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PITTSBURGH COUNCIL, AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS, INC.
6300 Fifth Ave., Pgh., Pa. 15232, (412)362-8181

Open House Every Thursday Night

Doors open at 7:45

Slide Program starts at 8:45

It's for members as well as non-members. This is a great time to see friends, make new ones, plan trips and reminisce about good times.

Slide Program for September

Sept 4 Campesino kitchens of Mexico by
Chris Reid

Sept 11 "Sunny" Scottish Highlands by
Eleanor & Dick Vanderbeck

Sept 18 Touring Acadia Nat. Park by
Jim Cover

Sept 25 Mountain Hiking in New
England by Glenn Oster

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October Deadlines

Articles due Sept 11

Final Deadline Sept 18

Production Party Sept 25

Change of Address: Contact Pittsburgh Council, attn.: Don Hoecker

Advertising: Rates are \$7.50/1/2 page, camera ready. Give it either to Rick Caplan or Rich Alstadt. By the way, Rich is looking for someone who might be interested in doing advertising chairmanship.

Activities Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 2, 8 pm
at Roy Weil's house.

Future Trip: Ohiopyle Fall Workparty - enjoy the fall foliage in the Laurel Highlands during the weekend of Oct 11, 12. Joe Hoechner is planning a 2 day work party to spruce-up the hostl for the open house, October 12. Keep the weekend open; more details next month.

Various activity chairpeople are short of the keys they need to run their programs. Some AYH Headquarter keys might still be out with old trip leaders or former chairpeople. If you have a key that you're not using, or know someone who does, bring them back, or send them to Pittsburgh AYH, 6300 Fifth Ave, Pgh, Pa 15232 attn: key club.

Thank you!

Do you have any black and white prints of bicyclists that would fit a vertical format? Joe Hoechner is seeking a cover photo for the forthcoming "Cycle with AYH" brochure. Call him at 828-5399.

Another place in town is renting tents, backpacks and sleeping bags for reasonable prices: Wilderness Pioneering Outfitters. They're in Bellevue. the # is 766-2126.

With the days getting shorter, cycle commuting to work or school is becoming more dangerous. In order to be safe while bike riding, you have to be seen. Hostel Storekeep Joe Hoechner has a new supply of lightweight fanny bumpers (imported from Columbus, Ohio) priced at \$3. These are triangular day-glo orange with white reflective trim. Bike flags are also available at \$2.50. See Joe any Thursday. Hurry - only 98 fanny bumpers left!

If you're cycling around Bedford, stop in at Old Bedford Viilage. They have a seperate bike path into the place for your enjoyment.

Nominations

It is that time of the year again for elections. AYH is a volunteer organization -- so volunteer. No one gets paid. Your reward is the satisfaction of a job well done and the look of joy as participants learn and take part in activities. Several of the individuals listed below agreed reluctantly to serve next year; they feel new blood should be inserted into their activity. Existing chairpeople would be glad to discuss their work. If you are not ready for this year, how about next year after you have had time to learn? There is also the possibility of creating a new chairmanship if there is a need for such a position and someone willing to fill it.

If you have suggestions as to good people, yourself included, to fill the slate, please feel free to come forth to the nomination committee. They will talk with the individual to convince him/her to serve. The organization is over 1000 strong and the committee cannot know everyone.

The slate of nominations is to be discussed at the Sept. Activities Board meeting and published in the October Triangle in time for the election on Thursday, October 16. Talk to the committee before September 17 to make the Triangle, but nominations will be accepted by the committee until Oct 10, and will be accepted from the floor Oct 16.

The Nomination Committee is: Roy Weil (Chairman), Carol Davis, Joe Hoechner. The following positions are available along with people who have indicated a willingness to serve next year:

President: Barry Govenor
Treasurer: Fred Hull
Asst Treasurer: Joel Platt
Secretary: Sue Miller
Trips & Trails: Joe Levine
Backpacking: (Steve Martin)
Bicycling Committee: Chuck Ejzak,
Lynn Gogots
Canoeing: Jane Toben
Caving: Norm Snyder
Climbing Committee: Woj, Bill Skalloos,
Jeri Walsh
Cross-Country Skiing: Steve Tubbs
Hiking:
Kayaking:
Trails Coordinator:
Rafting: Paul Kammer
Franchise:
Hostel Development: Joe Hoechner
Hostel Operations: Jim Gogots
Headquarters: Gary Ludwig
Leadership Development: Jane Toben
Membership:
Program:
PUBlications:
PUBlicity: (Fred Mauk)
Service: Harriet Ann Seiner
Special Projects:
Triangle Editor:

There are several openings. If we don't fill them we will miss some activities next year.

The Membership Committee thanks Gary Ludwig, Headquarters Chairperson, for procuring a desk for them to use.

The Editor is seeking an inexpensive place to have the typewriter repaired.

Crooked Creek State Park Safety Day Pittsburgh AYH has been invited by the Corps of Engineers to participate in their first "Safety Day" at Crooked Creek. This will be Sunday, Sept. 7 from 11am to 6pm at the Picnic Grove area adjacent to the dam. There will be other groups present: the State Fish & Game Comm Bureau of Forestry, Coast Guard Aux. Pa. State Police, etc. AYH will hopefully have members on hand to discuss safety in boating, cycling, climbing & hiking. Right now we need YOU! Joe Hoechner is seeking helpers who would like to spend a few hours that Sunday explaining their favorite activity, from a safety standpoint, to the public. Call Joe (828-5399) to offer services. We would car-pool from AYH that morning.

Hostel of the Month:

Chestnut Ridge Camp Hostel, Morgantown

by Joe Hoechner

Known around AYH as "Morgantown" the hostel is actually about 15 miles east of that city and about 2000 feet higher. YOU guessed it - it's on top of Chestnut Ridge! Confusion arises for many hostelers who get off the Greyhound bus in downtown Morgantown and start looking for the hostel. The handbook description doesn't help since it lists the Park address and the County Rec. Commission Office, Morgantown.

The hostel is not really meant for your average city tourist/hosteler. It's out in the country, in a prime hiking/boating/climbing area. Now don't say you can't bike out there. It is possible to bike about 35 miles north to reach the Ohiopyle Hostel and about 45 miles east to hostels in Maryland (Oakland or Grantsville). Boaters head south the the Cheat River. Climbers go "right across the road" to Coopers Rocks State Park. Hikers can just about stumble right out of the hostel into the woods (some stumble back that way, too).

The hostel is actually any number of buildings in the park - or bring your own tent. The building used by AYH during their annual spring trip is best known as the hostel. "Klearlodge" is a rustic stone building with bunk space upstairs or on the porch for about 50 folks. There is a small kitchen with stove, sink & fridge. Toilets are nearby with showers.

Morgantown has been the longest running hostel chartered by Pittsburgh Council (10-12 years, anyone know?) For more info, check your handbook or call (304)292-4773.

Next month: Camp Silver Lake Youth Hostel, Fombell, Pa.

Would anyone want to write up a hostel they visited recently? Have any pictures? Contact Joe Hoechner or the Editor.

Applications for NEOC are available from the Cycling Chairfolks. The ride starts in Youngstown sat, sep 20. There are 25,60 and 100+ loops. AYHer Dave Porterfield will lead a cycle trip to the starting point for those who are free to ride up on Friday, Sep 19. You'll leave Zelienople about 7 am. For more info, call Dave (452-6434)

Are you interested in cycle touring West Virginia? The League of American Wheelmen has volunteer members that can provide you with free info or low-cost booklet/maps. For more info on routes, contact:

Bill Foster

515 South Lisen

Clarksburg, W.V. 26301

A self-addressed stamped envelope helps.

GRIP RECYCLING CENTERS

Fox Chapel High School parking lot
611 Field Club Road
First Sunday of every month
12 noon - 2:30 p.m.

Sewickley - YMCA, Blackburn Road
across street from Hospital
Third Saturday of every month
8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

North Hills - Kaufmann's/McKnight Rd.
Last Saturday of every month
10 - 12 noon

Bethel Park - Industrial Park
Industrial Blvd.
Second Sunday of every month
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

ACCEPTING NEWSPAPER ONLY

Churchill High School - Greensburg
Pike

First Sunday of every month
11 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

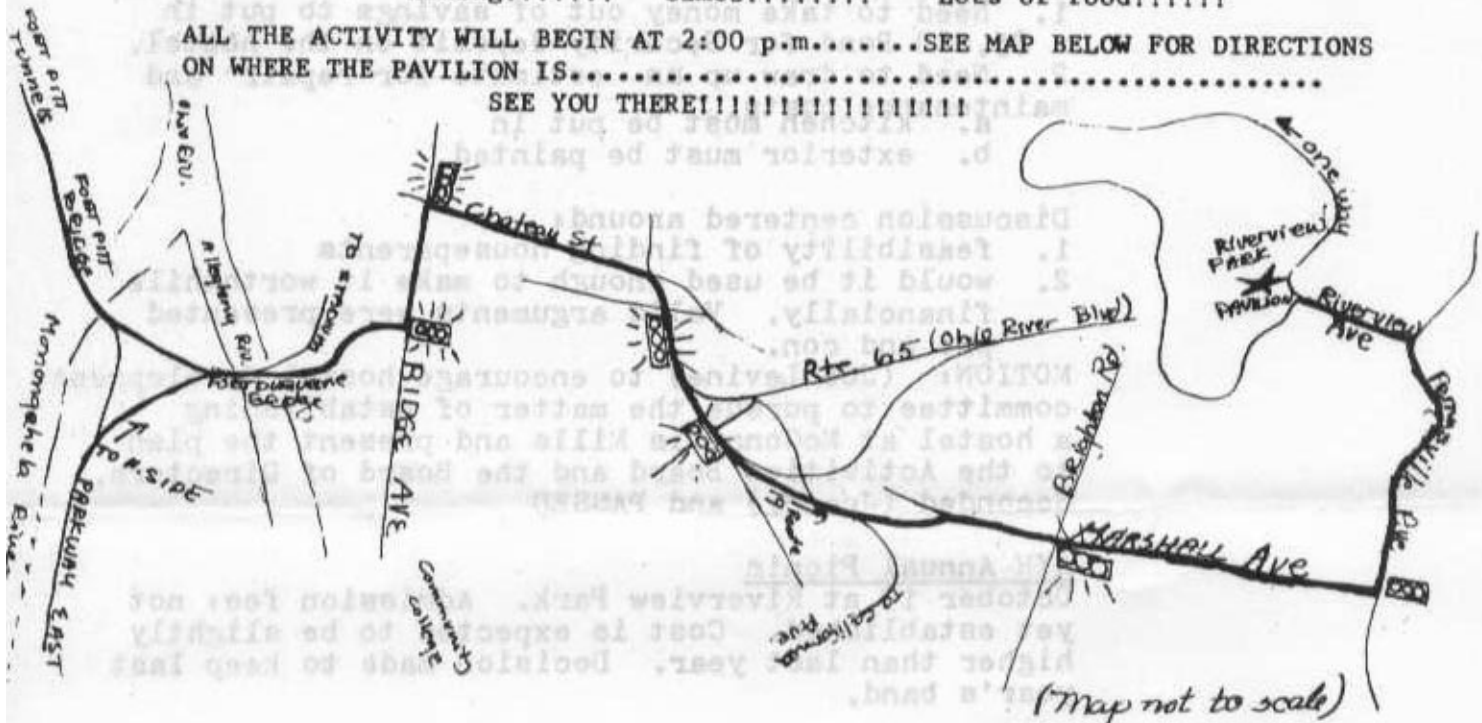
Turtle Creek - Rescue 2 Garage
10th St. off Airbrake
First Sunday of every month
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

AYH ANNUAL FALL PICNIC SUNDAY OCTOBER 19, 1980 AT RIVERVIEW PARK

COME ONE AND ALL TO THE ANNUAL FALL PICNIC AT THE PAVILION IN RIVERVIEW PARK!
Volleyball!!! Square dancing to live music!!!!
Hiking!!!!!! Games!!!!!! Lots of food!!!!!!

ALL THE ACTIVITY WILL BEGIN AT 2:00 p.m.....SEE MAP BELOW FOR DIRECTIONS
ON WHERE THE PAVILION IS.....

SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



DID YOU SAY YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT WITH THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL FALL PICNIC????
If so, mark whatever area you would like to help out with on your reservation
form below. OR.....call Jeri Walsh at 422-9686(evenings).....

A.Y.H. ANNUAL FALL PICNIC RESERVATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

GUESTS _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: Members.....4.50
Non-members...5.00
Kids 12&under.3.50

PLEASE CHECK ANY OF THE FOLLOWING
AREAS YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT
WITH.....

Food Preparation _____

Organizing Games _____

Clean-up _____

Lead a hike? _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO PITTSBURGH COUNCIL, AYH, AND MAIL TO : Jeri Walsh
(or deliver in person at any Thursday nite meeting!)

1712 Wightman St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15217

Minutes of the Activities Board
Held at the home of Carole Davis
August 5, 1980

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 P.M. Jim Gogots presiding.

Minutes of the July meeting were approved as read after some discussion on Item # 6.

Presidents Report:

McConnells Mills

1. Need to take money out of savings to put in a \$5,000 Bond for Security deposit on the hostel.
2. Need to draw up an estimate for repair and maintenance costs.
 - a. kitchen must be put in
 - b. exterior must be painted

Discussion centered around:

1. feasibility of finding houseparents
2. would it be used enough to make it worthwhile financially. Valid arguments were presented pro and con.

MOTION: (Joe Levine) to encourage hostel development committee to pursue the matter of establishing a hostel at McConnells Mills and present the plan to the Activities Board and the Board of Directors. Seconded (Joe H.) and PASSED

AYH Annual Picnic

October 19 at Riverview Park. Admission fee: not yet established. Cost is expected to be slightly higher than last year. Decision made to keep last year's band.

Chiopyle

New houseparents have been found for September. They are Cindy and Stan Swaintek.

Hostel Development Report:

Pittsburgh Council A.Y.H. has been invited to partake in Crooked Creek Lake Safety Day, Sunday Sept. 7. A bicycle Safety Program was proposed by Joe H. A.Y.H. displays prepared.

Laurelville

Next Winter Weekend is February 20-22, 1981.

Lodge Rates: 2 to a room \$19.00/person

3 to a room \$17.00/person

Cabin Space \$10.00/person

3 Meals were again requested.

Triangle

Joe H. would like to see more description included in trip announcements.

Need for an Advertising Chairperson.

Harriet Seiner proposed starting several In-Service Days for the purpose of instruction and information from the various activities. For Example: Winter Backpacking: what to bring
equipment needed
what to look for when purchasing equipment
etc.

Treasurer's Report:

End of the fiscal year is in September. All Activities Chairmen are urged to get bills up to date and work on inventories. Work should be started on next year's budget.

Trails Coordinator Report:

Jerry Finger reported on the Baker Trail. Problem areas are being mapped out and he is planning several fall work trips.

Old Business:

Marilyn Ham was looking for a home for AYH librarians file. Joel Platt volunteered to accept it.

Discussion, once again, on search for new Headquarters. No feasible possibilities found yet. Joe H. would be happy to hear about any potential sites.

Several keys to H.Q. not accounted for. A stricter system of key distribution is needed.

Jim Gogots stated that we needed to appoint a nominating committee. Roy Weil volunteered to chair. Joe H. and Carole Davis volunteered as members. Roy Weil asked chairmen of activities to think about nominees for their positions if they do not wish to continue in the position.

Next Activities Board Meeting is September 2 at the home of Roy Weil.

Move to adjourn at 10:00. Passed.

September 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. Trips costs include 50¢ registration and insurance (\$500 med) plus transportation and rentals. In addition, non-members are charged \$1.50/day which can be deducted from the cost of membership. Trips are classified BEGINner, INTERmediate, ADV.

Caving Chair: Norm Snyder (351-4068)

fri sep 26,27: Join Norm Snyder on a cave trip to West Virginia. See miles of caves. Call Norm to reserve a spot. Return Saturday night.

Climbing Chair: Woj (322-4524), Bill Skallow (921-5695)

sun sep 21: The last climbing trip of the 1980 climbing season for beginners as well as old timers. Leave AYH at 7 am. Bring Tennies and leather gloves.

Canoeing Chair: Jane Tobez (W462-5000x6585, H466-7885)

Septembers trips were listed in last month's newsletter. Additions are:

sat sep 13: Basic Canoe School, led by Jim Porcelli (731-9176)

sat sep 20: Family Flatwater Trip, led by Norm Snyder (351-4068)

Backpacking Chair: Steve Martin (W462-5000x6185)

tue sep 9: Beginner Backpacking School. Get ready for the fall BP season with an introduction to the basics of backpacking equipment and techniques. Class will meet at AYH at 7 pm; it will be about 2 hours long. Call Steve Martin.

fri sep 19-21: Beginner Backpack Trip to Otter Creek in West Virginia. Leave AYH at 7 pm Friday. Call Steve Martin to reserve.

Hiking Chair: Gus Hughes (421-4066)

sat sep 13: INTER, Stu Clark (361-2265). Leave AYH at 8 am.

sun sep 14: INTER, Beck Soisson (244-1151), leave 8:30 am, hike/inner-tubing

sat sep 20: INTER, Stever Tubbs (751-2158), leave 8:30 am.

sun sep 21: BEGIN, Gus Hughes (421-4066), leave 8:30 am.

fri sep 26,27: Keystone Trail Association Annual Meeting, Hiking and other festivities at Bethel, Pa. Call Gerry Finger (362-5290) for info.

sat sep 27: Hike with Judy Flowers (828-1592)

sun sep 28: BEGIN led by Carrol Godfrey (W766-4810, H421-0672)

Rafting Chair: Paul Kammer (843-5152)

Bring a lunch, change of clothes and tennis shoes. Non-cotton clothes are best.

Sat sep 6: YOUGH, Paul Johnson (W323-2600, H531-1393)

sun sep 7: YOUGH, Paul Kammer (843-5152)

sat sep 13: YOUGH, Norm Snyder (351-4068)

sun sep 14: Trip leader needed, call Paul Kammer to volunteer

sat sep 20: Call Becky Soisson (244-1151)

sun sep 21: YOUGH, Jerry Marsh (928-1122 at work)

sat sep 27: YOUGH, Gus Hughes (421-4066)

sun sep 28: YOUGH, Paul Kammer (843-5152)

Special

The downtown American Red Cross is holding many standard first aid and CPR classes this fall (too many to list). There is no fee for instruction, just a fee if supplies are used in class. Call office at 263-3191 for information. Advanced registr. required.

Bicycling

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

On trips bring a bike in working order, spare tube, raingear, money, helmet - A HELMET IS REQUIRED. Helmets, bikes can be rented. EEST means Economical Energy Saving Trip, a trip which leaves from headquarters. There will be no more evening cycles till May.

- sat aug 30, 31, sep 1: INTER trip leaving from Silver Lake Youth Hostel (Fombell). Call Barb Murock (687-0336) or Darren Molloy (765-1731, 281-3468)
- sat sep 6, 7: First Annual Pymatuning Weekend, all levels of trips available: 25-50-100 on Saturday, 50-25 miles on Sunday. Corn-on-the-cob Sat night. Visit fish hatchery and wildlife museum on Sunday. Call Chuck Ejzak for info.
- sat sep 13: INTER with Steve Tubbs (751-2158) Meet at AYH at 8:30 am.
- sat sep 13, 14: Join the Western Penna Wheelmen for a variety of rides leaving from North Park. Details will be posted on AYH bulletin Board.
- sat sep 20, 21: TASSLE, Tour ALONG the Southern SHore of Lake Erie. Starts in Cleveland or Toledo Run. Similar to TOSRV. Details on Bulletin Board.
- sat sep 20: Joe Hoechner is leaving Friday night for NEOC in Youngstown. Ride 25, 60 or 110 miles. Call JOE (828-5399) if interested or if you need ride.
- sat sep 27: Join Chuck Ejzak on a 50 mile INTER ride in Washington County starting near Prosperity. Meet at AYH at 8 am.
- sun sep 28: EEST INTER trip. leave from HQ, to Hartwood A^U res. About 40 miles. Call Larry Cole (823-1026) Leave 8:30 am.

Canoeing, reprinted from last month

- mon sep 1 CLASS II - Leader needed, call Jane Toben to volunteer.
- fri sep 5 OVERNIGHT - at hostel. Potomac Needles (Class II) and Shenandoah Staircase
- sep 7 (Class II, III). Bring hostel pass, sleeping bag or sheet sack. Call Joel Platt (521-5244)
- Sat sep 6 FLATWATER - Jim Porcella (731-9176)
- sun sep 7 CLASS I, II - Leader needed, call Jane Toben to volunteer.
- sat sep 13 CLASS I - Claudette Faulkenham (531-1824)
- sun sep 14 SCHOOL - Whitewater I, Leader to be announced.
- sun sep 14 CLASS II - Roy Weil (681-5131)
- fri sep 19 WORKSHOP - Instructor methods for ACA instructors. Jim Roberts.
- sep 20
- sat sep 20 CLASS I - Jerry Marsh (H922-8572, W928-1122)
- sat sep 20 CLASS II - Leader needed, call Jane Toben
- sun sep 21 FLATWATER - Jim Porcella (731-9176)
- sun sep 21 CLASS II, III - Ray Yutzy (929-4443)
- sat sep 27 FAMILY CAMPING - Class I, Frank Bruns (561-8579)
- sep 28
- sat sep 27 SCHOOL - Whitewater I, Leader needed. Call Jane Toben
- sat sep 27 CLASS I, II - Dick Nugent (487-5549)
- sun sep 28 SCHOOL - Basic skills. Leader needed, call Jane Toben.
- sun sep 28 CLASS II, III - Ray Yutzy (929-4443)



AYH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ Occupation _____
 _____ Zip _____ New?/Renewal? _____
 Social Security # _____ Birthdate _____

Check one:

_____ \$7.00 Youth (under 18) _____ \$35.00 Three-year Senior
 _____ \$7.00 Senior Citizen (60+) _____ \$35.00 Organization (non-profit)
 _____ \$14.00 Senior (18-59) _____ \$140.00 Life
 _____ \$21.00 Family (not valid abroad, includes youths under 18) (Note: Membership sells International Hostel Guide to Europe for \$5.00.)

Please Circle one or more:

Service Interests: Newsletter, Hostel Development, Bicycling, Publicity, Trail Maintenance, Equipment Repair, Auditor Service, Typing, Art Work

Leadership: Backpacking, Cycling, Canoeing, Caving, Climbing, Hiking, Cross-country Skiing, Rafting.

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