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SUMMER 1952 EXTENDED TRIPS

CYCLE NEWS

Walter Williams, Chairman of the Trips and Trails Committee, announces the following extended trips for the summer of 1952:

The Grand Tetons of Wyoming -

July 4 to 27 - Three weeks of hiking and mountain climbing led by Betty Bierer. Cost \$100

New England Cycle Trip -

Two week cycle trip starting July Fourth with June and Bruce Merritt
Cost \$100 or less

Trent Waterway Canoe Trip -

Ride thru a system of canals and lakes for 230 miles of Canadian scenery. Estimated Cost \$50

Canadian Rockies -

Cycling and hiking thru Banff and the Lake Louise area, and staying at some Canadian Youth Hostels.

Estimated Cost \$100

Monogalia National Park, West Va.

One week of hiking, rock climbing, and cave crawling. Cost \$25

Baker Trail -

Hiking and camping along the "Old"

Baker Trail for one or two weeks.

Black Hills of South Dakota -

Two week cycle trip thru scenic and historic area.

Other trips were suggested for those who are interested such as mountain climbing in the Adirondacks or White Mountains; a cycle trip around Lake Champlain; and cycling thru the Great Smokies in the fall.

All of you cyclists get set for our First cycle trip of this year on March 30. It will be a short trip in the vicinity of Oakmont led by Grace Kriner.

Bruce Merritt, Cycle Crafts and Merchandising Chairman, reports that people are already interested in cycling this year. As of February 1st, he has sold one bicycle and twenty parts. Keep in mind that we have a bicycle workshop for our Mar. 27th Open House Program. Everyone bring their bicycle problems for the experts.

WANT TO LEARN SOMETHING?

Each Tuesday night a square and folk dance class is being held at headquarters from 7:30 to 10. The first half-hour will be review of dances that were taught the previous week.

Later on in the spring there will be a leadership course for those who want pointers on local and extended trip planning.

All prospective mountain climbers will be interested to know that a class on mountain climbing techniques will be taught probably before the Thursday night meetings. This class is required for anyone expecting to do any actual rope climbing this summer. A definite time for the class will be announced later.



Field Curry would like to have any information about a prospective hostel or hostel sight that anyone knows of.

See You AT
The Fourth Annual
Banquet!

Please send any information you may have to our headquarters in care of Field, who is hostel chairman.

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Win a Free Trip.



Connecticut, Mexico, Wisconsin, Canada, across the country to visiting Youth Hostels: you can go on one of these trips free by winning an A.Y.H. writing scholarship. Five trips in the Americas (or credit towards a European trip) are being offered by National to the writers of the five best essays on the subject "Why I Would Like to Go Hosteling in America." Here's your chance to take the trip you always wanted but couldn't afford. All entries must be in by April 15, 1952. For complete details see the bulletin board in headquarters.

NEW VICE CHAIRMAN ELECTED

Brace Merritt was elected the new Vice Chairman for the Pittsburgh council at the February board meeting. Also, at that meeting the General Advisory board was enlarged with three new members: June Merritt, Elizabeth McIntyre, and Wayne Farley.

BAKER TRAIL REPORT.

The Baker Trail Committee reports its aims for the coming year:

1. Blazing and clearing of the trail.
2. Construction of Shelters.
3. Make up information guide book of the trail to show the location of springs, stores, campsites, river crossings, highway crossings and many other important things for the hiker.

The committee is also planning to divide the trail into twelve sections of about eight to fourteen miles length and appoint one person to take charge of each section and see that it is kept up.

THURSDAY - OPEN HOUSE -

March 6

- 13 Folk and Square Dancing
- 20 Slides of Luray Caverns
- 27 Bicycle Workshop

April 3 Baker Trail Review

- 10 Folk and Square Dancing
- 17
- 24

LIGONIER WEEK-END

Thirty happy hostellers crowded into Bill Snell's cabin on the week-end of January 20th. The cabin, located in the mountains near Ligonier, is snuggled amongst rhododendron and pine trees; the stream, which rushes nearby keeps up a rhythmical sound. The spacious livingroom with its huge fireplace provided an excellent place for us to gather to sing our favorite folk songs and play games.

Art Ellis, our leader, did a super job of making the weekend a very pleasant one for all of us. With the help of Betty Bierer, Art had delicious meals planned for us. Besides singing and eating, we did lots of hiking and a little sleeping.

Inky-Pinkys were made up about each member on the trip.

A few examples are:

- Smart leader - Smart Art
- Generous June - Share it Merritt
- Beth in a temper - Kearns burns
- Pocono mishap - Kriners shinor
- Dreamy Gloria - Wisher Fisher

REPORTS OF THE NEW YEAR WEEKEND

COOPERS ROCK

LA ANNA, MT. POCONO

Golly, what a weekend! The first group arrived at 3:00 A. M. Saturday morning, after sliding up several ice coated hills. That afternoon we went ice skating in the rain, and the pond was covered with 2 inches of water. Betty can certainly swim well with ice skates, and Art's water-proof suit helped, too.

There was square dancing and folk singing after supper with Fred calling them fast and long. Sunday, after breakfast, we spent about two hours pushing the cars out of the mud and ice to the main road. Then off thru the rain to find a cave (we hoped). The view from the powerline overlooking the Cheat River was breathtaking even with clouds and rain, but nowhere could be found the cave. So it was back about four miles through the rain to the cars. Then to a quick supper, some folk singing and square dancing, and to bed at 10:00. You see, on Monday we were getting up at 6:30 to go cave crawling (with guides this time). This in the day we explored Cornwell Cave. After several hours of crawling, sliding, straddling across 10 to 20 foot drops we were just a little tired so we decided to leave only to climb for an hour up the hill.

Off again to camp for supper then as it was New Year's Eve we couldn't go to bed early, so there was square dancing. As the New Year rolled in we built a fire near the front porch overlooking the Cheat River and roasted hot dogs and marshmallows accompanied by folk singing, helped along by Jim Zimmerman and his guitar.

Breakfast was late on Tuesday and we spent most of the day packing, cleaning the lodge, and hiking the 3 mile to the cars several times. Oh yes, the sun finally came out as we were leaving and to quote an old expression "a grand time was had by all."

DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE
AYH NATIONAL WORKSHOP AND
BOARD MEETING IN
WASHINGTON, D. C.
DURING CHERRY BLOSSOM WEEK!

On Friday night six hostelers left Pittsburgh by bus for an all night ride to the other end of the state to spend New Years Weekend at the La Anna Hostel with a group from the Philadelphia Council, and other eastern parts of the state. Also we were honored to have a couple from Cleveland, Ohio, who were quite enthusiastic hikers.

Freida Hammermeister and Fred Mauk came out by the way of Philadelphia and stayed Friday night at the Gladwyn Hostel. After spending most of Saturday sight-seeing Philly they met us that evening in time to go square dancing at a local hall called the Penguin Club.

There had been quite a lot of skiing and skating on Saturday but a slight drizzle of rain on Sunday was bad for these activities even with two feet of snow on the ground.

At noon Saturday Bill Comensky drove up with five more hostelers in his truck, after an all night ride from Pittsburgh.

Fred Mauk found out the Philadelphia Council has a few people who are interested in folk singing so every so often you could hear music drifting up from the crowd that was constantly around the big fireplace. A piano, guitar, and a banjo were kept busy accompanying them.

Of course, we had good food, and Elizabeth Saffer gave the Pittsburgh group credit for being the best cooks.

Monday morning, we hiked up the road about a mile to see a pottery works. Of course you know Rosemary Thiebaut was in the lead since ceramics is her first love. And in the afternoon we were taken to see Buckhill Falls and the big Pocono Inn.

Monday night, being New Years Eve, we had a big party with square and folk dances which ended up with the crowd sitting on the stairs singing until the wee hours of the morning.

Tuesday morning we started on our long ride home, looking forward to going back sometime in clear weather so we can really see what the Pocono Mountains look like.

MARCH-APRIL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Any cold or snowy day that no trip is schedule, call Walt Williams, re sledding or ice-skating.

SUNSET CYCLE RIDES - Short easy trips for beginners and light practice. Will leave from headquarters every Monday nite at 7 P M, starting Monday April 28. No charge.

Saturday & Sunday, March 1-2 - RACCOON CREEK WEEKEND. Private cars needed. Bring eating and sleeping gear. Leader, Bud Edlis Mo 1-3229. 45.20

Saturday, March 8 - BAKER TRAIL HIKE. Reserve with Walt Williams, HI 1-6043.

Friday, March 14 - NITE HIKE AT DOOKER'S HOLLOW, through picnic park at Braddock.
Leader, Ed Worrell Fr 1-0697.

Sunday, March 16 - OPERATION TOADSTOOL. A secret expedition. Leader, Elizabeth Saffer Ch 1-0382.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, March 21-22-23 - BAKER TRAIL ROUND-UP. Simultaneous blazing of entire 135 miles of trail. Leader, Herb Buchwald, Ma 1-4725. Bring eating and sleeping gear.

Sunday, March 30 - FIRST CYCLE TRIP- TO OAKMONT. Leader, Grace Kriner Ma 1-5407.

Saturday, April 5 - HIKE TO JACOB'S CREEK. Short 6-8 mile hike, spectacular scenery, leisurely pace for picture taking. Leader, Jack Stein Ja 1-0381.

Sunday, April 13 - WILD FLOWER PRESERVE. An Easter Sunday spring stroll, locally. Reserve with Walt Williams HI 1-6043.

Saturday & Sunday, April 19-20 - BRASHEAR CAMP HOSTEL WEEKEND. CYCLE & HIKE. Hiking with spring foliage as a backdrop at the hostel near Zellenople. Bring eating & sleeping gear. Leader, Jim Zimmerman. Reserve with Walt Williams
 H1 1 - 6043 or Em 1-0413.

Friday, April 25 - NITE BIKE TROY HILL. RESERVE TOWNSHIP. Reserve with Walt Williams H1 1 - 6043 or Em 1-0413.

Sunday, April 27 - CYCLE TRIP TO MAYVIEW. One of our favorite cycle trips, a good trip for the cycling season. Reserve with Walt Williams HI 1-6043.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE ABOVE TRIPS WILL BE GIVEN ON THE POSTCARDS.
REMEMBER, WE HIKE REGARDLESS OF THE WEATHER. 1952 PASSES ON SALE NOW.