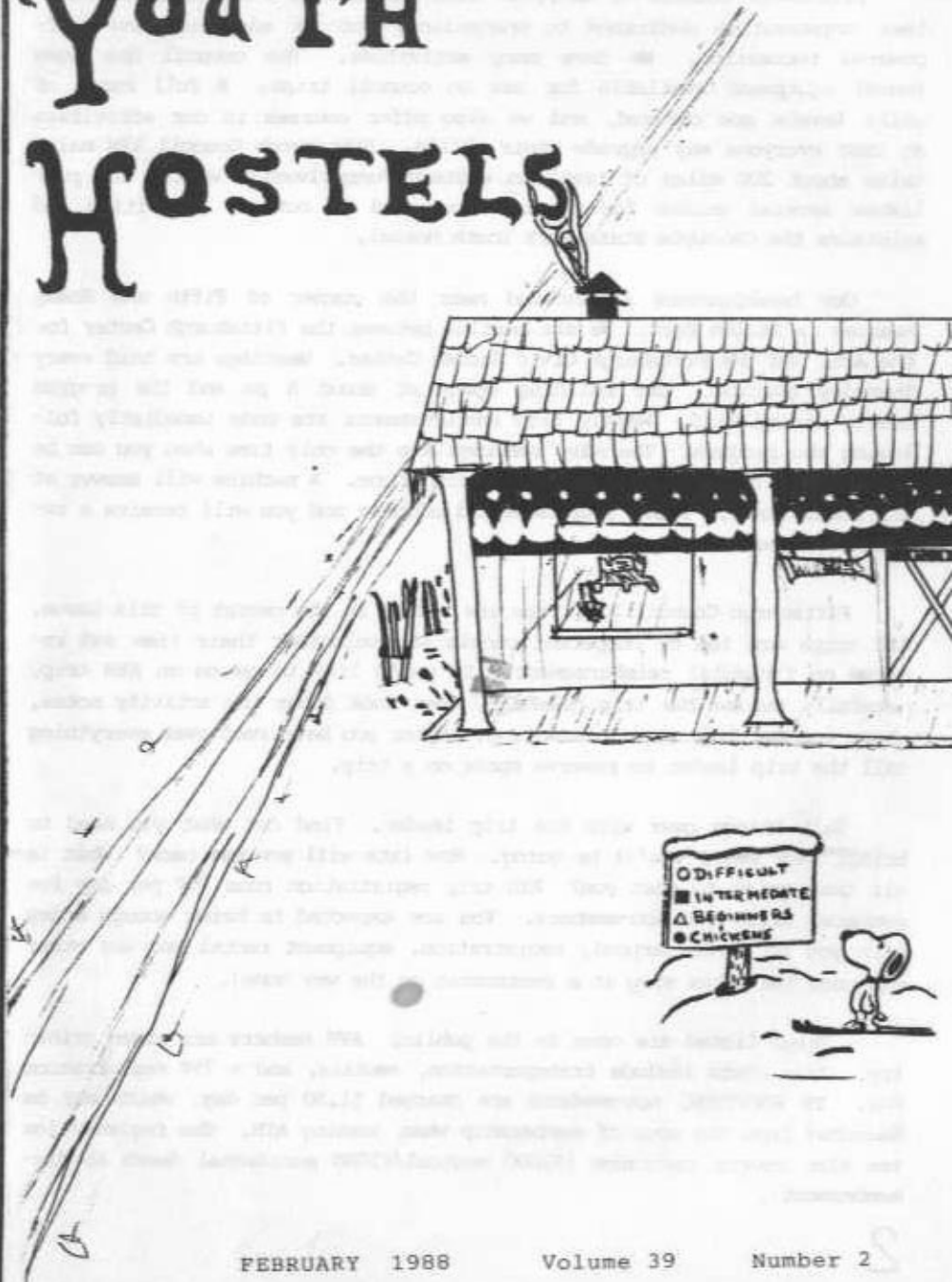


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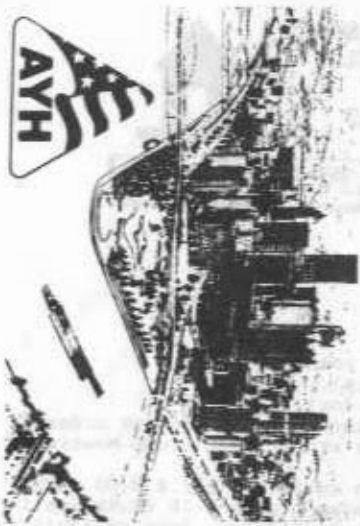
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Pittsburgh Council of American Youth Hostels is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to hostelling, outdoor education and self-powered recreation. We have many activities. The council has some rental equipment available for use on council trips. A full range of skill levels are offered, and we also offer courses in our activities so that everyone may upgrade their skills. Pittsburgh Council AYH maintains about 200 miles of trail in western Pennsylvania, writes and publishes several guides for people interested in outdoor activities and maintains the Chiopyle State Park Youth Hostel.

Our headquarters is located near the corner of Fifth and Shady Avenues in Mellon Park. We are nestled between the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts and the Pittsburgh Civic Garden Center. Meetings are held every Thursday evening. The building opens at about 8 pm and the program starts around 8:15. Weekly trip announcements are made immediately following the program. Thursday evenings are the only time when you can be sure that a real person will answer the phone. A machine will answer at all other times; leave your name and address and you will receive a response to your message.

Pittsburgh Council AYH trips are listed in the center of this issue. AYH trips are led by competent people who volunteer their time and receive no financial reimbursement. If you'd like to go on an AYH trip, carefully peruse the trip calendar, then look under the activity notes, where you may find more information. After you have read over everything call the trip leader to reserve space on a trip.

Talk things over with the trip leader. Find out what you need to bring; ask where you'll be going. How late will you get back? What is all this going to cost you? AYH trip registration runs 75¢ per day for members, \$2.25 for non-members. You are expected to bring enough money with you to cover carpool, registration, equipment rental and any other expenses (we often stop at a restaurant on the way home).

Trips listed are open to the public; AYH members are given priority. Trip costs include transportation, rentals, and a 75¢ registration fee. IN ADDITION, non-members are charged \$1.50 per day, which may be deducted from the cost of membership when joining AYH. The registration fee also covers insurance (\$1000 medical/\$1000 accidental death or dismemberment).



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 - ☐ \$ 30.00 Family (Includes children under 18 years).
 - ☐ \$200.00 Life (Individual lifetime membership).
 - ☐ \$ 18.00 Foreign Nationals (Including Canadians).
 - ☐ \$ 1.00 Postage (for each Membership or International Handbook ordered)
- (You can save postage by purchasing these items at our Open House Meetings)

NOTE: International Hostel Handbooks are available for \$ 8.00 each at Pittsburgh Council Headquarters (Thursday nights 8-10 PM) Volume I (Europe and the Mediterranean) and Volume II (Africa, America, Asia and Australia). Make all checks payable to "Pittsburgh AYH"

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"The Knapsack", National A.Y.H. Travel Newsletter.

"The Golden Triangle", Pittsburgh Council's Newsletter of Trips and Activities.

Open House Thursday nights 8:00 p.m. at Council Headquarters.

Access to National travel programs and Leadership Training Courses.

(NOTE: Memberships valid from Sept. 1 to Dec. 31 of the following year.)

Deadlines for the March issue: February 4 submissions
February 25 production

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MEMBERSHIP NOTE!

Please check the mailing label on your newsletter. If it says "Dec 87" your subscription may have expired! If you have already renewed you should be getting your council newsletter without any interruption in service.

If you haven't already renewed now's the time to do it. For those who just joined or renewed the 1988 U.S. Handbooks should be here! If you live in the Pittsburgh Metro area you can bring your voucher into our H.Q. to claim your book.

If you can't get in for a meeting you should send your voucher into the NATIONAL H.Q. for your new book. Send your voucher to:

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February 4 : Crusing and Hiking in Norway by Mary Shaw.
February 11: The Heights and Snows of the Pecos Wilderness by Glenn Oster.
February 18: A Visit to the Soviet Union with Marilyn Ham.
February 25: Touring the Wilds of Dominica with Sal Cancino and Jay Shaffer.

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETINGS

The February Activities Board will meet on the third of the month at Joy Layton's home at 1048 Mirror St. in Squirrel Hill. Call Marianne Kasica at 921-5272 for details.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S SEMINAR

Pittsburgh Council will be hosting the seminar to be sponsored by the National Office for Council President's. The seminar will be held at Gilmary Center near the Pittsburgh Airport on Sat., Feb. 6th and Sun., Feb. 7th. Please come out to help with a social hour Friday evening and with transportation to and from the airport for those traveling by air. This would also be a good chance to meet with those who run other Councils in the eastern part of the U.S. Estimated commitment is 2-4 hours Friday evening or Sunday afternoon. To volunteer or for additional information, call Larry Laude at 665-9554.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The Pittsburgh Hostel Project is under way with the help of volunteers. The Salvation Army Building remains a possibility and we have been discussing the renovation of a former bank building in Lawrenceville. Our current volunteer needs are for people familiar with real estate, construction, financial planning and legal requirements.

By the way, we're doing our best to combine the Pittsburgh Hostel with a new Headquarters for our activities and programs, but it may not be possible to find everything we need in a single location.

If you can help in any way, please contact Joe Hoechner or me.



REMINDER!!

VOLLEYBALL Tuesday nights 6-9 pm. Taylor Alderidge High School Gym. 50¢ members, \$2.00 non-members

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Call Joel Platt at 521-5244 to confirm playing dates.

FUN(d) RAISER!

Get in shape for the AYH Banquet while helping out the Pittsburgh Urban Hostel Project. Attend a pizza and video party Friday Night, Feb. 19th. For a \$5 donation you can enjoy "Ghostbusters," "Top Gun," or "??". Plan to be at Joe Hoechner's house at 7:30 p.m. Show starts about 8:00- **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.** (If you show up without a reservation your donation is \$10). Event limited to the first 20, call or see Joe (242-0781) for reservations and directions.



two awards. First, he got the hard-earned "best leader award. Second, he got the award for "AYH leader most resembling an Isle Royale moose!" Finally, everyone got an award for being the best backpacking companions anyone could ever want!

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Only 4 miles to R @ R! Blanche, Glenn and Royanne used theirs to hike up to Mt. Franklin where you can see Canada on a clear day (This was not one!). Fred hiked to the ranger station and store to do wash. I sat on the edge of the lake soaking my feet and read Blanche's book "Life on Isle Royale." The sun was shining and it was so peaceful I hardly noticed the black clouds coming in over the lake. Before I knew it, it began to rain (again!). Blanche, Glenn and Royanne got back just before the thunderstorm. Fred got caught in it but had raingear. We made dinner in the shelter and afterwards broke into a verse of "Hello mudder, hello Fadder, here we are here at Camp Grenada.....and we think we'll have fun if it stops raining!" We fell asleep to the rain pounding and wind howling. The next day we were to take the ferry back to the mainland. I wasn't ready to go.

The next morning it was still storming. There were strong winds over the lake. When we got to the ranger station to meet the ferry and ranger said Lake Superior was so rough, the Queen might have to postpone her voyage til tomorrow. Luckily, Glenn had the foresight to select a shelter for us because several hours later we got word that the Queen did cancel due to 8-10 foot waves and strong gales. We spent the afternoon with other backpackers reading in the bookshop. (a few of us slept in the bookshop!)

The next morning was gorgeous! As if to wish us well the sun dazzled all it touched. We all took time to hike and even splurged and spent \$2 for a shower.

The Queen landed on the island right on time. We had a very smooth, pleasant crossing. Back on the mainland at Fort Wilkens we pitched our tents as slept once again to the toll of the lighthouse bell. But this time, instead of harboring fears, I was filled with pleasant visions of red foxes, snowshoe hares, moose, blue jays, red squirrels and yellow-bellied sapsuckers. And I pictured the lush marsh marigolds, the rich purple Rock Clements, and delicate Claypso Orchids that we had left behind on Isle Royale. Finally, I thought about my fellow hikers and decided to give "awards" (Royanne helped). Fred got the award for the "most lovable," Blanche for the best "power-walker," Royanne for the "most improved backpacker," and I got the booby prize for the "slowest mover in the morning!" Glen had the distinction of getting

Question: What is 10' wide by 15' long by 10' high and carries from 10 to 20 people?

Answer: The Pittsburgh AYH Float(?) to be entered in the 1988 "Anything That Floats Race" of the Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta!

That's right, THINK SUMMER, the first week of August actually. Vice President Joe Hoechner has the entry information and design concepts but lacks the crew, tools, garage, beer and pizza required to get this project off the ground (and in the water?).

If you would like to get your feet wet in a project like this, as either designer, builder or crew, please give joe a call at 242-0781. (designs have to be worked out early to provide time for construction and testing) THANKS!!



It's not too early to start your spring cleaning in preparation for the annual spring Flea Market to be held on Thursday, May 5th. If you have any items you would like to sell or are looking for an inexpensive addition to your equipment collection be sure to remember this date!

The Board of Directors wishes to thank the following people who recently made contributions to the Pittsburgh Council AYH:

Bernard Bench	Don Hoecker
Betty Bierer	Fred and Eileen Hull
Gerald Blum	Y. C. Kim
G. J. Desalvo	Tom Kollar
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DISCOUNTS! DISCOUNTS!

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Your new AYH membership card, which is now wallet size, is worth carrying with you. The following cross-country ski centers are offering a \$1.00 trail fee discount to any AYH member who has their card with them:

Hidden Valley
Laurel Ridge - Rt. 653
Wilderness Lodge

In addition, come Spring, Hidden Valley will be giving a 25% discount on mountain bike rentals, for any AYH member who has their card with them.

All three centers have groomed and tracked trails, rental equipment, warming huts, and food available. If you have any questions, call Bill Johnston at 243-1945.

PITTSBURGH COUNCIL BYLAWS

The Bylaws are the rules that specify how Pittsburgh Council operates. A reference copy is available at the membership desk. If you would like your own copy, send \$1.00 for printing and mailing costs to the Council address.

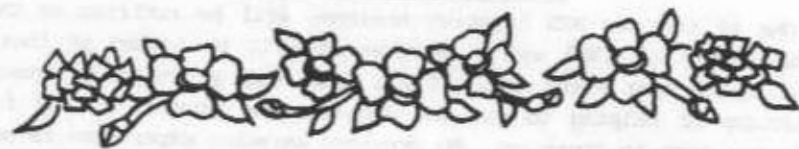
World Adventure Catalogs are in and can be picked up at Headquarters. If you are unable to do this, send us four 22¢ stamps and we'll be glad to send you a copy.

The morning of day three on Isle Royale, I awoke to the sounds of Blanche, Royanne and Glenn getting the stoves "fired up" for hot water and breakfast. It had warmed up from the day before (to low 40's) and the rain held off too. We began our hike from our pretty site at West Chickenbone Lake and headed towards McCargo Cave. There was a section of planks over deep swampy areas that we walked which were really rotting. Blanche, as usual, held the lead with Royanne and Fred right behind her. Glenn and I brought up the rear. Just as I was gingerly stepping on the first of the rotten, broken and wet planks, I heard Royanne yell. She had slipped off the plank up ahead and was sitting with backpack in muck and legs up in the air! Luckily, she wasn't in too deep, but her heavy pack weighed her down and she required the quick assistance of Fred and Blanche to get her out.

When we got to McCargo Cove we saw park rangers unloading a cargo of new wooden planks. They told us they'd be dropped by helicopter into remote areas and would be used to repair the very section that claimed Royanne! We had a nice break at the scenic cove, but it was cold and damp and we were anxious to move on. It's amazing how much better you can tolerate the cold walking with a pack rather than sitting still.

Well, we got to our next campsite at East Chickenbone. But, alas!, there was no view of the lake. There was also no good water source. In fact, the only things that the campsite did have were black flies and mosquitos! By popular vote we decided to continue hiking two more miles up Greenstone Ridge to camp in the woods at an unofficial campsite. But once we got there we realized why the ranger had discouraged camping off-trail: the woods were so overgrown and the swamps so prevalent that it was impossible to camp except in designated campsites. So we hiked an additional 8.5 miles beyond our original campsite back to Daisy Farms for a total mileage of around 15 miles. Boy, was I tired that night! Blanche, of course, was the first one into camp and she found a shelter for us. After dinner, Fred and I had our usual purification date and then I collapsed into a sound sleep.

Because we hiked so far the day before, we had



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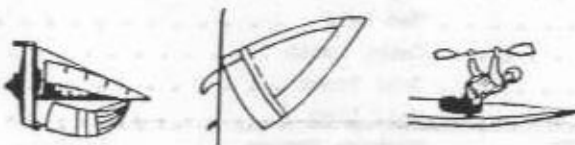
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PADDLING EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

The AYH kayaking program will be selling some used equipment this winter. Up for sale will be 11 Norse kayak paddles in various lengths, 10 Extrasport PFD's (life jackets) in sizes S, M, & L, 8 sets of kayak bow flotation bags, and possibly 1 or 2 helmets. The prices for these items will be based on the condition that they are in when sold. None of the equipment will be sold until the replacement items currently on order are received. Call Lou Conley at 681-8321 for more details.

KAYAKING ROLL SESSIONS

The Community College of Allegheny County will be offering a basic kayaking class at the North Side Campus' warm indoor pool this winter, January through May. The course will include instruction by Pittsburgh's own Ray Yutzy for 12 weeks (2 hours/class). Equipment is included in the \$57 course fee. For more info, call 237-2729.

ACTIVITY CHAIRPERSONS

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- ☐ \$ 10.00 Adult (18 years to 54)
- ☐ \$ 15.00 Family (includes children under 18 years)
- ☒ \$ 1.00 Postage and Handling (for each membership ordered)

Note: A full AYH membership or a hostel guest membership is required for access to AYH and international hosts. An AYH membership also includes the current U.S. Hostel Handbook.

Make all checks payable to "Pittsburgh AYH" (include \$1.00 postage). Thank you!



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Ability to upgrade to full hostel membership at any time for difference in fee.
Access to local Pittsburgh AYH trips without paying non-member fees.
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Ability to qualify to lead Pittsburgh Council trips.
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6	SAT	Ski		Steve Tubbs	751-2158	8:30	Call for information.
7	SUN	Ski					TO BE ANNOUNCED
13	SAT	Ski	Inter	Norm Snyder	351-4068	8:30	Ski till dark.
14	SUN	Ski					TO BE ANNOUNCED
20	SAT	Ski	All	Jack Peth	921-7214	8:30	
20-21	SS	Backpack	Inter	Glenn Oster	364-2864 h 234-3967 w	7:00AM	Hike the Baker Trail in the Summerville Area. Call for information and reservations.
21	SUN	Ski	All	Bill Johnston	243-1945	8:30	
27	SAT	SKI	ALL	Joe Hoechner	242-0781	8:30	
28	SUN	Ski	All	Rick and Shirley Ulaky	422-0849	8:30	
March 5	SAT	Caving	Beginner	John Popp	885-2126		Casparis--Stream passage, lg rooms, some formations, and impressive waterfall.

There will be a bicycling Planning Meeting on Mon. 22 Feb. at 7:30 at Joe Hoechner's home. This meeting is open to all who are interested in bicycling. Topics include: Major weekend trips, leader training, learn to rides, and anything else you care to discuss. Call Joe for directions. Bring munchies if you care to. Call Joe at 242-0781.

Friday night, Feb. 26, there will be a Lincoln's Birthday Ice Skating Party and Covered Dish Dinner. Skate at Schenley Park. Reservation for dinner is essential as space is limited. Call Cathy Lynch at 361-3707, Linda Grant at 242-5026 or Dave Sadler at 361-3707 for information and reservations.

MOUNT RANIER BACKPACK TRIP

August 3-15, 1988

Have you ever seen Mt. Ranier-or even a picture of it? If so, you'll know why I've got to hike it, and I'll bet you'd like to see it up close as well. Join me in flying out to Seattle and hiking the Wonderland Trail circling Mt. Ranier at elevations of about 5000' to 6000'. We'll be on the trail for 11 days (two food caches) and will average about 9 miles per day. A trip for advanced hikers, the climbs and descents will total 20,000 feet each. Based on current air fares for supersaver flights, total costs should be less than \$500. For information and reservations, phone Glenn Oster at 364-2864 (h) or 234-3967 (w).

