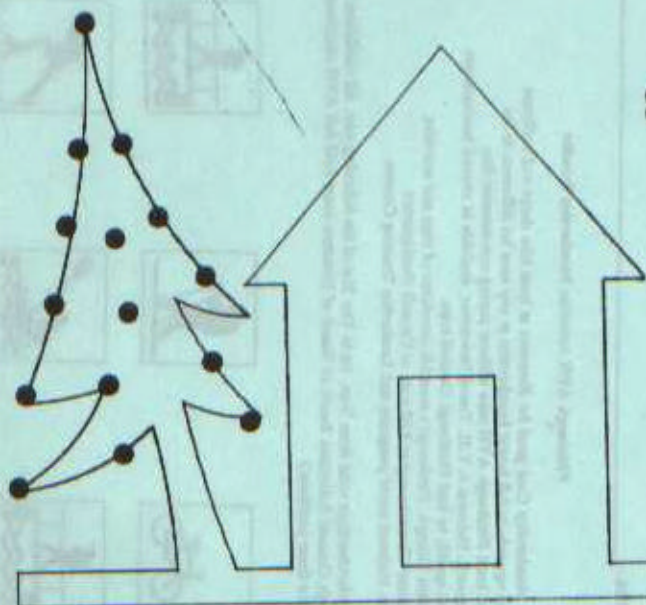
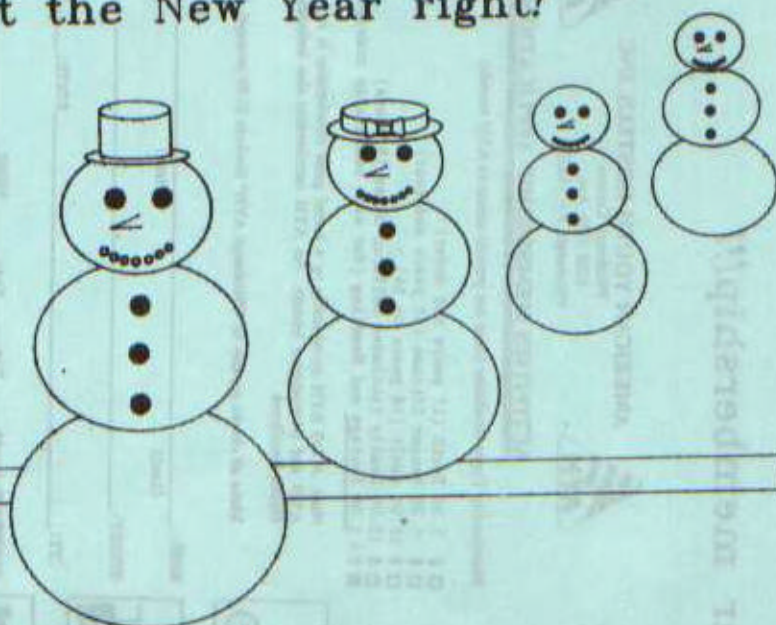


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## AYH MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- International Hostel membership card plus Pittsburgh Council I.D. card good for discounts at local bike shops and outfitters.
- USA Hostel Handbook.
- "The Knapsack," National AYH travel newsletter.
- "The Golden Triangle," Pittsburgh Council's newsletter of trips and activities.
- Open house Thursday nights at Council headquarters.
- Access to National travel programs and Leadership Training courses.

\*Memberships valid from September 1 to December 31 of the following year.



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Note: A full AYH membership or a hostel guest membership is required for access to AYH and international hostels. An AYH membership also includes the current U.S. Hostel Handbook.

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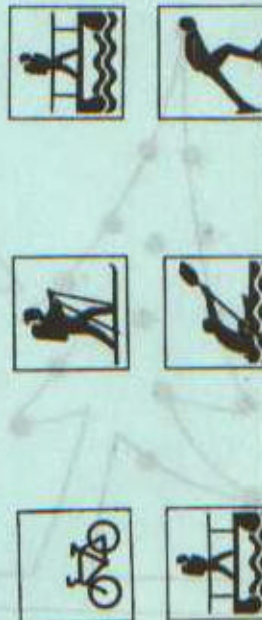
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Pittsburgh AYH Activities Membership Benefits

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(Note: Memberships valid from Sept. 1st to Dec 31st of the following year. All candidates for the Pittsburgh Council Activities Board or Board of Directors must hold full AYH memberships to qualify for these positions.)





# THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE

## Pittsburgh Council American Youth Hostels, Inc.

6300 Fifth Avenue ■ Pittsburgh PA ■ 15232

### WORLD ADVENTURE 1989

Planning your summer vacation? Try a World Adventure trip with AYH! The new World Adventure Catalog is in. Stop by on a Thursday night and pick up one or send us four 25¢ stamps and we'll send you your catalog and application to adventure!

Over 60 itineraries for adventure in the U.S. and abroad are listed, including small group touring at its finest for all ages and all levels of abilities. (Hint--this would make a great Christmas gift!)

American Youth Hostels is a nonprofit, membership organization which provides low-cost hostel accommodations and educational and recreational travel programs. We have done this for over 50 years. AYH is the U.S. affiliate of the International Youth Hostel Federation (IYHF) which coordinates more than 5,300 hostels in 74 countries.

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### SLIDE PRESENTATIONS FOR JANUARY

Jan 5: Beaches and "sights" of Rio by Steve Poprocky.

Jan 12: Skiing and other fun in Ottawa with Fred Parker.

Jan 19: From the mountains to the sea in Oregon with Mike and Marta Hurwitz.

Jan 26: The story of rowing in Pittsburgh by Michael Lambert.

### THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE

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January 12, ALL SUBMISSIONS  
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## PITTSBURGH COUNCIL AYH NEWS...

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### Sprucing up Headquarters

Those of us who have been around for awhile have noticed that some things around Pittsburgh Council Headquarters have been around much longer than we have. (No, I'm not talking about Joe Hoechner!) What's being referred to are some of the old posters and displays. Have you noticed whether the map of the National Park system includes Alaska and Hawaii as states?

Yes, I know that some people poured their heart and soul into some of those displays, but after more than ten years of useful AYH life, it's time to retire! What's being proposed is this:

A. Take down all the old, battered posters and miscellaneous addenda.

B. Clean up the bulletin board surfaces with paint or cloth.

C. Consolidate similar display areas and arrange them in the building with an eye to where they would be of the most use/access to visitors.

D. To keep tedious updates to a minimum, an annual, or at least seasonal approach is suggested for all display areas.

This may sound like a lot to ask, but the idea behind it all is to spruce up headquarters in the most expedient fashion. Anyone who is interested in working on new or existing displays should contact Joy Layton at 421-3975 or Cheryl Arnold at 242-0781. Watch this newsletter for more updates on progress.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Several exciting special events are on the agenda for 1989:

April 7 - Annual Banquet

May 20-21 - Laurelhill Camping Weekend

August 6 - Annual Picnic

October 14-15 - Ohlipyale Weekend

Here is your opportunity to take an active part to help plan and carry out these events.

Call Carla Steele for more details at 921-2069. The success of these events depends on your involvement!!!

## More Volunteer Opportunities

**HOSTEL SEARCHERS** to look for potential hostel locations, both in Pittsburgh and in outlying areas such as Wheeling, Morgantown, State College and Erie. See Joe Hoechner or Larry Laude.

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES** are needed. Possible topics include stories on Beechwood Farms, Todd Sanctuary, or Old Economy, as well as articles on your local and international trips. Add to our "Hosteling News" column with a writeup of YOUR favorite hostel. Our friendly assistant editors and reporters will help you write your article as needed. Talk to Laura Bates, Cheryl Arnold, or Rose Sainne.

**HEADQUARTERS HELP** is needed to install wire mesh on the INSIDE of the roof to protect the insulation from the canoes, and also help is needed to replace some of the windows. See Larry Laude or Gary Ludwig.

**PUBLICITY** chairman Joe Hoechner is planning several major mailings in the early months of 1989 in an attempt to boost our membership base (and revenues). A volunteer is needed who can address mailing labels - either by computer, typewriter or by hand (neatly). This would be used to get various names and addresses that are currently on scraps of paper, printouts, etc., onto a future membership solicitation mailing.

Another volunteer could be used to do the same as the above, but this would be a major sales promotion to promote the AYH Cookbook or Canoeing Guide. This mailing would be sent to Outdoor Clubs, Bookshops, Outfitters, and other AYH Councils.

Finally to help the overworked Jack and Blanche Asherman, additional help could be used to stuff, seal, sort and count envelopes. (Two sample mailings consist of 2200 and 3000 envelopes with 4 pieces inserted in each).

Sounds like a lot of fun, doesn't it: This does not even include 1989 World Adventure Trips Catalog mailings!

To ask questions or sign up call Joe at 242-0781. By the way, the mailing labels are provided!



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Congratulations to the seven Council members who were elected to the Pittsburgh Council Board of Directors at the October annual meeting. The complete listing of Board members is shown below, with the new members indicated by a "\*".

Fred Galvez\* (90)

Cliff Ham\* (91)

Joe Hoechner\* (91), Vice President

Don Hoecker (90)

Fred Hull (89), Treasurer

Mike Hurwitz (90)

Bill Johnston (89)

Marianne Kasica (89), Secretary

Larry Laude (89), Chair & President

Jack Peth\* (89)

Linda Smithyman\* (90)

Jane Swanson\* (91)

Roy Weil (90), Vice Chair

Josh Whetzel\* (89)

There remains one opening on the Board which was not filled at the elections. According to the Bylaws, this vacancy may be filled by the Board. Anyone having suggestions for a qualified person to serve on the Board should talk to Larry Laude.

## BOARD AND VOLUNTEER NEWS

The January Activities Board meeting will be at 8pm on January 4th at the home of Joe Hoechner and Cheryl Arnold. The Board of Directors will be meeting at 7:30pm on January 11th. All AYH members are welcome to observe.

A reminder to anyone using the AYH envelopes with the AYH Permit on it: The permit can ONLY be used for bulk mailings of 200 or more pieces. If you're using the envelopes for single mailings, be sure to put a stamp on, or else the post office will just send it back.

THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT TO...

BLANCHE ASHERMAN and CAY FRIEDMAN for their continued work at keeping Headquarters looking so good!!!

BOB BUCK and JACK PETH for helping with the maintenance work at Headquarters.

## NEWS FROM NATIONAL AYH

### World Adventure 1989

Catalogs are IN!!!

Send in (4) 25¢ stamps and we will send you one. Or stop by on a Thursday evening and pick up one free!

The catalog lists over 60 trips, foreign and domestic, featuring a wide variety of trips: biking, hiking, van, train, backpacking and adventure trips for all levels of ability and all ages.

The trips are designed for small groups of 8-10 people and are by experienced leaders. Best of all, the price is right!! Be sure to Check out WORLD ADVENTURE 1989.

### Notice for Life Members

By now all life members should have received their 1989 stickers. If you have not, please call or write the Council, and we'll make sure you get one as soon as possible.

### 1989 HANDBOOKS

The 1989 US Hostel Handbooks are in! They arrived on December 1st and are being given to all new members as they join. Life members, 2-year members and everyone who joined before December 1st will be getting theirs in the mail from the National Office by January 15th.

### Hostel Development Seminar

The AYH National Office will be presenting a Hostel Development Seminar in Chicago in March. Pittsburgh Council would like to send one or more persons to this seminar, all expenses paid, in order to help develop the Pittsburgh Hostel. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please call Larry Laude at (412)665-9554.

**Living Waters  
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## ACTIVITIES INFORMATION

### Attention Activity Chairpeople!!

In an extreme departure from AYH tradition, all AYH activity chairpeople are being asked to do something radical! In order to spruce up Pittsburgh Council Headquarters, all activity chairpersons are being asked to strip their activity bulletin boards at HQ. Yes, this means naked bulletin boards for about a week or so during our "slow" season, but it also means that some work can be done to create a new activities bulletin board area that is consolidated on one wall and will look really spiffy!

Activity chairs are being asked to strip by January 31. If it's not done, then someone else will do it (a.k.a. "feisty"). About a week after that, the bulletin boards should be ready to hold new stuff. It would be a nice touch to see a calendar of each activity's major trips for the year on their section!

If there are any questions, or if your activity wants to share space with another activity, please call Joy Layton (421-3975) or Cheryl Arnold (242-0781).

### BACKPACK THE SWISS ALPS OF THE USA AUGUST 4 THRU 19

Ride a narrow gauge railroad along the wild Animas River from Durango to Silverton, Colorado and see some of the most spectacular scenery in the lower 48. Then head for the high country on an intermediate/advanced backpack hike for seven days circling back to Durango.

On the way out by van, we'll visit Royal Gorge and Great Sand Dunes National Monument. We'll take a roundabout route home and make stops at Mesa Verde, Arches National Park, Dead Horse Point, Colorado National Monument, Black Canyon of the Gunnison, Crested Butte and Colorado Springs (Garden of the Gods). This should be a super trip! Cost will vary with the number of trippers but should be under \$500 each. The trip will be limited to 8 persons. Sign up early so that we can get reservations on the train. (We need to book the reservations six months in advance).

Call Glenn Oster for more information and reservations.

364-2864(h) before 9PM or 234-3967(w)

## CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

### Equipment

AYH has acquired cross country ski equipment in children's sizes. Available for rental are:

1) 4 pairs of no wax skis which are 150 cm long (these will fit children about 4 feet tall). Two pairs can strap on to any boot and two pairs have 75mm nordic norm bindings.

2) Boots...

European Size	American Child Size
30	12
32	1
34	3-3 1/2
35	4
37	Men's 5 or Women's 6
38	Men's 5 or Women's 6 1/2

3) Poles (length in cm) No. of Pairs Height

Poles (length in cm)	No. of Pairs	Height
85	1	3'9"
90	1	4'
95	1	4'2"
105	3	4'7"
115	1	5'1"

The set of skis, shoes, and poles may be rented at a rate of \$2 per week. If interested in rental, please contact Fred Parker at 856-4713.

### Discounts

The following cross country ski areas will once again be offering discounts on trail fees to AYH members who have their membership card with them.

Area	Fee	Discount
Hidden Valley	\$7.50	\$1
Laurel Ridge(Route 653)	\$5.00	1
Wilderness Lodge(Erie)	5.00	1

### Races

Wilderness Lodge will be sponsoring two ski races:

January 8 - 10 k race - 10:30 start

February 19 - 20 k race - 10:30 start

Call (814)739-2946 for registration information

**WINTER TRIPPERS...**when returning from a delightful outing, be sure all motor vehicles start and no one is left spinning their wheels!

### X-C SKIERS

Have you checked your binding screws recently???

## BICYCLING

TOSRV, Tour of the Scioto River Valley, the granddaddy of the mass bike rides will be May 13th and 14th this year. If interested send a self addressed stamped envelope now to:

TOSRV Communications  
P.O. Box 23111  
Columbus, Ohio 43223

If you do not immediately return your registration when received the 1st week of February, you will be left out because 5000 people will have beat you to this opportunity to ride one hundred miles on Saturday from Columbus to Portsmouth, Ohio, sleep on a gym floor Saturday night, and then get up Sunday to ride the 100 miles back to Columbus.

6162 Riders were in TOSRV last May. The ride was filled to capacity by Feb. 12th. 2000 applicants were rejected. There is no bulk mailing for 1989. Therefore if you plan to participate in this AYH sanctioned ride, send your SELF ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE in now.

## BACKPACKING AND HIKING

Everyone who is interested in becoming involved in Pittsburgh Council's backpacking and hiking program during the coming year is invited to attend an organizational meeting at Joy Layton's home on Friday, January 6 at 7:30pm. We will be developing a calendar of major backpacking and hiking trips for 1989, as well as discussing possible equipment purchases and leader recruitment. All interested members are welcome to attend. Joy lives at 1048 Mirror St. Greenfield. Phone 421-3975 for directions.

FOR SALE - 19" Trek 620. Reynolds 531 touring frame, metallic blue color, 18 speed, matching rear Blackburn rack. Three years old. ~~\$450~~ \$400!  
Joe Hoechner.....242-0781

FOR SALE - 23" Schwinn LeTour, men's 10 speed, silver color, front & rear alloy racks. \$100  
Joe Hoechner.....242-0781

## TRIPS AND TALES

Trips and Tales is a new column written by our roving reporter Cathy Semanski. In this column she presents a short summation of the things that make each trip an unique event, revealing people's experiences, unusual incidents, humorous anecdotes, giving readers an inside view of a few AYH trips each month. We begin the column with Cathy's report of Glenn Oster's Backpack along the Appalachian Trail last month.

"It was a solid up and down, up and down. Views were just beautiful with vistas over valleys. Looking down Route 7 was absolutely beautiful," was Blanche Asherman's description of Glenn Oster's backpack trip.

They left headquarters Thursday, November 10, 6:30pm and drove to Harper's Ferry where they ran a shuttle. The car was left there, and the group drove to Route 56, then hiked a half mile into the dark. Four tents were set up beside a stream at Ashbey Gap. That night the backpackers enjoyed a warm campfire. After running the car shuttle, Glenn returned at 3am to set up his tent and join the group.

Cay Friedman remarked on how organized and delightful a leader Glenn is, "He calls rangers ahead and gets maps."

On Friday morning everyone started on their journey along the Appalachian Trail. Cliff Ham commented, "It was an excellent time of the year for the leaves to be off the trees. Because of the leaves on the trail, the footpath was hard to see." He also remarked, "the blazes were in places where you couldn't see them." I thought it made for an interesting trip when they ran into nine other hikers; and Cliff recognized an acquaintance from ten years ago. That weekend the trail was populated with another group: boy scouts, their fathers and troop leaders were working on their last 25 miles in order to earn their boyscout badge for hiking.

Though everyone walked 35 miles south on the trail and ended up at Harper's Ferry they didn't meet their goal the first two days. All commented on the tremendous downpour on Sunday. Cay Friedman described it as, "The most eventful rain of three hours, cold and bleak. She went on the Appalcian Trail backpack last year and said, "It rained three solid days. This time I wanted to take everything." She enjoyed the scenic view at Harper's Ferry and thought it was interesting. Cliff said, "It was an interesting trip but tough."

**X-C SKI VACATION AND WINTER FESTIVAL  
OTTAWA, CANADA -- FEB 4-11, 1989**

Stay for a week in Ottawa's converted downtown "jail" Hostel just minutes from Festival events. Crosscountry ski during the weekdays and spend your weekends and evenings at the Winterlude Festival.

Bring your camera and warm clothes. Ottawa is a wonderful city to visit any time with its combination of stately British architecture, French and English language, great museums, and wonderful ethnic restaurants. You get all that and more during the city's most festive week of the year.

During WINTERLUDE, you can ice skate to music along a 5-mile stretch of the Rideau Canal, stop along the way to marvel and sometimes laugh, at the hundreds of fantastic snow and ice sculptures; watch dozens of sports exhibitions and mini ice shows for free; and try Ottawa's most popular festival food - the "beavertail." Other events in the surrounding communities include dog sled races, frozen-river canoe races, and an enormous snow slide for kids (and anyone else who claims to be a kid).

Spend your weekdays crosscountry skiing in Gatineau Park (just 1/2 hour from downtown Ottawa). Gatineau has over 180 kilometers of groomed x-country ski trails with beautiful scenery and warming huts.

Back in town for the evening, you can "eat in a different country" every night via Ottawa's wonderful variety of international restaurants -- many within walking distance of the Hostel. Then top off the day by ice skating or walking along the Canal enjoying the lights and music and seeing more of the events that go on every night during the festival. (FEB 4-11)

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See slides of previous WINTERLUDE  
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The \$42.00 cost includes lodging Friday and Saturday nights and a candlelight dinner Saturday evening. Trail fees are \$5.00 per day and ski rentals are available at the Lodge. Three to six skiers in a room with assorted doubles, singles and bunks are available. Size is limited to 33 skiers each weekend. Call Cay Friedman to make sure space is available for the weekend you want. Send a check made payable to Pittsburgh AYH for the full amount. No refunds will be made after Jan. 13 unless your spot can be sold to someone else. Send checks to:

Cay Friedman  
304 Le Roi Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15208

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Two private rooms with one double bed each are available for \$52.00/member and \$57.00 non-member.

**CIRCLE WEEKEND:** January 28-29  
February 4-5

**CIRCLE DINNER:** meat Vegetarian  
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## PRESIDENT SIGNS RAILS-TO-TRAILS LAW

The first significant new rails-to-trails legislation in five years was signed into law by President Reagan on October 5 as Congress moved to assure the recapture of federally-granted rail corridors for public trail use.

The National Trails System Improvement Act of 1988 repeals an old statute which gave away the government's interest in the more than 30,000 miles of railroad rights-of-way the federal government granted over public land. Under the new law, the federal government will take back these corridors, upon abandonment for rail use, and convert them to recreational trails and greenways.

"Much of this track is still in service," explained RTC General Counsel Charles Montange, "but if these lines are abandoned as railways they should be returned to public ownership for use as public parks and trails. With many railroads planning significant cuts in their trackage, this law comes at the right time."

Under the act, corridors located within or adjacent to national parks, refuges, recreation areas, forests or other federal lands will be incorporated into those lands and managed as trails. If suitable corridors are not located adjacent to federal land, they may be transferred by request to state or local public agencies for public recreation use. Unsuitable corridors will be sold, with the proceeds placed in the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund which provides funds to state and local governments for land purchase.

Under the law, corridors may also carry underground utilities and even energy transmission lines, although any joint use must be compatible with the primary purpose of public recreation.

"We are very please" said RTC President David Burwell. "Giving away public land was just bad policy. This new law will help hasten the day when Americans will be able to travel coast-to-coast on an uninterrupted system of linear parks."

## KNOW YOUR PARKS

Yes, it's finally here, the sought after "Know Your Parks" series. Designed to inform all AYH enthusiasts of the many little known state and regional parks in our area that offer numerous outdoor activities for year-round enjoyment.

The feature park of the month is Yellow Creek State Park located just a few short hours north east of Pittsburgh in Indiana County along Route 422. One of the first highways in the state, Route 422, provides access to the park from Indiana and Ebensburg.

Scenic Yellow Creek State Park consists of over 3100 acres of land in addition to a well stocked 720 acre lake.

Recreational opportunities are varied and many are available year round. Boating swimming and picnicking, fishing, hiking and family camping are popular during the warmer months. Winter activities include ice fishing, sledding and tobogganing, snowmobiling on over 350 acres, ice skating on the lake, ice boating and cross country skiing. No rentals are available. Hunting is permitted in the fall and winter in most areas of the park. Pennsylvania Game Commission rules, seasons and regulations are in effect.

Hopefully, this brief summary has sparked your interest in learning more about the recreational opportunities offered throughout the park. If so, additional information on the facilities and activities can be obtained by contacting the following:

Department of Environmental Resources  
Yellow Creek State Park  
RD#1, Box 145-D  
Penn Run, Pennsylvania 15765  
Telephone (412)463-3850

(Information obtained and condensed from the Office of Resources Management, Bureau of State Parks REcreational Guide, Yellow Creek State Park).

Submitted by Rose Sainne

## ICE RESCUE COURSE

There will be an ice rescue coursesponsored by the Army Corps of Engineers in the North Park area on Saturday and Sunday, February 11 & 12, 1989. The cost is minimal and the course will be limited to the first 50 people who register.

Contact Pete O'Connel at 644-2794 for



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## Somerset County Chamber of Commerce

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The Somerset County Chamber of Commerce and the Somerset County Rails to Trails Association (SCRTA) invite you to become a charter member of the Somerset County Rails to Trails Association.

SCRTA is a local non-profit organization founded in May of 1986 to pursue the development of a rail-trail from Connellsville, PA through southern Somerset County to Maryland.

This is the first time our organization has solicited for funds or members. We have raised nearly \$1,000 from the recycling of aluminum cans and glass bottles since April of this year. We thank the many individuals and businesses throughout the county that have made this project successful. We have also had three large contributions totaling \$4,000, which has kept the efforts alive.

We now are looking to the future. We need to raise money to cover the cost of some initial engineering inspections, more title research, legal time, and publicity for the project, such as a newsletter. As a charter member you may be called on to help with mailing, write articles for the newsletter, help expand our recycling efforts and when the time comes, we will need volunteers to help build and maintain the trail. In a nutshell, the members of the Somerset County Rails to Trails Association will "make it happen."

Membership investment will be as follows:

Individual	\$ 15.00	Family	\$ 20.00
Business	\$ 25.00	Trail Builder	\$100.00

Please fill out the form below and send along with a check for the Somerset County Rails to Trails Association to the Chamber address above. Thank you for your involvement.

Individual	( ) \$ 15.00	Family	( ) \$ 20.00
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To help the trail project, I am also enclosing an additional gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.



December 1988

Dear AYH Members,

Since the 1986-87 Ski Season, my wife Diane and I have been the concessionaires at Laurel Ridge State Park Cross-Country Ski Area. Laurel Ridge is the only State Park in Pennsylvania with an extensive trail system designed for and limited to use by cross-country skiers.

In the past year, many snowmobilers have made contact with their legislators about the possibility of using part of this area also. From my experience since 1977 at Hidden Valley Cross-Country Center, especially from customer input, the two uses are not compatible.

If you also agree with this position, please take the time to write to your elected officials in Harrisburg to let them know that you support the Bureau of State Parks policy of exclusive use of this area for cross-country skiers. If possible, please send me a copy of your correspondence and send copies to Mr. Arthur Davis, Secretary of DER and Mr. William Forrey, Director of the Bureau of State Parks. Their address is DER, 2150 Herr Street, Harrisburg, PA 17103.

This is a very important issue that will affect all of us. Legislators have formed their opinions so far solely from the input from snowmobilers. We need to let them know that there are lots of cross-country skiers concerned about this issue also.

Thank you very much for your support. I will forward any letters that I receive from you to the legislators in both Somerset and Fayette Counties. The more they receive, the stronger our position is.

Sincerely,

  
Hank Parke

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Rick Tomlinson is organizing a new activity for Pittsburgh AYH members. This spring, we will offer three sail cruising trips open to men and women who want to learn to sail. The trips will leave Pittsburgh Saturday morning and return eight days later Sunday evening.

Trip 1 Depart March 18 - Return 3/26

Trip 2 Depart March 15 - Return 4/23

Trip 3 Depart May 13 - Return 5/21

Tomlinson, who has sailed for 30 years, will coordinate the trips, provide individual and group training and will act as your Captain while you develop your skills and luxuriate aboard a 45' to 52' cruising sloop.

We will sail from Ft. Myers, Fla. on the following itinerary: Ft. Myers to the Dry Tortugas on an overnight sail, explore, swim snorkle and play for a day, then on to Key West, the Ten Thousand Islands region, Naples Sanibel-Captiva and Charlotte Harbor.

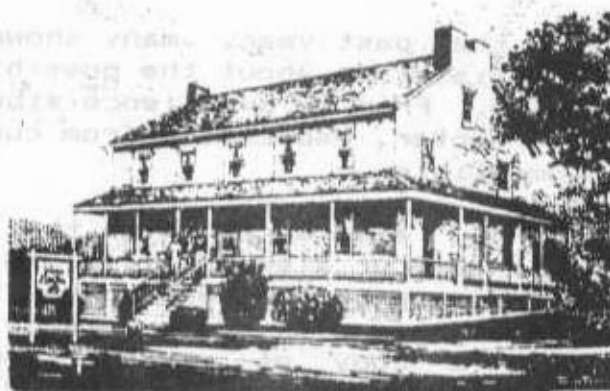
Tomlinson will provision the boat and prepare five gourmet dinners. We will dine ashore at Key West, Marco Island and Captiva Island. We'll take turns cooking breakfast and making lunch. Everyone is expected to help with general work details and boat handling duties.

While on board, you will learn how to leave and approach a dock, operate the boat under power and under sail, effect man overboard rescues, set and trim sails, plan a course, navigate with mechanical and electronic aids, man the helm and stand watch, maintain a log, make a deep water crossing, set and retrieve an anchor and perhaps, how to cruise in heavy weather.

You are qualified for these trips if you can swim, enjoy the sun, are congenial and cooperative, are eager to learn and have fun and are not overly demanding and excessively modest.

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# PITTSBURGH COUNCIL TRIPS FOR JANUARY 1989

ACTIVITY	LEVEL	LEADER	PHONE	TIME	DESCRIPTION
<u>SAT. DECEMBER 31</u>					
K-C SKI	All				To Be Announced
<u>SUN. JANUARY 1</u>					
K-C SKI	All	Jack Peth	921-7214		Check with Jack for snow conditions and location.
<u>TUES. JANUARY 3</u>					
K-C SKI	All	Mark Mistrik	441-6330	7:00PM	Moonlight Ski with one prerequisite-SNOW!! Meet at HQ on Tuesdays at 7pm.
VOLLEYBALL	All	Joel Platt	421-4446w 521-5244h	6:30PM	Join Joel at Taylor Alderdice H.S. Gym (corner of Shady & Forward Ave) Beginners Welcome!! Teaching Stressed!!
<u>WED. JANUARY 4</u>					
ICE SKATE	All	Marilyn or Cliff Hamm	687-4520	1-3:30	Every Wednesday afternoon at Schenley Park Ice Rink from 1 to 3:30pm. ADULTS ONLY Call for more information.
<u>SAT. JANUARY 7</u>					
HIKE	Adv.	Glenn Oster	364-2864h before 9PM 234-3967w	8:00AM	Baker Trail from Schenley to Route 66. This is the first leg of hiking all of the Baker Trail in 1989. Call for information and reservations.
K-C SKI	All	Chuck & Lynn Ejzak	466-6196	8:30AM	Call for snow conditions and location.
<u>SUN. JANUARY 8</u>					
K-C SKI	All	Joe Hoechner	242-0781	8:15AM	Call for snow conditions and location.
<u>TUES. JANUARY 10</u>					
K-C SKI	All	Mark Mistrik	441-6330	7:00PM	Moonlight Ski with one prerequisite - SNOW!! Meet at HQ on Tuesdays at 7PM. Rentals available. MUST CALL TO RESERVE
VOLLEYBALL	All	Joel Platt	421-4446h 521-5244w	6:30PM	Join Joel at Taylor Alderdice gym. Beginners Welcome!!
<u>WED. JANUARY 11</u>					
ICE SKATE	All	Marilyn and Cliff Ham	687-4520	1-3:30	Schenley Park Ice Rink ADULTS ONLY



PITTSBURGH COUNCIL TRIPS FOR JANUARY 1989, CONTINUED

ACTIVITY	LEVEL	LEADER	PHONE	TIME	DESCRIPTION
<u>FRI. JANUARY 13 TO SUN. JANUARY 15</u>					
X-C SKI HIKE BLACKWATER FALLS WEEKEND	All	Karl & Elaine Mormer	521-6404		Sorry this trip is FULL!! Call to get on the waiting list in case of last minute cancel- lations. Reserve early next year!
<u>SAT. JANUARY 14</u>					
X-C SKI	All	Rick & Shirley Ulaky	422-0849	8:30AM	Call for snow conditions and location.
<u>SUN. JANUARY 15</u>					
HIKE	Inter	Ben Brugmans	736-2751	8:00AM	Laurel Highlands Trail. Call for more information.
X-C SKI	All	Eric Bauer	687-0766h 227-1017w	8:30AM	Call for snow conditions and location.
<u>TUES. JANUARY 17</u>					
X-C SKI	All	Mark Mistrik	441-6330	7:00PM	See January 3 Moonlight Ski
VOLLEYBALL	All	Joel Platt	421-4446h 521-5244w	6:30PM	Join Joel at Taylor Alderdice H.S. Gym. Beginners Welcome!!
<u>WED. JANUARY 18</u>					
ICE SKATE	All	Marilyn & Cliff Ham	687-4520	1-3:30	Ice Skate at Schenley Park ADULTS ONLY
<u>FRI. JANUARY 20 TO SUN. JANUARY 22</u>					
X-C SKI	Int/Adv	Joy Layton	421-3975	6:30PM Friday	Ski and car camp in Quehanna Wild Area in North Central PA. Call for information and reser- vations.
<u>SAT. JANUARY 21</u>					
X-C SKI	All	Nick Broskovich	863-1993	8:30AM	Call for snow conditions and reservations.
<u>SAT. JANUARY 21 TO SUN. JANUARY 22</u>					
BACKPACK	All	Glenn Oster	364-2864h 234-3967w	7:00AM Saturday	Try an easy winter backpack trip on the Hickory Creek Trail in Allegheny National Forest. Call for information and reservations.
<u>SUN. JANUARY 22</u>					
X-C SKI	All	Bill Johnston	243-1945	8:00AM	Call for snow conditions and reservations.
<u>TUES. JANUARY 24</u>					
X-C SKI	All	Mark Mistrik	441-6330	7:00PM	See January 3-Moonlight Ski
VOLLEYBALL	All	Joel Platt	421-4446h 521-5244w		VOLLEYBALL CANCELLED!!!
<u>WED. JANUARY 25</u>					
ICE SKATE	All	Cliff or Marilyn Ham	687-4520	1-3:30	Ice Skate in Schenley Park ADULTS ONLY



# PITTSBURGH COUNCIL TRIPS FOR JANUARY 1989, CONTINUED

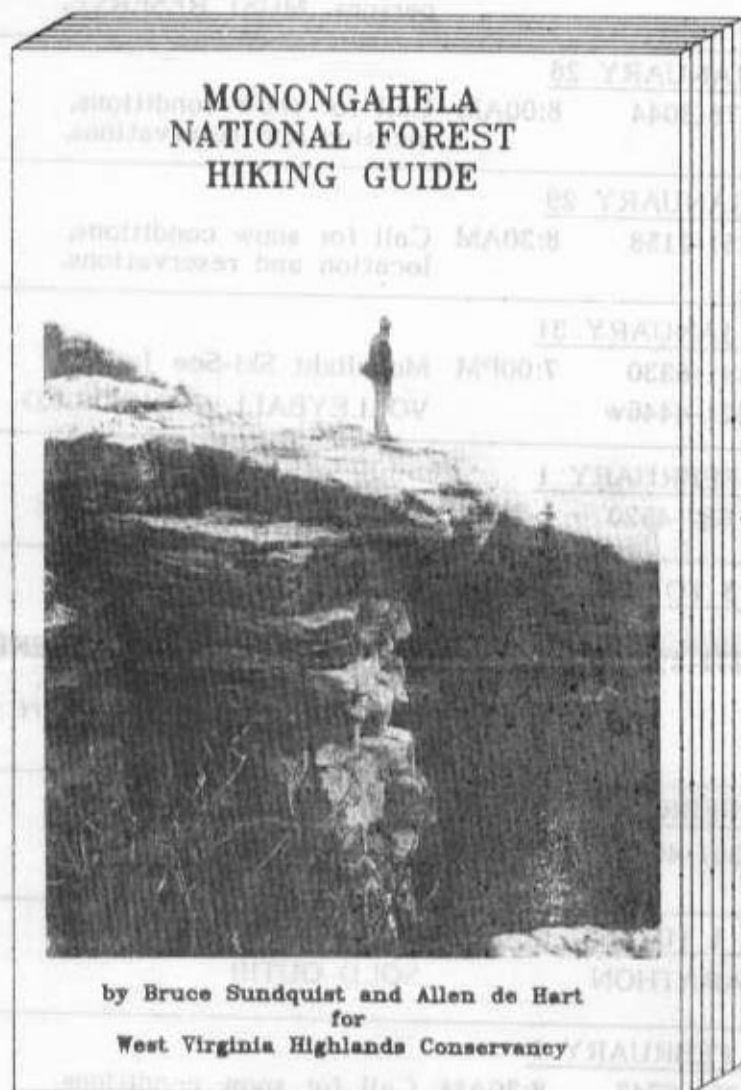
ACTIVITY	LEVEL	LEADER	PHONE	TIME	DESCRIPTION
<u>FRI. JANUARY 27 TO SUN. JANUARY 29</u>					
-C SKI	All	Cay Friedman	371-4923		WILDERNESS LODGE WEEKEND #1. See insert in this issue for more information. Limited to 33 persons. MUST RESERVE.
<u>SAT. JANUARY 28</u>					
-C SKI	All	Tom Kaveney	276-8044	8:00AM	Call for snow conditions, location and reservations.
<u>SUN. JANUARY 29</u>					
-C SKI	All	Steve & Jenann Tubbs	751-2158	8:30AM	Call for snow conditions, location and reservations.
<u>TUES. JANUARY 31</u>					
-C SKI	All	Mark Mistrik	441-6330	7:00PM	Moonlight Ski-See Jan. 3
OLLEYBALL	All	Joel Platt	421-4446w		VOLLEYBALL CANCELLED
<u>WED. FEBRUARY 1</u>					
CE SKATE	All	Marilyn & Cliff Ham	687-4520	1-3:30	Ice Skate in Schenley Park
<u>FRI. FEBRUARY 3 TO SUN. FEBRUARY 5</u>					
-C SKI	All	Cay Friedman	371-4923		WILDERNESS LODGE WEEKEND #2. Limited to 33 persons. MUST RESERVE. See insert for more details.
<u>SAT. FEBRUARY 4</u>					
X-C SKI	All	Norm Snyder	351-4068	8:30AM	Call for snow conditions, location and reservations.
<u>SAT. FEBRUARY 4 TO SAT. FEBRUARY 5</u>					
X-C SKI	Adv	CHATAUQUA SKI MARATHON			SOLD OUT!!!
<u>SUN. FEBRUARY 5</u>					
X-C SKI	All	Glenn Freund	351-6747	8:30AM	Call for snow conditions, location and reservations.
<u>SAT. FEBRUARY 4 TO SUN. FEBRUARY 12</u>					
X-C SKI VACATION	All	Fred Parker Mike Hurwitz	856-4713 422-9204		A week in Ottawa, Canada cross-country skiing and attending the Winterlude Festival. See the article in this issue for more information.
<u>SAT. FEBRUARY 11</u>					
X-C SKI	All	Ted & Judy Self	795-6286	9:30AM	Call for snow conditions, location and reservations.



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