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HOSTEL WEEK  
MAY 3 - 10

OPEN HOUSE

9:00 p.m. Thursdays

May 3 - 10 is Hostel Week, celebrated by all AYH Councils. Its primary purpose is to promote outdoor activities, emphasizing "travel under your own steam," and a quality experience with nature. This is a chance to introduce hosteling to new people. Come and join in the fun. Special Hostel Week activities are listed below.

Monday, May 4 -

Picnic in Frick Park for all, volleyball and songfest afterward. Mary Brincka will lead. Call her to volunteer to bring food and sign up (381-9510.)

Thursday evening, May 7 -

Open House for visitors at the Hostel at 9:00 p.m. A chance to meet new and prospective hostellers. Punch and cookies will be served.

Friday - Sunday, May 8 - 10

Special hostel weekend - bicycling, climbing, hiking and canoeing. We will be staying at the Chestnut Ridge Youth Hostel. See "Trips and Trails" for details.

May 7 Special Open House for "Hostel Week", punch and cookies served. Henry Fisher shows his slides of climbing in Peru.

May 14 Sayre Rodman and slides lead the way through the Otter Creek area. A discussion will follow to consider Otter Creek as a wilderness area.

May 21 A potpourri from Cooks Forest, the eclipse, the Yough in flood. (And the rats are coming.)

May 28 Join Bob Omlor and Mike Hurwitz for a review of past cycling trips and a view of technique for the future!

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Articles for the GOLDEN TRIANGLE are due the 10th of each month. If you have any contributions, please mail them to Judy Hurst, 1261 Raven Drive, Pgh., Pa. 15243, or put your article or information in the publications mailbox at the Hostel headquarters.

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PADDLE POWER

by A. Canoeist

"Courageous Canoeists Brave Elements Whilst  
Conducting Successful Trips"

Canoeing season got off to a slow start this year but is going great guns now. A "private trip" started off the season on March 14, when a few AYHers, oblivious to the thermometer (25 F), took closed boats down the Stoney. The following week, three more AYH people drove through a blizzard and trugged through the snow in their wet suit boots to run the Shade Creek. Believe it or not, one is quite comfortable once one starts paddling.

The weather broke, however, just in time for an official "beginners"-intermediate trip on the Laurel Hill Creek, on March 28. The sky was bright blue and the temperature in the mid fifties. Sixteen boats (not all from AYH) and about 25 people made it down the creek that day. Water was at an ideal level and in spite of several spills, everyone seemed to have a good time.

The following week, on April 4, a small "private trip" ran the Loyalhanna, and the next day a somewhat larger group ran the Shade Creek again. Both streams were caught in high water and both made interesting or even exciting canoeing. Again, the weather was good both days.

A slightly tamer official trip ran the French Creek on April 12, and in the best AYH tradition, part of the group had coffee at a restaurant near the put-in spot while the other part of the group made the shuttle and got impatient to start. But once the trip began, all found it enjoyable class 1 canoeing on a beautiful day.

As we "go to press," two more good official trips are scheduled this month - one on the Redbank, and the other on the Casselman. The latter in particular may produce some good stories.

Also, rafters take heart! Bruce Sundquist assures us that with a little tape and prayer, the rafts may last the season. In view of all the good weather lately, this author suggests an umbrella as standard equipment for the first rafting trips.

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1970 Whitewater Racing Schedule - in nearby areas

Downriver Race - May 16-17 - WW - Savage River, Cumberland, MD; NATIONAL CANOE WW CHAMPIONSHIPS; Joe Monohan, PO Box 1291, Cumberland, MD. 21502.

Slalom Race - June 25 - SL - Delaware River, Lambertville, N.J.; Charles LoPinto, 6 Canary Rd., Levittown, Pa. 19057.

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Eastland Boat-Camping-Travel Show

This year Pittsburgh Council AYH had a display in the Boat-Camping-Travel Show at Eastland Shopping Center in McKeesport, Pa. The show lasted four days, April 15-18, giving AYH a good deal of publicity. Our display featured several of our activities, such as canoeing, climbing, hiking, backpacking and bicycling. Many AYH members volunteered their time in introducing the people who showed interest to AYH. Some brought slides of the activities they participate in and showed them also. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this show a success, and to Mr. Phil Katz, Promotion Chairman of Eastland Shopping Center. Anyone interested in helping on future P.R. projects, please contact Tess Henry (265-3761.)

REPORT FROM THE EASTERN REGIONAL MEETING

by Tess Henry

On May 21-22, I attended the Eastern Regional Meeting, held in Fairfield, Conn. All Eastern AYH Councils were represented. The business discussed was concerned with not only the Eastern Councils, but the National Organization as well.

With the approval of the Activities Board, I presented a proposed Council Rating System, to replace the present rating system. This is what we think a more equitable system, based upon the quality of a Council's program. This proposed rating system was unanimously accepted by the Eastern Region and is to be discussed at the Western and Mid-Western meetings.

Our recommendations to National AYH on Conservation issues were also adopted. This was among the most controversial of the topics discussed, and made for a more interesting meeting. The Conservation issue will also be discussed at the Western and Mid-Western meetings.

The Eastern hostel system was discussed, new hostels were proposed and accepted as part of the present plan. Priorities were set for obtaining specific hostels for the future.

We discussed Inter-Council Trips, cooperative trips to be led by two councils. We are in the process of organizing a few of these, look for them in future issues of the GOLDEN TRIANGLE.

This was an opportunity to work closer with other Eastern Region councils. It was very successful for our council, from the response to our proposals. We hope the Western and Mid-Western Councils pass these resolutions as well.

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Report on Kite Flying

Kite flying, as we AYHers know, is not an official hostel activity but has been held the past five years for the young set. So, on April 5, forty youngsters, ages 7 to 72, attended the 5th annual Kite Flying Trip at Boyce Park, led by Kathy Lynch. This year Kathy outdid herself by serving Chicken Curry for "High Tea." With the wonderful "Tea," along with the beautiful warm day, we could not have asked for anything more -- but a steady breeze in order to fly the kites would have been nice. Due to the lack of an adequate breeze, there were many disappointments, especially among those over 21 years of age, because they were preparing for this event for quite some time. Bob Strong spent on whole week constructing his own 6 foot kite and had visions of giving a first-class performance with it. Hugh Gilmour and Morris Oberg ordered their kites from the "Jolly Green Giant" and then waited two months for them to arrive. After they arrived, they waited for April 5. Now that the windless April 5 has past, they are waiting until next year to fly their kites. Good luck fellows. Poor Clara Herron, who carefully selected three kites for that day and could not fly any of them. Anne Jurgovsky couldn't fly hers either so she gave the kite to Henry Pollak who ran around in circles trying to launch it. Mary Brincka gave up after her string became tangled and spent the rest of the day trying to sign up new AYH members. Her sister, Helen, just went along for the ride. Others, like Cora Addicott and Lisette Magnus went along to chat with everyone. Only once during the day did we have a strong wind to stir up our adrenalin, but the wind quickly died down when we started to run with our kites. All in all, we had a lot of fun anyway. Next year, when Kathy plans to have her 6th annual kite flying event, I suggest that she check the Farmers Almanac for the weather conditions and wind-speed. See you all at Boyce Park in 1971.

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TOSRV

The Tour of the Scioto River Valley is a very popular event sponsored by Columbus Council, AYH. It is a bike ride, extending 200 miles of the Scioto River Valley. They expect over 1000 cyclists to attend this year.

It will be held May 9-10, and advanced registration through the Columbus Council is necessary. If you want to participate, the address is: Columbus Council AYH - TOSRV, P.O. Box 3165, Columbus, Ohio 43210.

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AYH 1970 National Rally

The National AYH Rally will be held June 12-14 this year in Waterford-Oakes Activities Center, 2800 Watkins Lake Road, Pontiac, Michigan. Featured will be bicycle contests, canoe contests, hiking tours, songfest around the campfire, belle and beau contest and a teen dance party. Send for your application to the Metropolitan Detroit Council AYH, 14355 W. McNichols Rd., Detroit, Michigan 48235.

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT NIXON

Youth hostels continue to expand the cultural and intellectual horizons of young men and women the world over. They bring the opportunity to travel to many who would otherwise not have the resources to do so; and they make foreign and domestic travel more pleasurable by offering simple, inexpensive overnight accommodations.

Not only do youth hostels assist young Americans traveling in this country and abroad, they also enable more young citizens from abroad to visit the U.S.A. This exchange stimulates a profitable interchange of ideas and experiences which will serve these youngsters as they become the world's leaders in the years to come.

As the American Youth Hostel Association once again observes Youth Hostel Week, I join the countless Americans and citizens of the world who have benefited from your work in expressing appreciation and best wishes for your continuing success.

Richard Nixon

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It has been suggested that we print a list of phone numbers of the most active AYH members for easy reference. If you would like your number listed, please send a note indicating such, to the Hostel in care of Judy Hurst.

TRIPS AND TRAILS  
MAY

- 1st CANOE SCHOOL - Western Pennsylvania Whitewater Canoe School at YWCA  
3rd Camp Carondowanna near Zelienople.
  
- 2nd HIKE - A repeat performance of the hike along the Connoquenessing, north of Evans City, with Dave Porterfield. More trillium and other wild flowers, a nudist colony and plenty of woods. Fill your canteen with unchlorinated water from Dave's spring, enjoy his mother's cookies. Bring hiking shoes, lunch and about \$1.25.
  
- 2nd CYCLE - Area to be announced, call Mike Hurwitz (731-1083 or 256-3343.)
  
- 3rd CYCLE - Allan Sher (421-4429) leads a trip at Lake Pymatuning. Option of a 25 or 60 mile ride on flat terrain. Bring a lunch, cost about \$2.50 plus rental. Leave Hostel at 9:00 a.m.
  
- 4th PICNIC - Mary Brincka (381-9510) is in charge of the picnic in Frick Park. Enjoy volleyball and a songfest. Everyone invited. Volunteer to bring food and sign up with Mary.
  
- 7th CYCLE - The first of the Thursday evening cycling trips is lead by Bob Omlor (264-3658). Cyclists of all abilities and beginners are welcome. Leaves Hostel at 6:30 p.m., returns in time for the meeting. Cost 20¢ plus rental.
  
- 8th FOUR FEATURE WEEKEND - Come to a weekend in Coopers Rocks State Park, West Virginia, stay overnight in the AYH Hostel. Select your  
9th favorite activity: Hiking, Climbing, Canoeing, or Cycling. Reserve  
10th food and bed with Eb Moll (441-0226). Cost about \$9.00 plus rental of equipment, deposit \$5.00. Canoeing will be led by Don Hoecker (243-8298) who will run a closed boat trip on Sat., and open boats on Sun. from Jenkins Bridge to Cheat Lake; Climbing by John Henry (265-3761); Hiking by Eb Moll or a deputy; and Cycling by Mike Hurwitz (731-1083 or 256-3343) and Bob Omlor (264-3658) for cyclists of all abilities - call to reserve bicycles. Also on this weekend you can help clean up the trail along Big Sandy Creek from Rockville toward Jenkins Bridge, a very scenic trail this time of year. Also scout trails between Big Sandy Creek Trail and Cooper's Rock Park. Reserve with Bruce Sundquist (327-8737.) Bring 2 trail lunches, and hiking shoes.
  
- 12th ACTIVITIES BOARD MEETING - at the Hostel.
  
- 14th CYCLE - Mike Hurwitz (731-1083 or 256-3343) leads a city parks trip. Leave the Hostel at 6:30 p.m., beginners are welcome. Cost 20¢ plus rental.
  
- 15th ROLLER SKATING - At Monroeville Mall. Meet at HQ at 9:00 p.m. for a practically private session. Cost \$1.35 ( includes rental of skates.) Call Bob Taylor (363-8770.)
  
- 15th CANOE - Howard King (264-1386) leads rafts and covered canoes in W.  
16th Va., water level permitting. He will go 15 miles on the Laurel Fork River. If that isn't possible, then 11 miles through a spectacular canyon from Jennings to Hendricks on the Dry Fork River. Camp at Jennings Friday night. Leave Hostel 8:00 p.m. Friday. Bring change of clothing, camping equipment, breakfast, lunch, water and \$8.00 for rafting. Call to reserve.

TRIPS AND TRAILS continued

- T 16th HIKE - John Henry (265-3761) leads an exploratory hike in an area to be announced. Bring good shoes, lunch and about \$1.25.
- T 16th HIKE - Old Economy hike - (see last page of "Trips & Trails")
- T 16th CYCLE - Dave Davenport (363-1426) leads a cycle trip in peaceful Washington and Green Counties. There are 14, 25 and 38 mile options. Leave HQ at 8:30 a.m., bring a lunch, cost \$1.65 plus rental.
- N 17th CANOE - Jim Hurst (276-0447) leads a rafting and covered boat trip from Ohiopyle to Stewarton on the lower Yough. Experience required.
- N 17th CANOE - Paddle Buffalo Creek near Freeport with Cliff Ham (621-7825.) Fast moving grade 2 water can be expected. Leave HQ at 9:00 a.m.
- N 17th CYCLE - Bob Taylor (363-8770) leads a 30 mile trip for intermediates through Fox Chapel. Leave Hostel at 9:00 a.m. and bring lunch.
- N 17th HIKE - in the Laurel Ridge, in an interesting but still undertermined area. Call Bruce Sundquist (327-8737) for more details.
- N 18th CYCLE - A rigorous 10 mile trip which includes the Penn Avenue hill, for experienced cyclists is led by Mike Hurwitz (731-1083 or 256-3343). Meet at the corner of Penn Avenue and Swissville Ave. in Wilkinsburg at 6:30 p.m. promptly.
- 21st TRIANGLE PRODUCTION PARTY - at the Hostel following the meeting. See the new collator and the electric stapler, help work them. We need your help to get the GOLDEN TRIANGLE to our members.
- 21st CYCLE - Leave the Hostel at 6:30 p.m. for a trip through the city parks. Beginners welcome, cost 20¢ plus rental. Call Bob Omlor (264-3658.)
- F 23rd CLIMBING - Ken Horner leads this trip to High Rocks near Derry, Pa. Leave the Hostel at 8:30 a.m. Call Ken at 457-7088.
- F 23rd CANOE SCHOOL FOR BEGINNERS, ETC. - Leave HQ at 8:30 a.m. for lower, lower Yough or equivalent. Call Ed Redgate (362-7136). Cruise for 6 or more miles on Grade 1 water while being instructed in canoeing safety, reading water, and basic paddle strokes.
- F 23rd CYCLE - Mike Hurwitz leads a 30 mile intermediate trip on Saxonburg Blvd. Leave Hostel at 9:00 a.m., bring a lunch. Cost 40¢ plus rental.
- N 24th HIKE--CAVE - Morrie Oberg and Norm Snyder lead a combined trip to the Casparis Caves area near South Connellsville. Come prepared to hike, cave or to do both. AYH equipment available for the cave, which is a good one to start on.
- N 24th CANOE - Open and closed boats this time. Leave 8:30 from HQ for Middle Yough. Led by Marty Nahemow (521-3714.)
- N 24th CYCLE - Allan Bartholomae (731-2513) leads a beginners and intermediate trip through the city parks, leaving the Hostel at 1:00 p.m. Cost 40¢ plus rental.
- N 24th CYCLE - A 20 mile very hilly trip for intermediate and advanced cyclists in Plum Boro. Leave HQ at 10:00 a.m. and return at 4:00 p.m. Bring a lunch, costs about 80¢. Call Allan Sher (421-4429.)



TRIPS AND TRAILS continued

- 'H 28th - CYCLE - Mike Hurwitz (731-1083 or 256-3343) will lead a trip to the  
 SUN 31st Great Eastern Bicycle Rally, in Frederick, Md. There will be a  
 wide variety of rides available for intermediates and advanced  
 cyclists. Call early to reserve space because there will be a  
 problem in obtaining accommodations. Leave Hostel Thursday evening  
 at 6:30 p.m. and return by 7:00 p.m. Sunday. Cost about \$30.00  
 which includes food and lodging.
- 'RI 29th- CANOE-CAMPING - Rich Bartoo (882-9368) leads a Memorial Day Holiday  
 SUN 31st weekend in Pine Creek Gorge (the Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania.)  
 Bring your own food. Approx. cost - \$10.00. Leave Friday evening,  
 or a day earlier for those who wish.
- 'AT 30th- BACKPACKING - in West Virginia, three days in Otter Creek, the newly  
 ION 1st declared scenic area. This is the first three days of a week-long  
 hiking and backpacking trip. Group cooking. Cost for three days  
 about \$11.00 including transportation, food, guides, and fees.  
 Call Cliff Ham (621-7825.) (Some may leave on Thursday night or  
 Friday morning, depending on when their holiday falls. Call Cliff  
 or Chriss DeRham at 256-7187 (daytime.)
- 'AT 30th- BACKPACKING FOR SEVEN DAYS - First three days in Otter Creek, then  
 'RI 5th four days in the magnificent Dolly Sods Area. Group cooking.  
 Equipment available. This will be a leisurely but most inviting  
 trip. Cost about \$22.00 for the whole week. Cliff Ham (621-7825)  
 leader, co-leader will be announced.
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 'AT 6th CANOE - Raymond Gabler (521-9373) leads an intermediate trip -  
 river to be announced later. Leave 8:30 from the Hostel.
- 'ay 16th HIKE - Jack Leahy leads a trip to Old Economy (entrance fee 50¢),  
 and then to Ambridge Nationality Street Fair for supper. Leave  
 Hostel at 1:30 p.m., call Jack at 935-4188.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Will you use your AYH pass abroad? \_\_\_\_ Ever held an AYH pass before? \_\_\_\_

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 6300 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15232

WANT ADS

For Sale - C-1 good condition, \$35.00.  
Call Dean Tomko (466-7195)

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For Sale - Scuba equipment and tanks.  
Call Sue Simler.

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Available - 2 complimentary tickets for  
the Eastern Region "Bike Train" trip  
leaving from New York on May 3. Call  
Tess Henry (265-3761.)



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