

# GOLDEN TRIANGLE

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## OPEN HOUSE

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

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

### SLIDE PROGRAMS FOR DECEMBER

Host: Bob Goff

- Dec 6 Bruce McClellan will take us X-C Skiing
- Dec 13 Hostess Carin Olson takes us to the best kept secret in the South Pacific.
- Dec 20 Join Cliff Ham, the AYH orchestra and chorus, for Christmas carolling outside, and party afterwards. Meeting starts at 7:00 PM.
- Dec 27 No show between the holidays, but do have a Merry Christmas and a safe Happy New Year'

### MOON ADVENTURE HOSTEL CLUB

The club has now grown to 67 members. Congratulations to their advisor, George Novak. Pgh Council is happy to sponsor you as a Hostel Club & wishes you another successful year.

### What is a hostel club?

It's a group of people, joined in a formal organization, who desire to participate in hosteling activities. Members agree to abide by hostel customs. Every club must be sponsored by a responsible civic organization. An individual or group desiring to establish a hostel club should contact Jane Toben or Jim Gogots, Pittsburgh Council, AYH.



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### DEADLINES FOR JANUARY

Everything due: December 13

Production Party: December 20

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please notify Pittsburgh Council as soon as possible if you change your address. Otherwise, you miss "The Golden Triangle", and we get billed 25¢.

### ACTIVITIES BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 4, 1979, 8:00 pm

Roy Weil  
5131 Penton Rd.  
(up Beeler St., next to C-MU)  
681-5131

### AYH ANNUAL CRISTMAS PARTY

Thurs, Dec 20. The meeting will start at \*\*\*\*\* 7:00 \*\*\*\*\* with a production party. There will be no slide show. Then, we will "carol" our way over to Cliff Ham's house in Oakland, where food and drink will be waiting. Dress warm.

For contributions (snacks and help), call Cindy Budauskas after 7 pm at 362-8030, or talk to her at a meeting.



Once again Pittsburgh Council is planning its annual winter weekend get-together at the nearby Laurelville Youth Hostel. This season the date is February 8-10.

We will arrive at Laurelville by carpool about 8:30 p.m. Friday night, Feb. 8, and leave on the afternoon of Sunday, Feb. 10. We have reservations for the lodge and three dorm cabins. Space is available for about 70 AYH members. Reservations for the lodge are on a first come, first serve basis, with couples having priority. The cost for cabin space is about \$5.00 less than a space at the main lodge.

## LAURELVILLE WINTER WEEKEND FEBRUARY 8-10, 1980

Our meals will be served by the Laurelville staff in the dining hall and will include two breakfasts and one supper. You'll have to bring two 'trail' lunches. A snack will be provided for Friday and Saturday nights. Transportation fees will be \$5.00 and will be paid directly

to the driver. Total cost of the weekend (two nights lodging, three meals, trip fees and transportation) should be approximately \$35. A deposit of \$15 should be paid to trip leader Joe Hoechner before January 24, 1980. (Make checks payable to Pittsburgh AYH).

Joe would like to remind all members to bring their musical instruments. He would also like to hear from anyone who can bring folk/square dance records, and a phonograph. There is a piano and a fireplace in the lodge building. Please note the room rate structure depending on the number of persons. Children under nine are half price.

What should you bring? As previously mentioned, bring two lunches, your AYH pass, a sleeping bag or sheets and blanket, cross-country skis, hiking boots, warm clothes and personal items. If you're the type who forgets their AYH pass, turn it in to Joe Hoechner, and he'll worry about bringing all the passes along.

If you would like to reserve cross-country ski equipment (one day rental basis), call Steve Tubbs at 751-2158.

If you have any questions, call Joe Hoechner at 322-6114. Reminder: The trip is open to AYH members only--with current passes!!! Deposits are non-refundable after January 24th. Leave AYH headquarters at 7:00 p.m., February 8th.

### RESERVATION FORM FOR LAURELVILLE AYH WINTER WEEKEND

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_ AYH PASS # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Lodge (2 persons at 17.50/person)  
\_\_\_\_ Lodge (3 persons at 15.00/person)  
\_\_\_\_ Dorm cabins (10.00/person)

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_ (15.00/person)  
Make checks payable to Pittsburgh AYH

\_\_\_\_ I CAN HELP WITH SNACKS  
\_\_\_\_ I NEED A RIDE  
\_\_\_\_ I CAN DRIVE (no. of passengers)  
\_\_\_\_ I CAN PLAY/BRING \_\_\_\_\_  
(folk/square dance records, instruments, phonograph)  
\_\_\_\_ I WOULD LIKE TO LEAD A TRIP \_\_\_\_\_  
(SKI, HIKE, OTHER.....)

Bring this form to deposit at meeting or mail to:

Joe Hoechner  
1240 Resaca Place  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15212



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**HOURS: mon - fri....4-9**

**sat.....12-9**

Activities Board Meeting, Nov. 6, 1979

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Gogots with 17 present. The minutes of October meeting were amended as follows: No. 9 and No. 12, add that motion passed; No. 13, there was no vote around discussion that the leadership manual be typed and printed, but there is a strong recommendation that this be done. The minutes were approved as amended.

- 1) Fred Hull will call National regarding whether our Liability insurance for raft trips covers non-members.
- 2) J. Platt moved, D. Marschik second, motion passed that AYH policy be enforced that members have priority on trips until Thursday night.
- 3) Trails report by C. Hamm: a) Tuscarora Trail inspected and found in good shape. C. Hamm moved, J. Platt second, motion passed that money from trail coordinator position be used to pay transportation expenses of above trip.  
b) Repeat of complaint from Mrs. Palermo, whose property is being trespassed upon and damaged by persons entering Baker Trail section. Suggestions:  
1) detour trail, publish in Triangle and make insert for Baker Trailguide,  
2) make signs for Palermo property. J. Gogots will call her to discuss.
- 4) National Council Meeting to be attended by J. Gogots and J. Hoechner on Nov. 16, 17, 18 in St. Louis. Issues to be discussed include: name change to American Hosteling Association, Hostel ratings and rates, move of National offices from Delaplane to D.C.
- 5) Budget for 1980 presented by F. Hull, with supplementing reports on trips by J. Levine and on trail guides sales by B. Sundquist. C. Hamm moved, J. Toben second, motion passed that budget be adapted as amended. Remanded to Board of Directors for approval.
- 6) J. Toben moved, D. Marshik second, motion passed that minutes from Activities Board meeting be published in the Triangle.
- 7) Jane Toben elected as new Vice-President, nomination by C. Hamm.
- 8) Trip Leaders are to be made aware that it is unnecessary to charge 4¢ a mile if drivers are driving economical cars.
- 9) F. Mauk moved, J. Toben second, motion passed that Gary Ludwig attempt to locate all keys for the Hostel and redistribute to appropriate persons.
- 10) C. Hamm moved, F. Mauk second, motion passed that meeting adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary L. Pieta

For sale: one set of VW Bug ski carriers with locks. Best offer. Call Bob (829-1684, 10-11 pm)

Wanted: adult bicycling partner for coast to coast ride next summer. 80 mi/8 hr on level, 65 mi/day on hills. Call George 921-0653

For sale: AYH is selling out its stock of used downhill ski equipment:  
Poles(44" - 57") \$1-\$4/pr  
Boots(4 - 9½)\$5-\$20/pr  
Skis(165-200)\$10-\$20/pr  
Call Bruce Sundquist (327-8737) if you are interested.

Are you planning to build an energy efficient home? Or would you like to retrofit your existing home with solar power? If you need architectural services for such projects, contact: Energy Design Associates, 114 East Diamond Street, Butler, Penna. 16001. They specialize in active and passive solar designs and earth sheltered buildings. their phone number is 285-3444.

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### Trips and Trails

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

### Canoeing

Chair: Dave Marschik (327-2778, W-256-3443)  
Jane Toben (466-7885, W-462-5000x6585)

Trips will be announced at Thurs meetings; there should be some good ones. Dress: lots of wool or wet suit, hat, gloves, warm footwear. Have dry change of clothes in a waterproof bag. Leaders - make sure everyone is prepared; be prepared to provide warmth in the form of fire, blanket or hot food. Contact Dave or Jane to be placed on the Canoeing Hot Line, which will be posted on bulletin board. Then, you will be contacted when the weather permits a good river flow.

### Hiking

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

sun dec 2 Laurel Ridge Nedro Bench Pseudo Trail. Bruce Sudquist (327-8737)

sat dec 8 TBA. Meet at HQ 8 am. Ed Sieger (561-4790).

sat dec 8 WEOHH! Join Joe & Sally for a WeekEnd Ohiopyle Hostel Hike. Enjoy  
- dec 9 leaf-free views of the Yough Gorge. Do gentle hikes along the river or advanced hikes up the Laurel Ridge Trail. Need 2 lunches, 1 brkfst eat out Sat night. Cost about \$12, trip limit 15, members only. Call Joe (322-6114)

sun dec 16 Frick Park. Meet at 10 am. Joe Levine (422-8287) (late)

A Baker Trail blazing and clearing contest will be initiated Dec 1st. Any trip leader interested in hiking on the Baker Trail in Dec or Jan should contact Bob Rudland or Cliff Ham about details.

### Jogging

Bob Rudland

Every Wed from 6:15 to 6:45 at Highland Park Reservoir near to of steps. Well lit 3/4 mi loop. Wear warm clothes. Other times and places are available. Info on races and fun runs are also available if you call Bob.

### Backpacking

Chair: Steve Martin (462-5000 x6185)

Basics: sl bag, food, water, shelter, pack, raingear. Rentals available.

sat dec 15 INTER - Dolly Sods. Leave HQ at 6:30 am - breakfast on the way.

- dec 16 Chuck Ejzak (327-5031 or W-462-5000x6436)



## X-C Skiing

Chair: Steve Tubbs (751-2158)

Trips depend on snow conditions. Typically, it's NO SNOW, NO GO.  
Contact trip leader for changes and for rental information.

Leaders: Clear all rentals through Steve Tubbs.

Bob Rudland will dispense downhill ski info.

sun dec 2 Joe Hoechner (322-6114)

sun dec 9 INTER - Cliff Ham (687-4960)

sat dec 15 INTER - Steve Schomer (824-5352)

sun dec 16 INTER - Chuck Ejzak (327-5031) Hike if no snow.

sat dec 22 BEGIN - Bill Skallos (921-5695, 5:30-7:00 pm)

sun dec 23 INTER - Norma Bitar (681-4357)

sat dec 29 BEGIN - Ed Sieger (561-4790)

sun dec 30 BEGIN - Bob Rudland (421-2227)

Are you a fat cat? Are you embarrassed  
by the obscene profits made by your  
oil company employer?

December is your last chance to make  
a 1979 tax deductible donation to  
Pittsburgh AYH! Actually, you can  
make out your check to "Pittsburgh  
AYH" (for the general fund) or to  
the "Ohioyle Youth Hostel" to help  
pay for maintenance of our hostel.

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Joe hoechner would like to remind you  
to shop the Hostel Store for

### STOCKING STUFFERS.

AYH T-shirts, medium only, in white  
@\$2.50, blue or orange @\$3.35. Bike  
safety flags cost \$2.50. Don't for-  
get hostel sheet sleeping sacks,  
cotton or nylon, @\$7.25.

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Overnight hikers on the Laurel Trail  
(Laurel Ridge State Park) are now  
required to use the new registration/  
reservation system. This requires a  
telephone call to the park before  
the trip starts. Call 455-3744,  
8 am - 4 pm, Mon thru Fri, or write:

Laurel Ridge State Park

R.D. #3

Rockwood, Pa 15557

## AYH COFFEE HOUSE

Last year was the first year for  
AYH Coffee Houses, everyone who  
participated enjoyed them. We  
want you to have a month  
of fun this year.



Date: Friday, Dec 14  
Place:

Hostel Headquarters

If you would like to help, if  
you want to play music, if you  
have slides that you would like  
to show, then come to the  
H-466-76 -5000 x6585.

# AYH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Fill out the following membership application and bring or send it with a check payable to "Pittsburgh Council, AYH" to:

Membership, AYH, 6300 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., 15232

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ (zip code) \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Inter. Youth Hostel Guide to Europe for \$5.00

Please Circle:

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

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

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