

# GOLDEN TRIANGLE

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## Open House

Every Thursday Night  
Doors Open: 7:45  
Slide Program: 8:45

Our Thursday Night Open House is for members as well as non-members. This is a great time to see friends, make new ones, reminisce about good times, plan new trips, get a ride to the Evergreen.

## Slide Programs for September

Chairpeople: Bob Goff  
Mary Ellen McBride

- Sep 6 An introduction to underwater photography in and around the Bahamas and Florida by Ken Kasper.
- Sep 13 This week begins a series of shows by AYHers who recently completed trips to Europe. Tonight we tour Switzerland with Fred and Eileen Hull.
- Sep 20 Visit the plains and cities of Spain with Cliff and Marilyn Ham.
- Sep 27 "Highland Fling" Marty and Mike Haddad tour the Scottish Highlands and hunt the Loch Ness Monster.

## Pittsburgh Council Elections

Sometime in October we will have our annual election at a Thursday Night Meeting to choose new Chairpeople. If you would like to be nominated for a specific position, see the current chairperson. For example if you wish to be next year's editor, see me (Rick Caplan). If you want to be of service where needed, talk to Joe Hoechner (322-6114) or Jim Gogots (384-9149). They will be the Nominating Committee in charge of the election. If you are now on the Activities Board and don't want to be reelected, try to find a qualified person to nominate for next year.

An enthusiastic chairperson can make things happen. If you want to see a program more active, become an Activities Board member.



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## Deadlines for October

Everything is due on Sept 20.

Production Party will be Sept 27.

## Change of Address

Please notify Pittsburgh Council as soon as possible if you change your address. Otherwise, you miss an issue of the "Golden Triangle" and we get billed 25¢.

## Activities Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 11, 1979

Ed Sieger's  
729 Pin oak Rd.  
Mt. Lebanon, Pa 15243  
561-4790

## Our Multilith needs a new Home

The press on which we print this newsletter needs a new home. It's 5' x 2' by 4' high. A nominal rental fee is paid (about \$60/year). This fee is negotiable. If you have some unused space that you are willing to let AYH use, call publications chairperson Bruce Sundquist at 327-8737.

COVER: Uncle Al at a belay points atop Seneca Rocks.

# 1979 AYH PICNIC

Sunday, October 21st at Riverview Park

2 PM - 10 PM

\$ 3.75/person

♫ Square Dancing ♫

Food

Games Hikes

Volley ball

Door Prizes



General Directions: From Downtown cross the Ft. Duquesne Bridge to Chateau St. Follow Rt. 19 signs to Marshall Ave, left on Perrysville. Left on Riverview to Park and Activities Center Picnic

Send reservations to:

Harriet Ann Seiner  
5415 Plainfield St.  
Pgh. Pa. 15217

To volunteer to help call:

Wayne Albright  
421-0996

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## Picnic Reservations

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TRIP AND RENTAL REPORTS- Importance for all AYH'ers  
- Joe Levine

What is so important about a Trip And Rental Report? What is its significance for the tripper, trip leader, Trips & Trails Chairperson, and Pittsburgh Council? And, why is it important that the Report be correctly completed, and turned in to the T&T Chairperson within a reasonable period of time? By reasonable, I mean by the end of the month, or - by the 2nd Thursday after a trip if it occurred during the last week-end of the month.

FOR THE TRIPPER

1. Each tripper is covered for accident-injury for up to \$500. If your Leader turns in the Report after the deadline, the Insurance company will not accept the claim.
2. Trippers who pay trip fees by check do not like to be kept waiting 1½ months for their cancelled checks. They don't deserve that inconvenience!

FOR THE TRIP LEADER

1. You are also covered for accident-injury, as the tripper.
2. In addition, you are covered by Liability Insurance (paid by National) which protects you (and all Council officers) against claims for up to \$500,000. Because there are specific information requirements regarding rented equipment, travel arrangements, etc., the Trip And Rental Report must be correctly completed and turned in on time.

FOR THE TRIPS & TRAILS CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson collects T&R Reports from the mailbox in headquarters at least every other week, and deposits the money. During the 2nd week of each month, the insurance audit forms for the previous month are made out and mailed. Reports received late create problems in regard to maintaining correct bank balance, in Quarterly Reports to National, in Yearly Trip Summaries, and in monthly reports to the Treasurer. T&R Reports received late are not included for insurance audits!

FOR PITTSBURGH COUNCIL

1. Quarterly Reports are based on previous 3 months T&R Reports and sent to National. the statistics determine the number of votes our Council will have at the ANNUAL NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING.
2. Late reports hold up funds necessary for Council's functioning.
3. Late and/or incomplete reports create difficulties in regards to the Council's yearly audit, and complicate the work of the Treasurer and the Trips&Trails Chairperson.

NOTE : Leaders must include the following information in TRIP & RENTAL REPORTS, which are most important for the above reasons: Date, Type of Trip, Leader, # of Days and Nights, # of Hostel/Trippers Overnights and Name of Hostel (if applicable); Total Registration, Total Rentals; and names, 'phone #'s of trippers. Regarding the Credit Coupon, if it is not given to the Non-member tripper, it is useless to him/her!

## Trips and Trails

The trips listed below are open to the public with the exception that AYH members are given priority when the trip is of limited size. Trip costs include 50% registration and insurance (\$500 medical) plus transportation and rental. In addition, non-members are charged \$1.50/day, which can be deducted from cost of membership.

NOTE: Transportation costs are double those on back of trip report forms.

## Canoeing

Chairperson: Dave Marschik (327-2778)

Basics: Lunch in waterproof bag, water, knee pads, raingear, change of clothes, non-cotton clothing (+ swimsuit), tennies, sun protection.

Rentals: Limited number of canoes reserved thru trip leaders.

- sat sept 8 CLASS I- Beginner trip. Call Ed Seiger. (561-4790)
- sun sept 9 CLASS II-Intermediate trip, with Chris Reid.(731-0674)  
For potential instructors and active new paddlers.
- sat sept 15 TO BE ANNOUNCED.
- sun sept 16 WW II- School to develop whitewater skills. Gordon Bugby.  
(371-4233)
- sat sept 22 CLASS I- trip with Jack Phillips.(771-3674)
- sun sept 23 CLASS III- for advanced paddlers. Ray Yutzy.(929-4443)
- sat sept 29 TENTATIVE- Call Chris Reid.(731-0674)
- sun sept 30 KAYAK SCHOOL- Ray Yutzy.(929-4443)  
CANOEING-To be announced.

## Caving and Norm Snyder Trips

Chairperson: Norm Snyder (351-4068)

Basics: Heavy old clothes, boots, light, change of clothes, protection for head, etc. Food and water.

- sat sept 8 BEGIN- Join Norm Snyder on a caving trip to Potter Cave,  
about one hour's drive from Pittsburgh. Ages 9-90. Call  
Norm. (351-4068)
- fr1 sept 21 INTER- W. Va. cave trip. See miles of caves. Call Norm.  
- sept 22 (351-4068)
- fr1 sept 28 GRAND CANYON- A little of everything. Call Norm. (351-4068)  
- oct 12



### Hiking

Chairperson: Bob Rudland (462-5000 x6284  
or 421-2227)

Basics: Tennis shoes, rain gear, lunch, water.

- sun sept 9 INTER- Laurel Highlands. Klaus Rixen.(892-2121 work) Meet at AYH at 8:00 AM.
- sat sept 15 BEGIN-Rachel Carson Trail. Joe Levine.(422-8387). Meet at AYH at 9:00 AM.
- sun sept 16-BEGIN-Rachel Carson Trail. Steve Martin.(462-5000 x6185)  
Meet at AYH at 11:00 AM.
- sat sept 22-BEGIN-Laurel Ridge. Bob Rudland.(421-2227). Meet at AYH at 9:00 AM.
- sun sept 30-INTER/BUSHWACK-To be arranged. Steve Tubbs.(322-6361). Meet at AYH at 8:30 AM.

### Running

Chairperson: Bob Rudland (462-5000 x6284  
or 421-2227)

PUN RUNS-five miles, on Saturdays and Sundays at Mt Lebanon, Schenley Park and Boyce Park. Call Bob Rudland for details.

- mon sept 3- Labor day race at Boyce Park. 10 kilometers. Call Boyce Park and Recreation Department.
- wed sept 5- Meet at AYH at 6:00 or Schenley Park Oval at 6:15.
- wed sept 12-Meet at AYH at 6:00 or at Frick Park Nature Center at 6:15.
- wed sept 19-Meet at AYH at 6:00 or at Highland Park reservoir steps at 6:15.
- wed sept 26-Meet at AYH at 6:00 or at Schenley Park Oval at 6:15.
- sun sept 30-PITTSBURGH GREAT RACE-Free, but you must register by Sept 13. 10 kilometers. You get a free t-shirt at the end of the run if you are registered. Call City of Pittsburgh Dept. of Parks and Recreation.
- sun oct 7- PITTSBURGH MAGAZINE MARATHON-26+ miles. There are also 5-and 10-mile races.

### Climbing

Chairperson: Wojie (322-4524)

Basics: Sneakers, lunch and water, funny hat, leather gloves.

- sun sept 9- BEGIN- Leave AYH at 7:00AM. No previous experience necessary. Call Wojie(322-4524) or Bill Skallos(928-7517)
- sat sept 22- ALL- This is the last climbing trip of the 1979 campaign. It is open to all beginners as well as experienced, old hands. Afterwards, there will be a corn roast and Septemrefest. For info, or to reserve, call Wojie or Bill.

## Bicycling

Committee:

Chuck Ejzak (327-5031)  
Ed Sieger (561-4790)

Basics: tube, tools, water, helmet. Rental: Bikes, helmets, panniers.

- fri sep 7 INTER - Explore the C & O Canal, ride along tow path, enjoy restored  
- sep 9 locks, dams and bridges. Camping Friday and Saturday (n carrying gear)  
at Spring Gap Recreational Area off Rt 51, 10 mi s. of Cumberland.  
Sat - 35 mi round ride; Sun - 20 mi ride. Trip held with W.P.W.  
For info call Jack or Anne Kiehl (863-7658).
- sat sep 8 BEGIN - Chuck Ejzak will discuss gear shifting, equipment and safety;  
then a 15 mi ride. Meet at AYH at 9:30 AM. Reserve with Ed (561-4790).
- sat sep 15 W.P.W. WEEKEND - at North Park, rides of 25, 50, 100 miles. For details  
- sep 16 call Jack Phillips (782-1341).
- fri sep 21 N.E.O.C. - North East Ohio Century. Drive up to Youngstown Fri night with  
- sep 22 Joe Hoechner (322-6114). 50 or 100 mi rides. Return to Pgh. by 9 PM. Joe  
has application forms.
- sun sep 23 INTER - Ben Humphries will lead a 50 mile scenic tour of East Pgh.  
including Round Hill Park. Call Ben (829-2497).
- sat sep 29 BEGIN - Camping at Fombell Hostel. 35 mi/day. Call Sally Brunson(231-6074)  
- sep 30
- sat sep 29 CFC - Columbus Fall Challenge - Chuck Ejzak has details.  
- sep 30

## Backpacking

Chairperson:

Rob McEachern (828-2635)

Basics: Sleeping bag, food + water, shelter, backpack, raingear  
Rentals: Sleeping bag, shelter, backpacks.

- fri sep 7 ADV - Laurel Highlands Trail Leave AYH 7 PM. About 35 mi. Call Bob  
- sep 9 Rudland (421-2227 or day-462-5000 x6284)
- fri sep 14 BEGIN - Allegheny Nt For. Call Rob McEachern (828-2635)  
- sep 16
- fri sep 21 BEGIN - Call Judy Flowers (443-7554)  
- sep 23
- fri sep 28 Adv - Either Dolly Soda or Cranberry. Call Mark Kraus (241-6504 or  
- sep 30 256-5518)
- fri sep 28 INTER - Call Rick Caplan (521-4420) or Jeri Walsh (422-9686)  
- sep 30



## Rafting

Committee:

Paul Kammer (843-5152)  
John Orndorff (362-5401)

Basics: Similar to Canoeing. Trippers should arrive at AYH at 7:30 AM  
Trips cost about \$15

sun sep 9 Paul Kammer (843-5152) Meet at 8:30 AM

sat sep 15 Norm Snyder (351-4068) Meet at 8 AM

sat sep 22 Gus Hughes (751-4775) Meet at 8 AM

sun sep 23 Steve Tubbs (322-6361) Meet at 8 AM

Etc.

Bob Rudland, our hiking chairperson, keeps in touch with the Sierra Club. See him if you would be interested in going on a hike with them.

sun sep 9 BEGIN HIKE - A hike in the city. Leave AYH 9 AM. Judy Grossman (441-3863)

sat sep 22 OHIO WP - There is a good chance of having a 1 or 2 day Ohiopyle Work  
- sep 23 Party. Call Jim Gogots (384-9149) or Joe Hoechner (322-6114)

sat oct 6 OPEN HOUSE - at Ohiopyle Sign up for last chance work party; act as  
- oct 7 a host on Sunday. Call Joe (322-6114). (P.S. - also yard sale!)

fri oct 12 ENVIR CONF - at Sandy Lake, Pa. Represent AYH with Joe Hoechner Cost  
- oct 14 about \$12. Need 5 people. Call Joe (322-6114)

## Ohiopyle Hostel Open House

The date of Oct 7 Sunday) has been set as the official House Warming Day at Ohiopyle Hostel. On that afternoon, townspeople, park rangers, local newspaper reporters will be invited to stop in and look around. AYH members are urged to sign up and act as hosts for that weekend - answering questions and showing people around.

A group will probably leave Fri night to do last minute repairs. If you would like to come for the weekend or just for Sunday, please speak up! We need you! Odd or even! Call Joe Hoechner (322-6114) or Jim Gogots (384-9149).

There is a chance that there may also be a yard sale of surplus donated items and excess building materials

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (zip code) New/Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

_____ Youth membership (under 18)	\$5.00
_____ Senior membership (18 and over)	\$11.00
_____ Family (valid in USA and Canada only)	\$12.00
_____ Organization membership	\$25.00
_____ LIFE	\$110.00

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