Em. 1-4361.

Saturday-Sunday, June 23-24 - MT. DAVIS OVERNIGHT. Pennsylvania's Roof Garden territory. Sleep in the highest house in Pennsylvania. Bring eating and sleeping gear and WARM clothes. Cost \$4.30. Reserve with Joe Edelstein, Ha. 1-3528. Private cars needed.

WE HOLD OUR OUTINGS REGARDLESS OF THE WEATHER!!!