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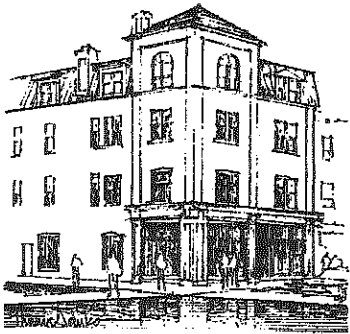
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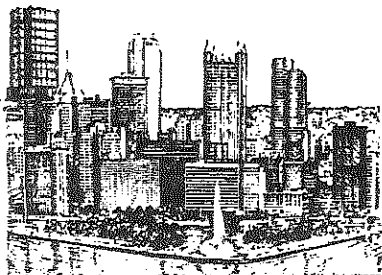
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NOTE: The next issue of the Golden Triangle will be the April, "Travel Issue". There were no trips submitted for this issue, Please contact the Activity Chairs listed on page two for the latest info on trips.

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES FOR 1999.....

There are three changes. First, the Family Membership category has been abolished. Second, the Youth Membership will be free starting in 1999. And third, Adult Renewals will be charged the standard \$25.00 Adult membership fee.

Why was the Family Membership category abolished? For two reasons. First the definition of what constitutes a "family" proved to be a source of consternation for some, and confusion for many. Must it be a couple? Must a couple be married? Must a couple be of the opposite sex? Must there be a child? While we had a common operating definition, the issues were so emotionally charged for some that, even operating under the same definitions when a membership was sold, there was no assurance that the Family Membership would be honored at our hostels, even in the U.S.

Second, the Family Membership was not recognized by most of the International Youth Hostel Federation's 63 member associations. In fact, only 17 National Associations issue Family Membership cards. Acceptance varied from hostel to hostel, even within the same country. This created confusion and frustration for members.

Will there be a transition for existing Family Membership cardholders in 1999?

Yes. Through a special direct mail campaign, they will be offered two Adult Memberships at a cost of \$35.00 (the Family Membership rate) until December 31, 1999. Of course heads of single parent family can purchase a single Adult Membership for \$25.00. Individuals 55 and over can purchase two Senior Memberships for \$30.00. And children under 18 are eligible for the free Youth Membership introduced in 1999.

Why give a way free Youth Memberships?

To introduce a whole new generation of young people to hostelling! Having a membership card in their wallet will provide our youth with a tangible reminder of Hostelling International. And the membership roster of our Youth members will provide an invaluable tool for connecting with young people as they reach college age.

What are the eligibility criteria for the free Youth Membership?

Any young person 18 years of age will be able to secure a free Youth Membership, either as part of a family or on their own (usually as part of an organized group). The Youth Membership card will be valid until their 18th birthday.

NEW 1999 MEMBER DISCOUNTS

HI members with valid membership cards are eligible for the following discounts. Full details can be found in the FREE 1999 North American Hostel Handbook.

Alamo Car Rental: Various Discounts. Contact your travel agent or Alamo and request Rate Code BY and I.D. Number 19998.

Andy Warhol Museum: \$1.00 off admission. (THIS DISCOUNT WAS NOT PUBLISHED IN THE 1999 HANDBOOK DUE TO A PRINTING ERROR, BUT IS AVAILABLE.)

Danny K's Diner: 10% discount off final bill. Two blocks from hostel. 412-431-1267

Gray Line Trolley Tours of Pittsburgh: \$2.00 off admission price on our daily scheduled Pittsburgh tours, April through Oct. 412-741-2720

La Prima Espresso Co.: \$0.50 off any espresso drink. 2 locations. 412-471-4590

Mattress Factory (A museum of contemporary art): \$1.00 off admission; 10% off merchandise in museum shop. 412-231-3169

Nature's Design Holistic Health: 15% discount on therapeutic touch, Reiki, foot or body massages. By appointment. 10% discount on all health care products. 412-854-5409

Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens: 10% off admission to conservatory and gardens all year. 412-622-6914

Rachel Carson Homestead: Buy one admission, get one free. 724-274-5459

Thoreau, NM - A Production Company: \$1.00 off admission; reservations required. 412-431-8289



The Area Code for the Ohiopyle Hostel is incorrect in the recently-published 1999 North American Hostel Handbook. The correct phone number for the Ohiopyle Hostel is: 724-329-4476

1999 North American Hostel Handbooks can be picked up at the Travel Center, the Pittsburgh International Hostel, and the Activities Headquarters. Copies are free when picked up in person.

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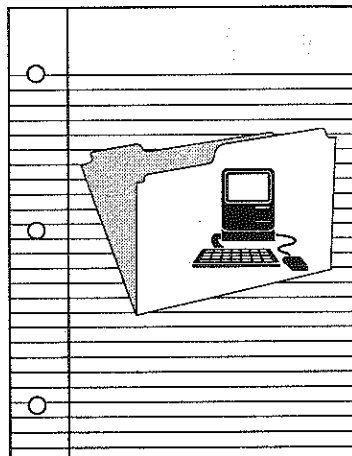
About AYH

American Youth Hostels is a non-profit organization which promotes international understanding, educational and recreational travel, good citizenship and an appreciation of America. AYH does this by bringing travelers of all ages, backgrounds and nationalities together in hostels and by providing low-cost travel programs. AYH is the US affiliate of Hostelling International (HI), (Formerly named International Youth Hostel Federation(IYHF)), which coordinates more than 5,400 hostels worldwide-the largest network of accommodations in the world.

Submissions Policy:
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Classified Adds:

- Classified adds are free to Current members of HI-International
- All requests for classifieds must be made in writing via the Council Office. Request Must include full Name, address, phone number and Membership number of member. Members are not permitted to place adds for non-members.
- Free adds may not be for commercial gain.
- Above rules apply in addition to general rules for submission



Trips

- All trips must be approved by authorized co-chair
- Trip leader must be a council approved leader
- Trips must be submitted through co-chair, for that activity. Trip leaders, are not to submit trips directly to editor or office, any trips improperly submitted will not be listed.
- Above rules apply in addition to general rules for submission

Articles

- Members are encouraged to write articles, about travel abroad and in the states, and about activities and outdoor sports in which the council has a program
- All Articles are to be, non-political and non-secular
- Above rules apply in addition to general rules for submission

General rules for submission

- No handwritten submissions
- Submissions Can be;
 - On computer disk (IBM / MAC), E-mail (Internet/compuserve), Direct Modem, Type written material double spaced, faxed. NO EXCEPTIONS. Call if you have questions.
- Submitted before the deadline of the issue that submission needs to be run in. (See Editors Golden Rule)
- All Submissions are on a first come first serve basis, The GT makes no promises to print material received and all material received becomes the property of the GT.
- Standing Deadline; Deadline for the GT, has always been, and will continue to be the First Thursday of the month, prior to the month of the issue.(See Editors Golden Rule)
- Please always check in advance with office, to confirm schedule.

Editors Golden Rule

- "Lack of planning on your part, does not constitute an emergency on my part"

Please note, the Golden Triangle frequency of publication.

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Number 7 issue ->Sept: **Number 8** issue ->Oct: **Number 9** issue ->Nov:
and **Number 10** issue ->Dec. / January

Editor...

Upcoming Slide Shows

February 11: Steve Stroman, "The 1000 Steps Project Of Huntingdon County: History, Habitat and Hiking". See the Juniata River from Jacks Mountain.
February 18: George Schnakenberg, "Canoeing The Upper Missouri River In Montana". They follow the path of Lewis and Clark, and see the White Cliffs.
February 25: Cake and apple pie party.
March 4: We show the 16 mm movie "City Of London". Regent's Park Zoo, Tower Of London, St. Paul, the Lord Mayor and his gilded carriage.
March 11: Joyce Appel, "Sea Kayaking And Hiking In And Around Glacier Bay Of Alaska". Features close encounters with whales and sea lions.
March 18: Bill Lawrence, "Seldom Seen: A Hidden City Treasure". Local activists have worked to preserve this greenway in Beechview.
March 25: Cheese and apple cider party.
April 1: We show the 16 mm movie "Colonel's Culpeper's Flying Circus". The Confederate Air Force shows WW II planes at a Labor Day air show in Harlingen, TX. Major air battles of WW II are reenacted.
April 8: Bring your 20 best slides of sports, travel, or nature. Soft drinks will be served.

Slide shows start at 8:30 PM, at AYH Headquarters, Shady Avenue at Fifth Avenue. Doors open at 8:00 PM. If you want to give a show, call Luc Berger at 412-683-3131.

Oops...

If you find an error, please notify the editor. See the address for the *Golden Triangle* below.

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HOSTEL HAPPENINGS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

On December 17, 1998 the hostel was pleased to host about 40 people for our second annual Deck the Hostel Party. Thanks to all who brought ornaments and decorations for the hostel to use in future years and to those who contributed to the festivities by bringing snacks and beverages.

WORLD TRAVEL 101... BUDGET TRAVEL WORKSHOPS WINTER 1998-1999

Safe, inexpensive world travel is possible! Let Hostelling International show you how! Note the specific workshop subjects listed below and plan to attend one or all. We'll provide information on trip planning, necessary documents, health precautions, working along the way, all about your money and more. Presented by the experienced staff and volunteers of the Pittsburgh International Hostel. **Workshops are FREE! Second Wednesday of each month from 7 - 9 p.m.**

February 10	Living and Traveling in France
March 10	Making the Most of European Rail
April 14	Europe on a Budget
May 12	Making the Most of European Rail

All workshops will be held at:

THE PITTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL HOSTEL

830 East Warrington Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15210

We're located above the Southside between Mt. Oliver and Mt. Washington in the Allentown neighborhood of Pittsburgh. For more information call between 8 - 10 a.m. and from 5 - 10 p.m. (412) 431-1267

GIRL SCOUT HOSTELLING PATCH AVAILABLE IN PITTSBURGH

The Pittsburgh International Hostel is excited to offer Cadet and Senior Scouts the opportunity to earn a hostelling patch at our hostel.

The patch, set up in a similar format to formal Girl Scout badges, was designed by Hostelling International with help from Girl Scout troops in New England and capitalizes on the atmosphere of hostels to help young women gain confidence in traveling and learning about people from other cultures.

The requirements and a copy of the patch, on sale for \$3.00, and information about Hostelling International are available by sending a self-addressed business-sized envelope with \$0.78 postage to the Pittsburgh International Hostel, 830 East Warrington Ave, Pittsburgh, PA, 15210. For more information about staying at the Pittsburgh International Hostel or to coordinate earning the patch with us, but staying at another hostel, call the Pittsburgh International Hostel at (412) 431-1267 and speak with Holly Ridenour.

HOSTEL WISH LIST

We are seeking the following donated items. Before long it will be necessary to prepare next year's budget. Can you help with the items below so we don't have to find a way to purchase them? Remember we are non-profit organization. Donated items are tax deductible and definitely appreciated.

A SNOW BLOWER. The Pittsburgh International Hostel has a very long property line as well as a parking lot, which the staff is responsible for shoveling. It's been a real challenge to operate the hostel and also spend hours on snow removal. Anyone have a snow blower sitting around you're not using (ahem!) or know where to get one at a good price?

PIANO TUNING. Our donated piano is still in need of someone to tune it. We've hosted some great players, who hit sour notes. We'll arrange an international evening of music to celebrate once it's been tuned!

HIGH QUALITY BOOKS. The first set of donated books we received when the hostel opened was high in literary value. However, most of the good stuff has disappeared, to be replaced with less interesting books. We'd be interested in receiving the following types of books: Travel books, recent literary novels, classics, history, and local culture. PLEASE CALL US BEFORE DROPPING OFF BOOKS! We would like to discuss with you what you have before deciding to accept them because we have limited space and cannot accept all books.

LARGE PLANTER BOXES. For use around the perimeter of our property for some spring-time color when we finally see it!

TRAVEL MEMORABILIA FOR AN ART PROJECT.

Do you have entrance tickets from places like Graceland, Disneyland, Kennywood, or maps, postcards, or other Americana made of paper from your travels which would be of interest to foreign visitors? We have some donated tables and other furniture that would look much better with collages and some paint. We have some volunteers interested in completing this project, but need the raw materials. We'll arrange them creatively on furniture then shellac them in place permanently. We've seen some great examples of these in other hostels' common rooms and would like to duplicate the idea here.

ADDITIONAL DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS IN 2000

Elsewhere in this newsletter and in the just-published 1999 North American Hostel Handbook you will find the discounts offered to members of Hostelling International in. We would love to have even more discounts available next year as a service to our local members and visitors. If you are a business owner or manager or know of a business in the Pittsburgh area you think would be ideal to approach let us know. Businesses receive FREE worldwide advertising in the handbook, on our National website, in this newsletters, and in our hostel by offering members a discount.

HOSTEL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Marketing intern: to help increase overnight visits at the Pittsburgh International Hostel. At this time the position is unpaid, but we are pursuing assistance from the National Office and hope to be able to offer a stipend at a later date. For a description of this position, contact Holly Ridenour.

Distribute HI-AYH handbooks, maps, and other brochures, in bulk around town to such places as libraries, universities, other non-profit organizations, and area visitor attractions. A car would be necessary for this project.

Interpretive Displays: History of our building, neighborhoods near the hostel, the steel industry, labor history, etc. Surely there is a history buff and Pittsburgh expert out there who'd like to spend some time in the library this winter tracking down photographs and putting together some other easy to read material for our common areas for visitors?

AYH Sheet Sleeping Sack.... DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT ONE!



Required in all youth hostels, the sleeping sack serves as your top & bottom sheets, with a built-in pillowcase. Regular sleeping bags are not allowed at hostels due to public health regulations. Our nylon sleep sack is especially light, compact, and dries extremely quickly (handy on trips). The cotton/polyester sleep sack is a little heavier and bulkier, but feels just like your bedsheets.

Order one today! See the order form on the back page for prices.



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FOR SALE: PUR Pioneer Water Filter Small, light weight, and easy to operate. Used only once. Best Offer. Call Don at 412-824-3534 7/98

For sale: Sailboat. American classic O'Day Widgeon 15 ft daysailer w/ trailer and 2 sails. Blue/white in good condition. Will deliver. \$975 or best offer. Call 800-813-6336.

For Sale: North Face Back Magic, external frame backpack; flexhip joints, heavy duty, large capacity. Will deliver. \$75.00 obo. Call 304-233-5960.

For Sale: Tent - Sierra Designs "Clip-Flashlight", 2 person, superlightweight, footprint, extra pole, excellent condition, \$125. Sleeping Bag - North Face Littlefoot, Polyester, child/small adult, 20 degrees, excellent condition, \$60. Call 724-337-1366.

For Sale: skis, K2/610 FO, 200 cm, Tyrolia 260 bindings, Nordica 940 boots, size 10, poles, \$150. (412) 563-6672. 2/99

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REMINDER TO TRIP LEADERS

All trips and equipment usage must be approved by the appropriate activity chair or co-chair. Trip reports and fees should be turned in by the end of each month at either the AYH Activities Building or AYH Office or mailed to Pittsburgh Council, 830 Warrington AVE., Pittsburgh PA 15210

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