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### OPEN HOUSE

- Jan. 8 Tom and Mike Horrocks will guide us on a picture tour of our own Allegheny County, specifically to see the air pollution problems.
- Jan. 15 It's back to winter (and snow!) with another ski movie "Ski Fun Due." With the new heater maybe the Hostel will be warmer than the slopes this time!
- Jan. 22 Mary Shaw presents a welcome digression to summer with slides on canoeing on the Delaware River (plus more fast water canoe school and camping.)
- Jan. 29 Hugh Gilmour sets the music rolling and the feet strolling with the first folk dance of the year.

### SKI INSTRUCTION

Ski instruction at Boyce Park starts Monday night, January 5, 1970, and continues for five Mondays following. Be at Boyce Park at 6:30 p.m. to obtain rental equipment. One and a half hour lesson begins at 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. Price of \$36.00 includes equipment, six lessons, and lift ticket. Price is \$26.00 if you have your own equipment. To sign up for lessons, make your check payable to James Hurst and mail to: James Hurst, 1261 Raven Drive, Pgh., Pa. 15243. Sign up now!

### SAN FRANCISCO NATIONAL MEETING

By: John R. Henry,  
President, Pittsburgh Council  
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On December 6-7, 1969, I attended the 35th Annual National Meeting held this year in San Francisco, California. This was the first National Meeting to be held on the west coast. We were the guests of the Golden Gate Council who did a great job in organizing the meeting. It was well attended, approximately 20 of the 25 councils were represented.

Stephens Dietz, Chairman of the board, gave the keynote address, entitled "New Reality." In essence the "New Reality" means that National has realized it needs to re-examine its own structure and how local councils relate to it. As a goal for 1970, the National AYH organization will re-examine and re-define council classifications and National By-Laws. Much of this re-examination will involve working with the local councils, soliciting suggestions and recommendations from the members.

Following the keynote address a plenary session was set up to discuss the "Inner City Programs and How They Work." The panelists were: Jim Jones, Executive Director of project "Open Road" in Chicago; Rena Thompson, Exec. Director of Metropolitan Detroit Council; Shirley Johnson, New Haven Council; and Tom Pendleton, Exec. Director, Philadelphia Council. One of the objectives of the AYH Hosteling programs for Inner City Youth is to help disadvantaged youths travel to new areas and learn that America is more and better than what they

# THE BUCKEYE TRAIL

by Cliff Ham, Hiking  
Chairman

The Buckeye Trail starts in Eden Park, Cincinnati, and is now complete--as far as published maps show--to Senecaville Reservoir southeast of Cambridge, Ohio. As this is only a two-hour drive from Pittsburgh, the trail will be of increasing interest to the AYH Chapter. Five hundred miles of trail will eventually lead to Lake Erie, with other branches planned into the central part of Ohio.

Four of us hiked about 25 miles over Thanksgiving weekend. We chose the section in Wayne National Forest expecting it to be more woody, more rugged, and better populated with wildlife. Most of our route was on jeep trails and hiking paths, in contrast to much of the trail in other sections which is laid out along back roads.

We camped one night near beautiful Burr Oak Lake. Our trail traversed the Trimble Wildlife Area (but we saw no wildlife.) Several coal mines can be spotted near the trail. We followed the blue blazes through the Murray City town dump!

Perhaps the most attractive part of our hike was in the Burr Oak area, just west of the Tom Jenkins Dam where the trail leads to the AYH shelter and an overlook; or just east through public hunting grounds and some very rugged country. The final phase brought us to a section called the "Rim of the World;" they say you can see Columbus, the state capitol, from there.

## Advance Preview for Winter Sports

- Feb 7-8 - Weekend Ski Trip to Denton Hill,  
JACK ROWA/SKI
- Feb 8 - SKI TOURING - BRUCE SUNDEQUIST
- Feb 15 - SLALOM RACE FOR ALL AT HIDDEN  
Valley - Jim Hurst
- Feb 21-22 - COOK'S FOREST WEEKEND (Full Moon) -  
Cathy Lynch.
- Feb 28-Mar. 1 - Weekend Ski Trip to Denton Hill -  
Mike Hurwitz.
- MAR 1 - SKI TOURING - BRUCE SUNDEQUIST.

# SKI IN ASPEN?

Anyone interested in a one week trip to Aspen, Colorado in February or March (air travel) contact John Sterrett, home phone 364-3505.

# GOOD NEWS!

Air fares to Europe have been dropped. By shopping carefully, you can save many dollars. This all came about when Alitalia Airlines reduced their New York to Rome air fare to \$299.00.

Additional savings can be obtained from the charter trips that AYH is sponsoring from New York City and those that the New York Council is sponsoring (you won't necessarily have to travel in Europe with AYH.) Here are some examples (round trips):

## New York to London

(to March 31, 1970 -  
40 people - \$200.00 per  
person.)

(to May 15, 1970 - 1  
person - \$260.00 per  
person.)

These are fairly good, but you can probably do better. Check your college, other activity groups, and AYH National (20 W. 17th Street, New York, N. Y. 10011.) Alitalia has really helped!

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see in the ghetto. The program is expanding rapidly. In 1968, five cities (Chicago, Detroit, New York City, New Haven, and Baltimore) were operating inner city programs, with 4,200 youths participating. With the addition of programs in Washington, D.C. and Covina, California and additional efforts of the original groups, participation was expanded to include 8,000 youths in 1969. The panelists discussed their councils' experiences in starting a program of this nature. Many helpful suggestions, guidelines and pitfalls were presented for the councils who are contemplating starting such a program.

In the afternoon, a panel of four council presidents led a discussion on "Trip Planning." The consensus of the panel was that a well-planned trip contributes about 90% to its success. Essential to successful trips is constantly developing new trip leaders. Lima Council asks a new potential leader to lead a simple (one day) trip in which the planning has already been done by an experienced leader. Based on his performance, he is given more complicated trips, such as two-day trips. The New York Metropolitan Council stressed creativity in trip planning. This reminded me of a weekend trip led by Jim Hurst this fall, combining rafting, cycling and camping in the same trip. The trip was well planned, very creative and as a result, quite successful. We have many examples such as this, and encourage our leaders to plan many varied trips in the future.

Prior to the Banquet, I had the honor of meeting Miss Loretta Young. Since April of 1968, Miss Young has been involved in scores of individual conferences, interviews, meetings and bike rides on behalf of AYH.

The Annual Banquet was held on Saturday evening, December 6, 1969. The guest speaker was Mr. William Penn Mott, Jr., Director of California State Parks. Mr. Mott presented a review of California's State Park System, and what is on the planning board for the future. Mr. Mott was very favorable towards including for

future development in state parks, such facilities as bikeways and Hostels, placed in strategic places along these bikeways.

The business meeting was held Sunday morning. Twelve members were elected to the National Board of Directors. Among those, two are from the Pittsburgh Council. Dr. Bruce Sundquist and Henry Fisher - Congratulations! The proposed resolutions to eliminate members-at-large and their voting rights was passed. This gives considerably more power to the local councils in determining National AYH policies. At the Eastern Regional Meeting, of which Pittsburgh Council is a member, Mr. Bob Wolf was elected as Eastern Regional Vice President. Mr. Wolf has dedicated much of his time and efforts to promoting Hosteling in the Philadelphia area.

In closing, I feel the meeting was very beneficial, well organized and well executed. In order for our Council to benefit from this meeting, we must utilize the information obtained, this alone can determine its value to us. A detailed report will be issued at the January Activities Board Meeting, please contact me if you wish to have a copy of this, or desire additional information on any of the aforementioned topics.

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#### REMINDER - For Trippers and Trip Leaders

Don't forget that the new meeting place for AYH trips is in the upper lot (behind the Scaife Unit.) Cars used for loading canoes, cycles and other equipment can be parked (temporarily) on the road just outside the door to our headquarters. Don't be left behind because you were waiting in the wrong place.

Price is \$25.00. To get the best value out of your equipment, try to get the best value out of your equipment. To get the best value out of your equipment, try to get the best value out of your equipment.



# TRIPS AND TRAILS

January

- FRI 2nd ICE SKATING - Join in the fun at North Park (late night session from 10:30 to 1:00) meet at the Hostel at 9:30 p.m., Mary Brincka leads (381-9510.)
- SUN 4th HIKE - Marilyn and Cliff Ham lead a short hike to and through Frick Park. Leave HQ at 1:00 p.m., return about 5:00 p.m.
- FRI 9th ICE SKATING -Meet at the usual time. Mary Brincka leads (381-9510.)
- SAT 10th SKI - Hidden Valley Ski Trip - Jim Hurst leads - call if interested (434-3964, during the day.) Leave Hostel at 8:00 a.m.
- SUN 11th HIKE - Gene Cone and Mary Shaw lead a trip from Friendsville to Sang Run, along the Yough River. For experienced hikers only. Reserve 621-2600, Ext. 341 or 361-8859.
- SUN 11th HIKE OR CAVE - Come on our annual fiasco trip to Cornwell Cave in Cheat Canyon for hiking or caving. People have gotten lost on our last three trips there - but it will be different this year (we're cutting out the search party bit!) Reserve with Bruce Sundquist, 327-8737. Bring lunch, carbide lamp, flashlight and \$2.40. Hikers won't need lights (we hope). Absolutely not for beginners. Leave HQ at 8:00 a.m.
- SUN 11th HIKE - Kay Lew will pioneer the wilderness of Schenley Park, for a friendly Sunday afternoon stroll - two or four miles, for new and old. Meet at 1:00 p.m. at the Hostel, or 1:15 p.m. on the southwest corner of Panther Hollow Road (Hobart) and Greenfield Road (or Bartlett.)
- FRI 16th ICE SKATING - Regular trip to North Park.
- SAT 17th HIKE - Don Hoecker explores the Little Beaver Creek area. Bring your hiking boots, lunch, and be prepared! Meet at 8:30 a.m. - call 243-8298 for details.
- SAT 17th SWIMMING PARTY - Followed by Pizza party. Swim at Carnegie-Mellon pool, meet at Hostel at 6:45 p.m. if you don't know where the pool is located. Bring 50¢ to \$1.00 for swimming, \$1.00 for pizza, suit, towel, padlock, cap if you have long hair.
- FRI 16th SKI WEEKEND - Leave Friday night for Holiday Valley Ski area in Western New York State. Return Sunday night. Maximum skiing, minimum cost. Bob Taylor leads, contact him at 126 N. Linden - 363-8770.
- SAT 17th
- SUN 18th
- SUN 18th HIKE - Try 12 miles in the Irwin area, to Elms Rock and along the little Sewickley Creek. Intrepid leader Fran Czapiewski will bolster any failing spirits. Hiking shoes a MUST; supper in Millie's game room. Please reserve a place (661-9543) and about \$1.75.
- WED 21st TRIANGLE PARTY - Meet for a pleasant evening of work and pleasure mixed. Socialize while helping to get the Triangle together - doesn't require any skill or great amount of energy. Meet at Jim Hurst's house, call 434-3964 during the day for directions. Party begins at 8:00.

## TRIPS AND TRAILS (cont.)

- FRI 23rd ICE SKATING - Call Mary Brincka 381-9510.
- SAT 24th SKI - Mike Hurwitz leads the way to Blue Knob for one day ski trip. Leave HQ early Saturday morning. Phone Mike at home for details 731-1083.
- SAT 24th  
SUN 25th BACKPACKING - Come on a winter backpacking trip in an area just south of Blackwater Falls State Park. Snowshoes will be used if needed. Bring backpacking gear, tent, lined hiking boots, 2 lunches, and about \$6.00. Leave Friday evening or early Saturday. For experienced backpackers only. Reserve with Bruce Sundquist - 327-8737.
- SUN 25th SKI TOURING - Try ski touring on Sunday with Jim Hurst. Location unknown. Meet at Hostel at 8:00 a.m., bring lunch and touring bindings.
- SAT 25th HIKE - Cliff Ham ventures along another trail in space (southwestern Pa. space that is) perhaps the Koring Trail or another, or your choice. Leave HQ at 8:30 a.m., hiking boots required. Reservations not necessary.
- SUN 25th HIKE - Short and friendly Forbes Trail Hike with J.D. Myers. Leave HQ at 8:00 a.m. or Thrift Drugs Store, Monroeville 8:30 am. Bring lunch - and house slippers (that's right) - the party proceeds to the home of Elinor and J.D. Myers for supper. Please reserve at 372-7599.
- SUN 25th HIKE - Another Sunday afternoon stroll through a city park, this time with Kathy Bullano. Leave Hostel at 1:00 p.m.
- FRI 30th ICE SKATING - Once again enjoy ice skating in the company of AYHers, meet at Hostel at 9:30 - call Mary Brincka at 381-9510 if any questions.
- SAT 31st HIKE - North Park or that general area, with Jack Leaky. Meet at HQ at 8:30 a.m. or at North Park Skating Rink 9:30 a.m. Bring walking shoes, lunch, and good humor. Call 935-4188 for information, but come without reservation.
- SAT 31st  
SUN 1st CONSERVATION WORKSHOP - Come to the Annual Mid-Winter Workshop at the West Virginia Highlands Conservancy at Blackwater Falls State Park. Learn all the latest on Otter Creek, the Cranberry Back-Country, and other vital conservation issues. Reserve with Bruce Sundquist (327-8737) by January 8. Cost - about \$12.00. Leave HQ at 8:00 a.m. Saturday.
- FRI, FEB 6th ICE SKATING + DINNER - SKATERS + NON-SKATERS Welcome to DINNER AT THE BRINCKA'S RESIDENCE (Holubki [stuffed cabbage] ON THE MENU) AND THEN ON TO ICE SKATING AT NORTH PARK. MAKE RESERVATIONS IN ADVANCE - CALL MARY AT 381-9510 - COST 50¢ - DINNER AT 6:30, MEET AT HOSTEL AT 6:00 OR SEE MARY FOR DIRECTIONS.

See Page 2 for Advance Preview on Winter Sports  
for FEBRUARY.

# JANUARY



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	Ice Skating 2	3	Hike 4
5	6	7	OPEN House 8	Ice Skating 9	10 SKI	Hike - Cave 11 Hike
12	13	14	OPEN House 15 TRIANGLE ARTICLES DUE	Ice Skating 16	Hike 17 SWIM PARTY	Hike 18
19	20	21 TRIANGLE PARTY	OPEN House 22	Ice Skating 23	24 SKI Hike	SKI TOURING 25 Hike
26	27	28	OPEN House 29	Ice Skating 30	31 Hike	
					CONSERVATION WORKSHOP	

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