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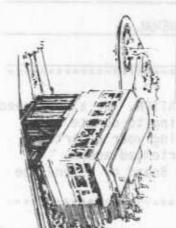
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AYH HEADQUARTERS is located at 6300 Fifth Ave., next to the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts. Open House is held every Thursday evening. The building opens at 8 pm and the slide show starts at 8:15 (note the new time). Weekly trip announcements are made immediatly following the slide show. The Golden Triangle is assembled for mailing at monthly Production Parties, which are held after the slide show. Come out and join us!!!!

#### FEBRUARY SLIDE SHOWS

- Feb. 7 Experiencing Japan from the Inside by Katie and Dave Bogard.
- Feb. 14 X-C and Downhill Skiing as enjoyed by Jane Toben.
- Feb. 21 Pennsylvania Outdoors by Joy Layton
- Feb. 28 WORLD ADVENTURE 1985 put an AYH trip in your future and talk to others who have one in their past. By Bill Johnston and Marilyn Ham.

#### Awards Committee

The AYH awards committee is asking for nominations. If you have a favorite AYH'er who may be deserving of recognition, send your nomination along with a paragraph or two explaining why this person deserves an award to:

American Youth Hostels Attn: Awards Committee 6300 Fifth Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15232

Congratulations to our newest life member, Gordon Ham! Congratulations also to our new eldest member, Esther Ham, who is 87 years young!

#### ROOMMATE WANTED

Female roommate wanted to share Jamestown Condo. Available Feb. 1. \$190/month plus  $\frac{1}{2}$  electric. Call Jan 234-5001w or 341-9068h.

#### AYH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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 Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15232

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OUR COUNCIL IS A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION. We always need additional leaders and others willing to donate time. 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 Activities Board Meetings.

MARCH ISSUE DEADLINES: Feb. 7 all insertions.

Feb. 21 Production Party

APRIL ISSUE DEADLINES: Mar. 7 all insertions

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#### THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE

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#### (The Bushwhacking Trip continued)

"It looks like a cave!" the other said.

"No. it's a tunnel, an old abandoned train tunnel! Wow!!"

"Let's go in and look around."

We could see their silhouettes as they started down in. As if on cue, Steve and I let out a roar.

"Wha-what was that?!"

"GROWRRRR-ROARAROWL GRAUGH!!!!"

"EEEEEEEEEEEEK!!!!!"

They scrambled up and out just as fast as they could, leaving us to wonder what foul legends we had started.

#### ... AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR EDITOR...

You may have noticed that this month's Triangle is just loaded with information. Did you read all of it? Especially the part about awards for deserving individuals (hint)? Have you also noticed that I will run classified ads from individuals? These are subject to available space and editorial approval, but the cost is FREE.

Commercial ads are nearly as cheap! A full page costs only \$20! If you or anyone you know are interested in advertising in the Triangle, contact Eric Bauer, Triangle Ads, Pittsburgh AYH, 6300 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15232.

#### ABOUT OUR COVER...

The front cover this month features WORLD ADVEN-TURE 1985 - the national and international trips program offered jointly by national AYH and 24 participating councils. Begun in the 1983-84 year to replace a smaller program which contained mostly cycling, World Adventure 1984 introduced over 600 people to hostel-style travel in this country and abroad. Each council that recruits trippers receives 10% of the trip price, thus creating an incentive for our Pittsburgh Council members and their friends to put an AYH trip in their future!!

#### THE 1984 TRIPS SUMMARY By Joe Levine

ACTIVITY	# TRIPS	84 #TRIPPERS	# TRIPS #TRIPPERS		
Backpack	25	142	28	161	
Bicycle	40	294	41	351	
Canoe	36	328	32	283	
Cave	24	228	29	267	
Climb	20	499	18	173	
Hike	40	332	55	406	
Kayak	8	63	26	176	
Raft	16	208	9	113	
Ski	20	247	12	163	
Volleyball	33	566	42	940	
Special Events	_4_	128	_ 2_	_115_	
Totals:	266	3035	294	3148	

SOMEONE RECOGNIZED US!!

AYH was awarded the "Volunteer of the Day Award" by WQED for participation in their fundraiser of Nov. 26, 1984. The phones were hosted by AYH notables:

Bill Johnston Joe Hoechner Fred Parker Joel Platt Barry Govenor Jack Peth Harriet Ann Seiner Mary Mervosh Chuck and Lynn Ejzak

A big thank you to all that participated.

... Rich Vangenewitt

KAYAK AUCTION

AYH will be auctioning three kayaks this Spring. These boats are all in pretty good condition and have all been "roll trained". All three boats are plastic: two are Perception "Quests" and one is a "Rapide". The Quests are relatively high volume and the Rapide is a very low volume boat. These boats can be examined at any Thursday night Open House meeting or information can be obtained through Lou Conley at 681-8321.

The minimum bid for each boat is \$100. Sealed bids can be sent to the Kayaking Chairmen, Pittsburgh Council, AYH, 6300 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15232. Bids will be opened at the Open House meeting on Thursday, April 25, 1985.

#### TRAIL NEWS

This is the first of a series of monthly reports on trails maintained by the Pittsburgh Council, AYH. Members and friends are encouraged to help, and trip fees are paid by the council, as well as supplies and some tools. For information, call Dan Martt (921-4638) or Glenn Oster (364-2864).

The council this fall obtained a brush axe

and two fire rakes, which have proved useful.

Glenn Oster and crew have been working north of Summerville on the Baker Trail. They report some problems, such as people painting out blazes, but the trail is in pretty good shape.

Dan Martt led a crew in re-locating a section of the Baker near Keystone Power Plant. It is nearly

finished, needs some more brushing.

Jack Peth and Dan put up a sign at the southern terminus of the Baker, which marks the new "putin." Still park under the bridge, but walk back up Rt. 356 about 200 yards to find the trail.

The bridge over Cherry Creek will be re-raised this year, if the Corps of Engineers ever approves our plans. Chief engineer on the job is Jack Peth. and work will be done by British prisoners-of-war, or whomever we can find.

Cliff Ham is working on the Rachel Carson Trail west of Harrison Hills park. A relocation is in the works north of the expressway through a game ...Dan Martt preserve.

#### THE ROUGHER THE BETTER CLUB NEWS

# The Bushwhacking Trip Part III April 28, 1984

From the journal of Angelle N. Guyette

Norm is either the bravest or the craziest among us, and he volunteered to lead the way through this treacherous land. Steve told us it would be a good idea to keep very quiet, and move slowly, but Norm was already off and trotting down the hill. He turned around and yelled up, "Hey - aren't you coming?"

A few cows wandered up behind him, just beyond a little rise. He didn't see them, and we held our breath as they came closer.

"Well, whatsa matter? You-all afraid of cows?

They wouldn't hurt a flea!!"

The mother and her two calves took one look at Norm, let out a cross between a honk and a foghorn, and did a blumbering jog down the hill the way they came. While the way was clear, we hurried down the hill and over the fence into the next pasture. Whew!!

About 2 or 3 o'clock when everybody else was stretching out for a rest, Steve said, "I think the river isn't too far from here. Anybody want to run for 15 minutes, and maybe we'll find it?"

Norm said he'd give him an answer in a year or two, but I figured it would be fun, and so voicing my interest, we started off. Steve is in better shape than I am, and he soon disappeared into the bends and brambles of the distance.

I seemed to have gone on forever before we met again when he turned around to go back. We started jogging back, but after a little way we came to what looked like a cave. We climbed up the mound of mud in front of it to the entrance. It was a long buried tunnel.

Norm, being the cave-lover, would have been wild at this discovery, but he wasn't there, and we went in anyway without him. It wasn't long, only about as long as the AYH parking lot, but it was dark. Luckily, Steve had a little flashlight. Just as we got in and down to the bottom, we heard a noise at the other end. It was two kids who just discovered this when we did. I could see their shadows in the daylight seeping in. "Hey WOW!! Neat-O!! What's this?"



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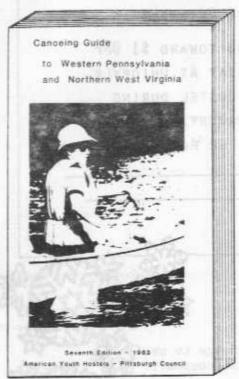
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The annual planning meeting will be held at Karl Mormer's (1522 Denniston Ave., Squirrel Hill, near Rehabilitation Institute on Shady Ave.). We will be planning the coming season's climbing schedule and discuss issues of concern to the membership. Feel free to bring your own refreshments for a serious substance abuse session following the meeting.

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 AYH HQ at 8:30 am. Contact trip leader for details and ski rentals. Attention all Thursday evening skiers: Your X-C ski leader may only be able to unlock the back door of HQ, walk around. Later on, please bring your dripping wet skiis back through the back door, don't drip them all over our carpets. Attention all X-C ski leaders: There are first aid kits stored in the X-C boot cabinet.

Tom Kaveney 276-8044
Wayne Hennemuth 693-9605

KAYAKING

Lou Conley 681-8321 Ray Yutzy 341-5682

Winter kayaking trips (cold weather) are organized informally at the Thursday night meetings, usually by those who are equipped (wet suits) for cold weather.

Shirley Sedmack Ulacky 422-0849 Susan Krotec 661-8485

VOLLEYBALL

Steve Martin 469-3153

Play indoor volleyball at Taylor-Alderdice gym. Come out and learn to play or sharpen your game, or just to have fun. The action starts at 6 pm every Tuesday. The fee is 50 cents for AYH members and \$2.00 for non-members. See you there!!

#### JANUARY TRIPS & TRAILS

Trips listed are open to the public, AYH members are given priority. Trip costs include a 75 cent registration fee (50£ per half day or evening), plus transportation and rentals. 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 covers insurance (\$1000 medical/\$1000 accidental death or dismemberment).

BACKPACKING

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

Wilderness Backpacking - August 3 - 17 Hike the majestic Wind River Range- one of Wyoming's highest and most beautiful. On the trail 9 to 10 days; intermediate level - 7 to 11 miles per day. Inexpensive. Leave Fri evening August 2nd; return Sat. August 17. Call Glenn Oster for details and reservations.

Remember the Feb. 12th planning meeting!

#### BICYCLING

Rick Kondas 672-3891 Chuck Ejzak 466-6196

Remember the planning meeting Feb. 18! see trips and trails for more details.

CANOEING

Kathy Lynch 327-0529 Steve Shafer 362-4432

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Roy Provins 784-9127 Paul Herre 831-0217 John Popp 653-6026

Please call the trip leader for more trip details and how to be properly prepared so you can enjoy this fun and exciting sport. Look for more trips in the next issue.





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#### ARE YOU READY?

Start resting up for the big race!
That's right, the first PITTSBURGH MARATHON takes place Sunday, May 5th - the course even goes by the current council HQ along Fifth Avenue. Watch for more details in future Triangles or your local paper.

CYCLICTS do you have your T.O.S.R.V. reservations in yet? The correct address is: P.O. box 23111, Columbus, OH 93223.

#### FOR SALE

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#### WHAT'S AYH?

That's always a hard question to answer because AYH is involved in so many things — activities, hostels, service, and more. I thought I'd share with you, though, this statement of the purposes of AYH that was in the Annual Council Agreement that we recently submitted to National. I shows just how much there is, or can be, in AYH and the Pittsburgh Council. There's a wide range of opportunities for the Council to serve you and the community, and for you to help if you can. I'm interested in hearing where you think our emphasis should be over the coming years. If you have any suggestions, catch me at the Thursday night meetings or send me a note at Headquarters.

...Larry Laude, President Purposes and Other Requirements of AYH

Membership

§ Development and Growth

§ Targeting Youth and Other Appropriate Markets

§ Volunteer Involvement

## Hostel Facilities

§ Planning and Development

§ Technical Assistance

§ Direct Ownership/Operation

§ Support/Inspection/Chartering

§ Publicity and Utilization

Hosteling Activities/Experiences

§ Weekend Activities and Day Tours

§ Tours (extended)

§ Tours (non-extended)

§ Social Programs

§ Special Events

§ Hosteling Services/Sales

#### Public Relations (Local Visibility)

§ Positive Name Recognition

§ Media Exposure

§ Public Understanding

§ Improve Image

Community Service Programs (for non-members)

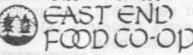
§ Cooperation with other Local Organizations

§ Education/Training Related to Goals

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#### HIDDEN TALENTS?

As a Pittsburgh Council member you're probably an active hiker, canoeist, skiier (when snow is available), cyclist, etc.

Now these are things you do for fun, but what do you do for a living? How about combining your work skills with AYH council activities?

For example: do you have experience in fund raising or writing grant proposals? Are you familiar with city zoning ordinances or variance procedures? Are you a lawyer specializing in environmental matters? Do you build bunkbeds in your basement during your spare time? Are you a carpenter, electrician or plumber? Are you a paramedic who can teach first aid courses? Do you have friends in city government? Do you own or work in a bike shop and could teach bike maintenance at an AYH workshop?

The list could go on and on. We would like to hear from you! Just list your name, address and phone number on a piece of paper with a description of your hidden talent(s) and pass it on to Joe Hoechner, VP at any Open House meeting. Or if you can't get in (it could snow!) send it to: AYH, Attn: Joe H. 6300 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15232.

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#### READ ANY GOOD BROCHURES LATELY?

Joe Hoechner, V.P., would like to remind the various new (and old) activity chairpeople that he has brochures available describing these council activities.

These brochures include: Cycling, Caving, Climbing, X-C Skiing, Hiking/Backpacking, Canoeing, and even the Baker Trail. These are designed to make it quick and easy to answer general inquiries about your activity (and also to provide AYH membership info.).

What we don't have are brochures on rafting, sea-kayaking, or white-water kayaking. Now you chairpeople don't actually have to create the brochure, just provide Joe with a body of information and he will shape it into the brochure format.

You could even become famous by contributing your black and white vertical format photo for the brochure cover. Or pen and ink artwork would be acceptable.

If you are planning a workshop, a seminar or a speaking engagement to discuss your activity, please give Joe one month's notice and he'll be able to supply your brochure needs.



#### FIRST AID - MAP & COMPASS

Would you like the Council to offer first aid or map and compass training? Let Jack Peth know! First Aid 21 hrs. 7 - 3 hr sessions M,T,W?

Map & Compass 8 hrs. Sat? One day in field?

Please let's have some of your valued input!
...Jack Peth, Leadership Development

#### What's AYH? (continued)

#### Education and Promotion - Outdoor Recreation

- § Provide Information on non-AYH Recreational Opportunities.
- § Education/Training Outdoor Recreation
- § Joint Promotion (with other organizations) of Outdoor Recreation Opportunities

#### PLAN AHEAD IN 1985!

The Eastern Regional Meeting of AYH will be held at the Niagara Falls N.Y. Hostel on April 13  $-14^{\rm th}$ .

If you're a council chairman and you'd like to see how your Eastern Regional counterparts run their councils, here's your chance. Watch for more details in future Triangles.

If you really want to plan ahead, keep the weekend of Nov. 23 - 24<sup>th</sup> open. This is the National Council meeting date to be held in nearby Columbus Ohio. Here you can see how the National Staff and Board of Directors interact, plus meet AYH Council representatives from all over the country. More details to follow... (Are all council caving chairpersons under 5'6"? Are all climbing chairpersons 6'3" or taller? Come to a National meeting and find out!!)

#### CHRISTMAS AT THE IRONMASTER'S MANSION HOSTEL

During Christmas Cliff and Marilyn Ham and four generations of their family observed the holidays at a Youth Hostel. Bringing the family together from Boston, Philadelphia, Alexandria (VA), and Pgh. would have been difficult without the fine facilities of the Ironmaster's Mansion Hostel, located in Pine Grove Furnace State Park. The Appalachian Trail passes by the rear of the hostel, and the family hiked every day. Hostels certainly have been used this way before, but it may be a new idea for others to consider. Particularly pleasing was the friendly and helpful care of the houseparents, George and Rosemary Chapline.

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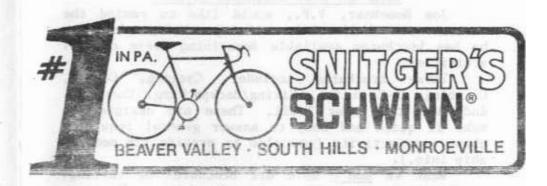
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DATE	DAY	ACTIVITY	LEVEL	LEADER	PHONE	TIME	DESCRIPTION
23	Sat	Ski	Int	Eric Bauer	687-0766	8:30	
23	Sat	Cave	Begin	Vicki Lineback	782-2321h 624-4218w	A Trail	Laurel Caverns - a beginner's trip to explore the catacombs of the undeveloped portion of this large commercial cave, located outside of Uniontown, PA.
23	Sat	Hike	Easy	Debbie LaPlaca	795-4159	9:00HQ	Deer Lakes.
24	Sun	Hike	Int	Wayne Hennemuth	693-9605	3183118	Quebec Run.
24	Sun	Ski	A11	Fred Parker	824-2638	8:30	Next years with the second
March 2,3	SS	Backpack	Int	Fred Parker	824-2638	7amHQ	Ski backpack on Hickory Creek Trail in Allegheny National Forest.
2	Sat	Climb	A11	Karl Mormer		8:00pm	Annual planning meeting. See write-up under Climbing.
3	Sun	Ski	Easy	Joe Hoechner	373-3403	8:30	Leisurely.
9,10	SS	Cave	Int	Buck Rodgers	751-7957	The state of the s	Join us on this weekend trip of caving in Maryland to crabtree cave. Lots of "popcorn" provided you bring the butte

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ATE	DAY	ACTIVITY	LEVEL	LEADER	PHONE	TIME	DESCRIPTION
2,3	SS	Backpacking	Int	Jack Peth	921-7214h 777-5365w	8:30HQ	Winter camp (in snow, I hope) along the Saylor Trail. If conditions permit, we will ski or snowshoe into the camp area. Call early for info and reservations.
2		Hike		901	921-4638h 922-4000(x6	33)w	Quebec Run.
2	Sun	Ski	A11	Bill Johnston	687-4893	8:30	100 TO 10
3	Sun	Hike		Joan Baker	681-4233		To be announced.
3	Sun	Hike	Easy	Joe Levine	241-3265	12:30	Frick Park traverse of about 4 miles. Meet at Beechwood Blvd. entrance parking lot. Alternate date for extreme weather: Feb. 10.
			THE DESIGNATION	Jim Gogots	384-9149		Ohiopyle Weekend! See ad in this issue!
8–10 9	FSS	Ski	All Int	Glenn Oster	364-2864h 234-0610w	7:30HQ	Baker Trail - 10 to 12 miles.
		Hike	bear!	Jack Peth	921-7214h 777-5365w	9:00HQ	Let's visit Moraine State Park to see the winter's trimmings! We'll play with skii snowshoes, sleds, tubes, and what-have-you if the weather allows. Hot water furnished by the leader.
10	Con	Ski	Begin	Debbie LaPlaca	795-4179	8:30	TROCKETS THREE PLANTS CHOOSES
12	Sun	Hiking/ Backpack	All	Jack Peth	921-7214h	7:30pm	Hiking and backpacking are having a com- bined meeting to plan for the season. All welcome. Call Jack for directions.
301 10	N EN O	and the same	Doode	Fred Parker	824-2638	6:30рш	Evening ski in Mellon Park.
14 15	Thurs	Ski Backpack	Begin	Glenn Oster	364-2864h 234-0610w	8pm,HQ	Hike a beautiful section of the North Country and Baker Trails from Kellett- ville to Cook Forest (can return Sunday the 17th if desired.).
16	Sat	Hike	Int	Ben Brugmans	736-2751	8:00HQ	Quebec Run
16 17	Sun	llike	Int	Tom Kaveney	276-8044h 787-6030w	8:00HQ	To be Announced.
17	Sun	Ski	ALI	Cliff Ham	687-4520	8:30	Hardy - all day.
18	Mon	Bîke	All	Larry Laude	665-9554	7:30pm	Bicycling planning meeting. Make sure you get a survey form before this meetin Call Chuck Ejzak to get one, or for det- ails. Please fill one out even if you can't make the meeting.