

# GOLDEN TRIANGLE

Pittsburgh Council, AYH

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*It is pleasant to walk  
over the beds  
of these fresh,  
crisp and rustling  
leaves.*

*How beautifully  
they go to their  
graves!*

*How gently  
they lay  
themselves  
down and  
turn to  
mould!*

*Painted of a  
thousand hues,  
and fit to  
make the beds of us  
living,*

*so they troop to their  
last resting place,  
light and frisky!*



*- Henry David Thoreau*

### Open House

Every Thursday Night  
Doors Open: 7:45  
Slide Program 8:45

Our Thursday Night Open House is for members as well as non-members. This is a great time to see friends, make new ones, reminisce about good times, plan new trips, and get a ride to the Evergreen.

### Slide Programs for November

Host: Bob Goff

Nov 1 One 1st tour of Europe for 1979. Jean and Mary McShea will show us slides of Ireland.

Nov 8 "Good Time Skiing" -a 16mm cross-country skiing movie.

Nov 15 Another chance for all AYH members to show any slides they think the rest of us would enjoy. Call Bob Goff at 761-2837 to submit your slides.

Nov 22 Happy Thanksgiving - no meeting.

Nov 29 Hiking and Things by Bob Rudland.

### Fombell Hostel Closed

Western Pennsylvania lost one of its few hostels in mid-October when the Y.W.C.A. Camp Carondowanna Hostel closed its gates.

The camp had been chartered as a hostel for over two years and during that time had 175 listed over-nights.

AYH member Dave Porterfield of nearby Harmony will act as a temporary home hostel until a new site is found (Joe is searching). Phone for Dave 412/452-6434. Pittsburgh Council regrets losing the site and wishes the houseparents, Mr and Mrs Earlin, the best of luck at their new camp.



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### The Golden Triangle

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### Deadlines for December

Everything is due: November 8

Production Party: November 15

Unfortunately, the dates are very early because of Thanksgiving. It will be a short newsletter.

### Change of Address

Please notify Pittsburgh Council as soon as possible if you change your address. Otherwise, you miss "The Golden Triangle" and we get billed 25¢.

### Activities Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 6, 1979, 8:00 pm

Don Hoecker (243-8298)  
2332 Meadow Drive  
Pittsburgh, Pa

### Life Members

Life members should be expecting to receive their 1980 Life Membership Passes from AYH National Headquarters sometime in November.

If anyone who is a Life Member has not received his or her pass by December 15 please inform Membership and provide them with your current address.



Once again Pittsburgh Council is planning its annual winter weekend get-together at the nearby Laurelville Youth Hostel. This season the date is February 8-10.

We will arrive at Laurelville by carpool about 8:30 p.m. Friday night, Feb. 8, and leave on the afternoon of Sunday, Feb. 10. We have reservations for the lodge and three dorm cabins. Space is available for about 70 AYH members. Reservations for the lodge are on a first come, first serve basis, with couples having priority. The cost for cabin space is about \$5.00 less than a space at the main lodge.

## LAURELVILLE WINTER WEEKEND FEBRUARY 8-10, 1980

Our meals will be served by the Laurelville staff in the dining hall and will include two breakfasts and one supper. You'll have to bring two 'trail' lunches. A snack will be provided for Friday and Saturday nights. Transportation fees will be \$5.00 and will be paid directly

to the driver. Total cost of the weekend (two nights lodging, three meals, trip fees and transportation) should be approximately \$35. A deposit of \$15 should be paid to trip leader Joe Hoechner before January 24, 1980. (Make checks payable to Pittsburgh AYH).

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. There is a piano and a fireplace in the lodge building. Please note the room rate structure depending on the number of persons. Children under nine are half price.

What should you bring? As previously mentioned, bring two lunches, your AYH pass, a sleeping bag or sheets and blanket, cross-country skis, hiking boots, warm clothes and personal items. If you're the type who forgets their 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 Steve Tubbs at 322-6361.

If you have any questions, call Joe Hoechner at 322-6114. Reminder: The trip is open to AYH members only--with current passes!!! Deposits are non-refundable after January 24th. Leave AYH headquarters at 7:00 p.m., February 8th.

### RESERVATION FORM FOR LAURELVILLE AYH WINTER WEEKEND

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_ AYH PASS # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Lodge (2 persons at 17.50/person)  
\_\_\_\_ Lodge (3 persons at 15.00/person)  
\_\_\_\_ Dorm cabins (10.00/person)

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_ (15.00/person)  
Make checks payable to Pittsburgh AYH

\_\_\_\_ I CAN HELP WITH SNACKS  
\_\_\_\_ I NEED A RIDE  
\_\_\_\_ I CAN DRIVE (no. of passengers)  
\_\_\_\_ I CAN PLAY/BRING \_\_\_\_\_  
(folk/square dance records, instruments, phonograph)  
\_\_\_\_ I WOULD LIKE TO LEAD A TRIP \_\_\_\_\_  
(SKI, HIKE, OTHER.....)

Bring this form to deposit at meeting or mail to:

Joe Hoechner  
1240 Resaca Place  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15212



## HOSTEL NEWS

Pittsburgh Council would like to thank the Laurelville Church Camp Hostel for the donation of eight bunkbeds for the Ohiopyle Hostels.

All we need now is some Council volunteers who would like to do some indoor work to get them set up. Actually that may be the easy part--they have to be wire-brushed and painted (flat black?) first. Some mechanical skills may be needed in order to get some of the bunks missing parts together.

If you can spare a weekend day or two this month, let Hostel Development Chairperson Joe Hoechner know. Call 322-6114 (and keep trying!!!!)

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The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy has just issued their 1980 Wildflower Calendar (in cooperation with Dollar Savings Bank). The calendar is available for \$3.00 by mail from:

Western Pennsylvania  
Conservancy  
316 Fourth Ave.  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15222

Or, if you would like to save postage and handling costs, stop in to their office and pick it up for only \$2.50.

## NOVEMBER TIPS AND TALES.....

Hey, there, AYH hunters! The Ohiopyle State Park Hostel is open during the hunting season at \$3.50/night. In the vicinity are State Game Lands #51, 111, 138, 265 and 271. If you are in need of information or reservations, call 329-4476.

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IF you're a winter backpacker, you could consider using the Ohiopyle Hostel as a Friday Night trailhead for weekend trips on the Laurel Ridge Trail. Bring your X-C skis so in case you're snowed in you can use them on the River Gorge Trail.

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DID YOU HEAR about the lazy bachelor who claimed that the accumulated dust in his apartment had an 'R' value of 10?!

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BE CAREFUL while in the woods--small game hunters are out! Be VERY careful on Nov 26th--Deer season opens then!

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DID YOU HEAR about the AYH member who kept her wood stove burning last winter without any wood? Seems she saved all her junkmail throughout the year to burn in the winter. She claims that junkmail represents a vast, untapped energy source!!!!

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IF YOU CAN get up to the Ohiopyle Hostel for a one or two day weekend, Joe Hoechner or Jim Gogots can give you a list of things that 'need done'. You can earn a free overnight for some work.

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HOSTEL STORE keeper Joe Hoechner has been resupplied with sheet sleeping sacks. If you need a sturdy cotton or slinky nylon sack, see Joe any Thursday night. Price is still \$7.50.

## FOR SALE:

Fabiano Hiking Boots, 6 1/2 medium

Padded backpacking hip belt, Med.

Cross-country skis--

Asnes, size 190, waxable

Fischer, size 180, waxless

IF INTERESTED in the above, call Val at 462-4486 after 6:00 pm.

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Allen Universal bike rack (up to four bicycles) is especially suitable for a VW bug--and has hardly been used! Call Pat Rossi at 335-5067.

## TOSRV

An annual bike ride in Ohio, two-day 210 miles. 3500+ people rode with 83% finishing. Over 2100 people had ridden TOSRV before. The oldest this year was 74, the youngest was six.

Applications for TOSRV '80 will be sent out Feb 1, 1980 to those who sent inquiries, rode TOSRV '79 or sent in self-addressed stamped envelopes (#10, legal size).

For application, send SASE to:  
TOSRV Communications  
PO Box 2311  
Columbus, Ohio 43223

### They have Moved

Here are some addresses of friends who have moved away from Pgh. If you have others that could be printed, drop them off in the Editor's mailbox

Jon Barnard  
4200 SW 107th St  
Apt 1002  
Beaverton, Oregon 97005  
503/644-8736

Donna Matrazzo  
The Westbury #1101  
271 South 15th St  
Philadelphia, Pa 19102  
215/545-2896

### Elections Held - Oct 18

Some changes from last year:

Secy	Mitzi Pieta
Service	Harriet Ann Seiner
Franchise	Linda Grant
Spec. Proj	Wayne Albright
P.R.	Fred Mauk
Membership	Bill Friedrich
	Tim Campbell
	Penny Smith
	Judy Grossman
Kayaking	Ray Yutzi
Backpack	Steve Martin
Canoeing	Dave Marschik
	Jane Toben
Leader Dev	Jane Toben
Board of D	Gordan Bugby
	Marilyn Ham
Librarian	_____
Trail Coord	_____

## Pennsylvania Hostel Development

by Joe Hoechner

The Pittsburgh Council AYH and our counterparts in Philadelphia - The Delaware Valley Council - are attempting to put together a state-wide hostel development plan. This plan will help the current and future hostel development committees coordinate their efforts across the state.

Hostel Dev Chair Joe Hoechner would like to hear from council members as to where potential hostel sites could be located. The chart on the next page was developed by the Washington State AYH for locating significant areas in their state which could support a hostel. The left column lists the desirable features that should be considered in choosing sites. As an example, we have listed an existing rural hostel, the Ohiopyle State Park, and a potential city hostel, Pittsburgh, to show the contrast in the criteria:

Please note your suggested sites at the top and then check off the appropriate blocks. Consider a site to be a 25 mile radius around any one location. For example: New Castle could be listed as a site, with a hostel needed to the west near the Pa/Ohio border to act as a trail-head hostel for the Trans-Ohio Bike Trail. And Don't say only "Allegheny National Forest" as one hostel would not be enough - make note of the nearest small town.

Please return your form to Joe Hoechner any Thursday night at the meeting, or mail it to:

Joe Hoechner  
1240 Resaca Place  
Pgh, Pa 15212

If you have any questions, please call him at 322-6114. Thanks for the help.



(See story on previous page.)

	SITES	Chippendale	Pittsburgh				
<u>Main Access</u>							
Roads	✓	✓					
Rail		✓					
Buslines		✓					
Airport		✓					
<u>Trail Access</u>							
Bike	✓	✓					
Hiking	✓						
Ski	✓						
Canoe	✓	✓					
<u>Geographic Attractions</u>							
Lake, stream, river	✓	✓					
Mountains	✓						
Parks	✓						
<u>Significance of Site</u>							
Local Interest	✓	✓					
State Interest	✓	✓					
Regional Interest	✓	✓					
National Interest	✓	✓					
International Interest		✓					
<u>Location/Relationship</u>							
Gateway Hostel		✓					
Link in existing system	✓	✓					
Single urban location		✓					
Single rural location	✓						
Single Park	✓						

Your name and address and phone:

Additional Comments, etc.:



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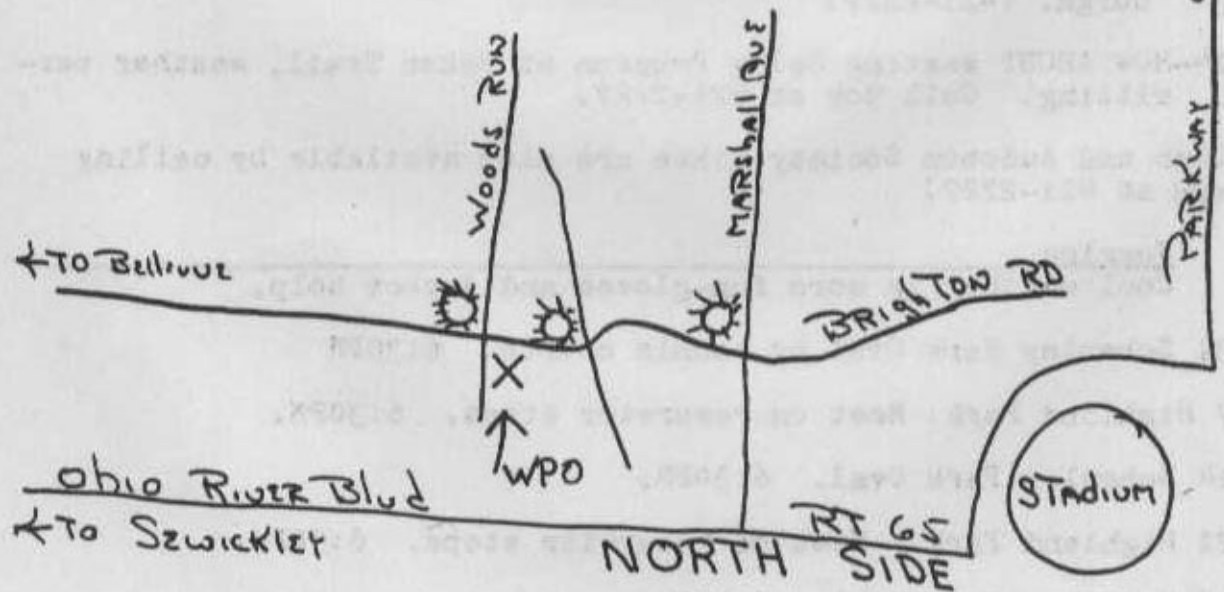
SLEEPING

VESTS

PARKAS

ENSOLITE

EB'S



### 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 med) plus transportation and rental. In addition, non-members are charged \$1.50/day, which can be deducted from the cost of membership.

### Hiking

Chairperson: Bob Rudland (421-2227 H  
462-5000x6384 W)

Basics: Tennies, rain gear, lunch, water.

sat nov 3 BEGIN-Quebec Run. Meet at AYH at 8:00AM. Gus Hughes (751-4775)

sun nov 4 BEGIN-To be announced. Meet at AYH at 8:30AM. Joe Levine.  
(422-8287)

ADVANCED-(17 miles) Laurel Ridge Trail. Leave AYH at 8:00AM  
Klaus Rixen (892-2121)

sat nov 10 BEGIN-Laurel Highlands Trail. Leave AYH at 8:30AM. Larry  
Cole (823-0209)

sun nov 11 BEGIN-To be announced. Leave AYH at 8:30AM. Bill Friedman  
(653-7288)

sat nov 17 INTER-Quebec Run or Fayette County area. Leave AYH at 8:30AM  
Ed Seeger.(561-4790)

sun nov 18 BEGIN-Quebec Run. Leave AYH at 8:00AM. Judy Flowers (443-7554)

thur nov 22 Call Bob Rudland about a nice THANKSGIVING HIKE near Pitts-  
burgh. (421-2227)

sat nov 24-HOW ABOUT meeting Sally Brunson at Baker Trail, weather per-  
mitting. Call Bob at 421-2227.

(Sierra Club and Audobon Society hikes are also available by calling  
Bob Rudland at 421-2227)

### Jogging

Cool weather is more fun-gloves and jacket help.

wed oct 31 Schenley Park Oval by tennis courts. 6:30PM

wed nov 7 Highland Park. Meet on reservior steps. 6:30PM.

wed nov 14 Schenley Park Oval. 6:30PM.

wed nov 21 Highland Park. Meet on reservior steps. 6:30PM.

wed nov 28 Schenley Park Oval. 6:30PM.

\*\*\*\*Mark your calandar now for the weekend of Feb. 8-10. That's the  
weekend of the AYH Annual Winter Weekend at Laurelville Hostel.



### Backpacking

Chair: Steve Martin (462-5000 x6185)

sat nov 24 INTER - to W. Virginia. Dave Marschik (327-2778)  
- nov 25

Fri nov 9 INTER - Twin Lakes Trail, All. Nat Forest. Steve Martin.  
- nov 11 Call 462-5000, ext 6185 during the day.

### Canoeing

Chair: Dave Marschik (327-2778)

Trips will be announced at Thurs meetings; there should be some good ones. Dress: lots of wool or wet suit, hat, gloves warm footwear. Have dry change of clothes in waterproof bag. Leaders - make sure everyone is prepared; be prepared to provide warmth in the form of fire, blanket or hot food.

### Special Events

sat nov 10 WORK PARTY - at Ohiopyle Do indoor wall painting, rebuild  
- nov 11 and set up bunks. Possible storm window installation.  
Call Joe Hoechner at 322-6114 or Jim Gogots at 384-9149.



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## AYH Membership Application

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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (zip code) \_\_\_\_\_ New/Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$7.00 Youth (under 18)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00 Three-year Senior (18 & +)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$7.00 Senior Citizen (60 and over)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00 Organization (non-profit)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$14.00 Senior (18 and over)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$140.00 Life

\_\_\_\_\_ \$21.00 Family (not valid abroad,  
includes youths under 18)

Membership sells Inter. Youth Hostel  
Guide to Europe for \$5.00

Please Circle:

Service Interests: Newsletter, Hostel Development, Bicycling,  
Publicity, Trail Maintenance, Eq. Repair, Auditor Service,  
Typing, Art Work, Key Punch.

Leadership: Backpacking, Bicycling, Canoeing, Caving, Climbing,  
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