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Don Morin has in
store for you at

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday nights
at 8:30 PM....

March 4..."Personality of the month,"
Bob Omler, shows us why his heart rejoices
at the sight of a snowflake as he flashes
some slides of skiers in action on near-
by slopes.

March 11...The British Isles are lovely
any time of the year, and Hugh Gilmour,
takes us through isolated parts of the
cities, over country lanes and into the
highlands of Scotland. Short subject:
"Do you know this spot?" will also be
shown. Watch for full moon tonight.

March 18...Jim and Judy Hurst take us
honeymooning (via slides...wow) into the
Swiss Alps and into Austria for some of
the choice European ski slopes. The 14th
of March marks their first anniversary,
which traditionally is the paper anniver-
sary. The GT staff hopes they use this
issue well.

March 25...Come back-packing with Helen
McGinnis through the Grand Canyon of Colo-
rado as she shows us the delights of that
scenic wonder in both spring and winter.

AYH Banquet Reservation Coupon
Make check payable to Pittsburgh Council
American Youth Hostels, and mail to

J.D. Myers
117 Fox Road
Monroeville, Pa., 15146

before March 13, 1971.

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SEE YOUR FRIENDS AT THE 23rd. ANNUAL BANQUET

As usual, there will be something
for everyone at the annual banquet
to be held on Saturday, March 20,
and AYH'ers, old and new, are urged
to point their compasses toward the
Holiday House in Harmarville.

Judy
Hurst, our genial hostess, promises
us sumptuous food and after-dinner
dancing from nine to one. Diners
can select either Swiss steak or
turkey.

An added feature that is prov-
ing to be more popular every year is
the display of photographs, paintings,
drawings and the carousel projection
of prize slides. Anyone who is in-
terested in submitting some of his
work may contact Judy Hurst.

The ever-
unusual table settings will be the
creation of Linda Crooks, and reser-
vations can be made with either J.D.
or Elinor Myers. The price has been
geared to the average wallet, and
five dollars is today's dine-a-bar-
gain. Spring officially begins at
one second past midnight, so join
the carefree dancers on the floor.
Morey Oberg has wisely scheduled no
hikes the following morning.

Yes, by all means, reserve a
space at the dinner table for me.

Swiss Steak _____ Turkey _____
Adult @\$5.00 _____ Youth @\$4.50 _____

Name _____
Address _____

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Personality

OF THE MONTH

Meet BOB OMLER, winter sports chairman and avid skier, cyclist, hiker, photographer and organic gardener. Bob joined the Pittsburgh Council almost six years ago, and since that time, besides his present post, he has served as cycle chairman, service chairman and president.

A graduate of Moon Township High School, he attended Penn Technical Institute and is presently employed as a radio maintenance man for Allegheny Airlines at the Greater Pittsburgh Airport. He is a bug on hi-fi systems and boasts of membership in the Audial Engineering Society.

He is one of the all-year active members of AYH, and it was one cold night on the North Park skating rink that he met Violet Freesan, another AYHer whom he later married. He has skied not only in Pennsylvania and New York but also in Vermont, Colorado, Alaska, Norway and Austria.

How he ever finds time for anything else is the mystery of the month, but he also plows up the south forty and raises vegetables organically...tomatoes, carrots and corn. I suppose it's only natural that he would search for others "who enjoy doing something besides sitting around," and that he would find them at AYH.

GUIDE TO CRANBERRY ROCK COUNTRY NOW AVAILABLE

The guide is now available and marks another one of the many publications being published by AYH. Information on trails and points of interest is given along with a proposal for making part of the area a wilderness area. Helen McGinnia has authored the hiking guide portion, and George Langford prepared the Wilderness proposal. The guide is available at the low, low price of 50¢. See Bruce Sundquist for your copy.

PITTSBURGH COUNCIL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Board of Directors met on Feb. 1 and approved the financial statement submitted by Fred Hull, treasurer.

Operating Divisions	Income	Expense
Hiking	541.11	
Canoeing & Rafting	1421.67	684.45
Cycling	554.00	279.39
Climbing	47.75	
Caving	10.35	
Baker Trail		168.70
Winter Sports	22.40	71.50
Misc. Publications	2039.99	1746.83
Golden Triangle	25.12	601.67
Central Operations	2222.33	1711.67
Interest & Dividends	365.58	
Total Income	7250.30	
Total Expenses		5264.21
Net Income	1986.09	
Total Liquid Assets	11856.78	

 WANTED: Certified Public Accountant to audit AYH books preferably free. Contact Fred Hull (242-5379)



DELAWARE VALLEY
 COUNCIL NEWS
 by Joe Dlugach
 Hostel Development
 Committee

The Delaware Valley Council has available a collection of brochures, maps, etc., describing the numerous scenic recreational, cultural, and historic attractions of southeastern Pennsylvania. These publications can be of considerable value to anyone planning a hosteling trip in this region, and can be obtained by sending \$1.00 to the Delaware Valley Council, AYH, 4714 Old York Road, Phila., Pa. 19141

AYH NATIONAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS

The National Headquarters in its desire to acquire trained leaders for its national and European trips, is offering a \$15.00 scholarship to anyone who is sponsored by a local council. Leadership courses will be held in California, Michigan and Connecticut for one week. The total cost of the course is \$55.00. If interested, please contact your GT editor.

Baker Trail Programs

Eb Moll and Dave Porterfield

This year at AYH we are instituting a comprehensive program for those who would like to hike the entire Baker Trail and those who have hiked some of it but still have gaps on the trail that they have not completed. The schedule covers the entire trail through forests and farmland, from Freeport to Cook Forest, a distance of 108 miles. The hikes are planned around spring flowers, summer swimming and blackberry picking in the fall.

After the winter storms are over, the trail usually needs a "face-lifting," repainting of faded blazes, adding of missing signs, removal of trees and branches lying across the trail, and the replacement of lost shingles and other repairs to the shelters. These hikes with "paint brush and saw" cannot be closely described that far ahead, but cover usually one section at a time and usually end at a shelter with a rewarding supper.

All trips will start from the upper parking lot near the headquarters bldg. in Mellon Park. It is recommended that you wear hiking boots and long pants and that you bring a lunch and drinking water as there may not be water available along the trail. Anticipate a prompt departure; the return time is anywhere between 6 and 10 PM. If you have your own transportation, you can arrange with the leader for an earlier return. All trip fees are approximate and include transportation; the leader himself will determine the final fee. Non-members can add 50¢ per trip. Reservations for all trips are a must as changes in departure time may be necessary; be sure to call the leader for details, or call AYH on Thursday evening from 8 to 11...the number: 362-8181. The general location of the hikes can be found on our Baker Trail information sheet which is free or in the Baker Trail Guide Book which sells for 75¢. Register the sections you have hiked on the Baker Trail poster at AYH. After you have completed the trail, your name will be posted on the plaque.

Sunday, March 14...Section 6 (Atwood to Plumville) 8 miles. Assemble at 8:15, and leave at 8:30. Reserve with Tess Henry (441-5052) Fee: \$1.80.

Sunday, April 4...Maintenance hike probably section 5. Assemble at 8:15 and leave at 8:30. Dinner at the end of the hike. Eb Moll (441-0226) Fee: \$2.00

Sunday, April 18...Section 7 (Dayton to Mahoning Shelter) Hot soup served at the shelter - 10 miles. Leave at 8:30. Fran Czapiewski (661-9543) Fee: \$2.30

Sunday, May 16...Section 2 (Clarks Farm to Crooked Creek Dam) 10 miles. Leave at 8:30. Diane Moll (441-0226) Fee: \$1.60

Sunday, May 23...Maintenance hike probably section 7. Leave at 8:30. Food at the end of the trip. Eb Moll (441-0226) Fee: \$2.50

Saturday, June 12-Sunday, June 13...Sections 4 and 5 (Cochrans Mills to ATwood) leisurely two-day hike totaling about 20 miles. No backpacking. Stay overnight at the Idaho Shelter. Group cooking. Side trip to the power plant overlook can be arranged. Fee of \$5.00 includes dinner and breakfast. Number of trippers is limited on this trip. Leave at 8:30 AM. Call John Henry (441-5052)

Sunday, June 27...Section 3 (Cochrans Mills to Crooked Creek to Crooked Creek Reservoir. 8 miles. Traditionally followed by picnic cookout and swimming in the lake. Leave 9 AM Fee about \$3.00 including picnic supper. Call Cathy Lynch (361-3707)

Sunday, July 18...Section 1 (Freeport to Schenley Shelter) 5 miles, beginners' hike. Leave at 9 AM. Fee: \$1.50. Larry Giventer (422-9282).

Sunday, August 8...Section 7 (Dayton to Mahoning Shelter) 10 miles, black-berries and apples abundantly located along the trail. Leave 8:30 AM Fee: \$2.00 Marilyn Ham (621-7825)

Friday, September 17 to Sunday, September 19...Sections 8 and 9 (Mahoning Shelter to Summerville) Drive to Mahoning on Friday evening, and hike to the North Freedom Shelter on Saturday; continue on to Summerville on Sunday. Stay at shelters on both nights. Distance: about 21 miles. Fee: \$7.00 includes two breakfasts and two dinners. Leave Friday night 7 PM. Morie Oberg (921-3023)

Sunday, September 26...Maintenance hike, section still uncertain. Call Eb Moll (441-0226)

Sunday, October 10...Section 10 (Summerville to Fisher) 12 miles. Leave 8:30 AM Fee: \$3.00 Eb Moll (441-0226)

Sunday, October 24...Maintenance hike, section still uncertain, Eb Moll (441-0226)

Friday, November 5 to Sunday, November 7...Sections 12 and 13..(Camp Tionesta to Cook Forest) Hike from Tionesta in the Allegheny National Forest to the boundary of the State Game Lands and continue on Sunday from there to the Baker Trail extension to the fire tower in Cook Forest. Total about 22 miles. No backpacking, stay in cabin both nights. Fee: \$11.00 includes two breakfasts and one dinner... Leave Friday evening at 7 PM. Jim Hurst (276-0447)

Tack this onto your home bulletin board and make plans to hike as many sections as you wish. If changes become necessary, they will be noted in the current edition of the Golden Triangle.

Baker Trail Chairman
AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS
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CANADIAN WHITE WATER CANOEING TRIP PLANNED THIS SUMMER...1971
by Howard King

It's not too early to think about the coming canoeing season, and this year we shall try an easier river with only 3 or 4 portages. We shall leave Pittsburgh on Friday, August 20 at 8 PM and return Sunday, August 29. We shall begin by crossing Lac St. Patric, and, from an exit stream, enter the Riviere Noir (Black River). The trip will end 77 miles later at Waltham Station in Quebec, at the junction with the Ottawa River. If time permits at the end of the trip, we shall drive over to see the Grande Chute on the Coulonge River. This is an impressive double water fall resembling the Victoria Falls in Africa. Intermediate white water skill is needed for your own safety...The \$38.00 fee includes transportation, canoe rental and trip fees. You must supply your own camping gear, clothing and food; please keep it within the 40 to 50 pound range. Good news for car drivers: The dirt road from Sheenboro, Quebec to Lac St. Patric was repaired in 1970 and is constantly being used. If you are interested, please call Howard King (264-1386) to reserve a place on the trip.

The AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS is a non-profit association organized as a community service to provide year round opportunities for outdoor recreation and inexpensive educational travel through hosteling.

BAKER TRAIL

The Baker Trail was established by the Pittsburgh Council of American Youth Hostels, Inc. in 1950. It was named for the late Pittsburgh attorney Horace Forbes Baker, in appreciation of his loyal service and devotion to A.Y.H.

The Baker Trail originally extended from Aspinwall to Cook Forest State Park (133 miles). However extensive developments along the Allegheny River have caused the section from Aspinwall to Freeport to be abandoned. In 1971 the trail will be extended northward from the Cook Forest Fire Tower to the trails of the Allegheny National Forest. This will increase the length of the trail from its present 108 miles to 120 miles.

The Baker Trail is a foot trail, following paths, jeep trails, and dirt roads through woods and farmlands, along rivers and creeks. The route of the trail is shown on the Esso roadmap of Pennsylvania and on the official Pennsylvania highway map which is available at the Pa. Turnpike gates or from the Pa. Dept. of Highways. A detailed trail description is found in the Baker Trail Guide Book.

TRAIL FACILITIES

Currently there are eight permanent campsites with open-front "Adirondack" shelters which are located on side trails a short distance from the main trail. There are no signs directing hikers to the shelters, so they must be located by consulting the Baker Trail Guide Book.

The shelters have wooden floors, raised off the ground, with space for 6 to 8 people. Most of them have a spring located nearby. Some have latrines and picnic tables. Swimming holes are often found near the shelter site.

Besides the shelters, there are many primitive campsites along the trail where tents can be used. All hikers should be properly equipped for the season of the year. Carry all food and whatever else you need for the trip with you. There are no stores, etc conveniently located with respect to the trail.

Be sure to leave a supply of dry wood in the shelter for the next hiker. Before leaving the shelter put out your campfire and leave the campsite clean. Pack out all cans, foil, and whatever else that won't burn. As with most trailside shelters in the U.S., burying rubbish is no longer an acceptable procedure due to the high frequency of usage.

GUIDE BOOKS AND PATCHES

Baker Trail guidebooks and patches are available from A.Y.H. The guidebook describes the trail and the location of the shelters and includes a set of maps based on 7.5 min. and 15 min. topographic maps.

The 1970 edition of the guide is 75¢. The 1971 edition (available early in 1972) will include the northern extension and changes in the existing trail and will cost \$1.00. Baker Trail patches are 75¢ (3" diameter, 3-color, embroidered) (discounts for 5 or more)

TRAIL DEVELOPMENT

The development program includes the completion of two more shelters in the northern sections and the extension of the trail to Allegheny National Forest. The maintenance program includes clearing and reblazing the trail as well as rerouting it in areas where strip mines and new construction have made it necessary.

ORGANIZED HIKES

One or two hikes on the trail are sponsored each month by A.Y.H. These hikes are of various lengths and cover all sections of the trail. Write for a copy of the "Baker Trail Hiking Program". Anyone may come on these hikes and on maintenance trips.

INFORMATION

Specific up-to-date information about the trail and trips can be obtained from the Baker Trail Chairman in writing or by calling AYH on Thursday evenings during Open House Meetings from 8:30 P.M. to 10:30 P.M. The number is 412-362-8181. The public is welcome at these meetings.



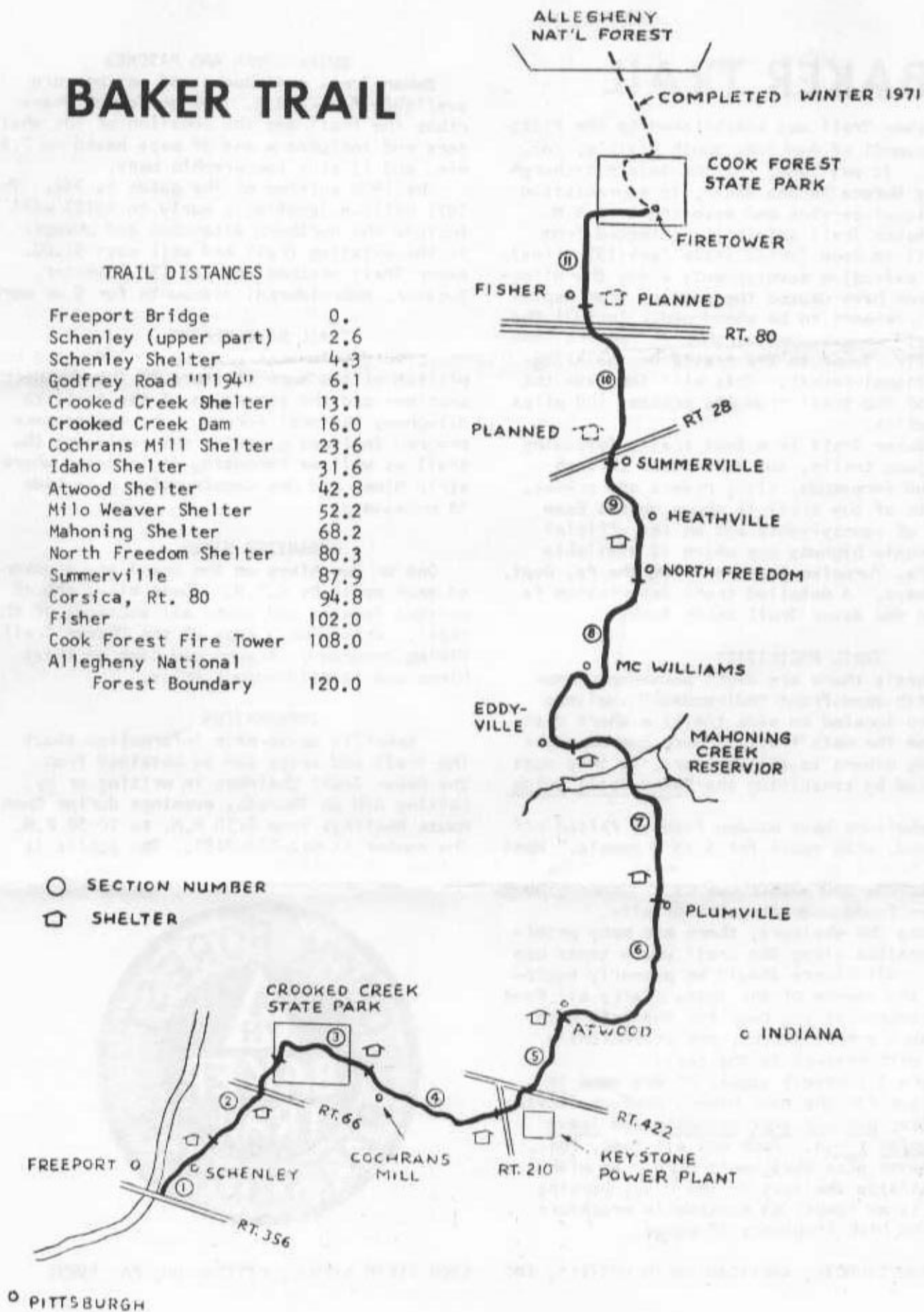
BAKER TRAIL

TRAIL DISTANCES

Freeport Bridge	0.
Schenley (upper part)	2.6
Schenley Shelter	4.3
Godfrey Road "1194"	6.1
Crooked Creek Shelter	13.1
Crooked Creek Dam	16.0
Cochrans Mill Shelter	23.6
Idaho Shelter	31.6
Atwood Shelter	42.8
Milo Weaver Shelter	52.2
Mahoning Shelter	68.2
North Freedom Shelter	80.3
Summerville	87.9
Corsica, Rt. 80	94.8
Fisher	102.0
Cook Forest Fire Tower	108.0
Allegheny National Forest Boundary	120.0

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TRIPS TRAILS

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MARCH.....the month of shamrocks,
spring and soaring kites.

Saturday, March 6...Join the Boondockers Hiking Club of Wilkinsburg on an easy hike of city parks. Join them either at the upper parking lot at 8 AM or at the tennis courts of Frick Park at 8:30 AM. Hike through Frick Park and into Schenley Park. See Cliff Ham (621-7825) for additional details.

Saturday, March 13...Morie Oberg leads a hike through North Park at one of its wilder moments when the deer have not retreated from summer picnickers. Bring cameras to show your friends that wildlife goes on practically at our doorsteps. Hikers can decide on either a 5 or 10 mile hike, depending on energy. Call Morie at 279-5774, and leave from the upper parking lot at 9:30 AM.

Sunday, March 14...Here's the first of a series of hikes designed to help you hike those segments of the Baker Trail that you might have missed. Tess Henry leads one of the more scenic portions from Atwood to Plumville and welcomes beginners who want to start the chain of hikes. Leave the upper parking lot at 8:30 AM with adequate lunch and \$1.80. Reserve with Tess at 441-5052.

Saturday, March 20...The annual AYH BANQUET...the 23rd to be exact. See story on page 1 and call Judy Hurst at 276-0447 for reservations.

Saturday, March 27...Care to test your compass and map reading skills? Along with the Boondockers, we are sponsoring an orienteering contest in the Dunbar or South Connellsville area. Call Morie Oberg or Cliff Ham for additional details. Try it...try it!




Sunday, March 28...Get your kite out of the moth balls, for Cathy Lynch flies high on the 5th Annual Kite-flying Picnic. Leave from the upper parking lot at 1 PM or go directly to the kite-flying area of Boyce Park. Where is that? Just follow the bouncing kites. Reservations are essential, for the traditional high tea will be served (last year it was curried chicken). Get your kites tuned up for the windy day and consult experts on such matters as length and color of tails, size and weight of kites, designs and materials, and types of running starts. Call Cathy at 361-3707.

Sunday, March 28...Ann Jurgovsky welcomes non-kite flying individuals on a six mile hike to Settlers' Cabin. Beginners will find this hike just right. Meet at the upper parking lot at noon with a lunch and a dollar bill. Call Ann at 381-9005.

WHERE DO YOU GO THIS SUMMER?

Are you aware that AYH offers you summer vacations at bargain prices? Get a load of these off-the-beaten-path places and the almost ridiculous prices. Canadian Rockies...5 weeks.....\$550
New England....4 weeks.....\$250
Nova Scotia and PEI...6 weeks.....\$345
Great Lakes.....5 weeks.....\$290
White Mountains....4 weeks.....\$280

California and Mexico...4 weeks...\$565
Western National Parks...6 weeks...\$500
Central Europe....8 weeks.....\$890
England & Scandinavia...8 weeks...\$715
Switzerland, & Rhine.....8 weeks...\$655
England to Greece...8 weeks.....\$1105
England and France...8 weeks....\$615
British Isles.....8 weeks.....\$670
Switzerland & Austria...8 weeks...\$685
Hawaii.....6 weeks.....\$670

MARCH Calendar of events.... 	1 GIRL SCOUT MONTH..... Cookie- munching time!	2 Did the groundhog see any people shadows?	3 Feed those cookie crumbs to the birds	4 OPEN HOUSE Skiing slides	5 Make your reservation for the ban- quet. Write check	6 Family hike with the boondockers
7 Sundays are for hikers not for drivers!	8 Someone's AYH pass just expired Rejoin.	9 -Activities Board Meeting 8:00	10 Hold on; only 11 days 'til spring.	11 OPEN HOUSE See the British Isles... Full Moon	12 Take someone ice skating tonight.	13 Beginners hike..... North Park
14 Baker Trail Hike with Tess..... Section 6	15 IDES OF MARCH..... You too, you brute.	16 File in- come tax. Only 30 days left.	17 St. Pat's Day... Think  green! Parade.	18 OPEN HOUSE See the Swiss Alps G.T. Party	19 Attention Swallows: Return to Capistrano	20 AYH BANQUET See page 1 Plan on dancing!
21 First day of Spring It's here. Start diet	22 Go shopping for new sneakers... for Easter parade.	23 Have a party. Celebrate March 23.	24 Only nine months un- til next Christmas Eve!	25 OPEN HOUSE Big Grand Canyon	26 MEMO: Destroy no trees on trails.	27 Orienteering contest and hike 
28 Kite flying with Kathy Settlers Cabin Hike	29 Buy a new kite... *have bikini dry cleaned	30 Return books on skiing to the branch library.	31 April Fool Eve..... Laugh it up.	Call Don Morin & Volunteer Thursday program.	Coming next month: April 30-May 2 Spring weekend at the Morgantown Hostel in West Virginia	

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