

golden triangle ayh

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I'm dreamin' of a...

OPEN HOUSE

8:30 pm THURSDAYS

February 1

Rich Bertoo will show us Part 2 of their summer in Alaska. This week's program will concentrate on activities in Alaska, including salmon fishing.

February 8

See the wildlife of Africa! Tom Meredith has slides of Kenya and hiking around Mount Kenya.

February 15

Part 2 of the Ham's foreign travels. This week they will show their slides of southern Europe. Cliff promises some unusual pictures of the sights, and some camels!

February 22

Jack Kowalski presents a ski program--probably a ski movie. Perhaps by this time we will have had enough snow to collect some slides of ski trips! THINK SNOW

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The editor is trying to plan cover pages for future issues of the TRIANGLE. If you would like to see your favorite activity represented on the front page, take a black and white picture and send one to the editor.

* AYH NATIONAL TRIPS FOR 1973

* "Hosteling is traveling 'under your own steam'--bicycling, hiking, canoeing, skiing, sailing, horseback riding--and staying at youth hostels, which are inexpensive overnight accommodations with responsible adult supervision, owned or chartered by one of the 48 national hosteling associations affiliated with the International Youth Hostel Federation."

* But really it includes much more in the experiences fellowship and fun with a small group seeing and doing things together.

* Here is a listing of the AYH trips available this summer. Now is the time to apply to reserve your spot for the fun. Check the list to find the trip right for you!

* For more details, see the AYH booklet Highroad to Adventure 1973.

* HOSTELING IN THE AMERICAS

* Adventure Trail	35 days	\$320
* Alaskan Sourdough Special	35 days	\$800
* Atlantic Seafarer	30 days	\$295
* Canadian Rockies	35 days	\$600
* Coast California and Mexico	30 days	\$610
* Coastal Cooler	28 days	\$275
* Great Lakes	42 days	\$400
* Great River Run	36 days	\$325
* Hawaiian Islands	42 days	\$700
* High & Dry	40 days	\$470
* Mountaineering Alberta	28 days	\$735
* New England	30 days	\$285
* New England & Quebec	42 days	\$385
* Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island	42 days	\$580
* Pacific Northwest	42 days	\$525
* St. Lawrence Special	42 days	\$455
* Southwest Roundup	30 days	\$455
* Western National Parks	42 days	\$555
* White Mountain Whipsaw	30 days	\$335
* Yankee Explorer	28 days	\$265

HIGHROAD TO ADVENTURE--National AYH Trips--continued from page 2

HOSTELING ABROAD

Alpine Ramble	42 days	\$895
Bavarian Wandergeist	42 days	\$755
British Isles--August	30 days	\$715
British Isles Special	42 days	\$830
Central Europe	60 days	\$970
England and Scandanavia	42 days	\$930
European Explorer	60 days	\$960
European Swing	42 days	\$855
European Highlights	30 days	\$765
Kayaking	30 days	\$785
Mediterranean Odyssey	42 days	\$1250
Northern Europe	60 days	\$1025
Saddlebag Special	30 days	\$670
Southern Spree	42 days	\$895
Southwest Europe	60 days	\$995
Switzerland and the Rhine Valley	30 days	\$740
Vagabout Special	42 days	\$865
Wayfarer to Israel	60 days	\$1120
Western Europe	30 days	\$740

SHORT TRIPS

Chateaux Country	22 days	\$535
English Countryside	22 days	\$540
Sun & Sand: the Riviera	22 days	\$585

ADULTS ONLY!!

Saddlebag Special	22 days	\$760
Switzerland and the Rhine Valley	3 weeks	\$740

TRIP PRICE includes--all expenses on the group trip: lodging and food as per hostelng custom...transportation from starting point to return... budget for group activities...personal accident and health insurance... organization and leadership expenses... deposit and non-refundable registration fee. The Trip Price is based on the experience of the preceding year and is subject to change without notice. Transatlantic Air Fare is based on the lowest applicable scheduled air line fares, and is subject to government and applicable regulations.

HAPPY HOSTELING!!

PITTSBURGH COUNCIL, AYH

Summary of Financial Operations for Fiscal Year December 1, 1971 to November 30, 1972 and Proposed Budget for 1973.

Operating Divisions	Actual, 1972		Budget, 1973	
	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
Hiking	\$ 476.15	\$ 129.85	\$ 640.00	\$ 60.00
Canoeing and Rafting	1513.70	1458.84	1500.00	1780.00
Cycling	552.80	398.70	730.00	560.00
Climbing	41.40	57.00	60.00	50.00
Caving	71.70	29.42	70.00	100.00
Winter Sports	69.30	.75	80.00	30.00
Baker Trail		390.72		970.00
Miscellaneous Pub.	3890.78	3094.10	4050.00	3380.00
Golden Triangle	296.00	642.27	150.00	680.00
<u>Central Operations</u>	<u>4036.94</u>	<u>2958.60</u>	<u>3580.00</u>	<u>2080.00</u>
TOTAL	\$10,948.77	9160.25	10,680.00	9660.00
Net Profit	\$1788.52		\$1020.00	
Investment Income	<u>613.18</u>		<u>665.00</u>	
Total increase in capital	\$2401.70		\$1685.00	

..."Some 'development' is necessary; the obvious danger today is that, under pressure, it may be going hogwild. I venture to suggest that much of this activity--particularly the building of roads for fast cars and 'marinas' for fast boats--is based on a mistaken premise. It is assumed that the public (as distinguished from the automobile and motorboat industries) demands these things, and that the parks cannot be 'used' without them. Is this true?

Let us go back a moment to the initial problem: too little room for too many people. The space available in the national parks is not big enough for all who want to use them. But the size of a park is directly related to the manner in which you use it. If you are in a canoe traveling at three miles an hour, the lake on which you are paddling is ten times as long and ten times as broad as it is to the man in a speedboat going thirty. An hour's paddle will take you as far away as an hour in a speedboat--if there are no speedboats. In other words, more people can use the same space with the same results. Whenever we return from a canoe trip, someone is sure to ask us how many miles we traveled. We never know; and we couldn't care less. I do know, however, that every road that replaces a footpath, every outboard motor that replaces a canoe paddle, shrinks the area of the park. And don't let anyone tell you that this attitude mean discrimination in favor of the young and athletic. The man who is too feeble to paddle a canoe should never go tearing off in an outboard motorboat; after all, he may have to paddle home. Highways, of course, can shrink parks faster than anything else; from my limited experience I think that they represent the greatest 'clear and present danger' to the park system.

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The Roadless Area by Paul Brooks,



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If you are considering SCUBA as a sport, it's going to cost you money. Be an AWARE BUYER! Keep your money in your pocket right now. Your first step, the most important one, is choosing the right course of instruction. You are the consumer; ask questions; it's your privilege; it's your responsibility. We suggest the following questions as being highly appropriate to the subject.

1. Is this a nationally certified* course of instruction?
2. How many hours of classroom/pool practice/open water training?
3. What is the student to instructor ration in classroom and pool?
4. Are the instructors professional? certified? insured?
5. What must I rent/buy to participate in ALL classes?
6. Is a physical exam: mentioned, recommended or required?
7. Are the qualification and insurance files readily available?
8. Are the hour and prices stated in writing or verbally?
9. Are there any costs that one might incur which haven't been covered?
10. What is the cost for the course?

DO SOME COMPARISON SHOPPING BEFORE YOU DECIDE TO JOIN THE "WET SET" !!

* "Certification" --Dive shop and boat operators often refuse services to persons who do not possess a "C" card. This is an effort toward self-regulation in order to make the sport safer to the public.

The American National Standards Institute lists the following certifications:

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9 session course, once a week; 17.5 academic hours, 17.5 pool practice hours plus 5 hours open water training. (Open water in the Florida Keys at Easter Break, or locally during warm weather/water months.)

This totals 40 hours at a cost of \$50.00. NOTICE!! Other costs can be incurred; you will need mask, fins and snorkle (which can be rented for \$5). Local dive site fee is \$1.00. At the first session you need a swimsuit/towel/notebook/pencil. If you own a swimsuit, you can do the whole thing for \$56.00 or less!! Class limited to twenty students.

Upon successful completion of the course, you will receive P.A.D.I. certification.

Details regarding physical exam are on the application form.

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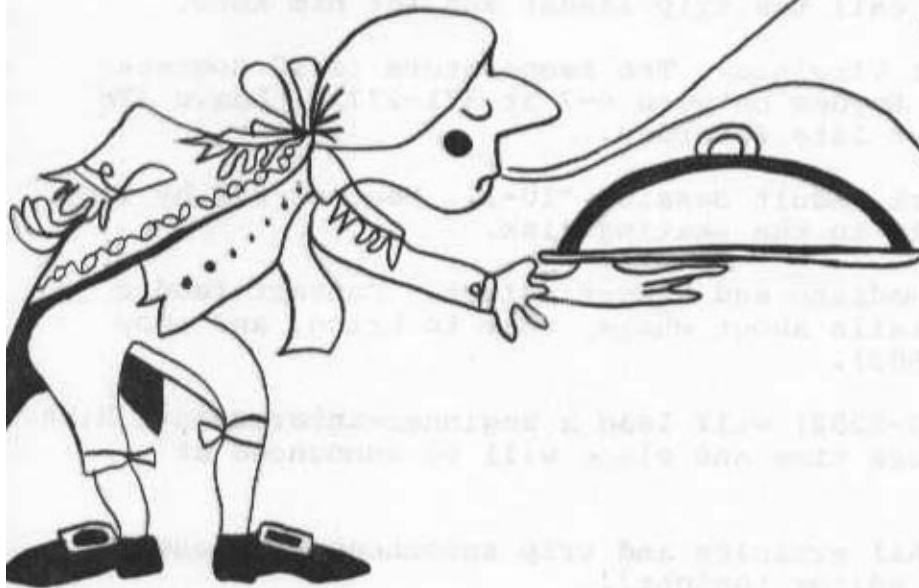
To insure a seat in this class, return completed application form with a \$15 deposit.

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The coffee pot is on, the waters clean and warm, the people nice; what more can you ask for?

*Industrial Diving Services, Inc., 540 Sycamore St., Sewickley, Pa. 15143 Telephone (412) 741-3483 (Dial 741-DIVE!) IDSinc, in keeping with good business practices, carries Automobile, Contractor's liability and Workmen's Compensation coverage in amounts suitable for most area firms/schools.

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FURTHER DETAILS in MARCH Δ

MEANWHILE DIRECT ENQUIRIES TO Dianne Moll

(441-0226)

TRIPS and TRAILS for FEBRUARY

The trips listed below are open to the public on a first come, first served basis, with AYH members having priority. Call the trip leader, if one is listed, to make reservations and to find out more about the trip: equipment needed, experience required, etc. Cost of a trip includes 10¢ for insurance, 30¢ AYH registration and equipment rental (if any). Each tripper is insured up to \$500 for medical expenses. If you should decide to cancel your reservation for a trip, please call the trip leader and let him know.

- Fri. 2 CAVE--A trip to West Virginia. The temperature is 50 degrees to inside!! Call Norm Snyder between 6-7 at 371-2371. Leave AYH
- Sat. 3 Friday night. Return late Saturday.

- Fri. 2 ICE SKATE--North Park, Adult Session, 10-1. Meet at AYH by 9:30 (pm) or come directly to the skating rink.

- Sun. 4 SKI TOUR--for Intermediate and Expert skiers. Contact leader John Edwards for details about where, what to bring, and snow conditions. (833-2682).

- Sun. 4 HIKE--Jay Angel (362-5282) will lead a beginner-intermediate hike. Location and departure time and place will be announced at open house.

- Thu. 8 TRIANGLE DEADLINE--All articles and trip announcements must be in the hands of the editor tonight!!

- Fri. 9 ICE SKATE--North Park, Adult Session, 10-1. Meet at AYH by 9:30 (pm) or come directly to the skating rink.

- Sat. 10 HIKE--Intermediate hike along 10 miles of the Southern end of the Laurel Ridge Trail, with Jim Hurst (276-0447). Leave from AYH, time to be announced.

- Sat. 10 HIKE--with the Boondockers. 10 miles (approx.) in South Park. Bring the whole family. 50¢ plus lunch for a day of fun. Leave AYH 8:00 a.m.

- Sun. 11 SKI TOUR--for Intermediate and Expert skiers. Contact leader Larry Giventer for details about where, what to bring and snow conditions. (422-9282).

- Sun. 11 HIKE--Baker Trail Maintenance and trail relocation. Check Idaho Shelter and relocate trail off Route 210. Some hiking; consult BT map #5. Leave upper parking lot 8:00 a.m.; bring lunch and \$2.

- Tue. 13 ACTIVITIES BOARD--Activities chairmen and officers remind members that these meetings are open to the membership.

- Fri. 16 CAVE--A hike or cave trip to West Virginia. Call Norm Snyder at 371-2371 between 6-7.
- Sat. 17

- Fri. 16 ICE SKATE--North Park, Adult Session, 10-1. Meet at AYH by 9:30 (pm) or come directly to the skating rink.

- Sat. 17 SKI TOUR--for intermediate and expert skiers. Contact leader Tom Trump for details about where, what to bring and snow conditions. (361-8475).

TRIPS AND TRAILS FOR FEB. continued

- Sun. 18 HIKE--Join Jack Leahy (935-4188) on a short hike in the State Game Lands and part of North Park. Return to the Leahy home for warm-up. Leave AYH at 12:00 noon.
- Sun. 18 HIKE--Baker Trail Section #3: Route 66 to Cochran's Mills Shelter-10 miles good walking on attractive part of Baker Trail. Leader: Dave Porterfield. Leave upper parking lot at 8:00 a.m. Bring lunch and \$2.
- Fri. 23 SWIM!! --at Shadyside Boys Club from 8:30 to 8:45 (still time for ice skating and refreshments). Leave AYH at 8:00 pm. Cost approximately \$1. Call Dianne Moll at 441-0226.
- Fri. 23 ICE SKATE--North Park, Adult Session, 10-1. Meet at AYH by 9:30 (pm) or come directly to the skating rink.
- Sun. 25 SKI TOUR--for Novice and Intermediate skiers. Contact leader Charles Ralph for details about where, what to bring and snow conditions. (361-7663).

ADVANCE NOTICE

BEAT THOSE "END OF WINTER" DOLDRUMS !!"

Come to the annual AYH Cook's Forest Weekend on March 2-4 at Laurel Oaks Cabins, Clarrington, Pa. Enjoy winter sports and vigorous hiking, "gourmet" meals and fireside fellowship. Approximate cost \$11 plus transportation. Reservations with \$5 deposit by Thursday, Feb. 22 to Marilyn Ham (687-4960).

SKI TOUR NOTES

1. See January TRIANGLE for definitions of classes of ski tours.
2. Reservations for joining the weekend ski touring trips to Laurel Ridge will be accepted by Charles Ralph (361-7663). You will need to bring food and a warm sleeping bag, in addition to your ski gear, and share the cost of a cabin (about \$2).

WANT ADS

FOR SALE--three C-1's, from good to excellent condition. Will negotiate prices. Call Ed Tomko 466-7195

The AYH multilith is getting desperate for a new home. Can someone in the South Hills PLEASE find a corner for our beast?

It's time for a new active members telephone list. If you would like to be listed on this handy reference sheet, write name and phone on sheet at rear of Hdq.

MEMBERSHIP was up to 835 as of Nov., 1972.

Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Ever been a member? no yes when?

Will you use pass abroad? no yes

Check type of pass:

Youth (under 18) \$5.00 _____


Adult (18 & over) \$10.00 _____

Family \$12.00 _____

Life \$50.00 _____

Organization \$15.00 _____

Subscription \$2.00 _____ (Triangle)

Mon Tue Wed			Thurs	Fri	Sat.	Sun.
1973			1 Open House	2 Cave- Ice Skating	3 W.Va.	4 Ski Tour-Int. Hike-
5	6	7	8 Open House Δ Articles	9 Ice Skating	10 Hike- w/ Bean- dockers Hike-Laurel Ridge	11 Ski Tour-Int. Hike-B.T.
12	13 Activities Board	14	15 Open House	16 Cave- Ice Skating	17 W.Va. Ski Tour- Int.	18 Hike-North Park Hike-B.T.
19	20	21	22 Open House	23 Swim! Ice Skating	24	25 Ski Tour-Beg.
26	27	28	February 			

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