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Message from the President / State of the Council Report

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to provide you with an update on the state of affairs for your Pittsburgh Council. As you may know, the Board of Directors is elected every Fall by the membership of the Pittsburgh Council. Periodically, I'd like to take an opportunity through the newsletter to inform you of the state of the Council.

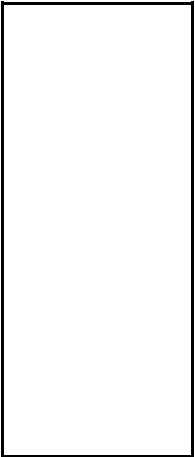
For the benefit of those of you that are relatively new members, the Council operates a diverse range of activities including: two Hostels, a full range of outdoor activities, the sale of travel guides, and the development and maintenance of the Baker and Rachel Carson Trail just to name a few. All of these activities are engaged in for the purpose of meeting the Pittsburgh Council's mission-- to provide inexpensive educational travel, intercultural understanding and an understanding of the natural environment. Our mission has never been more relevant, but it also has never been more challenged.

The bulk of the revenue that the Council earns through which it helps to fund all of its activities comes through the operation of two Hostels—one in Pittsburgh and the other

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- Nearby Universities
- The Carnegie Science Center
- The Zoo & National Aviary
- Phipps Conservatory
- Historic Point State Park
- Heinz Field
- PNC Park

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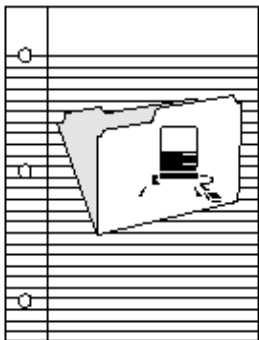
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NOTICE

Please note the deadlines for future issues of the GOLDEN TRIANGLE

Sep-Oct-Nov ISSUE
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If your work is on computer,
Please contact Joel Platt at
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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 pro gram
- 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 2003
Number 1 issue ->March/April/May Number 2 issue ->June/July/August
Number 3 issue ->September/October/November
Number 4 issue ->December/January/February *Editor...*

Why the funny new page 1 look?

We are trying a new labeling area to save \$50.00 in postage. The old way looked very nice, but was outside the Postal Services standard areas, so there was an extra charge added on every issue. The new format looks funny and uses up some extra space, but hopefully it will be worth it.

Oops...

If you find an error, please notify the editor. See the address for the *Golden Triangle* below.

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About HI

Hosting 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 Hosting International (HI), (formerly named International Youth Hostel Federation (IYHF), which coordinates more than 5,400 hostels worldwide- the largest network of accommodations in the world.

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SAILING

The AYH no longer owns sailboats or sponsors trips, however you may contact Bob Zavos at 412-241-0659 for more information on Sailing Activities in Western Pennsylvnia.

The major sailing organization in this area is the Moraine Sailing Club which holds most activities on Lake Arthur in Moraine State Park, about 35 miles North of Pittsburgh just off of I79 near Portersville. See the MSC Web site for their latest activities at morainesailingclub.org.

Introductory Sailing Classes are offered by Moraine Sailing School on the South Shore of Lake Arthur. Their Web Site is morainesailingschool.com and the phone is 724-368-9955.

Wind & Water Boatworks will hold Sail for UCP 2003 at the Crescent Bay Boat Rental on the South Shore of LAke Arthur on June 21 and 22 from 11am to 3pm. This is a charity event that is held around the country to help support United Cerebral Palsy. For a \$10 donation you can go for an introductory sailboat ride.

The 5th Annual Regatta at Lake Arthur is scheduled for August 23 & 24 and includes a wide variety of outdoor events including sailing activities. Further details will be available later this Summer.

Pennsylvania State Web Sites

Moraine State Park www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/morain.htm
PA DCNR Contacts www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/keycont.htm
PA DCNR Press Releases <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/polycomm/pressrel>
PA Fish & Boat Commission: www.fish.state.pa.us
Commonwealth of PA: <http://www.state.pa.us/PAPower/>
PA Governor: sites.state.pa.us/PA_Exec/Governor/organization.

Call for Volunteers / Great Ride / July 27, 2003

The Council needs about twenty-five volunteers for the Great Ride bike event sponsored by the Pittsburgh CitiParks Department that is held the morning of Saturday, July 27, 2003. For more information, or to sign up as a volunteer please contact the Pittsburgh Hostel at (412) 431-1267 or email ayh@trfn.clpgh.org

UPCOMING SLIDE SHOWS

May 29: Shelley Nilson, "Springs And Wildlife Of Ocala National Forest". They see cormorants, ibises, manatees and escaped monkeys while canoeing in Central Florida. Marjoree Kinnan Rawlings described this area in her 1939 Pulitzer-Prize book "The Yearling".

June 5: Cheese, bread and Juicy Juice party, if possible out of doors.

June 12: Annual celebration of the long days of summer solstice. We meet at headquarters at 8:30 pm sharp for a 25-minute walk to Aladdin's Eatery, on Forbes Avenue near Shady, where we eat until 10:30 pm.

June 19: Jim Hahn, Pennsylvania State Director for the Alaska Wilderness League, will give a slide and video presentation on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and on the Tongass and Chugach National Forests, and their protection from development.

June 26: We show the 16 mm film "The Last Stand In Eden". Examines the past and future of Kenya's once great elephant herds that have killed farmers while seeking relief from drought. Dramatic struggle between humans and animals. Produced for the National Geographic Society.

July 3: Closed for Independence Day weekend.

July 10: Steve Poprocky, "Camping And Car Touring In The Superstition Mountains Of Eastern Arizona". See Oak Creek Canyon, Saguaro and Canyon Lakes, also Lost Dutchman State Park.

July 17: Ice cream, cake and soft drink party, if possible out of doors.

July 24: We show the 16 mm film "Leonardo Da Vinci: Giant Of the Renaissance". Master of painting and sculpture, ingenious inventor and originator of scientific research. Includes examples from his works and notebooks.

July 31: Damon Perrott, of Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, "Nature Experiences In Local Parks". High-quality photography featuring Riverview Park, Raccoon Creek State Park and Lynn Run State Park. Also Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve.

August 7: Apple pie, potato chips and Juicy Juice party, if possible out of doors.

August 14: Ben Brugmans, "Traveling The Red Rock Country Of Arizona And Utah". This show covers Lake Powell, Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks, and Paria Canyon. Also hiking to the bottom of the Grand Canyon.

August 21: Annual Astro-Festival. This month, the planet Mars is closest to Earth in 50,000 years. Depending on weather, we look at its polar cap or we show a few slides of the planet. Also, we work on the September-October-November newsletter.

August 28: Pizza and soft drinks party, if possible out of doors.

September 4: Joyce Appel and Paul Henry, "Horse Riding, Biking, Hiking and Canoeing In The Dakotas". They saw several museums, the Badlands, Theodor Roosevelt National Park, Mount Rushmore, Horny Peak, and Bear Butte. Also, they rode on the Michelson Bike Trail.

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.



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>



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 National'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 National 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 ultimately unsuccessful in being able to have rock climbing covered. While we are disappointed with this exclusion, we have no choice but to stop sponsoring all rock climbing 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 possible 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.

Rambles For Summer 2003

JUNE

June 4 - Chartiers Creek Conservancy Area. Bag Lunch. Marilyn Ham.412-687-4520

June 11 - Lawrenceville. Martha Raak.412-802-7266

June 18 - Highland Park. Teresa Honert. Bag Lunch.412-683-0253

June 25 - Todd Sanctuary. Bag Lunch. Sally Schnorr.412-828-1472

JULY

July 2-Yough Trail-Boston toward McKeesport. "Deadman's Hollow". Bag Lunch. Marian Fast. 412-241-2109

July 9-Panhandle Trail starting at Walker's Mill, Collier Township. Bag Lunch. Bill Phoennik 412-279-5411

July 16-Bird Park, Mt.Lebanon. Bag Lunch. Billie Woodland. 412-886-1603

July 23-Western Loop Trail in Twin Lakes Park. Bag Lunch. Ed Appleby. 724-834-5077

July 30-Moraine State Park. Earl McCabe. Bag Lunch. 412-761-1844

AUGUST

August 6-Boyce Park. Bag Lunch. Joanne Woodward. 412-371-3167

August 13-Frick Park. Albert Farhy. 412-521-8226

August 20-Arrowhead Trail, Peterswood Park,Bebout Road,Peters Township. Bag Lunch or "Scones and Cones". Mary Ann Brincka 412-884-0383

August 27-A Conservancy Site in Greater South Hills. Bag Lunch. Jim Hurst 412-276-0447.

Rambles begin at 9:30.. 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

AMBLES WILL NOT MEET FOR THE SUMMER. LOOK FOR AMBLES AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER. OUR HIKES ARE 4-6 MILES IN INTERESTING LOCATIONS AROUND PITTSBURGH. PLEASE CONSIDER LEADING A TRIP IN THE FALL. THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE LED TRIPS THIS PAST FALL, WINTER AND SPRING.

Sun. July 20 - Umteenth Annual Youghiogheny River Valley inner-tube hike from Johnson's Run to Camp Carmel (3 miles on foot; 3 miles in inner-tubes) Weather must be hot and sunny or trip will be postponed one week. \$7.00 carpool - 54 miles. Limit: 18. Call Bruce Sundquist, 724-327-8737

ALLEGHENY GROUP - SIERRA CLUB - OUTINGS: APRIL 26 THRU SEPT. 21, 2003

Recommended carpool fee: 6 cents/ passenger-mile + share tolls.
(Unless stated, car-miles are one-way from Monroeville.)

For more up-to-date listings, visit <http://www.alleghenysc.org/>
Hardcopy subscriptions to this list are \$2.50/year (4 issues). Make check payable to Allegheny Group, Sierra Club and mail to Bruce Sundquist, 210 College Park Dr., Monroeville PA 15146-1532

E-mail subscriptions are free. bsundquist1@juno.com

To join the Sierra Club (Allegheny Group, Pennsylvania Chapter, and the National organization), contact Membership Chair Barbara Goff at 412-655-1662 or bargoff@hotmail.com

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 (during EDT) Tues & Thurs. evenings in Duff Park near Murrysville.
Call Nick Broskovich 724-863-6707

East End (during EDT), co-sponsored by the Sierra Club and the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, Wednesday evenings in Schenley Park, meet at 6PM. in front of the Visitor center. Call Don Stone, 412-441-2027

DAY- AND WEEKEND TRIPS

Sat.-Sun. May 31-June 1 - Backpacking in Allegheny National Forest-North Country Trail and Tionesta Scenic Area (7 miles/day) \$22.50 carpool-160 miles. Call Harold Kotchig, 412-341-1196

Sun. June 1 - Long hike on the trail in Oil Creek State Park. Maybe 20 miles if everyone feels up to it. Dinner at Sandalinis in Meadville is an option. \$10 carpool-84 miles from Richland Mall. Call Dave Mottorn, 724-327-7582

Sat. June 7 - Hike 7 downhill miles from the top of Sugarloaf to Ohiopyle. Half the trip is on the Yough River Trail. \$8.50 carpool-65 miles. Meet at Gateway Middle School in Monroeville at 10 AM. Call Ed Divers, 412-828-5154

Sat.-Tues. June 7-10 - Backpacking, base-camping and hiking on Red Creek/Roaring/Flatrock Plains--one of the highest and most rugged and most scenic parts of the West Va. Highlands and Monongahela National Forest. Near the peak of spring colors (azaleas, pink ladyslipper orchids). We will camp on, and explore, the rims of Allegheny Front and Long Run that offer some of the best views (and scenery) that the West Va. Highlands and the MNF have to offer - much of it rarely seen. Prior backpacking experience required. 16 miles of backpacking. Limit: 10. \$22 carpool-160 miles. Call Bruce Sundquist, 724-327-8737

Sun. June 8 - 10am-3pm. Canoe or kayak the three rivers with the Three Rivers Keeper, a new environmental watchdog for our three rivers. Canoes are provided free. See native vegetation and waterfowl, historic sights, learn about the work of 3Rivers RiverKeeper and how volunteers can help protect our rivers. Trip begin and end at Three Rivers Rowing Association Boathouse on Washington's Landing. Pack a lunch. Contact Robert Silber to reserve 412-931-3723 silber828@cs.com See directions to boathouse at bottom of this list.

Sat. June 14 - Hike in Roaring Run Natural Area; try some new trails; moderately strenuous 10-mile hike. Call Jim Ritchie, 412-828-0210.

Sat. June 14 - (8 AM-Noon) Join the 14th annual "River Sweep" and help 17,000 others clean up shore-line along the Allegheny, Monongahela and Ohio Rivers. Free Tee Shirt and refreshments. To work near the mouth of Nine-Mile Run on the Monongahela River call Bruce Sundquist, 724-327-8737. For other areas call Betsy Mallison (DEP) at 412-442-4182 <mallison.betsy@dep.state.pa.us>.

Sun. June 15 - Hike, easy intermediate, in Ohiopyle State Park on Ferncliff Peninsula, Great Gorge Trail and Meadow Run Trails. \$8.50-65 miles. Call Nick Broskovich 724-863-6707

Sun. June 15 - Hike an intermediate+ 10 miles in the Mt. Davis area of Forbes State Forest during the best time to see the mountain laurel in bloom. Enjoy views from the fire tower on the highest point in Pa. \$11.50 carpool- 86 miles. Call Dave Mottorn, 724-327-7582

Sat. June 21 - Take a llama for a walk. We will hike 4-5 miles with our llamas in the Laurel Highlands near Ligonier. Bring a lunch and we'll picnic along the trail. \$7.00 carpool-57 miles. Call Diane Neely to confirm. 724-459-3012.

Sat. June 21 - Caving, intermediate, in Bartons Cave near Quebec Run. \$8.25 carpool - 65 miles. Call Norm Snyder, 412-351-4068

Sun. June 22 - Strenuous and exploratory full day hiking along the Laurel Highlands Trail between Rt.271 and US30, with descents into valleys of the forks of Mill Creek. \$9.50 carpool-80 miles from Shadyside (incl. Shuttle). Call Dick Pratt, 412-362-5567

Sat. June 28 - Hike, strenuous, in Goddard State Park, including 12 miles on Lake Wilhelm Trail. \$9.00 carpool fee-75 miles from Cranberry Mall. Call Dave Mottorn, 724-327-7582

Sun. June 29 - Hike an intermediate, fast-paced 8 miles in McConnells Mill State Park from Alpha Pass to Hells Hollow. \$3.75 carpool-31 miles from Cranberry Mall (incl. car shuttle). Call Judy or Don Ziegler, 412-826-0519

Sat.-Sun. July 5-6 - Backpacking in Allegheny National Forest. \$17.50 carpool fee-150 miles. Call Harold Kotchig, 412-341-1196

Sat. July 12 - Bike & Hike (Easy) on 3.3 miles on the West Penn Trail near Blairsville and hike up on Bow Ridge at the end of the Bike Trail and return. Bring a bike lock and lunch. \$3.00 carpool - 26 miles. Contact Diane Neely 724-459-3012

Sun, July 13 - Bicycle, easy intermediate, on Youghiogheny 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

Sun. July 13 - Hike, strenuous and exploratory, in Ohiopyle State Park - Tharp Knob, Great Gorge and Jonathan Run. \$8.50 carpool - 65 miles. Call Dick Pratt, 412-362-5567

Sat. July 19 - Hike about 10 miles on Lost Turkey Trail & J.P. Saylor Trail in Galitzen State Forest; including Clear Shade Wild Area; moderately strenuous. \$10 carpool-83 miles. Call Jim Ritchie, 412-828-0210

Sat. July 19 - Caving, easy, in Casparis Cave near Connellsville. \$5.25 carpool - 40 miles. Call Norm Snyder, 412-351-4068

Sun. July 20 - Umteenth Annual Youghiogheny River Valley inner-tube hike from Johnson's Run to Camp Carmel (3 miles on foot; 3 miles in inner-tubes) Weather must be hot and sunny or trip will be postponed one week. \$7.00 carpool - 54 miles. Limit: 18. Call Bruce Sundquist, 724-327-8737

Sat. July 26 - Bicycling, strenuous (on roads), from the dam site above Johnstown to the stone bridge. Trace the route of the floodwaters. \$7.00 carpool-57 miles. Call Dave Mottorn, 724-327-7582

Sun. July 27 - Hike an intermediate, fast-paced 7.5 miles in Harrison Hills Regional Park. \$1.25 carpool-10 miles from Harmarville. Call Judy or Don Ziegler, 412-826-0519

Sat.-Sun. Aug. 2-3 - Backpacking in Allegheny National Forest. \$17.50 carpool fee-150 miles. Call Harold Kotchig, 412-341-1196

Sun. Aug. 3 - Swim, snorkel, boat on a private lake near New Stanton. \$3.25 carpool-25 miles. Call Nick Broskovich 724-863-6707

Sun. Aug.3 - Hike a moderate 7 miles in Cook Forest State Park, visiting the Clarion River, the fire tower, and the forest cathedral. \$9.00-75 miles from Richland Mall on US8. Call Mike Robertson, 412-678-4039

Sat. Aug. 9 - Hike 10 miles in Quebec Run Wild area; moderately strenuous. \$8.25 carpool-65 miles. Call Jim Ritchie, 412-828-0210

Sat. Aug.16 - Caving, intermediate, in Harlansburg Cave near Slippery Rock Creek. \$3.00 carpool-25 miles from Cranberry Mall. Call Norm Snyder, 412-351-4068

Sun. Aug.17 - 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 Youghiogheny 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. Aug.23 - Flatwater school on Nicholson Island with cookout (canoes and kayaks provided) Fee: \$10. Limit: 8. Meet at Harmarville Ames at 10 AM. Call Ed Divers, 412-828-5154

Sat. Aug. 23 - Llama hike in the Laurel Highlands beyond Ligonier. We will hike about 5 miles leading our llamas. Bring lunch. Contact Diane Neely 724-459-3012

Sun. Aug. 24 - Canoe trip from the Bush recreation area up Loyalhanna Creek. We could go as far as 14 miles if people want to go that far. \$3.00 carpool-26 miles. Rental canoes are available from a livery. Call Dave Mottorn, 724-327-7582

Sat. Aug. 30 - Mon. Sept. 1 - Backpacking in Dolly Sods Wilderness, camping at Forks of Red Creek and Rocky Point overlook. Prior backpacking experience required. \$22 carpool-165 miles. Limit: 10 Contact Bruce Sundquist, 724-327-8737 or bsundquist1@juno.com

Sun. Aug. 31 - Hike, strenuous and exploratory, along Laurel Hill Creek in State Gamelands No. 111 from Whipkey Dam to Humbert. \$9.00 carpool-70 miles from Shadyside. Call Dick Pratt, 412-362-5567

Sun. Sept. 7 - Bicycle, easy intermediate, on the Yough River Trail from Boston to Sutersville, West Newton or Cedar Creek County Park and back. Possible dinner at Riverfront Restaurant (trailside near Boston). Call Nick Broskovich 724-863-6707

Sat. Sept. 13 - Llama hike in the Laurel Highlands beyond Ligonier. We will hike about 5 miles leading our llamas. Bring lunch. Contact Diane Neely 724-459-3012

Sun. Sept.21 - Hike an easy 7 miles in the Ohiopyle area. Search for ancient battlements in the Victoria Flats area. Meet at Gateway Middle School at 9 AM. \$8.50 carpool-65 miles. Call Ed Divers, 412-828-5154

NOTES: Ask leader for names & 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 trip-

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pers. Sierra Clubbers planning to lead outings during 9/01/03-12/01/03 should contact Bruce Sundquist, 724-327-8737, bsundquist1@juno.com by 7/15/03.

Directions to boathouse: From downtown take US28 north to 31st St. Bridge. Turn onto bridge and then turn immediately right onto River Ave. before crossing the river. Then turn immediately left on the 30th St. bridge onto Washington's Landing (Herr's Island). Bear left after crossing channel. Follow road 1/2 mile to Boathouse on your left.

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 (while supplies last). Call Bruce Sundquist (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., June 11 THREE RIVERS RIVERKEEPER - HOW WE CAN IMPROVE OUR RIVERS Robert Silber will describe how Three Rivers RiverKeeper is working to organize canoeists, kayakers, boaters, and fishermen as well as SC members, to help protect our rivers from threats such as sewage/ stormwater pollution, sand and gravel mining, and waste dumping.

NON-SIERRA CLUB TRIPS

Trips listed below are in no way connected with the Sierra Club. Sierra Club takes no responsibility, and makes no representations or warranties about the quality, safety, supervision or management of these trips. They are published here purely as a service to our members.

Dave Mottorn does something (hiking, biking, canoeing or ski-touring) nearly every weekend--usually a pretty tough workout. He plans his trips about a week in advance. To be on his Email list, Email him at dmottorn@alltel.net.

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Outside Adventures 2002 Paddling Schedule
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www.outsideadventures.org or www.outsideadventures@Yahoo.com
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Sat. May 24 - Clarion River Through the Allegheny National Forest: Run a scenic 12 mile section of the Clarion River, with fast moving flatwater and easy Class I ripples. The Clarion is a clean, lively National Scenic River flowing through a rugged Pa. woodlands valley. Rugged Allegheny highlands terrain, rock-strewn hemlock lined banks, and playful whitewater conditions make this river many paddlers' favorite in Northwestern Pa! Class I easy whitewater. Experience level II-III
Sun. May 25 - A Day at Yough Lake Spanning the Mason-Dixon line between Pennsylvania and Maryland, Youghiogheny River Lake winds 16 miles through the heart of the Laurel Highlands. We'll spend the day surrounded by the mountains and steep-sided valleys of the region as we explore the more secluded southern areas of the lake. This trip includes personalized, kayak practice & instruction. Flatwater/ Experience level I-II

Thurs. eve May 28 - North Park Intro to Sea-Kayaking. See May 1

Sat. May 31 - Tionesta River - Allegheny National Forest Expect some of Pennsylvania's most scenic, rugged woodland valleys of flowing flatwater and occasional class I riffles as the Tionesta carves through the heart of the Allegheny National Forest. Abundant wildlife, deep pools for early summer swimming dips and flat riverside rocks perfect for lunch breaks or rest stops make this one of our favorite river trips! Join us Saturday morning, or camp Friday night with us. Class I+. Experience Level II-III.
Sun. June 1 - Connie-Kiski Challenge -- Conemaugh & Kiskiminetas Rivers, Saltsburg, PA: This trip has options for just about everyone: We'll begin with a 7-mile morning tour down the Conemaugh River, a wide stream passing woodlands and country farms. After a lunch stop in Saltsburg, we'll continue another 7 miles down the Kiskiminetas River. Conemaugh means "Little Otters" and the Kiskiminetas was named for "Plenty of Walnuts". Both rivers are undergoing clean-up efforts and are again great local paddling destinations. You may join us for the morning run, the afternoon run, or both. Class I moving water & easy whitewater riffles. Experience level II (either section) or level III (both).

Tues. eve June 3 - Sunset Tour Ohio River Sewickley, PA: Cool off and enjoy a summer evening by paddling down the Ohio River and through the Dashields Lock & Dam. This is a chance to really see (and feel) how a river lock works as we lock through in our kayaks, and experience river life along the shores of the Ohio River. Flatwater

river. Experience level II.

Thurs.eve June 5 - Raccoon Creek State Park Intro to Kayaking Raccoon Creek State Park is one of the largest and most beautiful state parks in Pa. Intro to Sea-kayaking trips are multipurpose evening outings that are educational, practical, and a lot of fun! We follow a "learning-by-doing" approach that eliminates the need for formal class instruction. Experience level I.

Sat. June 7 - Sea-Kayak Day! (Moraine State Park) Our annual fun & educational event for all paddlers is like "sea-kayak concentrate". Learn about the important factors that give different kayaks their own personalities, and make them fun to paddle or useful in a particular situation. We'll have over 30 different touring models (about 50 kayaks) available to take out for "test rides" in the secluded backwaters of Lake Arthur, basic paddling instruction, water safety tips, and demonstrations throughout the day. Flatwater Guided Instruction, demos and field instruction. Level I.
Sun. June 8 - Middle Yough The "Middle-Yough" provides a challenging 11 miles of easy Class I-II rapids & riffles interspersed with calm pools as the Yough deeply cuts through scenic Laurel Ridge with wooded mountainsides along the river's edge. Basic whitewater instruction provided. Basic whitewater instruction provided as we go along. Bring lunch and prepare to get wet! Class I-II whitewater. Experience level III

Tues. eve June 10 - Sunset Tour on Mon River. (See May 6)
Thurs. eve June 12 - Intro to Kayaking on North Park. Lake (See May 1)

Fri. eve. and Sat. June 13-14 - Crooked Creek Campout & Full Moon Paddle. Sea-kayak instruction will also be offered Saturday afternoon on the lake. You may join us Friday evening, Saturday, or both. Flatwater lake. Experience level I.
Sun. June 15 - Allegheny River Marathon Two paddling events together celebrate the Allegheny River and its history-making Pittsburgh "The Gateway to the West". Join us for a easy float down various sections of the Allegheny River or Paddle the Marathon from Harmar around the Point to the Ohio River. Flatwater river with lock-thrus. Experience level I-II (shorter trips) or level III-IV for the Marathon, which requires much more speed and endurance.

Tues. eve June 17 - Sunset Tour of Allegheny River. (See May 13)
Thurs. eve June 19 - Intro to Kayaking on Canonsburg Lake. (See May 8)

Sat. June 21 - Little Beaver River (Lower Section) One hour's drive west of Pittsburgh, Little Beaver Creek is one of Ohio's prettiest rivers and is officially protected by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Wild & Scenic River designation. 10 miles of clean and clear, fast-moving class I (easy) riffles that will carry you down deeply incised valleys and past beautiful countryside to the river's end at Glasgow, where it joins the Ohio River. We will also pass scenic and historic old locks, remnants of a former canal system that long ago opened up commerce to this part of Ohio. This is one of our best local rivers for practicing on moving and easy whitewater. Class I easy whitewater. Experience level II-III
Sun.June 22 - Cross Creek Lake Afternoon Paddle This pretty, quiet rural lake southwest of Pittsburgh features several quiet wooded coves, habitat for birds & wildlife, a small park, and an old-fashioned covered bridge. Easy paddling at your own pace, and sea-kayak instruction provided if needed. Experience level I.

Tues. eve June 24 - Sunset Tour Pgh. Skyline (See May 20)
Thurs. eve June 26 - Intro to Kayaking, North Park (See May 1)

Sat. June 28 - Ryerston Station State Park Yak & Pak Washington County, PA: Make a trip where you can kayak and swim, and take short hikes. Plus, you can visit one of our lesser-known State Parks. Kayaking instruction will be offered to new paddlers; more experienced kayakers may paddle or practice on their own. If you get tired of swimming in the lake water, there's also a pool nearby that is free! Experience level I.
Sat.-Sun. June 28-29 - Redbank Creek Weekend Sojourn. Early summer classic weekend canoe & kayak camping trip through 25 miles of remote woodlands and through a gorge. Expect fast-moving flatwater with frequent riffles and very little pollution or by-products of humanity. Contact us if you need help borrowing camping equipment. Easy Class I. Experience level II.

July - Maine & the North Atlantic. Call 724-230-0237 or 412-968-0310 for more info. Early registration required.

Late Sept. - Utah & Colorado Mesa Verde / Lake Powell / Goblin Valley & Black Canyon of the Gunnison. Early registration required.

Baker Trail and Rachel Carson Trail Trail Maintenance Opportunities for 2003

The Pittsburgh Council, American Youth Hostels, conceived and built the Baker Trail in the late 1940's and dedicated the Trail in 1950. It was built by returning war veterans who envisioned a network of "youth hostels" along the Trail where the youth of the world could find safe, inexpensive shelter while touring rural America on foot. Today the Trail is 141 miles long and extends from Freeport, PA to the Allegheny National Forest, and traverses Cook Forest State Park, several State Game Lands, Kittanning State Forest, the Mahoning and Crooked Creek Army Corps of Engineers projects, and several local recreation facilities. All AYH members are asked to spend one day a year helping us maintain the Trail. The Baker Trail is 100% volunteer-supported. We use no Federal, State, or Local government funding.

The following is a list of one-day trail maintenance excursions. Members and non-members are equally welcome to come out and spend a day cleaning up the Trail. All you need are some old clothes that you can get dirty and the willingness to do an honest day's work. If you are interested, give a call now.

June 7 Saturday Indiana County near Elderton.
This is an all-day work project on the Baker Trail in Indiana County near the village of Elderton crossing lands owned by the Keystone Power Plant. We will also look in on the Idaho Shelter. It takes about one hour to drive to this location. Today's project will be to put up fresh blazing on the 4 miles from Pine Tree Road to PA Route 422. We will also be doing some chainsaw work and clearing debris from the Trail. We need volunteers to help paint blazes, remove vegetation and fallen branches from the Trail, collect any trash in a plastic garbage bag, and trim branches and leaves covering up our blazes. This is a good opportunity to get outside, see part of the Baker Trail, doing short hikes in and out from the road. Help us care for one of Pennsylvania's endangered trails. Call Jim for questions and to make arrangements, 412-828-0210.

July 12 Saturday Corsica to Frozen Toe.
The Trail roller-coasters up and down the hills of Clarion and Jefferson counties. We will look in on the Corsica Shelter; driving time is about 90 minutes to this location. The agenda for this day of trail maintenance is much the same as that for June 7. Call Jim for questions and to make arrangements, 412-828-0210.

August 2 Saturday Garver's Ferry to Bethel.
We will perform mostly chainsaw work and trail clearing as needed by our local maintainers along these sections, stopping by the Schenley Shelter as we go. Driving time from 15 minutes (Garver's Ferry) to 40 minutes (Bethel). Call Jim for questions and to make arrangements, 412-828-0210.

Adopt-a-Trail Volunteers needed. We also need volunteers to become trail stewards who are willing to adopt a 3-5 mile long section of the Baker Trail. Trail stewards will be independently responsible to work on their section of the trail on their own schedule. Responsibilities include painting yellow blazes on the trail once a year, picking up debris and trash off the treadway, and trimming vegetation away from blazes. Optional skills include chain saw work, shelter repair (we have 10 overnight shelters on the trail that require yearly maintenance—adopt a shelter as your own personal project) and/or you can build bridges, sidehill supports, benches, and other trail amenities. Regardless of the level of your effort, you would be expected to walk your trail section twice a year, preferably once in the spring (April, May) and once in the fall (September, October). All expenses for supplies—paint, brushes, etc.—are reimbursed.

Baker Trail/Rachel Carson Trail Resources

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.**

Baker Trail website: www.geocities.com/bakertrailpa; **this website has some abbreviated information concerning the Baker Trail.**

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

Keystone Trails Association: <http://www.kta-hike.org/>; **has informa-**

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*******HIKER ALERTS*******Current hiker alerts for both the Rachel Carson Trail and the Baker Trail may be found at www.rachelcarsontrail.com.

Rachel Carson Trail

An issue came up Sunday April 20 2003 nearing the trail end above the river well past Harrison Hills park. The trail pops out of the woods and crosses several properties behind the homes. The first home is located next to the white crushed limestone access road to a very high cell phone tower. This home is a small brick house with a 'grotto' in the tiny backyard and a hedge row along the cliffs. The Mother and Father died, and the son/daughter own it. They decided not to allow the trail to pass here anymore. Use the high, fenced in cell tower as a landmark. If hiking from Harrison Hills park out to here, go just past the tower on the existing trail, and pop out of the woods, but eliminate the last 1/4 mile of trail. Don't go behind any of the homes. Instead bear left and follow the cell tower access road out to Old Freeport road, as it will lead out very close to the parking area at the flashing traffic light where Millerstown Road intersects with Old Freeport road. There is limited parking here, we used this area as a staging area in the past for training hikes, and I see no reason to change anything. Just access the trail via the cell tower service road for now. If parking in the area close to the flashing light to begin your hike, cross Old Freeport road, turn left and just as you begin your descent down the road towards Freeport, there will be the access road up on your right, it is in an open area, and there may be a chain across it. This will lead you to the trail, which is to the right towards Harrison Hills park along the cliffs. Don't go behind any of the homes! Note that the Challenge doesn't use this area, but ends at the Bob White shelter within Harrison Hills park.



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.

June 3, 10 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.

Wednesday evenings Eric & Shelley Nilson (412-487-3255). Wednesday evenings on through the Summer. the lake.
Bring your canoe and join the Nilsons at North Park Lake to enjoy the remains of the day and work on paddling technique. These are informal canoeing sessions, not scheduled trips (no rentals), but if the evening is warm and dry, they'll probably be there by about 5:30 PM. Park in the lot at intersection of Pierce Mill and Babcock and launch into inlet. You can call and check before you leave if the weather looks too cool or wet.

Sat., Sun., June 7, 8 TRPC sponsored Slippery Rock Clinic

Sunday, June 15 Brian McBane 724-443-8972
Moving Water School

Sat., June 28 Brian McBane 724-443-8972
Beginner Trip. Practice what you learned in the moving water school. Class I.

Sat., July 19 Rich Gemeinhart 412-462-1876
Moving Water School

Sat., July 27 Kate Fissell 412-683-2157
Kate is negotiating a dam release for Mahoning Cr, Class I

Sat., Sun., Aug 2, 3 TRPC sponsored Turkey Bash Clinic

Sat., Aug. 23 Brian McBane 724-443-8972
Class II. Middle Yough if streams are low.

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 Cindy Phillips, (412-741-5346, email to: widgeons@aol.com)

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

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The Seventh Annual Rachel Carson Trail Challenge “34 Miles in One Day” June 21, 2003

After a cold, snowy winter it's about time for the Rachel Carson Trail Challenge, a 34-mile one-day endurance hiking event, held in the spirit of the Alaskan Iditarod, the 70-mile Laurel Highlands Trail Run, and the many Ironman Triathlons held across the country each year. Sponsored by Hostelling International Pittsburgh/AYH, the Challenge will be held this year on June 21, the summer solstice, starting at the crack of dawn, and will extend through the 34-mile roller coaster of hills, hollows, and bluffs between North Park and Harrison Hills in Allegheny County, ending as the sun sets below the horizon. The "Challenge" is to endure, to finish the hike in one day, rather than to "come in first" or "win".

Located in Allegheny County just northeast of Pittsburgh, the Rachel Carson Trail is characterized by its roller coaster hills and is often said to be one of the most difficult hiking trails in the United States. The hike will begin, rain or shine, at sunrise and will officially end at sunset, 5:50 A.M. to 8:54 P.M., giving Challengers a total of 15 hours and 4 minutes to complete the 34-mile route. A typical hiking pace on most trails is 2 miles per hour.

The Challenge has two dimensions: the first is to endure 34 miles of tortuous hill climbing and descent in unpredictable weather conditions; the second is your ability to stay on the trail without getting lost. Obviously, those who have hiked the trail before will have some advantage in maintaining the proper route. (Four training hikes covering the entire trail will be held on May 31 & June 1 and June 7 & June 8, covering 8-9 miles each. See the web site, below, for details.)

Finishing is atypical. In fact, only once in the history of the event have more than half of the participants completed it. Of the 270 people who started the 1996 and 1997 Challenges, only 32 finished the 34-mile event. The Trail takes its toll.

The Rachel Carson Trail is a "primitive" trail in the sense that no special grading or surfacing materials are used. While the trail is blazed with yellow blazes, there will be an occasional missing blaze where a tree has fallen or when you are following a logging road, a power line or gas line; there will be blow downs, washouts, poison ivy, nettles, bugs, loose gravel and rocks, steep inclines, gullies, and wet stream crossings. You must be prepared to expect the unexpected and think the unthinkable. The better hiker you are, the better you will do on the Challenge.

All hikers will be given a trail guide to assist them on their journey. There will be four checkpoints throughout the hike, offering minimal support. Hikers are expected to carry all their own gear and necessities, including food, water, snacks, first aid equipment and raingear.

The Challenge entry fee includes a t-shirt, shuttle bus, cookout, and a one-year, four issue subscription to the AYH Golden Triangle newsletter. The shuttle bus is available to take participants from Harrison Hills to the North Park check-in just before sunrise, and again after 4 P.M. to take those Challengers who parked at North Park back to their vehicles. The cookout is available at the finish in Harrison Hills Park, from 2 P.M. until 9 P.M., serving up lots of food, and lots of sympathy.

For more information see the Trail web site at <http://www.rachelcarsontrail.com>, email challenge@rachelcarsontrail.com or call (412) 512-4544. Learn more about Hostelling International Pittsburgh/AYH, the organization that built the Rachel Carson Trail at <http://trfn.clpgh.org/ayh>.

! CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS !

The Challenge cannot happen without volunteers. We urgently need people to help at check-in, at each checkpoint and various other spots, and at the finish. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer, please email challenge@rachelcarsontrail.com or call (412)512-4544. All volunteers will earn a Marshal t-shirt, admission to the cookout, a one-year *Golden Triangle* subscription, and the gratitude of hundreds of their neighbors!



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
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More About the Rachel Carson Trail Challenge

DETAILS

- **START:** The Challenge will begin at 5:50 AM at the Beaver Shelter in North Park, 100 yards north on Babcock Blvd. from the Pearce Mill Road intersection. North Park is located on the “Yellow Belt” between Route 19 (McKnight Road) and Route 8. Registration opens at 5:15 AM and closes at 6:30 AM.
- **SHUTTLE:** Shuttle bus service will be available to bring participants from Harrison Hills Park to the North Park check-in before dawn, and later, for those participants who parked at North Park, from the Harrison Hills Park finish back to their vehicles.
- **PARKING:** There is limited parking in the vicinity of both North Park’s Beaver Shelter and the Bobwhite Shelter in Harrison Hills Park, and car-pooling is strongly encouraged.
- **WATER:** Checkpoints will be located about every 7 miles with water and light snacks available for participants. Marshals will have cell phones for communications.
- **FINISH:** The Challenge will end at precisely 8:54 PM (official sunset time) at the Bobwhite Shelter in Harrison Hills Park. Take Route 28 to exit 16, turn east (right if exiting northbound) at the end of the ramp, then right again at the T-intersection with Freeport Road. The park is about one mile down on the left. Take the left fork of the Park entrance road and follow it ½ mile to the shelter parking lot on the right at the Bluejay sign..
- **REWARD:** All finishers will be entered into a raffle. Ten names will be drawn with each winner receiving a Dick’s Sporting Goods gift certificate or a prize from EMS. The first two names drawn will also receive an overnight stay for two at either the Pittsburgh International Youth Hostel or the Ohiopyle Youth Hostel.

“HOW DO I COMPETE?”

You are expected to be entirely self-contained. This is an endurance hike, not a race. Weight, up to 10 pounds in your pack will not be a significant factor. Be able to carry NO LESS THAN two quarts of water; sports drinks are recommended; carry plenty of high-energy snack foods, raingear, dry socks, first aid gear-especially moleskin or band-aids for blisters; you may want to carry a pair of sandals or surf shoes for wet stream crossings; wear sturdy, well broken-in footgear preferably with good ankle support and a lugged sole for gripping loose gravel and rocks; wear thick wool, wool blend or synthetic fiber socks; wear a hat to keep your head out of the sun; wear sunglasses; carry a pack towel to soak in streams and wrap over your head to cool down. Salty snacks such as pretzels, peanuts and potato chips are recommended to avoid salt depletion.

Please note that in June, some sections of the Rachel Carson Trail will have brambles and nettles as well as poison ivy. Consider wearing long pants made of lightweight material.

While the organizers recommend you outfit yourself as a “hiker”, participants in past Challenges had success participating in “runner mode” wearing light low-top trail running shoes, and carrying only water and a small waist pack for gear instead of a day backpack (rucksack/knapsack).

TRAIL RUNNER ADVISORY

Although all participants are welcome, the Rachel Carson Trail Challenge is not race, it is an endurance-hiking event and the checkpoints are staffed accordingly. This means that runners may reach checkpoints before the scheduled setup time, so water and supplies may not be available when expected. If you intend to run, you are strongly advised to be entirely self-sufficient.

Official Entry Form Rachel Carson Trail Challenge June 21, 2003

“34 Miles in One Day”

Please provide the following information and return this form with a check or money order for the proper amount. **Each participant must complete and sign a separate form.** Make check or money order payable to “Hostelling International Pittsburgh”.

Mail to: Rachel Carson Trail Challenge
c/o H.I. – Pittsburgh
830 E. Warrington Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15210

Name: First, Middle, Last _____ Age: As of June 21, 2002 _____

Street Address _____ City, State, Zip code _____

Email Address: For registration confirmation _____ Telephone: Daytime and evening _____

Registration Fee
☐ My entry is postmarked June 7 or before..... \$25
☐ My entry is postmarked after June 7 \$40
☐ I want registration confirmation by U.S. mail..... \$3
Total enclosed _____
Fee includes t-shirt, shuttle, cookout, trail guide, and *Golden Triangle* subscription. **No refunds after June 8.**

T-Shirt Size
☐ Small ☐ Medium ☐ Large ☐ Extra Large

Shuttle
☐ I will park at Harrison Hills Park and use the early morning shuttle
☐ I will park at North Park and use the afternoon shuttle

Signature
I have read, understood and agree to the **Liability Waiver** below. **All unsigned entries will be returned.**

Participant’s Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian’s Signature if participant is under 18 _____ Date _____

Liability Waiver
In consideration of your acceptance of my application for participation in the Rachel Carson Trail Challenge, I, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, waive and release any and all claims for damages, for death, personal injury or loss of property I may have, or which may accrue to me as a result of my participation. I discharge and release Hostelling International Pittsburgh, its activity leaders, and their respective agents, boards, commissions, and any other involved employees and representatives from all liability arising out of or connected in any way with my participation in the Challenge, whether or not caused by the negligence of any of the above parties.

I acknowledge that there are inherent risks and dangers that may arise at any time during the Challenge. My participation is voluntary and is done at my own risk. I voluntarily assume all risks of loss, damage or injury that may be sustained while participating in the Challenge. I attest that I am physically fit and sufficiently trained for the completion of this event. I understand and agree that medical or other services rendered to me by or at the insistence of any of the above parties is not an admission of liability to provide or to continue to provide any such service and is not a waiver of any of said parties of any right hereunder. I understand that serious accidents occasionally occur during hiking and that participants in the Challenge may sustain mortal or serious injury as a consequence thereof. Nevertheless, I agree to assume those risks and to release and indemnify and hold harmless all the persons mentioned above who might otherwise be liable to me (or my heirs or assigns) for damages, of whasoever kind or nature.

I attest that the equipment and clothing I will use in this activity is in good condition, and that I have the experience and ability to complete the activity safely. I UNDERSTAND THAT PROPER EQUIPMENT IN GOOD CONDITION CAN PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY. I agree to abide by the rules of this event as established by Hostelling International Pittsburgh and to obey the directions of the event officials. I hereby grant full permission to the trip leaders, Hostelling International Pittsburgh and their respective agents, boards, commissions, and any other involved parties of the foregoing to use photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, or any other record of this event, including my name, likeness and/or voice for any legitimate purpose.

Proceeds from the Rachel Carson Trail Challenge are used to fund Hostelling International Pittsburgh/AYH trail maintenance activities on the Rachel Carson Trail and the Baker Trail.

HOSTEL NEWS

Welcome to the Hostel!

The Pittsburgh International Hostel would like to welcome two new employees, and to welcome back an old friend as well. Recently hired are our new Assistant Managers, Matt Jackson and Jennifer Britton. Matt has been active in the Pittsburgh art scene, including creating permanent installations for Kennywood and the new David Lawrence Convention Center, as well as for our local favorite art-rock band, Squonk Opera. Jennifer has moved all the way from Illinois to work at the Pittsburgh hostel, but she spent almost all of 2002 in Korea, where she taught English. Make sure to stop by one of the hostel potlucks sometime soon (first and third Wednesday of every month) and say hello to our new employees!

One familiar face you will also encounter is that of former Manager Jessica Carpenter. Jessica just couldn't stay away forever and has returned to the hostel as an hourly staff member. We are all glad to have her smiling face back behind the desk.

Message from the President / State of the Council Report

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in Ohiopyle State Park that offer inexpensive travel accommodations. Travel both international and domestic, has dropped off dramatically since 9/11. When you add the effects of recent world events, SARS, and the economy the situation becomes even worse. Before 9/11, the Pittsburgh Hostel was seeing an increase of overnights by 15% to 20% per year. Post 9/11 the Pittsburgh Hostel has seen overnights decrease by about 15% annually. The Council's expenses, particularly insurance, have risen dramatically during this time.

The Pittsburgh Council's Board of Directors has been hard at work to address the challenges facing the organization. Over the past year, we have taken the several steps to help maintain the financial viability of the organization including: re-working our staffing structure, hiring a professional book-keeper, securing a line of credit, and meeting with local foundations. Currently we have submitted funding proposals to the R.K. Mellon Foundation and the McCune Foundation. If funded, these proposals will help to sustain us during this challenging time and allow the organization to do both the strategic and business planning will help us emerge stronger from these challenges.

It takes contributions from so many individuals to make the Pittsburgh Council successful. I would like to take a moment to express some words of appreciation. First, I would like to publicly thank our dedicated Board of Directors. These individuals are volunteers who give greatly of their time to the organization. We have a small but dedicated staff who always go beyond what is asked of them. Our organization also relies on the hard work of volunteers to do many things, from trail maintenance to leading activities to publishing this newsletter. We thank them. Finally, we need to recognize the value brought by all of our members. This organization would not exist without you.

Although we face challenges ahead, our mission has never been more relevant. I'm confident that through the hard work of our Board, staff, volunteers, and members we will continue to accomplish great things as an organization. Thank you for your continued support of the Pittsburgh Council during this challenging time.

Donate to the Hostel!

It's tax time and you can get a write-off! We welcome with open arms individual donations of material goods and financial support to the Pittsburgh International Hostel. Below is a short list of goods we most desire, but all manner of charitable donations will be considered:

- Cookware and bakeware in good condition (preferably non-stick or glass)
- Drinking glasses (please no coffee mugs or plastic cups)
- A new (not used) coffee maker (10-12 cup capacity)
- A small (approximately 6-8 internal cubic feet) refrigerator, for staff food
- A decent color television
- A blender
- All donations of furniture in good condition will be considered, but please arrange a time when the hostel manager can come to view and evaluate the pieces before you bring them to the hostel – we have limited space! (when we lay our heads down on our pillows at night we dream of hostel furniture with a certain character, a certain funk, a certain je ne sais quoi...)
- New (not used) bed pillows, standard size, for sleepy little heads
- Travel size toiletries (unopened, and in bulk) for sale to guests – bath soap, shampoo, tooth paste, razors, shaving cream, etc.
- Antique photographs of our great city of Pittsburgh – please!

Ohiopyle Hostel (Contact Alida Baker at 412-323-1430 or alida.baker@verizon.net)

- Large salad bowl
- Large soup pot
- Cutting boards
- Pot holders
- Dish towels
- Dining room hanging light, multi-bulb
- Wheelbarrow
- Wall mounted bathroom sinks
- Exterior paint and brushes
- **If anyone is willing and able to donate the financial resources to acquire a new computer we would be forever in your debt (donations of previously used systems may be considered at a later date if we fail in acquiring one factory fresh at this time, but for now we're aiming high). If you're interested, please call Devon: 412.431.1267.**

Pittsburgh International Hostel Potluck Dinners are held the first and third Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Come to HI-Pittsburgh (830 East Warrington Ave.) to share food and fun with people from around the world. Don't forget to bring your favorite dish of food and friends. If you would like to know what the theme will be or need directions to the hostel, call 412-431-1267

Ohiopyle Update

The Ohiopyle Hostel, although buttoned up for the winter, is wide open to new ideas for increasing the numbers of guests and guests' comfort while staying at the Hostel. The Board of the Pittsburgh Council and an Ohiopyle Task Force are exploring options for a new and better Ohiopyle Hostel. Some of the issues under discussion include:

Facility Improvements. Preliminary work with professional architects is underway to make needed improvements both inside and out. Inside the Hostel, more bathroom fixtures are required to bring it into compliance with national standards. On Hostel grounds, there is a great need to make the Hostel more visible and inviting to trail users and other passers-by.

Staffing. Ohiopyle Hostel has historically operated year-round with full-time staff. Other options could include seasonal staff or becoming an "affiliate" which involve contracting out day-to-day operations.

Marketing. More and better outreach to potential guests is critical, especially to groups such as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and outdoor groups. Zeroing in on the Hostel's market, both groups and individuals, and developing tools to reach them will be time well spent.

Business Planning. It's essential to operate the Hostel in the black. Discussions and decisions about all of the above will land in a document that can consistently guide the Hostel's future.

Throughout the planning process, the Hostel will be open to groups of 10 or more by special arrangement.

If you would like to help create Ohiopyle Hostel's future, please contact Alida Baker at 412-323-1430 or alida.baker@verizon.net.

7th Annual Outdoor Extravaganza, May 23-26, 2003

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:



- * No daily activity fee or camping fee for children.
- * Fri. activity fee includes the weiner roast.
- * Half price meals for children under age 12.
- * No dinner on Mon.
- * Call or e-mail for family rates

	Fees:	Fri 5/23	Sat 5/24	Sun 5/25	Mon 5/26	Totals
Activity Fee	\$ 5/day/adult or \$15/weekend					
Breakfast	\$ 5/day					
Bag Lunch	\$ 5/day					
Dinner	\$ 9/Sat \$8/Sun.					
Pontoon Boat Tour	\$ 6.50 Adult					
	\$ 4.00 Child					
Kayak (per person)	\$15 rental					
Canoe (per canoe)	\$25 rental					
Camping 3 nights = \$20 2 nights = \$15 1 night = \$10	Per adult (kids free)					
	TOTALS:					

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

Paved Trail Biking (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		Raindate	Raindate
Canoeing / Kayaking stream or river (Rentals available send money to reserve.)			
Canoeing / Kayaking lake (Rentals available send money to reserve.)			
** Caving (Circle beginner, intermediate or advanced.)			
** 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

7th Annual Outdoor Extravaganza
Memorial Day Weekend May 23-26, 2003
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 about 3 miles and follow signs "Outdoor Extravaganza" as you turn right onto Cheeseman Rd.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

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Juice Stop 119 Oakland Ave Pgh PA 15213 412.683.8343	10% off any smoothie juice drink
K & M Pub 200 Mt. Oliver St Pgh PA 15210 412.431.9655	20% off any food item
Kaya 2000 Smallman St Pgh PA 15222 412.261.6565 www.bigburrito.com	10% OFF BILL, NOT VALID WITH OTHER DISCOUNTS, COUPONS OR PROMOTIONS
Kiva Han Café 3533 Forbes Ave Pgh PA 15213 412.682.5354	2 for 1 coffee, tea & specialty drinks. Excludes fruit based drinks & bottled beverages.
Kiva Han Café 420 S Craig St. Pgh PA 15213 412.687.6355	2 for 1 coffee, tea & specialty drinks. Excludes fruit based drinks & bottled beverages.
La Prima Espresso 811 Libery Ave Pgh PA 15222 412.471.4590 www.laprima.com	50 CENTS OFF ANY COFFEE DRINK
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Mad Mex 370 Atwood St Pgh PA 15213 412.683.6486 www.bigburrito.com	10% OFF BILL, NOT VALID WITH OTHER DISCOUNTS, COUPONS OR PROMOTIONS
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Mattress Factory Museum 500 Sampsonia Way Pgh PA 15212 412.231.3169 www.mattress.org	\$1 OFF ADMISSION
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Paisano's 824 E Warrington Ave Pgh PA 15210 412.381.5530	10% DISCOUNT ON ANY PURCHASE
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Café du Jour 1107 E Carson St Pgh PA 15203 412.488.9695	10% off bill
Casbah 229 South Highland Ave. Pgh PA 15206 412.661.5656	10% OFF BILL, NOT VALID WITH OTHER DISCOUNTS, COUPONS OR PROMOTIONS
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Qty	AYH Membership	Unit Price	
	(Type:)		
		Total	

Pittsburgh Council Weekly Open House

Pittsburgh Council has a weekly Open House every Thursday evening from 8 pm to 10 pm at Fifth and Shady Avenues in Shadyside. Look for us next to Pittsburgh Center for the Arts. A slide show at 8:30 pm is followed by announcements of the weekend's trips. Hostel Passes, guide books and more available.

Council Office and Travel Store

The Pittsburgh Council Travel Store is open every day from 8am to 10am and 5 pm to 10pm. Hours are subject to change, so it's a good idea to call the office at 412-431-4910 before coming in. We're in the Pittsburgh Hostel at 830 E Warrington Avenue in Allentown. All passes, ID cards, rail passes, and books are available.