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Dec. 15 Production Party

DEADLINES FOR FEBRUARY ISSUE: Jan. 5 all trips and articles  
Jan. 26 Production Party

## OPEN HOUSE

OPEN HOUSE is held every Thursday at AYH headquarters, 6300 Fifth Ave., Shadyside (next to the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts). The building is open at 8 pm for socializing. Slide show starts at 8:45. Monthly Production Parties are for assembling the Triangle for mailing, and are after the slide show. It's a good opportunity to get to know one another and get caught up on news, trips, etc. BE THERE!

## DECEMBER PROGRAMS



- Dec 1 Bruce McClelland takes us trekking in Peru.
- Dec 8 Springtime thru Summer in Nepal by Martha Fischer.
- Dec 15 Welcome to our annual Christmas carolling and party at the Hams'.
- Dec 22 No Show, but have a MERRY CHRISTMAS
- Dec 29 After Christmas social hour. Bring your own entertainment.

## A.Y.H. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (new rates)

AYH memberships are available at Open House meetings. If you cannot attend a meeting, fill out the application 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. Membership also sells International Hostel Guide to Europe for \$7.00 by mail and \$6.00 at HQ.

### CHECK ONE:

- ☐ \$10.00 Youth
- ☐ \$10.00 Senior Citizen(60+)
- ☐ \$20.00 Senior(18-59)
- ☐ \$30.00 Family
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OUR COUNCIL is a volunteer organization. We always need additional leaders and others willing to donate time and skills for maintaining and improving programs. If you are interested in contributing your efforts to any of the activities or service-oriented areas, contact a member of the Activities Board or attend one of the Board meetings.



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DOES THE TRIANGLE LOOK A LITTLE DIFFERENT THIS MONTH? Due to technical difficulties beyond anyone's control, the TRIANGLE had to be typed on whatever typewriters we could find--and quickly. The new TRIANGLE staff has faced its first crisis and survived. Further evidence that Murphy's Law is constantly in force.



#### T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

Here's your chance to get the kind of T-shirt you've always wanted but could never find— design your own! Yes, the storekeeper is at it again and is getting ready to produce a T-shirt for 1984. Problem is, a blank T-shirt is somewhat ... nondistinctive. Let's help her out and come up with some ideas. Possible subjects are the 50th anniversary of national AYH, hostels, local activities, or something special to Pittsburgh or Western Pennsylvania. The person with the best idea will get two free T-shirts. (You might even get Shelly to autograph them for you!) Send your ideas or sketches by January 15th to

Shelly Werner  
505G Todd St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15221



The National Council, in cooperation with Pittsburgh and many of the other Councils, is putting together an extended Extended Trips Program this year. There will be over a hundred trips, including the traditional cycling trips in the Pennsylvania Dutch area and Cape Cod, new hiking, canoeing, and skiing trips, and the famous AYH African Safari. There are also tentative plans for a cycling trip in China. Watch the January Triangle for more information on the program, and on getting the Extended Trips Brochure. ... Larry Laude

The Activities Board met November 2nd at Barry Govenor's house. We endorsed the budget and are recommending it to the board of directors for approval. The next activities board meeting is at Dan Martt's on December 7th at 8 pm. He lives at 110 Gordonland, and his phone number is 241- 4647. .... Pat Tieman

Accolades and appreciation to those who prepared the delectable culinary delights, organized the kitchen ensemble, provided amusements (mostly indoors due to the light rain) and agreeably helped with cleanup and other chores to produce another sumptuous Fall Picnic.

Many Thanks,  
Elaine and Fred

Thanks to Elaine Rosenthal and Fred Parker for a fun and well planned Fall Picnic (Oct. 23rd). Elaine and Fred also organized last year's picnic. Great Job and Many Thanks!



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## HIKING



Tom Conley 922-2593

- sat dec 3 BEGIN-INTER-Rachel Carson Trail from Harrison Hill Park to Bull Creek. Glenn Oster 566-3042(w) 364-2864(h).
- sun dec 11 BEGIN-INTER-Hike 8 miles on the southern Laurel Highlands Trail with some fine sights. Meet at HQ, 8:30 am. Wayne Hennemuth 693-9605(h) or 355-3155(w).
- sat dec 17 INTER-TO-J2 miles at Quebec Run with Norm Snyder leave HQ 8 am. Call 351-4068.

## KAYAKING



Lou Conley 681-8321 Ray Yutzy 341-5682

Fall and winter(cold weather) kayaking trips are organized informally at the Thursday night Open House meetings, usually by those who are equipped (wet suits) for cold weather paddling.

POOL SESSIONS: Indoor swimming pool practice sessions will be conducted in late fall or early winter depending on the availability of swimming pools. These sessions will be available for anyone from complete beginner to expert and instruction at all levels will be available. Anyone who can get access to an indoor pool for kayaking is asked to contact Lou at 681-8321.



## CAVING

John Popp 653-6026 Vicki Lineback 422-0296

sun dec 12

BEGIN-Some interesting formations and a large limestone pool can be found in Con Cave on Chestnut Ridge. Call Dan Martt at 241-4647.

fri dec 16-  
sat dec 17

BEGIN/INTER-After spending Friday night in beautiful downtown Elkins, W.VA., explore Bowden Cave, featuring a dome room, stream passage, long crawls and more. Call John Popp 653-6026.

Join Norm Snyder on an intermediate cave trip to W.VA. Third week of December. Leave Friday night and return Sat night and see about one mile of cave. Call Norm at 351-4068.

## CLIMBING

Dale Vilsack Scott Workman  
Karl Mormer 521-6404

Climbers will hold practice classes at the Evergreen for the winter months, after Thursday night Open House. No reservations required (unless you have reservations about keeping company with a bunch of rowdy climbers). Equipment needed: money, bizarre sense of humor and a funny hat.



QUESTION: What did Bill Johnston say when the chimney damper he was working on at the Chiopyle Hostel fell and landed on his knee?

ANSWER: Oh, GRATE!!!!



K-2

A play about climbing the mountain! Please see Sally B. or Joe H. A.S.A.P. with full \$7 ticket price.



## THE CAVENAN GOES UNDERGROUND

An era has ended, Norman Snyder, AYH cave leaser for 15 years, will no longer be cave chairman. We of the RTBC (Rougher the Better Club) remember him well. It was Norman who was awarded "The Boot" (a very prestigious award) from the RTBC. It was Norman who first led many of us into that wet and wonderful world of cave mud. To honor him we have assembled these quotations of Chairman Snyder.

"I'll be leading a Saturday cave trip, we'll be leaving Friday night and getting back on Sunday." "There won't be any crawlways to worry about in this cave." "It's great sleeping out under the stars by the mouth of the cave." "Let's use your car." "What do you mean it's a long drive?" "In the old days me, Ray and Tom never complained...(Ray and Tom never did talk very much, ed.)" "Just pack a little cave mud onto that carbide lamp, it'll work fine." "These darn lamps..." "Nope, it never bothered me to wear two different types of boots at once, except for the time that I wore two right boots and kept walking in circles." "I'd share the driving back to Pittsburgh but I've got to get up early tomorrow for the flea market." "Old cavers never die, they just go on a longer cave trip." ... by Steve Tubbs



## CORRECTION

In the article "What's in it for you???" (October Triangle) please note that the current address for American Youth Hostels, Inc. is:

1332 "I" Street N.W. Suite 800  
Washington D.C. 20005

Welcome to the five folks who became life members in October — Lee Browston, Stephen Dubina, Jack Asherman and Helen and Richard Feder.

Remember, this is your last chance — Life Memberships are still available at 1983 prices (\$140.00). Avoid the rush (and the price increase to \$200.00). Offer good until Jan. 1, 1984. Only one pass per customer. ...Barry Govenor

Can't decide what that special friend might like for Christmas? Give a Year's Worth of fun, education, and entertainment. Membership passes are available each Thursday at Open House or by mail.



## EDITOR'S NOTE

As the new editor of the Triangle, I am filled with awe (read trepidation) at the responsibilities of my new position. Those of you who submit articles can make my mind easier by including on each page you submit your name and phone number. Also, I am not a linguist; try to write clearly!!!!!!

For those who want to mail their trips or articles to me, my address is:

Joy Layton  
108 Sunset Drive  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15237

SKI WAXING WORKSHOP Thur dec 1, 6:30-8 pm. Be ready for the snow. Bring your wax remover, scraper, rags, skis and wax for basewaxing your skis. An electric iron and advice are provided as well as epoxy and a posidrive screwdriver to secure your binding screws. Call Fred if you have questions. Chuck Ejzak will have a waxing seminar on beginning and advanced concepts at 7:30-8:30 pm.

LETS TALK TECHNIQUES-Thur dec 8, 7:00-8:00pm. If you want to improve your own cross-country skiing form and may be instructing others, you may wish to join in this workshop. A review of touring on the flats, uphill, downhill and turns will be presented.

\*\*\*If you are going on the Blackwater Falls Weekend and need to rent equipment, be sure to reserve them soon with Fred. The skis, boots and poles for both days rent for \$8.50, payable Thursday night, Jan 19th when the equipment is picked up.

\*\*Since January's trips are due on Dec 1, if you are interested in leading or coleading any X-C ski trips during Jan, Feb or March, please contact Steve. It is better to go to Steve then to have Steve come to you. Trips are usually scheduled for weekend days, or Thursday evenings. ALSO, if there is anyone interested in Ice Skating or Tobogganing, please let the chairpeople know.

P.S....Now is the time to reserve and plan a weekend ski trip at Ohiopyle Youth Hostel. Any potential leaders out there???

ATTENTION DOWNHILL SKIERS--Several people in our organization have mentioned that they are downhill skiers. If you would like to go skiing as a group this winter, please contact Pat Tieman at 561-3286. Let her know soon so that she can get some idea of how many are interested. Day trips can be arranged when it snows. All ski levels are welcome.



## TRIPS AND TRAILS

The trips listed here are open to the public, with the exception that AYH members are given priority when the trips is of limited size. Trips consists include a 75¢ registration fee (50¢ per half day or evening; 35¢ for AYH Club members), plus transportation and rentals. IN ADDITION, nonmembers are charged \$1.50 per day per person, which may be deducted from the cost of membership, when you join AYH. The registration fee covers insurance (\$1000 medical/\$1000 accidental death or dismemberment). Trips are classified BEGINner, INTERmediate or ADVanced, with the exceptions of cycling and water sports.

## BACKPACKING

Debbie LaPlaca 795-4179 Jack Peth 921-7214(h)  
777-5365(w)

sat dec 3- Easy INTER-Baker Trail#3. Sections 8 and 9  
sun dec 4 25 miles. Leave Sat 7 am. Call Jack Peth.

fri dec 16- INTER-ADV-Leave Fri nite for the Titusville  
sun dec 18 area and hike the new Oil Creek Hiking Trail.  
For information and reservations call Glenn  
Oster at 566-3042(w) or 364-2864(h).

## CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

Fred Parker 824-2638 Steve Tubbs 751-2158

All cross-country ski trips are on a 'no snow-no go' basis. Most trips leave HQ at 8:30 am. Contact trip leader for trip details and ski rentals.

sat dec 10 BEGIN-Cathy Lynch 361-3707  
sun dec 11 Easy INTER-Joe Hoechner 373-3403  
sat dec 17 INTER-Pat Rossi 335-5067  
sun dec 18 BEGIN-Donna Leban 429-1072  
sat dec 24 INTER-Arthur Mazer 661-2966  
sun dec 25 Merry Christmas  
sat dec 31 INTER-Rick Ulaky 422-0849  
sun jan 1 INTER-Norm Snyder 351-4068



## 1983 CHRISTMAS PARTY



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>

Join your fellow AYH'ers at 6:30 pm at headquarters to assemble the January Golden Triangle. Upon completion, a-carolling we will go!!! After we end, refreshments will be waiting at Cliff and Marilyn Ham's house on 4723 Wallingford Street. Bring your instruments, carolling voices, and merry spirits along!!!  
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