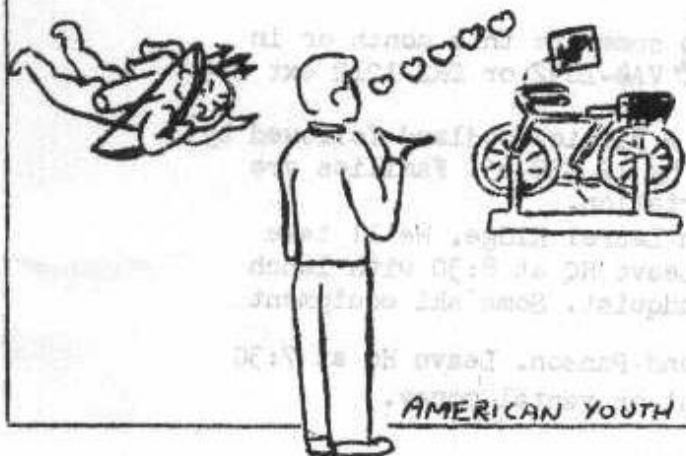


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FEBRUARY GOLDEN TRIANGLE

AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS 6300 FIFTH AVE. PGH, PA 15232

WEEKEND SKI TRIP PLANNED FOR BLUE KNOB

Tired of skiing at the same old places? Here's a trip to not only a different ski area but also to one of the finest in this part of the country-Blue Knob. Located a little northwest of Bedford, it offers a 1000' vertical rise and numerous excellent slopes for beginners and experts alike. The trip is planned for sometime in February or early March. Those interested should contact Bruce Sundquist (VA#-1897 or DR 2-1212 x224) as soon as possible so that a date can be set and reservations made. The cost will be \$18 to \$22 depending on the number of participants. The trip will leave early on a Saturday morning and return about 7 PM Sunday evening. Skis and poles will be available from AYH at a very low rental for those who lack their own equipment.

EXPERIENCED CANOES FOR SALE

Two of our veteran river runners are eligible for new ownership. They have been priced at \$75.00 apiece and can be seen anytime on the HQ ceiling. Closer inspection available on request.

FROM OTHER HOSTELS

The GOLDEN GATE Council is planning a trip to DEATH VALLEY the weekend of February 20-22 ... if enough interest is shown.

Cycle trip leaders! The PHILADELPHIA Council is looking for a qualified leader a three week European cycle trip. The LIMA, OHIO Council is currently accepting applications for leaders of five 1 to 3 week cycle trips in the U.S.A.

"For those interested in water sports, the Youth Hostels Association has a paddling section for canoes and kayaks. They explore the old waterways of Alberta on weekend outings Instruction and practice are given every week at White Mud Creek on Tuesday at 7:30 .. when the river is open." Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Philadelphia Council's Chaminoux Mansion Hostel recently received a grant of \$500.00 from the Philadelphia Foundation. Last year this

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TRIPS & TRAILS

Skiing weekend at Blue Knob sometime this month or in early March. Call Bruce Sundquist VA#-1892 or DR2-1212 ext 274 for details.

Sunday 14 FEB Hike in South Park with Don & Billie Woodland followed by a fireside buffet dinner Réserve by 12 FEB 65. Families are welcome. Cost \$1.00 plus transportation.

Sunday 21 FEB Come cross-country skiing on Laurel Ridge. We'll take snowshoes for the uphill parts. Leave HQ at 8:30 with lunch and \$1.40. Réserve with Bruce Sundquist. Some ski equipment available for loan.

Saturday 27 FEB Ski Laurel Ridge with Armand Panson. Leave HQ at 7:30 with about \$6.00 and ski equipment or rental money.

OPEN HOUSE EVERY THURSDAY (Program starts at 8:30)

4 February Winifred Roensch teaches folk dancing to beginners.

7 February Open night. Bring your slides, prints or what have you.

18 February Bob Fewkes shows slides of Pgh Council's plush New York Fair Trip last September.

25 February J.D. Myers shows slides of a pack trip in the High Sierras and to the top of Mt. Whitney.

LETTER FROM A NEW HOSTEL IN SYRACUSE, N.Y.

6300 Fifth Avenue greetings!

We of the new Syracuse Hostel Council hope very much that in your follow-up of hostelling inquiries for Mr. Cosgrove's project you will be able to use some of our Syracuse Hostel fliers and let your prospects know the scenic interest in Central New York.

Because ours is a city hostel, we admit autos and other not-on-your-own-steamtrippers. The folder shows how much of interest there is in and near Syracuse. Members of the Syracuse Hostel Club would be glad to act as guides if desired. We have supplementary accommodations in the neighborhood well beyond the number given in the handbook. Syracuse Hostel is open year-round.

We are working toward a chain of hostels along the old Erie Canal, so that one can hike or bike on the old towpath. We already have had canal canoe trips.

We expect many hostellers from your area will go to the World's Fair and use the fine Mitchell Fair Hostel. Do suggest their coming or returning via Niagara Falls (Lewiston supplementary Hostel) and also spending two or three days at Syracuse. We realize this adds many miles, but it would certainly be worth the extra time. We encourage families as well as groups and individuals.

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AYH'ly Yours,

Frances T. Downing

Corr. Sec., Syracuse Council

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hostel booked 485 overnights for hostellers from 23 states and 19 foreign countries. " Persons who are able to donate furniture to the Chaminoux Mansion are encouraged to do so. The community rooms are furnished in sturdy used Empire furniture as befits the Mansion's construction in 1802.

More news from Canada - We recently received brochures about hostels in Alberta and describing Banff, Jasper, and Yoho National Parks and the Athabasca Glacier. Anyone planning a trip?

We have also received a brochure from National AYH; "Tips on hostelling independently abroad." Copies are available at HQ.



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