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DEADLINES FOR APRIL ISSUE (no foolin'...)

March 10.....ALL ads, trips and articles
Must be in!
March 24.....PRODUCTION PARTY!!!!

OPEN HOUSE is held every Thursday evening at Headquarters, 6300 Fifth Avenue—next to the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts. In the winter there is cross-country skiing in Mellon Park at 6:30 before the meeting. (in the rare occurrence that there is snow....) Otherwise, HQ will be open by 8 pm for socializing and general B.S.-ing. The slide show generally starts around 8:45. Monthly Production Parties are held after the slide show (on either the last or second-to-last Thursday of the month) so that we can assemble the TRIANGLE for mailing, as well as getting caught up on the news, hear about different trips and get to know one another.

SEE YOU THERE!!!

MARCH SLIDE SHOWS

Mar 3 Visions of Europe by Bob Goff
Mar 10 MOVIE: Mark Twain's America
Mar 17 Musical tour of...Ireland, of course!
Mar 24 Atlantic Ocean Kayaking by Cathy Lynch.
Mar 31 'Oil on the Brain', courtesy of Western Pennsylvania Historical Society.

A Y H MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

AYH memberships are available at any Open House meeting. If you are unable to attend a meeting, you may wish to fill out the application found at the bottom of this page and send it, along with your check, made payable to 'Pittsburgh Council, AYH' to:

AYH Membership
6300 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15232

Allow 3-4 weeks for delivery of your hostelling pass. NOTE: Membership also sells International Hostel Guide to Europe for \$5.00 by mail and \$4.00 at Headquarters.

CHECK ONE:

___ \$7.00 Youth
___ \$7.00 Senior Citizen(60+)
___ \$14.00 Senior (18-59)
___ \$21.00 Family
___ \$35.00 Organization (non-profit)
___ \$35.00 Three-year Senior
___ \$140.00 Life
\$ ___ Tax Deductable Donation



Feeling sad & lonely? Meet new people at Pittsburgh A.Y.H!
For info call: 362-8181.

OUR COUNCIL is a volunteer organization. There is always need for leaders and people willing to donate their time and skills for the purpose of maintaining and improving our Council. If you are interested in contributing your efforts to any of the activities or service-oriented areas, please contact a member of the Activities Board, or attend a Board meeting.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
ZIP _____
PHONE _____ NEW/RENEWAL _____
BIRTHDATE _____

KAYAKING Ray Yutzy 561-3766 Lou Conley 681-8321

ROLL PRACTICE SESSIONS—Kayaking roll practice sessions are available on Friday and Sunday evenings on a limited basis. These sessions are open to everyone, from people with no kayaking experience at all up to the experts. Instruction will be available for beginners. We will be teaching kayaking basics and paddling and rolling techniques. Contact Lou Conley at 681-8321 for further information.

KAYAK AUCTION—Two 'rolltrained' AYH kayaks will be auctioned off this spring to the highest bidders. These kayaks can be examined at any Thursday night open house meeting. Contact Lou Conley for further details.

VOLLEYBALL Jeff Marsh 831-9490(h) 462-5000 x6501(w)
Harriet Ann Sainer 681-1189(h)

INDOOR VOLLEYBALL is played at Alderdice High School in Squirrel Hill every Tuesday night from 6-9 pm. We 'only' have room for the first 32 players, so try to show up early. Members are charged 50¢, non-members, \$2.00. Please wear soft-soled shoes. Knee pads are nice for some serious people.

CAMPOREE ON THE BAKER TRAIL

The Corps of Engineers is sponsoring a Scout Camporee April 23-25 at Crooked Creek State Park. AYH can utilize the services of about 100 of these scouts to maintain and improve the Baker Trail. We hope to re-do sections 1,2,3,4, and 5. We need 3 or 4 adults to supervise each of these sections on Saturday, or up to 20 volunteers in all. See Cliff Ham or Glenn Oster, please.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE

Pittsburgh Council needs a chairperson to keep track of environmental issues, legislation, administrative actions, and other ecological concerns. If you are a person who keeps up on these issues, you would do AYH members a service by announcing urgent issues at our meetings and take other action. See Chuck Ejzak or Cliff Ham.

TRAILS CONFERENCE

Pittsburgh Council is sponsoring the first annual Western Pennsylvania Trails Conference, to be held at North Park on Saturday, April 16th. About thirty organizations are cooperating, including Appalachian Mountain Club, The Appalachian Trail Conference, Keystone Trails Association, The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, Citiparks and others. Persons interested in trails, trail maintenance, trail building and trail education should attend. See Cliff Ham or Glenn Oster.

MARCH ACTIVITIES BOARD MEETING will be held at the Community Room of the Monroeville Mall. Meeting will start at 8:00 p.m. The Community room is on the second floor of the Mall. If you need further directions, see Joe Hoechner at any Open House meeting. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 2.

IF YOU'RE NOT ALREADY INVOLVED...and are interested in putting your talents, charm, good looks, or just plain willingness to work—to good use, come to an **ACTIVITIES BOARD MEETING**. AYH is an organization whose spirit is dependent upon the continuing volunteer efforts of its membership. It's a great way to have a good time and to get to know a great bunch of people.

Highlights from February Activities Board Meeting

Rental fees are to be evaluated to ensure that the fees are covering the costs of replacing and repairing equipment.

The position of Environmental Services Chairperson is open: Volunteers are invited to contact one of the officers for more information.

The plans for the April Trails Conference and the Spring Banquet were discussed.

NEW AYH PASS COVERS

The Council Store now has plastic covers available for your AYH pass. It's a top pocket folding plastic cover that is just the right size for AYH passes with room for other identification. It will keep your pass dry and clean and safe from the ravages of time, especially for 3-year and Life passes. Right, Chuck? Get them now for 50¢ at HQ or for 75¢ by mail. Write "PASS COVER" on the envelope.

BIKE NASHBAR, formerly Bike Ware house, has expanded its facilities to meet increases in demand. A computerized system speeds up ordering and allows operators to verify items in stock when orders are phoned. The '800' lines have been expanded to accommodate the increase in phone sales, and the owners extend their regrets for any inconveniences customers have experienced in the past.

AYH....A greater understanding of the world and its people through the out-of-doors, educational and recreational travel...This is the goal of the American Youth Hostels, Inc. It is non-profit, non-sectarian, and non-political. Organized for charitable and educational purposes, it is open to all.

TIPS AND TALES

by Joe Hoechner

CAN YOU HOUSE A FOREIGN STUDENT? The American Intercultural Student Exchange is seeking homes for students from Spain, Sweden, Norway, Finland, West Germany, and Denmark for one year. If you can help, call Dennis Martin at (412) 531-2118

I.C.D.B.L? Why, that's the International Committee for the Defense of the Breton Language. If you are interested in helping preserve this Celtic tongue and culture in the midst of France, this group needs your help. Contact Joel LeGaulle at (412) 731-3053 for more information, or write to:

I.C.D.B.L.
143 Plymouth Road
Plymouth Meeting, Pa. 19462.

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SPECIAL TRIPS ANYONE???? Check this month's schedule for an Ohiopyle Mini-Winter Weekend for X-C skiing or hiking. (March 11-13) Or perhaps a day hike to watch the Whales migrate in Lake Arthur on Sunday, March 27th.

HEY BICYCLISTS!!! 'Bikecentennial' has their new schedule out for 1983 bike tours. For a copy, write to them at:

P.O. Box 8308
Missoula, Montana 59807

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GOING TO THE AYH BANQUET IN APRIL???? If all goes well, all attendees may be receiving a free copy of the Council's FIRST ANNUAL REPORT!!! Not bad for a group that is 20 years young!

WANTED: Person to share a 3-bedroom house with garage in Murrysville. Call evenings, 327-7755.

WANTED: Female roommate to share large house in Squirrel Hill. \$12.00/mo plus share of utilities. House includes yard, laundry facilities. Convenient to public transportation. Call Beverly or Theresa at 422-0296, evenings.

MARCH 11-13--THE HOSTEL EXPERIENCE-- Enjoy a weekend of hostel living at Pittsburgh Council's own Ohiopyle Hostel. During the day we will 'travel under our own steam', in whatever way weather permits. Bring hiking boots and X-C skis. In the hostelling spirit, we will share meals and chores. In the evenings we will gather in the Common Room for songs, games and conversation. Leave HQ 7 pm Friday. Return Sunday evening. Reserve: space limited. Call Kathy Lynch 361-3707.

CLIMBING

Woj 322-4524 Barry Govenor 421-7114

Karl Mörner 521-6404

sat mar 12 A MEETING will be held at Barry Govenor's house, 960 Greenfield Avenue, at 7 pm. We would like to discuss and plan trips for the current year. Other issues will be discussed, as are felt necessary, such as lead climb training, emergency techniques, what to do on rainy days, criteria for defining 'funny hat'.... All climbers and other interested persons are welcome. So that the evening won't be a total loss, there will be an elbow exercise class after the meeting with Woj demonstrating some of the more advanced techniques. Bring your own equipment.

sun mar 24 **BEGIN** The official start of the climbing season. Bring tennis shoes, hiking boots, lunch, leather palmed gloves if you have any, and a water bottle. Meet at HQ at 7 am. Call any of the above for information or reservations.

fri apr 1--
sun apr 3 **INTER** Climbing in Washington D.C. area (Carder Rock and Great Falls) We will stay at the hostel in D.C. There will be a deposit required for room reservations (one night's fee, whatever that currently is) There may be space available for several beginners, but you must have approval of one of the above leaders. Deadline for reservations has not yet been determined, so reserve early just to be sure.

HIKING

Shirley Sedmak 242-1573

sun mar 6 **INTER** Destination to be announced. Call Eric Bauer at 687-0766

sun mar 20 **BEGIN/INTER** Celebrate Spring!! Destination to be announced. Meet at HQ 8 am. Call Cole Van Ormer at 683-7160(h) or 624-5294(w)

sat mar 26 **INTER** Join Glenn Oster hiking in Mt. Davis area. For information and reservations, call 364-2864(h) or 566-3042(w)

sun mar 27 **EASY** hike at Moraine State Park. Join Joe Hoechner for the first annual AYH Whale Watching Trip. Look for the RARE Lake Arthur whales while doing 7-8 miles along the shore. Bring lunch, money, dress for weather, Whale I.D. books, etc. Meet HQ, 8:30 am--Plan having dinner at the famous Zelionople Diner. Call 373-3403 for info.
FAMILIES WELCOME!!!!

BICYCLING

Lynn Ejzak 466-6196

Bob Schwartz 681-2500(w) 241-4647(h)

MARCH 16--WEDNESDAY--SPRING TUNE-UP AND BIKE MAINTENANCE CLINIC

Get ready now and learn to do minor adjustments on your bicycle. Bring a toothbrush(preferably used--and keep in mind that you probably won't want to use it to brush your teeth after the maintenance clinic...) and your bicycle to HQ. Contact Bob or Lynn for more information.

MARCH CYCLING TRIPS will be announced at Thursday night meetings preceding weekend trips. Or you may wish to contact Bob or Lynn.

CANOEING

Penny Smith 243-1387

ANNUAL CANOEING PLANNING MEETING--The annual planning meeting will be held on March 4 to discuss the trips and schools for the coming year and to review canoeing policies and leadership training. All canoeists are invited to participate and offer suggestions. Meet at Gordon Bugby's house from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. 262 Cascade Rd., Forest Hills. Call 371-4233.

DURING THE COLD WINTER MONTHS, November to March, canoe trips are not scheduled in advance. However, trips are organized at the Thursday night meetings and are open to those with proper equipment and canoeing skills. Scheduled trips and school will be posted in the April Triangle.

CAVING

John Popp 653-6026 Vicki Lineback 682-4087

Norm Snyder 351-4068

CAVING PLANNING-- An informal meeting for planning caving trips for the next six months is being scheduled for late March. Anyone interested in attending is welcome. For details as to time and place, please contact John Popp at 653-6026.

fri mar 11- INTERmediate trip to Crabtree Cave. Vertical caving experience would be useful. Call Buck Rodgers, at 751-7957.

sun mar 20 BEGINners trip to Barton's Cave. Call Vicki Lineback at 624-2290 or 682-4087(h).

sat mar 26- WEEKEND CAVING TRIP to Franklin W. Va. A good chance to see large passages and nice formations. Call Vicki Lineback at 624-2290(w) or 682-4087(h).

EXTENDED TRIPS ANYONE? Pittsburgh Council has a long history of a very active trip program. Look in any newsletter and you will see one and two-day weekend trips with an occasional 3 or 4 day holiday trip thrown in, too. What we don't have are any 'extended trips', those of at least a week or longer in duration, going to an exotic destination. (Note: Exceptions always exist such as the Howard King Canadian Whitewater trips.)

IF YOU ARE a qualified, experienced leader, you might want to consider leading and extended trip this summer. You would be covered by AYH's blanket liability policy and could expect to have some of your expenses reimbursed by the group. You would be expected to be able to take perfect strangers out, mold them into a viable group and bring them back again.

Think it over and contact President Chuck Ejzak or V.P. Joe Hoechner to discuss your plans.

AYH COMMEMORATIVE STAMP IN 1984? Many Council members have signed petitions to the Postmaster General for a stamp to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the American Youth Hostels, for issue in 1984. The signatures are trickling in, but we need alot more. Last selections will be made in July, so time is running short. If you did not sign, find the petition at HQ, on the table which is to your left as you enter the building. If you would be willing to circulate a petition, be it at work, school, around your neighborhood--whatever--see Barry Govenor or some of the other Activities Board members. There are also copies of sample letters which may be used as a guide in writing to your congressman. This would be a great way for AYH to ~~be~~ recognised for 50 years of service. It can also serve to bring greater awareness of the general population to our organization. This can help to increase membership, and expose more people to the fun hostelling can be.

THE KNAPSACK, a publication of National AYH, has asked the local councils to aid in finding appropriate authors for this quarterly publication. A list of editorial guidelines is available from either Barry Govenor or Jeri Walsh. Articles must be concise and well-written.



HAWAIIAN HOLIDAY AT THE AYH ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET

LOCATION: Vintage, Inc., 401 N. Highland Avenue directly opposite Sears & Roebuck main store entrance in East Liberty. Just off Penn Circle; use Emory Methodist Church parking lot next door.

TIME: SATURDAY, APRIL 9 - 6:30pm Social Hour
7:00pm Dinner served
8:00pm Program
9-12pm Dancing

MENU: STUFFED BREAST OF CHICKEN or GLAZED BAKED HAM or VEGETARIAN (salad and etc.) and rolls, dessert, coffee, tea. Soft drinks will also be provided. (You may bring beer or wine.)

SPECIAL PROGRAM: Hawaiian Holiday with door prizes and special awards.

DRESS: Please do! Be bright! Be creative! Be Hawaiian! (Hawaiian shirts, sarongs, and grass skirts . . .)

CALL: Lauren Dutzel, 322-6770 for information and to volunteer for clean-up and etc.

MUSIC AND DANCING:
57 varieties recorded by Jim Crawford. (Bring your music for taping beforehand.)

DEADLINE: for reservations is Thursday, March 31.

RESERVATIONS AND CHECK:
Make check to Pgh. Council AYH. Send check and form below to:
Jim Crawford
310 Hutchinson Ave.
Pgh. PA 15218
Phone: 241-2591

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

Number of: members (\$9.00 each) _____

non-members (\$10.00 each) _____

Check one: chicken _____ ham _____ vegetarian _____

RESERVATION FORM FOR 1983 SPRING BANQUET AT VINTAGE, INC.

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The trips listed here are open to the public, with the exception that AYH members are given priority when the trip is of limited size. Trips costs include a 60s registration fee and insurance (\$1000 med, \$1000 accidental death or dismemberment), plus transportation and rental. In addition, nonmembers are charged \$1.50 per day which is deducted from the cost of membership. Trips are classified as BEGINner, INTERmediate and ADVanced, with the exception of cycling and water sports.

BACKPACKING Steve Martin 469-3153(h) 462-5000 ext 6185 (w)
Jack Peth 921-7214(h) 777-5365(w)

Contact leaders to rent tent, packs, sleeping bags, skis and snowshoes for any trip. Make ADVANCE reservations on equipment!

MAP AND COMPASS WORKSHOP- Meetings at HQ Wed., Apr 20 and 27, at 7:30 pm and a field trip Sat. Apr 30. Will cover topo, road and PA legislative route maps. Compass manipulation. Map to ground, ground to map, bearings and declination work. Field trip will be as teams of 2 or 3 to a close-in area and designed to put class work to practical use. Cost will be minimal, plus or minus \$5.00 per team (for map sheets) and the usual trip and travel fees for field trip.

On an ASAP basis, Jack would like to know who and how many folks are interested and any additional subjects that should be covered. Call Jack Peth at 921-7214(h) or 777-5365(w).

mar 31- INTERmediate backpack trip. Hike a section of the Loyal-
apr 3 sock Trail. For information and reservations, call
Glenn Oster, 364-2864(h) or 566-3042(w)

mar 12- BEGIN-Try some cold weather camping. We can rent
mar 13 a pack or tent for you to use. For information or
a reservation, call Jack Peth at 921-7214(h) or 777-5365(w)

" After a wet winter, a fruitful spring...."

What is the difference between a SPRING and a SEEP?
(a spring is a flow of ground water emerging naturally onto the surface in a concentrated stream by gravity flow; A seep is an area where ground water comes to the surface, unconcentrated)