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AYH HEADQUARTERS is located at 6300 Fifth Ave., next to the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts. Open House is held every Thursday evening. The building opens at 8 pm and the slide show starts at 8:45. Weekly trip announcements are made immediately following the slide show. The Golden Triangle is assembled for mailing at monthly Production parties, which are held after the slide show. Come on out and join us!!

### NOVEMBER SLIDE SHOWS

- November 1: "The Galapagos, Islands without Fear"  
by Dr. Ivan Jirak
- November 8: Gene Albright returns from his latest trip
- November 15: Cross-country Ski Night: 7pm Fred Parker  
and Steve Tubbs introductory lecture.  
8:45 Movie, courtesy of Cliff Ham.
- November 22: Happy Thanksgiving!! (There's no show  
tonight you Turkey!!)
- November 29: Backpacking in the Colorado Rockies by  
Lee Brownston.

### ACTIVITIES BOARD

The November 7 meeting of the Activities Board will be at Bob Goff's at 8pm. He lives at 972 Davis Ave. and his phone number is 761-2837. The new board takes over. It's budget time!

### WANTED!!

A place to hold the AYH Christmas Party on Thurs., Dec. 20. Please call Joel Platt as soon as possible. 421-4446.

## AYH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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 Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15232

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

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OUR COUNCIL IS A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION. We always need additional leaders and others willing to donate time. 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 Activities Board Meetings.

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## THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE

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## CHRISTMAS PARTY

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## PITTSBURGH COUNCIL MARKETING WORKSHOP

If you'd like to help out/find out about Pittsburgh AYH's first "Marketing '85" weekend workshop keep Dec. 1st and 2nd open. This is the weekend after Thanksgiving (groan) and is also during PA deer season- a good reason not to be out in the woods.

Tentative site would be the Ohiopyle Youth Hostel, with overnight fees free, but with a small fee for meals and materials being charged. The group size would be limited to 10-12 so as not to overtax the accommodations and common room.

Chairperson Joe Hoechner would like to invite those interested/ active Activities Board members who are involved with membership, publications, newsletter, council store, publicity, extended trips, etc. The workshop would be broken down into two parts: (A) Defining our "product" and (B) Defining our "market" for these products.

For those who register, a packet of info will be provided to study before the weekend to help prep you.

To ask questions, reserve, complain, etc., call Joe at 373-3403 evenings.



## THANKS!!

Thanks to Marianne Klimas and Jean Gardner for organizing the picnic and square dance. It was a job well done. They even made a profit which will subsidize the Spring Banquet.

## BRIGHT MORNING STAR

**What:** Concert  
**Who:** Bright Morning Star, a group of musicians known for their satirical, humorous, toe-tapping, jazz/folk music.  
**When:** Thursday, November 15, 1984 at 8:00 pm  
**Where:** Unitarian Church, Ellsworth & Morewood Aves. Shadyside.  
**Tickets:** \$5.00 in advance, \$6.00 at the door, or one hour of concert-related work.  
**Contact:** Nancy Buffalini 644-8837 (day) or 731-3964 (eve)  
 Fred Lancaster 361-7686  
 Judy Stagg 731-3285  
**Co-Sponsors:** Sierra Club, Thomas Merton Center

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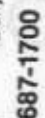
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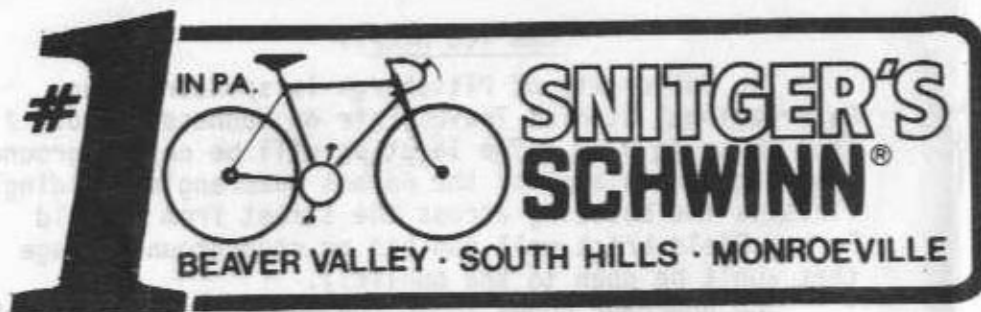
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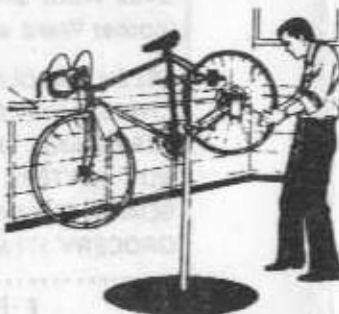
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The Nordic Ski Patrol are offering their courses: Circle M-Mountaineering, Camping, Search and Rescue, and Survival on Sat. Dec. 1 for \$8.00. Circle A-Avalanche, Snow Structure, Safety on Sunday, Dec. 2 for \$5.00.

The above two courses are one day in length, and are open to the public with preference given to candidates for the patrol. The sessions will be at Seven Springs. For an application, contact Fred Parker by Nov. 12.

If you are interested in joining the Nordic Ski Patrol on Laurel Mountain, contact Mark Place at 892-2000.

What would you want your x-c ski activities chairpersons to do to better your x-c experience? (other than to provide more snow, which we've tried doing and are still open for suggestions.) We have information on stretching, exercises, training, ski base repair (gouges and scratches) and technique.

If you're interested in the Chautauque ski marathon and need accommodations or an application, call Fred Parker.

HIKING

Tom Kaveney 276-8044  
Wayne Hennemuth 693-9605

KAYAKING

Lou Conley 681-8321  
Ray Yutzy 341-5682

RAFTING

Susan Krotec 661-8485  
Shirley Sedmack Ulacky 422-0849

CAN YOU HELP??

The University of Pittsburgh is sponsoring an International Studies Travel Fair on Wednesday, Nov. 7 from 10 am to 5 pm. The location will be on the ground floor/ galleria area of the Forbes Quadrangle Building (This is the building across the street from the old Forbes Field brick wall and has an underground garage that won't be open to the public.).

Joe hoechner hopes to borrow National AYH's "slick" new display board to serve as a backdrop for a display of Council information. What we need is some bodies to man(person) the display during the daytime hours.

You can be there a couple of hours, half day or even all day if you'd like! Knowledge of hostel customs, membership costs, AYH trips would help. Joe will provide brochures, membership forms, even old handbooks to hand out for information. You would also be expected to collect names and addresses on mailing labels for those who would like a free newsletter.

Sound good? Call Joe Hoechner at 373-3403 to set a time. (P.S. Parking tickets will not be paid, but quarters will be provided to feed the meters.)

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Trips listed **are** open to the public, AYH members are given priority. Trip costs include a 75 cent registration fee (50 cents per half day or evening), plus transportation and rentals. IN ADDITION non-members are charged \$1.50 per day which may be deducted from the cost of membership when joining AYH. The registration fee covers insurance (\$1000 medical/\$1000 accidental death or dismemberment).

### BACKPACKING

Debbie LaPlaca 795-4179  
Jack Peth 921-7214h 777-5365w

### BICYCLING

Chuck Ejzak 466-6196  
Rick Kordas  
Bob Schwartz 241-4647

### CANOEING

Steve Shafer 362-4432

### CAVING

John Popp 653-6026  
Paul Herre 831-0217  
Roy Provins 784-9127

### CLIMBING

Dale Vilsack 276-7385 or 343-8379  
Karl Mormer 521-6404

Climbers will be holding practice classes at the Evergreen Bar after the regular Thursday night meeting. No reservations required. Beginners welcome. Equipment needed: money, bizarre sense of humor, and a funny hat.

### CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Fred Parker 824-2638  
Steve Tubbs 751-2158

Thursday, Nov. 15, 7 pm at HQ.

Cross-Country Skiing Explained. Fred Parker and Steve Tubbs introductory lecture on cross-country skiing. Clothing, equipment, day trips, safety. Followed by a short slide show and movie.

## VOLLEYBALL

Steve Martin 469-3153

Play indoor volleyball at Taylor-Alderdice gym. Come out and learn to play or sharpen your game, or just to have fun. The action starts at 6 pm every Tuesday. The fee is 50 cents for AYH members and \$2.00 for non-members. See you there!!!!



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DATE	DAY	ACTIVITY	LEVEL	LEADER	PHONE	TIME	DESCRIPTION
3	Sat	Hike		Tom Kaveney	276-8044	8:00	To be announced.
4	Sun	Hike	Int	Wayne Hennemuth	693-9605	7:30	Laurel Highlands Trail. Route 653 parking lot to route 31 parking lot. 11 to 12 miles.
10	Sat	Cave	Begin	Roy Provins Paul Herre	784-9127 831-0217		Harlansburg cave. A good mixture of formations, water, maze, and mud.
11	Sun	Hike	All	Debbie LaPlaca	795-4179	8:30	Bear Run
17-18	SS	Backpack	Int	Wayne Hennemuth	693-9605	8:00	Laurel Highlands Trail. Route 31 to Rt. 30 16 mi.
22-25	TFSS	Cave	All	John Popp	653-6026		Thanksgiving Holiday Trip to central West Virginia Formations, waterfalls, vertical work (if desired) and much more.
24-25	SS	Backpack	Easy int	Wendell Phillips	831-2606	8:00	Easy intermediate on the Laurel Highlands Trail.
30,1,2	FSS	Car camp	Int/Easy	Jack Peth	921-7214h 777-5365w	7pmHQ	Let's car camp and hike to search out a good weekend ski trip to the Quehanna Trail area in North Central PA.
Dec.1-2	SS	Workshop	All	Joe Hoechner	373-3403		Marketing workshop at Ohiopyle Hostel. See write up this issue.

WQED needs your help!! Come out to help raise funds for WQED with other AYHers. We are scheduled for Monday, November 26th from 8 to 11 pm. Call Chuck Ejzak 466-6196 or Rich Vangenewitt 364-8775 to sign up.



The trip to Blackwater Falls, January 18-20 is full. Stay tuned to your Triangle if you're signed up and want more details.



As happens in groups like ours, people come and people go. Some come from overseas, stay a few years and then return to France or Germany.

Donna Leban has recently joined the ranks of former Pittsburghers by moving to New Jersey!

If you'd like to drop her a line, her address is:

101½ W. Prospect St.  
Hopewell, N.J. 08525