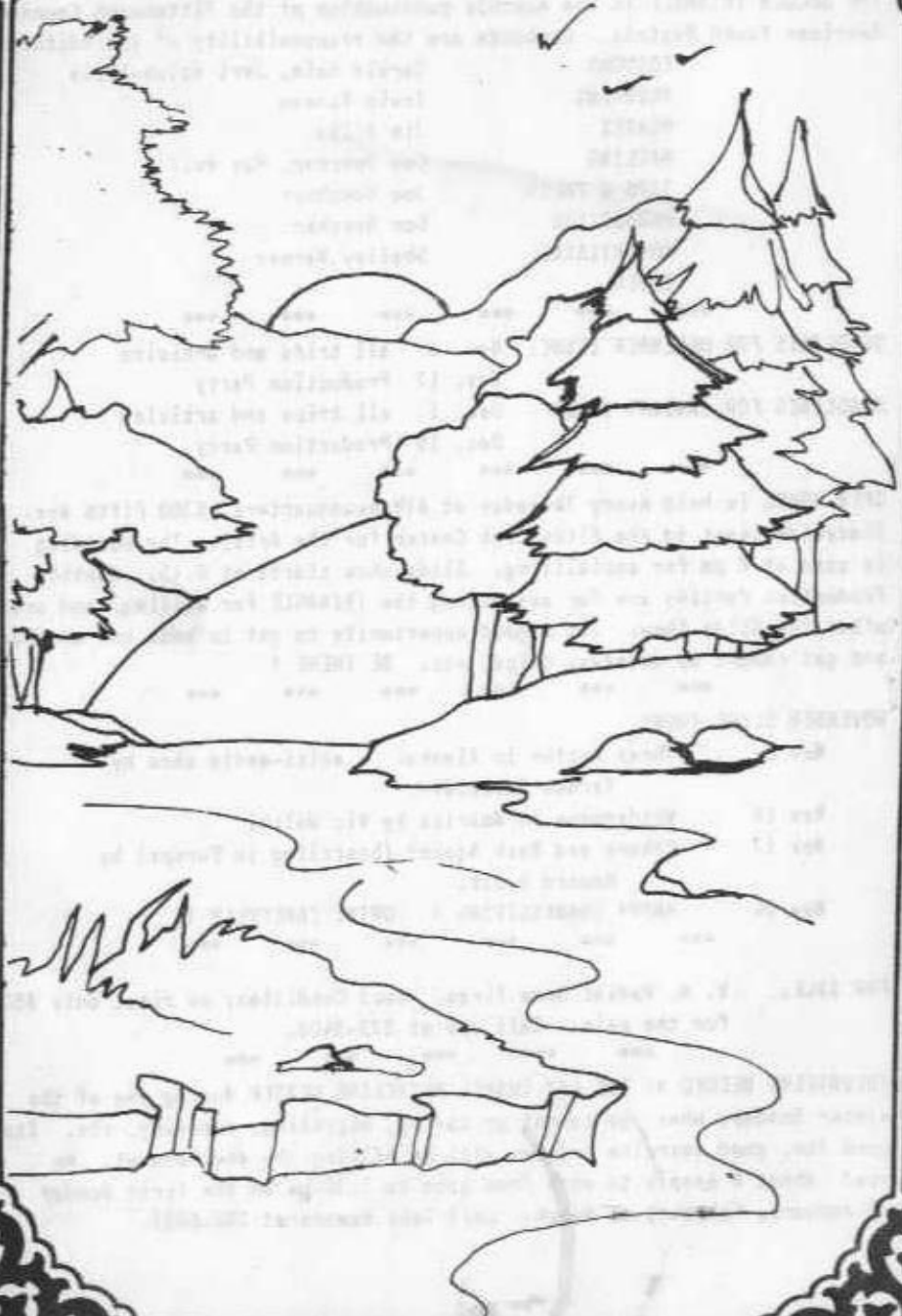


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DEADLINES FOR DECEMBER ISSUE: Nov. 3 all trips and articles
Nov. 17 Production Party

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OPEN HOUSE is held every Thursday at AYH headquarters, 6300 Fifth Ave., Shadyside (next to the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts). The building is open at 8 pm for socializing. Slide show starts at 8:45. Monthly Production Parties are for assembling the TRIANGLE for mailing, and are after the Slide Show. Its a good opportunity to get to know one another and get caught up on news, trips, etc. BE THERE!

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NOVEMBER SLIDE SHOWS

Nov 3 Three Months in Alaska: a multi-media show by
Vernon Bachelder.
Nov 10 Wilderness in America by Vic Walsh.
Nov 17 "There and Back Again" (hosteling in Europe) by
Howard Scott.
Nov 24 HAPPY THANKSGIVING ! DRIVE CAREFULLY !

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FOR SALE: V. W. Radial Snow Tires. Good Condition; on rims; only \$60 for the pair. Call Joe at 373-3403.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE FOX CHAPEL RECYCLING CENTER during one of the winter Sundays when you cannot go caving, bicycling, canoeing, etc. Its good fun, good exercise and you will be helping the environment. We need about 8 people to work from noon to 2:30 pm on the first Sunday of January, February or March. Call Toby Somers at 782-6693.

A.Y.H. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (new rates)

AYH memberships are available at Open House meetings. If you cannot attend a meeting, fill out the application at the bottom of this page and send it, along with your check made payable to Pittsburgh Council, AYH, to:

AYH Membership
6300 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15232.

Allow 3-4 weeks for delivery of your hostelling pass. Membership also sell International Hostel Guide to Europe for \$7.00 by mail and \$6.00 at HQ.

CHECK ONE:

☐ \$10.00 Youth
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☐ \$30.00 Family
☐ \$50.00 Organization(Non-profit only)
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OUR COUNCIL is a volunteer organization. We always need additional leaders and others willing to donate time and skills for maintaining and improving program. If you are interested in contributing your efforts to any of the activities or service-oriented areas, contact a member of the Activities Board or attend one of the Board meetings.



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PHONE _____ NEW/RENEWAL _____
BIRTHDATE _____

Volleyball continues in the Alderdice gym starting at 6 pm every Tuesday. We insist on playing by the rules and the game sometimes becomes semi-intense. Non-violent beginners willing to learn correct play are welcome. The outgoing chairman thanks everyone who helped this year. We had a good year with far more participants (and registration money) than any AYH activity has ever had; so the help setting up the court and taking nights I could not be there has been very much appreciated. Special thanks to Mr. Levine for his quiet understanding of the occasional late paperwork.. (Jeff and Harriet Ann)

BLACKWATER FALLS WEEKEND

January 20 - 22, 1984

At Blackwater Falls Lodge, State Park near Davis, West Virginia. This has always been a great weekend for cross-country skiing and the ski trails get better every year. Limited space is available so mail your reservation & deposit now. All rooms have twin beds. NOTE: you get price break if you get your roommate now and send in one check for the both of you.

Call Chuck or Lynn Ejzak at 456-6196 for information. ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY MAIL — THIS IS A FIRST COME, FIRST RESERVE WEEKEND! Make checks payable to: PGH Council AYH. No cash, please. Mail form below, check, and a S.A.S.E. to the address below.

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K-2 — THE PLAY I Attention Climbers! Non-climbers! Ex-climbers! Plan ahead! Join fellow AYH'ers for a little culture at The Pittsburgh Public Theatre's presentation of "K-2" as mentioned in Sept. Triangle. We have set the date: Wednesday night, January 25, 1984. A special group rate of only \$7 (vs \$10) per person can be ours if we get 20 people. See Joe Hoechner or Sally Brunson at any Thursday night meeting. Have a \$5 deposit handy.

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE to sign up for the AYH National Convention, being held Nov. 18 - 20 at the 4-H Center near Washington, D.C. Check out the description in your last issue of the "Knapsack" and get those registrations in A.S.A.P.

THE 1984 PASSES are now being sold at the new membership rates with the exception of the Life membership passes that are still available at the old rate of \$140.00 until December 31, 1983.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS — 3rd annual Festival of Lights at Niagara Falls.

This winter, the Niagara Falls American Youth Hostel invites you to experience one of the most awesome and brilliant lights displays in the world. From Nov. 26, 1983 to Feb. 23, 1984, come and spend a weekend with us at the AYH in Niagara Falls, New York.

The weekend of Dec. 2-4 will accommodate only 30 people; reserve by Nov. 12. Includes 2 nights, 2 breakfasts, Sat. dinner, snacks for \$30 per AYH member. Send \$15 deposit to address below.

Send name, address, and deposit to Niagara Falls AYH, Attn: Nancy or Doreen, 1101 Ferry Ave., Niagara Falls, NY. Telephone: 716-282-3700 or 716-285-9203.

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AYH'ers! You have at the present time the opportunity to enjoy delicious, high quality meals, with a minimum of fuss and bother. Our revolutionary product line includes—easy to prepare entrees, bread and cookie mixes, Nutri-Whey drink, fruit punch and gelatin mix, potato flakes, Gold Cup coffee saver and more exciting new additions to come in the future. With the advent of a new space-age technology in the industry, Yurika Foods Corp. is providing a complete line of convenient, nutritious competitively priced products, that will set precedent for others to follow. Our entrees, contained in a retort pouch, can be stored on your shelf for 5 yrs. with absolutely no refrigeration, contains no additives or preservatives and low in calories and sodium. All you do is put the protective pouch in boiling water for 5 minutes and serve. If you are tired of the same old foods on your camping trips, contact: Warren Nystrom—Independent Yurika Dist. at 371-6195H 244-0535W.

MORE TIPS AND TALES FROM BARRY GOVENOR

Save those containers!!! The following items are of use to the Council:(you can get rid of your 'trash' and benefit us at the same time)

1. Apple cider containers with cap--used as bailers
2. Clorox bottles with cap(large ones) also used as bailers
3. Pringles cans with caps for disposal of spent carbide
4. Coffee cans with lids for disposal of spent carbide.

Can you add to the list or give other ideas for the use of the above items?

A COMMENT TO THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: 1984 will mark the 50th year of hostelling in the United States. The National staff is working hard to make the most efficient use of funds and personnel in the public relations area. However, their resources are limited and we, as a local council, will have to shoulder the bulk of the responsibility to promote local activities and hostelling programs. ANY EFFORT YOU CAN MAKE to keep us from being the 'best kept secret of the country' will be appreciated whether it be a group or and individual's enlightenment. Help spread the word by bringing a friend on a trip or to an Open House meeting.

As part of the national public relations program for 1984(Golden Anniversary), AYH, Inc. is offering FREE ORGANIZATIONAL PASSES to ANY non-profit organization that qualifies. These organizational passes issued will be valid through December, 1985. Further information will be coming from the national staff. If interested in more information, contact Joe Hoechner or Barry Govenor.

We're not just for kids...



thu nov 24 INTER. Spend Thanksgiving Weekend exploring some of the large cave systems in southern West Virginia: Bone-Norman, McCling's, and part of Friars Hole. Call John Popp at 653-6026.

thanksgiving weekend Join Norm Snyder on a cave trip to Kentucky over Thanksgiving. See the biggest water cave in the state. Four miles of rafting in 30 by 30 foot passage; no crawls. Call Norm at 351-4068.

HIKING Tom Conley 828-8158(h) 661-8825(w)

sat nov 5 INTER. Hike in the beautiful Bear Run Nature Reserve. For info and reservations call Glenn Oster 566-3042(W) or 364-2864(h).

fri nov 11- INTER. A nice walk thru the Northern Pennfield area on Boone Mt. Overnight at Parker Dam State Park with flush and hot water showers. Call Tom Conley above.

sat nov 19 INTER. Bushwhack through points that are not often seen by mortals. Leave HQ at 8:30. Call Steve Tubbs at 751-2158.

sun nov 20 BEGIN. To McConnells Mills; trails by water and mills. Hike 5 miles. Call Dan Martt at 241-4647.

KAYAKING Lou Conley 681-8321 Ray Yutzy 341-5682

Fall and winter (cold weather) kayaking trips are organized informally at the Thursday night meetings by those who are equipped (wet suits) for cold weather paddling.

POOL SESSIONS: Indoor swimming pool practice sessions will be conducted in late fall or early winter depending on the availability of swimming pools. These sessions will be available for anyone from complete beginner to expert and instruction at all levels will be available. Anyone who can get access to an indoor pool for kayaking as asked to contact Lou Conley above.

SWIMMING

The Taylor Alderdice High School Swimming Pool is once again open to the public. The pool hours are Mondays through Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The pool usually has very few people or is completely empty. However the pool sometimes closes early if there are no swimmers; so get there by 7:30. There is a lifeguard on duty.

TRIPS & TRAILS

The trips listed here are open to the public, with the exception that AYH members are given priority when the trip is of limited size. Trips costs include a 75¢ registration fee (50¢ per half day or evening; 35¢ for AYH Club members), plus transportation and rentals. IN ADDITION, nonmembers are charged \$1.50 per day per person, which may be deducted from the cost of membership, when you join AYH. The registration fee covers insurance (\$1000 medical/ \$1000 accidental death or dismemberment). Trips are classified BEGINner, INTERmediate, or ADVanced, with the exception of cycling and water sports.

BACKPACKING	Steve Martin 459-3153(h) 462-5000 x6185(w) Jack Peth 921-7214(h) 777-5365(w)
fri nov 4- sun nov 6	BEGIN. Enjoy the last 13 miles of the Laurel Highlands Trail. Call Debbie LaPlaca at 795-4179(h). Will be glad to meet with anyone prior to the trip to review and organize equipment needed.
sat nov 12- sun nov 13	Fred Parker invites you to join him on a trip to scenic somewhere. Call Fred for details at 824-2638.
sat nov 19- sun nov 20	Easy INTER. Baker Trail #2, Sections 10 & 11, 18 miles. Leave Sat. 7 am. Call Jack Peth above.
fri nov 25- sun nov 27	INTER. Hike the West Rim Trail overlooking the beautiful Pine Creek Gorge, the "Grand Canyon of Pa." For info and reservations call Glenn Oster 566-3042(w) or 364-2864(h).
sat dec 3- sun dec 4	Easy INTER. Baker Trail #3, Sections 8&9, 25 miles. Leave Sat at 7 am. Call Jack Peth above.

CANOEING

Steve Shafer 362-4432

All trips meet promptly at 8 am at AYH HQ. Bring lunch in a waterproof bag, drinking water, knee pads, raingear, hat, swimsuit, dry clothes, non-cotton clothing, tennies, sun protection, large sponge, strap for glasses; if the weather is cold, swimsuits are obviously out and you should wear appropriate cold weather attire including wet suit and woolens.

sat nov 5	Final Yough — Sutersville to Boston. Flatwater float. Warm clothes essential. Cross-country skiing if it snows; cancelled if it rains. Cathy Lynch at 361-3707.
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CAVING

John Popp 653-6026 Vicki Lineback 422-0296

Norm Snyder 351-4068

sun nov 6	BEGIN. Visit Bear CAve on Chestnut Ridge with John Popp 653-6026. This favorite of beginner cavers features a wide variety of passages.
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What's In It For You???

How American Youth Hostels Can Help You

Long to see the world, or travel the U.S.A.? That special trip you'd like to take could almost cost less than staying at home, depending on how you go.

Many young people, and some who are not so young, find that hosteling—traveling out-of-doors by canoe, backpack, skis, bicycle and other gasless modes of transportation—can be pretty inexpensive, especially when they lodge in hostels along the way.

If you like people and don't mind sleeping dormitory-style—most likely in a double-deck bunk—the adventure and colorful advantage of staying in a hostel that could be a mountain lodge, a church or converted lifeguard station in the U.S. or Canada, might be for you.

Elsewhere in the world, you'll find hostels located in medieval castles, former railway stations, old mills, charming Swiss chalets, and even a three-masted sailing vessel moored in a harbor.

Some hostels have family quarters available, but most offer fully equipped kitchens where members of American Youth Hostels can prepare their own meals. A common room, much like the lobby of a mountain lodge, encourages hostellers to meet at the end of a busy day.



The youth hostel movement began in Germany in 1909 with elementary school teacher, Richard Schirrmann, who loved to take pupils on excursions to the country.

Overnight charges range from about \$2 to \$5. The maximum stay without special arrangements with the resident houseparents may be three days. Only members are allowed to stay.

Various types of memberships—junior, senior, family and others—give you a decided economic advantage when it comes to travel. For free booklets write Department P, American Youth Hostels, Inc., Delaplane, VA 22025 or call toll free, 800-336-6019.

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CONSERVE 84—WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONSERVANCY'S BEAUTIFULLY ILLUSTRATED CALENDAR is now available. This calendar is the sixth in a series of award-winning Conservancy calendars to feature the beautiful wildflowers of esteemed watercolorist Andrey Avinoff. Along with a bold new cover design, CONSERVE 84 continues the traditional listing of hundreds of things to do, places to go and interesting facts about our natural world. For example:

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- where to see a spectacular display of spring flowers (March 28)
- when a partial eclipse of the sun will occur (May 30)
- why city fogs are thicker than country fogs (October 10)
- how far the humpback whale can travel in a year (November 2)

CONSERVE 84 is free to members of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, but can be purchased by nonmembers. Order the calendar for \$6.00, plus 6% Pennsylvania sales tax, by writing to:

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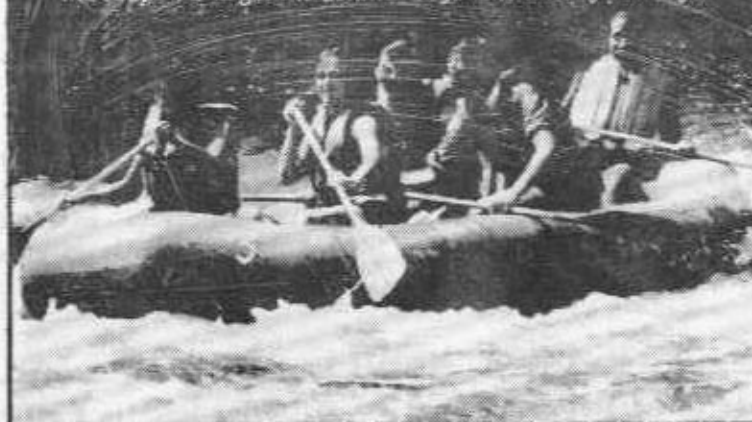
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