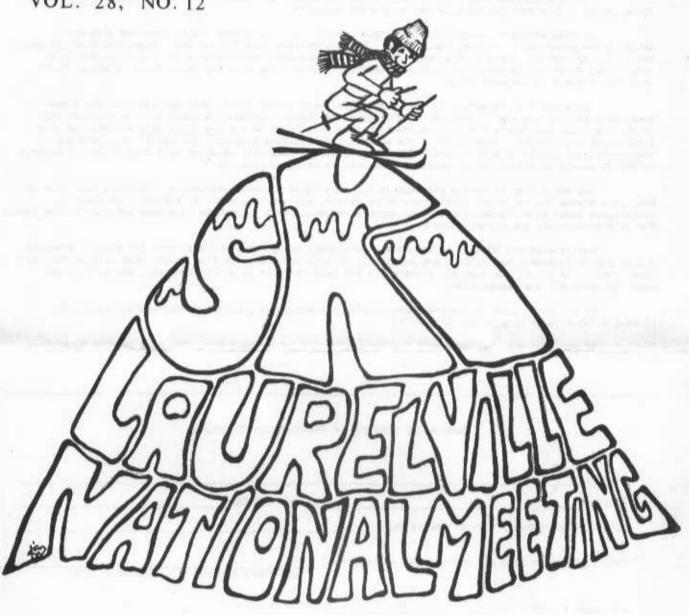
GOLDEN TRIANGLE DECEMBER

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PITTSBURGH COUNCIL

AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS, INC.

A.Y.H. WINTER WEEKEND IS COMING!!

Once again Pittsburgh Council is planning its annual get-together at the nearby Laurelville Youth Hostel. This year the date is New Year's Eve weekend!

We will arrive at Laurelville by carpool about 8:30 p.m. Friday night, December 30th and leave on the afternoon of Monday, January 2nd. We have reservations for the main lodge, two dorm cabins, and a "family" cabin. Space is available for 60-70 AYH members. Reservations for the lodge are on a first come, first served basis, with couples having priority. The cost for cabin space is about 34.00 less than a space in the main lodge.

Our meals will be served by the Laurelville staff in the dining hall and will include three breakfasts and two suppers. You'll have to bring three "trail" lunches. A snack will be provided for Friday night and New Year's Eve. Transportation fees will be \$2.50 for the round trip and will be paid directly to your driver. Total cost of the weekend (three nights lodging, five meals, trip fees and transportation) should be approximately \$35.00. Children's fees will be about half that price. A deposit of \$20.00 should be paid to trip leader Joe Hoechner as early as possible.

Joe would like to remind all members to bring their musical instruments. He would also like to hear from anyone who can bring folk/square dance records and a phonograph. In addition Joe plans to investigate local establishments for those members who might want to partake in a more traditional New Year's Eve celebration--off the hostel grounds.

What should you bring? As previously mentioned, bring three lunches, your AYH pass, a sleeping bag or sheets (blankets and pillows are provided), cross-country skis, hiking boots, warm clothes and personal items. If you're the type who forgets his AYH pass, turn it in to Joe Hoechner, and he'll worry about bringing all the passes along.

If you would like to reserve cross-country ski equipment (one day rental basis), call Sally Brunson © 231-6074 or Mary Barber © 533-5311.

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Bring this form and the appropriate deposit to Joe Hoechner, or mail it to him at

405 Hoodridge Drive Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15234 December 9, 10, and 11, the William Penn Hotel in downtown Pittsburgh will house the 43rd Annual National Council Meeting of AYH. The Pittsburgh Council is hosting the event. In addition to the president, national executive director, and national staff, we expect 100 or 200 delegates from all over the country. They will be meeting in workshops and sessions to cope with the problems of running national AYH and to exchange ideas about running local councils. There will also be social events. This is a great opportunity for Pittsburgh Council members to meet hostellers from other parts of the country. There will be several ways to participate.

*volunteer to lead a trip or to work on registration

*attend the Awards Luncheon

*attend the Banquet and folk dancing

*visit the William Penn, especially the hospitality center in the Skyroom that weekend

*house a teen-age delegate or two

Since we want to give everyone a chance to see the view from Mt. Washington and to ride on an incline, we plan to have walking tours on Friday night, as the delegates will be arriving, and on Sunday afternoon. On Saturday, after the Awards Luncheon, we will offer those not attending the sessions (mostly observers and spouses of delegates) a series of parallel trips. These will try to take in special interests--museums, architecture, history, trolley rides, etc.

Both the Awards Luncheon and the Banquet (which will feature folk dancing led by Bruce and June Merritt) will be in the William Penn. We hope that many Pittsburgh Council members will attend both events to meet our guests from other councils.

In a special effort to encourage attendance by teen-age delegates, we are trying to find homes willing to give them bed (in a sleeping bag if necessary) and breakfast on Saturday and Sunday.

Please fill out and return the form below if you would like to participate in the National Council Meeting in any of the ways mentioned. Return the form to Cathy Lynch, Apt. #6, 5738 Kentucky Ave. Pittsburgh, Pa. 15232. Cathy will also be happy to answer questions and give further information. Call 361-3707.

Name	Phone
Yes, I would lik	e to volunteer for (check one or more)
* 	leading a walking tour on Friday nightleading a walking tour on Sundayleading a trip on Saturday. Special interest
Yes, I am willin	helping with registration and hospitality. g to house (number)teen-age delegates.
Please reserve (Saturday, Decemb	number)places for me at these events on er 10.
	The Awards Luncheon. 12:00 in the Pittsburgh Room \$7.00 per person
	The Banquet. 7:00 PM in the Terrace Room \$10.00 per person
*****Mak	e checks payable to Pittsburgh Council AYH Total

ANNUAL AYH

CHRISTMAS CAROLING AND PARTY

The Annual Christmas Party is on Thursday, Dec. 15, 1977. Caroling will convene at 7:30 P.M. at the AYH center, with the party following at the home of Cliff and Marilyn Homat at 9:15 P.M.

Carolers and brass players will harmonize through the streets of Shadyside. After being out in the cold and snow, the carolers will warm themselves with Christmas cheer at the party. If you are unable to participate in the caroling you are welcome at the party, but please arrive after 9:15 P.M.

If you would like to work on the preparation committee, call Mike Deroy at 371-6943. Warren Kennedy has prepared arrangements for brass instruments. If you wish to play, call Cliff at 687-4960. For general information call Beebe Frazer at 243-0319

LET'S GO SAILING-3

By David Guthrie

Have you heard of the man who, when learning to drive a car, didn't first bother to find out what all the knobs, switches and levers were for? Of course you haven't' So now, we'll give a physical once-over to a typical sailing dinghy In this explaination, please refer to the second diagram in the series .

Everyone knows what a hull is. In larger boats, it is a hole in the water where one pours money! It can be made of marine plywood, fiberglass, or concrete

In the center of the <u>well</u>, where you put your feet, is the centerboard case through which the centerboard protrudes into the water to act as a keel (remember that word?).

On the foredeck is either a small square frame of a round hole wherein the mast step rests. Now that we are discussing the mast, you might think that to have this tall spar resting in a small hole is a precarious arrangement. This is not the case however, because there are wires called stays which support the top weight of the mast. There is a forestay fixed to the masthead (top) at its upper end and tensioned, at its lower end, to an anchor plate in the bow. To prevent the mast toppling sideways, sidestays (or more correctly, shrouds) run from eitherside of the mast down to two sets of anchor plates (one port, one starboard) set abaft (comparison term of one object on shipboard being further aft than the other) of the mast to prevent it from falling foreward. The stays are termed standard rigging because they do not move

A general rule on small sailboats is the sail abaft the mast is the mainsail, the sail forward of the mast is the jib. The balloon-like sail forward of the bow and usually brilliantly-colored is called the spinnaker. Because spinnaker - rigging is very tricky and small mistakes can lead to a nice swim, I will not attempt to discuss it in this short course. Learn it from an expert on his boat.

Running rigging, which consists of all moving ropes and lines, varies for every class of sailboats, but there are simularities. The mainsail halliard (a rope, but to confuse landlubbers, on shipboard, there is no such thing as a rope) is used to hoist the large mainsail. The upper edge (the head) of this sail has a "rope" sewn inside it which enables it to be threaded up a groove abaft of the mast. The mainsail halliard passes through a pulley wheel called a sheave at the top of the mast and down the port side along the mast to its foot where it is tied to a cleat, similar to the way ou tie your Venetian blind.

At the lower end of the mast, a long spar stretches aft; it is called the boom. It is attached to the mast by a gooseneck, which looks like a wishbone. You no doubt have heard the expression to "lower the boom". Exactly true. The boom swings with the angle of the sail to the wind, and it can knoch you into the water unconscious on larger vessels if you don't duck. The boom sometimes has a groove for the lower edge of the mainsail, but more often, the mainsail is lashed tightly at both ends (the aft end is the dew and the forward end is the tack, if you want to bear more terminology).

The sit edge of a sail is called the leach, the fore edge is called the luff. If the sailboat is pointed into the wind and the sails are flapping, the sails

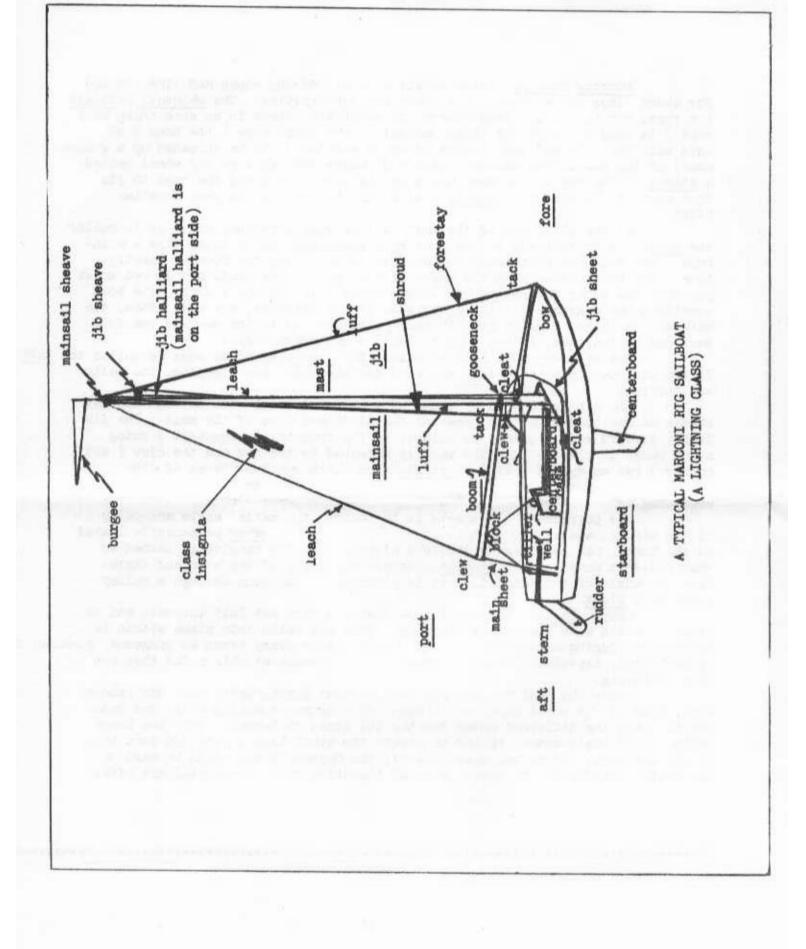
are luffing.

The jib is hoisted by means of a halliard which runs through another sheave at masthead down to a cleet on the starboard side of the mast. The jib luff (forward edge, again) is clipped to the forestay (remember?) using nylon banks or clips. The jibs tack is attached to the bow and the clew (aft corner) has an eyelet called a cringle from which run two pieces of line (the same thing as a rope). These are called about, to make it even more confusing.

The purpose of the ansets is to control the sails' angle according to the wind direction and destination of a shorts are never permanently lashed to the boat. Can you imagine riding a bicycle with the handlebars lashed so they couldn't move? The mainsheet controls the angle of the boom and therefore the angle of the mainsail. It is attached to the boom through a pulley known as a block.

Okay. Basta! By mow, I hope that you have not lost interest and decided to stick with flat water canoeing! This all falls into place within two minutes of rigging a sailboat. I will ignore other crazy terms as gudgeons, pintles, splashboards, travelers, vangs, outhauls, etc. because at this point they are only confusing.

Study the last two lassons because next month, we'll cast off (about time, huh?): It could be worse though. On a German training ship, one cadet had to learn the different names for the 101 lines in German. When the boson called on of their names, he had to locate the exact line on the 300 foot ship within a minute. If he was unsuccessful, the Captain's dog would be hard on his heels, nipping at his rear. Such an incentive this course will not offer.



SPECIAL OFFER

We are trying to get together a large order of Bell Bicycle helmets. If we can get togeter enough people who are actually interested in both saving money, to say nothing of their heads, we can obtain great savings. Prices as of now are unknown and will follow in a later edition of the triangle. If you are interested see either Stephen Shore or Ed Sieger on Thursday nights for further information.

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Phone: Joe 343-2465

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The 1978 AYH passes (valid from now until Dec. 31, 1978) are here! Don't wait until you miss an issue of <u>The Triangle</u>. Renew now and avoid the rush. Fill out the following membership application and bring or send it with a check payable to "Pittsburgh Council, AYH" to Membership, AYH, 6300 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15232

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LEADERSHIP: Backpacking: Bic Cross-country skiin	ycling:Canoeing:Caving:Climbing g:Hiking:Rafting
I would like my name and ph	one number to be on the AYH 1978 phone list.

DECEMBER TIPS & TALES

By Joe Hoechnor

If you are a cross-country skier you may be interested in subscribing to "Nordic Skiing" magazine. The price is \$5.95 for 6 issues Send your check to:

Nordic Skiing P.O. Box 106 West Brattleboro, VT. 05301

Want to plan ahead? If you'd like to try X-L ski racing you should keep Feb. 25, 1978 open On that day the largest race (in the USA) is held in Cable Wisconsin It's the "American -Birkebeiner" race and is 55 KM. long. A shorter 27.5KM. race is also run for novices and juniors

If you's like more information and an application form (fees range between

\$25.00- \$30.00) write to:

Telemark Ski Area Cable, Wisc. 54821

If you'd like to check out some rare, exotic , and probably expensive cross-country ski accessories you can send \$1.00 for a catalog from:

Reliable Racing Supply 624 Glen Street Glen Falls N.Y. 12801

Have you taken a good look at your X-L ski poles yet? Look at those lightweight, soft aluminum points. They're probably worn down from all that skiing you did last year. With a flat file you can put a nice point back on them.

If you use the bamboo "tonkin" poles you should take a careful look at the shaft for cracks. Even if you didn't split it during last year's trips, the bamboo can dry out and split during the summer. Use any good wood glue (like Elmer's) to make them last through another season.

If you're looking for some good books to snuggle up with this winter, try "Backpackon Books". They're a division of Backpackon Magazine and their catalogue claims to be the "most complete list of books related to wilderness travel, nature study, and adventure". For the catalogue send \$1.00 to:

Backpackon Books Main Street Orwell VT. 05760

TIPS AND TALES

The US Ski Team needs your help! Probably not as an active member, but it needs your financial support. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution, sen it to:

US Ski Team P.O. Box 4529 Boston Mass. 02107

If you're in shape for aX-L ski race close to home, watch for "Laurel Mountain Kindahard Race" set for 1:30 P.M. on Jan. 8, 1978. There is an entry fee of \$3.00 and the course is 8 miles long.

For more information call Ligonier Mountain Outfitters at: 238-6246. Tell them you heard about it from AYH!

If you're a "fat cat" you may be looking for a tax shelter before the end of the year. Look no further! Feel free to make a tax deductible donation to "Pitts-burgh Council AYH" If your profits were "obscene" you may also want to send a contribution down to National AYH, Delaplane, VA 22025.

Have you signed up for the New Years Weekend at Laurelville Hostel yet?

Thinking about bicycling? Well Harrisburg is, they've just issued "Bicycling in Pennsylvania-an Executive Summary". If you are interested in finding out about the 52 Bicycling Policies put forth in this report you can get a free copy from:

Office Services Division Dept. of Community Affairs Harrisburg, Pa. 17120

A word of thanks to members Gary Ludwic and Jack Gerban for their work done to rebuild 4 donated bikes

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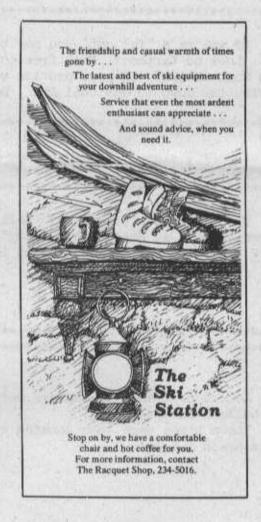
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DECEMBER TRIPS AND TRAILS

The trips listed below are open to the public with the exception that AYH members are given priority when the trip is of limited size. Trip costs include 50¢ registration and insurance (\$500 medical) plus transportation costs and equipment rental. In addition to these fees non-members are charged \$1.50 per trip; one non-member fee can be deducted from the cost of membership if the tripper joins AYH within 30 days following the trip. Call the trip leader to reserve or cancel or to get information. Please call during normal hours (6:30-9:30 PM) unless otherwise noted. Make reservations as early as possible but in no case later than the Thursday before the trip.

Fri.	- Sun.	
	2 -4	Backpack: Join the new hiking chairman for a back- packing trip to the cranberry back country area of W. Va. This trip is open to all persons with some experience and equipment suitable for cold weather. Leave 6:30 PM Fri., return Sun. evening. Reserve
Ca+	- Sun.	with Steve Martin @ 665-0634.
	3 - 4	Caving Trips: Join Norm Snyder on cave trip to W. Va.
		See miles of passage with beautiful formations.
	17 - 18	
Sun.		Beginner Hike: Joe Levine will lead a hike in one
Dec.	4	of the parks in Allegheny County (possibly Hartwood Acres). Leave AYH parking lot at 9:00 AM with lunch and about \$1.00. Call Joe @ 422-8287 between 9-11 AM or PM.
Sun.		Beginner Hike: Chuck Pierson will lead a beginner
Dec.	11	hike at location to be announced. Call Chuck @ 683-2951.
Thur	s.	
Dec.		Christmas Caroling and Party.
Sun.		Baker Trail Hike: Mike Deroy will lead the second
Dec.		of the series of hikes on the Baher Trail. To reserve or for more information call Mike @ 371-6943.
Sun.		
Dec.	30	Winter Weekend and New Year's Eve Party.

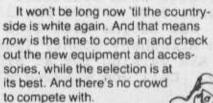
AYH Cross Country Ski Trips
All trips leave Hostel Headquarters at 8:30 AM unless trip
leader announces otherwise. Those desiring to rent equipment should
call the leader to reserve it and should report to Hostel Headquarters at 8:00 AM. Trips are contingent on snow conditions.
Leader will announce decision on trip at Thurs. open house meeting
immediately preceding the planned date. In the event that decision
is changed afterward, trip leader will call registered skiers.

DAY	DATE	AYH December LEADER	Ski Trip PHONE	ALL TRIPS
Sat. Sun.	Dec. 17 18	Alan Barber Bill Skallos	833-5311 922-9300 ext. 422 863-8698	BRING LUNCH AND WATER, EXTRA SWEATER, EXTRA WOOL
Sat.	24	Jim Gogots	384-9149	SOCKS, HAT & GLASSES
Sat. Sun.	Jan. 1	Joe Hoechner Gordon Bugby	343-2465 371-4233	

Note: Ski trips are not covered by AYH Medical Insurance.

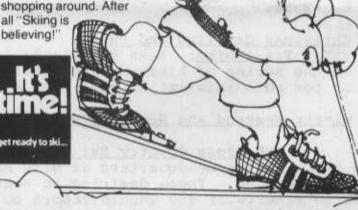
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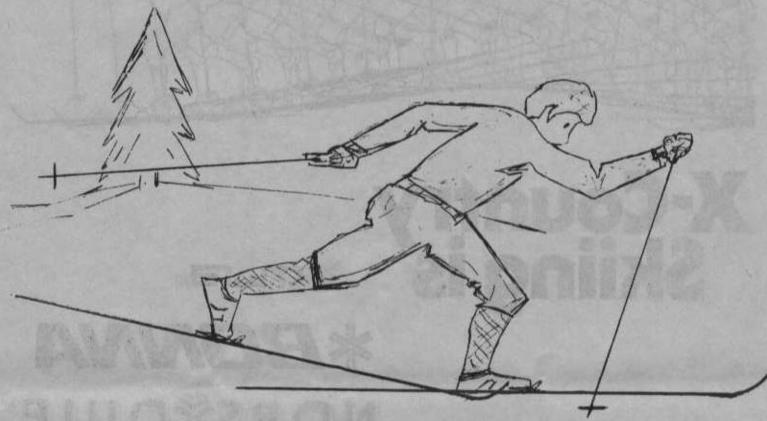
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SEVEN SPRINGS Mountain Resort Champion, Pa. 15622 814/352-7611

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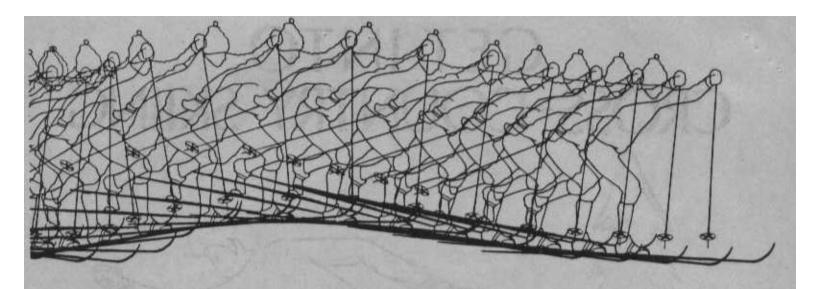


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If you are a visitor or prospective member this is an ideal time to meet AYHers and discover the ART of HAVING FUN. Just walk up to someone and tell him or her you're interested in canoeing, caving, cycling, hiking, skiing, or whatever and ask how you can get information on that activity.

OPEN HOUSE PROGRAMS FOR DECEMBER

- Dec. 1: Don Bryan, director of planning at PAT Transit will present a special report "A Whole New Trip." Don is an excellent speaker and should provide an exciting show.
- Dec. 8: Bill & Sue Leathen,
 Backpacking in the
 Glacier National Park
- Dec. 15: Christmas Carolling and party at the Hamm's--Bob Goff
- Dec. 22: Christmas--no open house
- Dec. 29: New Years--no open house

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JAN. PRODUCTION PARTY: Thursday, Dec. 15

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We're certain that many of you hostellers had some interesting trips over the past months. Come, share your experiences with the rest of us. Give a slide show! Call Bob Goff @ 323-0268 or Donna Di Leonardo @ 422-9266 and they'll schedule a Thurs. eve.

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