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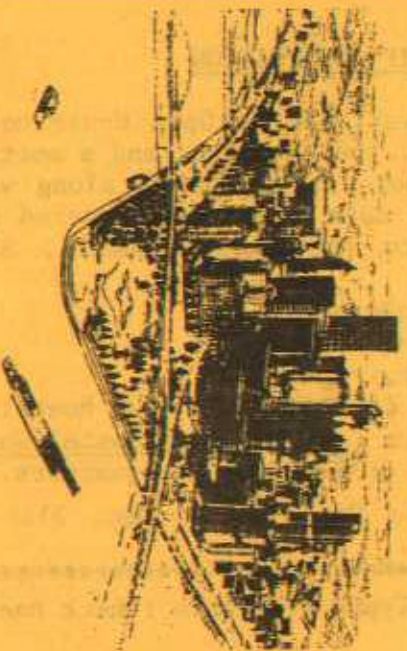
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AYH Headquarters is located at 6300 Fifth Avenue next to the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts. Open House is held every Thursday evening. The building opens at 8 pm and the slide show starts at 8:15. Weekly trip announcements are made immediately following the slide show. The Golden Triangle is assembled for mailing at monthly Production Parties after the meeting. Come out and join us!

APRIL OPEN HOUSE PROGRAMS

- April 3 Touring England and Scotland with Gary Baun
April 10 Hike the Grand Staircase of National Parks with Bob Bilas
April 17 The AYH Movie Channel Presents a Major Motion Picture Adventure in Glorious Color and Mono Sound!
April 24 Jay Shaffer Tells Us What's in Iceland

ACTIVITIES BOARD MEETING FOR APRIL

Will be at Barry Governor's, 2123 Shady Ave., Apt. 10 (3rd floor). From HQ, take Shady to Forbes. Cross Forbes. Continue to Hobart 2123 is between Hobart and Douglas. Bldg. #3, yellow brick complex. All interested members are welcome to attend - 8pm.

AYH EASTERN REGIONAL MEETING

Pittsburgh Council is playing host for the Spring Eastern Region meeting on April 4-6. We need volunteers to shuttle, help "host" and show some out-of-towners America's #1 city. Meet your counterparts in other councils. We also need someone to donate the use of a tabletop copier (and paper supply). We have a gym available all weekend for volleyball and a pool available on Saturday afternoon and evening. Contact Marianne Kasica at 561-9012h or 624-4414w.

HOW ABOUT THAT HOSTEL?

Comment cards are available at Hostels for you to tell us what you like or don't like about a hostel. We also have extras at the Membership desk at HQ. The postage paid post cards are mailed directly to the National AYH office and may be anonymous. National AYH sends copies to us and to the hostel. Don't like to write? Tell the hostel manager, tell us, or leave a message at (412) 362-8181.

AYH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

AYH memberships are available at Open House meetings on Thursday nights. If you cannot attend a meeting fill out the application below and send it along with \$1.00 to cover postage for each membership ordered and your check made payable to Pittsburgh Council, AYH, to:

AYH Membership
6300 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15232

Allow 3-4 weeks for delivery of your hosteling pass. Membership also sells International Hostel Guide to Europe for \$8.00 by mail or \$7.00 at Headquarters.

Note: Memberships run from Oct. 1st to Dec. 31st of the following calendar year.

Amount and Membership Types Available (check one):

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☐ \$20.00 Senior (18 years and over).
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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

International Hostel Membership Card

USA Hostel Handbook

"The Knapsack", National AYH Travel Newsletter

"The Golden Triangle" Pittsburgh Council Monthly News
Open House every Thursday night at 8pm at Headquarters
Access to national programs and leadership training

THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE

MAY ISSUE DEADLINES: April 10 All trips, ads and articles.
April 24 Production

The GOLDEN TRIANGLE is the monthly publication of the Pittsburgh Council of American Youth Hostels. Contents are the responsibility of the editor.

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### THE FEISTY EDITORIAL

I know what I promised in the March Triangle. However, editors are not known for being particularly honest, especially when leading naked tree hikes. I only set up that car shuttle to fool everyone; I meant to come back to the same car. We were never lost! (HA!)

Speaking of being lost - if people don't begin putting their names and phone numbers on ALL pages turned in for the Triangle then a certain editor may develop a case of "I-lost-it-in-the-pile-itis". This also holds true for activity chairpeople who write down the trip leader's name, but don't include a phone number. What makes you think I know it if you don't?

A phone number that everyone who reads this newsletter has access to is that of AYH HQ (look inside the front cover). This is the number to call if you need to speak with most of the people in AYH on a Thursday night. You should not call their house and harrass the unpaid answering service!

By way of friendly harrassment - this month's best source of amusement was the national AYH office. They gave this editor two good laughs: (1) For confusing two very active Pittsburgh Council members, Don Hoecker and Joe Hoechner. They gave Don Joe's name, but Don's address; along with a very nice letter to Don (or is it Joe?) promising to clear up a totally different problem! And (2) for sending me a copy of the AYH "Europe on a Shoestring" press release containing one (yes, 1) 29" "Europe on a Shoestring" shoestring. Nicely done in white with blue printing. Too bad I have this strange lifelong habit of wearing two shoes... (Thanks, Joe, for the extra!)

If this column isn't feisty enough -- tough cookies!

Joy

## TIPS & TALES

(Special April 1st Edition)

The "1986 Wild Adventure Trips" are here! That's right friends if you're tired of wimpy escorted tours and looking for some real Rambo-Commando type fun our '86 Wild Adventure Trips are for you! Here's a small sampling of tours available:

IRONIC IRAN - Enjoy a one-of-a-kind tour through this quaint mid-eastern country, unspoiled by hordes of tourists. Your trip starts with a midnight parachute drop into beautiful downtown Tehran and continues through the beautiful countryside toward the Iran/Iraq border. The trip ends with a dash through a minefield to enjoy a cruise home on a burning oil tanker waiting for you in the Arabian Gulf! Tour includes a free t-shirt decorated with the flags of Iraq and the USA.

RAMBO RENDEZVOUS - Action and adventures for the bored triathlete! This trip starts in the highlands of North Vietnam with a 26 mile run through rain forests and swamps. You pick up a 1936 Chinese bicycle on the edge of the old Ho Chi Minh Trail to do a 100 mile ride into former South Vietnam. After your arrival on the beach at the Gulf of Tonkin, a twelve mile swim through shark infested waters awaits you before you meet the U.S. submarines which may be there to meet you.

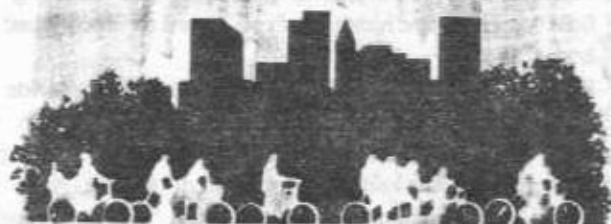
BIG APPLE ADVENTURE -- (for the more experienced traveler) The ultimate adventure trip! The trip starts with an armored car dropping you off in the scenic South Bronx. You'll be provided with two subway tokens, a 1947 map of the subway system and an airline ticket home from J.F.K. airport, leaving in 6 hours. This is the ideal trip for those who don't have a lot of time on their hands, but really want some adventure in their remaining time on earth.

Those three are but a sample from the "1986 Wild Adventure Trips" catalog which will appear soon in your mailbox. Also available at supermarket check out counters and in compact discs. Don't delay, sign up today!



### WOED TV AUCTION

WOED TV Great TV Auction time, and AYH is requesting volunteers to assist with the confirmation calls. We will need 18 people to fill our reserved time slot. Our slot is on April 16th, from 9:00 pm to 12:00 pm. Parking is available on the lower level of the building. AYH will be given on-air recognition and you will have an opportunity to smile at your neighbors who may be watching. (Confirmation calls are made behind-the-scenes and off the air.) There will also be munchies available for those hard-working volunteers. If you'd like to participate, call Rich Vangenevitt at 384-8775.



### THE GREAT RIDE

The 1986 Great Bike Ride will be held June 22nd this year and will happen at the Schenley Oval (near the ice skating rink) in Schenley Park instead of Three Rivers Stadium. No races this year, but still the same variety of rides from a 6 mile ride through Oakland andquirrel Hill to the 50 mile ride to ?????. The sponsors will be Camparks and the Pittsburgh Press Old Newsboys, with Pittsburgh AYH and the Western PA Wheelmen providing a lot of the volunteer help and technical assistance.

We will need your help from both cyclists and cyclists-as road marshals to general help. A great time to go riding and to tell the City about AYH and hosteling.

### MEXICO!

The Mexican Youth Hostel Association (MYHA) has just sent us information on their TRAVEL SERVICE BUREAU. Not only will they provide you accommodations at the 47 Mexican hostels, but they will also provide ground and air transportation, tour guides, tourist class hotels, and special archeological excursions. Write to: Youth Travel Service, AV "FRANCISCO I. MADERO" No 6-314/315, Mexico D.F. Centro 06000 Descubrimiento, aventura y diversion en un pais milenario y moderno!

### PITTSBURGH COUNCIL AYH STORE

#### ITEMS FOR SALE

| Price<br>by mail | at HQ   |                                                                                                                                                                             |
|------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| \$14.25          | \$11.00 | Cotton Sleep Sacks                                                                                                                                                          |
| 13.25            | 10.50   | Nylon Sleep Sacks                                                                                                                                                           |
| 7.50             | 7.00    | Money Belt (new)                                                                                                                                                            |
| 4.95             | 4.50    | Neck Pouch (new)                                                                                                                                                            |
| 7.50             | 7.00    | Calfskin Bike Gloves                                                                                                                                                        |
| 6.50             | 6.00    | Pigskin Bike Gloves                                                                                                                                                         |
| 6.00             | 5.00    | "I'd rather be..." T-shirts<br>(red, purple, turquoise, royal blue, Kelly green,<br>raspberry) If ordering by mail, specify size<br>(S,M,L,XL), and quantity of each color. |
| 6.00             | 5.00    | Chiopyle Hostel T-shirt (brown, tan)                                                                                                                                        |
| 5.00             | 4.00    | 50th Anniversary T-shirt (yellow, blue, beige)                                                                                                                              |
| 10.00            | 8.00    | Youghiogheny - Appalachian River                                                                                                                                            |
| 3.50             | 3.00    | Fanny Bumpers                                                                                                                                                               |
| NA               | 1.25    | Water Bottles                                                                                                                                                               |



The Council Storekeepers open up for business at every Thursday Open house meeting. See Shelley Werner or Patty Krebs.

To order by mail, specify colors, sizes, quantities, and prices and mail check made payable to Pittsburgh AYH to AYH Council Store, 6300 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15232.

### VOLLEYBALL

Jeff Marsh 466-7841h 476-5320w

AYH plays volleyball every Tuesday night at Alderdice High School from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. We play by full U.S.V.B.A. rules and usually start with some drills for serve, bump, set, and spike.

## RAFTING

Attention: Now is the time for anyone wanting to see more rafting trips in the summer of 1986 to obtain Ohiopyle put-in permits. It is very important for anyone wishing to lead a raft trip this summer to obtain a permit NOW. Ohiopyle State Park policy states that only one weekend put-in time per month may be obtained under any individual name. We have one trip per month listed under the name AYH. For any additional trips, the individual leader must have a reservation listed under his or her own name. The reservations are not transferrable and I.D. is required at the check-in. Put-in times are going fast, especially Saturdays. If you are interested in leading a raft trip this summer, phone Shirley Ulaky at 422-0849h or 327-1300 ext 403 (w) to coordinate dates in the AYH schedule. For anyone wishing to train to be a leader or for old leaders who would like to "brush up", see the leadership training session listed below. Don't depend on spaces being available on trips this summer if you don't help to obtain the permits now. If you commit to a launch date now, but find out later that you have a conflict in your schedule, you can always call and cancel. However, if you wait to get the launch date, the pickings are slim. Who wants an 8:15 am launch?

Leadership Training Session - If you are interested in becoming a rafting leader, but have never led a trip, or if you have led trips but want to brush up on your skills, sign up for the leadership training session on the Youghiogheny River on Saturday, May 17. We will review the basics of maneuvering a raft through waves, rocks, and hydraulics, help you to memorize the major rapids and the preferred routes through them, review the safety "talk-up", and practice rope throwing and unpinning a raft. Call Shirley Ulaky to reserve a space at 422-0849h or (w)327-1300 ext. 403. If you plan to lead a trip this summer, the time to get a launch permit is now. See instructions above.

## SEA-KAYAKING

Cathy Lynch 361-3707

Tom Trump 284-7349w

Paul Kram 681-9069

Launching Leaders Weekend - April 26-27. Any experiences sea-kayaker is welcome. We'll stay at the Ohiopyle hostel. If Yough Lake is still frozen, we'll talk about paddling techniques, navigation, equipment, plans, and past trips. If the ice has melted, we'll also go on a get-in-shape trip on Yough Lake. Cooperative meals and hostel lodging. Total cost about \$20. Bring sleepsack and personal gear (lots of wool or wetsuit). Reserve with Cathy Lynch or Tom Trump.

Other April sea-kayak trips will go out weather-permitting for experienced trippers only.



## 1986 KODAK LIBERTY RIDE FESTIVAL

### RIDE FOR LIBERTY

Pittsburgh AYH is the sponsor for KODAK's Ride for Liberty in Pittsburgh to help raise money for the Statue of Liberty. I assume that by the time this is in print many of you will already know something about it. The rides will be taking place in over 100 cities nationwide on May 18th. This is the same day as the Pittsburgh Marathon, so in a sense we will be competing with ourselves for volunteers to help. The ride will take place at the Moon Township campus of Robert Morris College. Rides of 10, 20, and 30 miles will be offered along with t-shirts, food, and a live concert beamed in from the Louisiana Superdome. Volunteers will be needed to cover a variety of tasks, many of which do not involve bicycling. If you can give up helping with the Marathon water stop and would like to, or at least can be convinced to help with the Ride for Liberty, please contact Chuck Ejzak at 466-6196. This can be a great opportunity for AYH to support a couple of great causes — ourselves and the Statue.



### "A TASTE OF T.O.S.R.V."

For those TOSRV applicants who didn't "make the cut", do not despair. You can enjoy a "taste of TOSRV" in Columbus with Joe Hoechner over Mother's Day weekend. Joe has reserved space for 10 (5 male/ 5 female) at the Heart of Ohio Hostel. Even if you're not a TOSRV reject and would like to cycle around one of those strange, flat midwestern cities, reserve now with Joe at 373-3403. (May 9th-12th).



#### ATTENTION BOAT OWNERS!

A bill has been introduced into the Games and Fisheries Committee of the Pennsylvania State Legislature which could require the registration of all boats (powered or unpowered) in Pennsylvania which are seven feet long or longer. This probably includes rafts and may even include such conveyances as sailboards (better known as wind surfers). The proposed fee for this registration is \$8.00 per boat per year, so people with more than one boat will be hit harder. (The Pittsburgh Council AYH currently has over 30 boats, so this could potentially cost us over \$250.00 per year.)

This bill has been introduced at the request of the Boating Advisory Board of the Pennsylvania Fish Commission. The Fish Commission itself is taking a neutral posture on this bill, so as not to get blamed by anybody for anything. The monies collected from the registration would go to the Fish Commission. They would use the money to provide access to rivers and lakes, which they claim that they do now, and to provide more safety education to boaters of all types. It is not clear that they would provide any benefits to unpowered recreational boaters. The bill would require boaters to carry a registration card or certificate, which they would have to carry in the boat (unless specifically exempted) and show to any duly empowered officer on demand (This could be a real problem to whitewater boaters!). An option on the bill is to require boat owners to display a registration number on the bow of the boat, such as is required now in Ohio. As of February 12th, House Bill No. 2157 has been introduced into the Games and Fisheries Committee of the state legislature. It was introduced through the office of representative Letterman. Now is the time to call or write to your state representative to express your opinion on this issue, and to ask them to follow this bill. He or she may not be familiar with the bill yet, since it is just in committee at present. If you don't like this bill, you can ask your representative to vote against it, or at least try to get it modified. Possible options are: exclude certain boats based on size, value, or use; include only boats that are used as collateral for a financing loan; or require a user registration instead (like a fishing or driving license).

If this bill becomes law, it will set a dangerous precedent in that it will be the first time that any non-motorized vehicles will have to be registered in Pennsylvania. Bicycles could be next --followed by skate boards, baby carriages, roller skates, etc., etc., etc.!! ...Lou Conley



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384-8477; 461-1333



## KAYAKING

Lou Conley 681-8321

Ray Yutzy 341-5682

AYH beginning kayaking schools are held once a month, June through September, each summer. These schools provide an introduction to the exciting sport of whitewater kayaking. They are open to complete beginners (those who have never been in a kayak before) and to those who have never kayaked on whitewater before. The schools last an entire weekend, and include an overnight stay at a youth hostel.

The first day of the school is spent paddling on a nice, calm lake.

The second is spent developing those skills on a very easy (class I-II) whitewater river. The tentative dates for the 1986 beginner schools are: May 31-June 1, July 12-13, August 9-10 and September 6-7. Space is very limited and preference will be given to AYH members, so sign up early. Call Lou Conley at 681-8321 for more information.

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#### HIKING

Tom Kaveney 276-8044  
Wayne Hennemuth 787-7608

Meeting to plan hiking program - The annual meeting to plan the hiking program for the coming spring/summer/fall months will be held at Wayne Hennemuth's new apartment at 417 Chestnut Ridge Dr. on Friday, April 4. We'll review the trails available in Western PA and try to set up a schedule to make sure we go to all the most interesting ones. Also, we'd like to be able to schedule the entire Laurel Highlands trail, so that those interested in walking its length in a series of outings can do so. All ideas to improve the program are welcome. Call Wayne or Tom for more information. A map to Wayne's place will be posted on the HQ bulletin board.

Wildflower hikes -- April is "wildflower month" and we've got three hikes/walks scheduled to welcome in the Spring. They're on the 6th, 26th, and 27th. A number of AYH'ers are interested in these, so if you're one, let the leaders know to make sure you have a spot. Enjoy them while they're here.

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or 800/WWA/RAFT (outside PA)



### BICYCLING continued

and report forms. (2) Bike safety check and repairs. (3) First Aid and accidents.

This workshop is being coordinated by Sally Brunson (231-6074).

### CANOEING

Steve Shafer 481-0507h 268-2527w

Kathy Lynch 327-0529h

Scheduled AYH canoe trips will begin in May, and the Western PA Whitewater School will take place on May 3-4. During April, impromptu trips may be arranged at Thursday night open house meetings.

The annual planning meeting for the canoeing activity will take place on Wednesday, April 2, at 7:30 pm at the home of Jan and Gordon Bugby (262 Cascade Rd., in Forest Hills). We will discuss the activity policies, current equipment, and canoeing schedule for the spring and summer. All trip leaders, up-and-coming leaders, and interested paddlers are invited to attend. For more information, contact Steve Shafer or Kathy Lynch.

### CAVING

John Popp 885-2126

Paul Herre 653-7934

Roy Provins 784-9127

As always, please call your trip leader for more details and how to be properly prepared so that you can enjoy this fun and exciting sport of caving. Caving trips are run "rain or shine", unless otherwise stated. Please let your trip leader know as soon as possible if you have to cancel from a trip, this will allow someone else to possibly take your spot. Thank you!

Conn Cave is located on Chestnut Ridge near Derry, PA. It is a short, but interesting cave. Features include a dome room, large rimstone dams, flowstone formations, (optional) mud crawl, and (of course) the giant onion.

### CLIMBING

Dale Vilseck 343-8379

Eric Bauer 687-0766

Karl Morner 521-6404

The beginner's climbing trips at White Rocks meet at HQ at 7:00am. Bring tennis shoes, hiking boots, lunch, water, leather-palmed gloves (if you have them) and a sunny disposition. We usually stop for dinner and return to Pittsburgh between 8 and 9 pm. Call any of the chairmen for reservations.

### FAMILY OUTINGS

Barbara Hanusa 441-7205

### HONOLULU HOSTELS!

The Akua family writes to remind us that there are two hostels in Honolulu -- the Honolulu International Hostel in Manoa Valley near the University of Hawaii and the Hale Aloha Hostel just two blocks from Waikiki Beach. See your Handbook for details!

## MORGANTOWN WEEKEND

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More details in next month's Triangle.

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This is an exciting time for Pittsburgh Council, with more opportunities awaiting us than we knew existed. We welcome (i.e. appeal for) your help with all our projects as well as comments and suggestions.

ACTIVITIES BOARD MEETING -- The Board discussed the Ride for Liberty and Day of Bicycling projects and voted to accept these as Council projects. More on these two below. The new equipment rental fees and Council Store prices were set for 1986. We decided to try again with the Corps of Engineers on the Baker Trail bridge over Cherry Run, since this is really needed. The possibility of a new hostel or supplemental accommodation in Morgantown was reported, as well as two possible new Membership Sales Agencies. The Bylaws committee reported with their recommendations for consideration prior to next month's meeting. A possible boat registration bill in Pennsylvania that would apply to all our canoes and kayaks was also mentioned. The Council will register our objections with the appropriate legislators. WORLD ADVENTURE -- An article in the New York Times on the World Adventure program has resulted in well over a thousand requests for information. We have gotten some attention on this from National AYH because the article was repeated in newspapers in the homes of other participating Councils. EASTERN REGION MEETING -- Pittsburgh Council is sponsoring the Spring Eastern Region meeting at Gilmary near the airport on April 4-6. This is an excellent opportunity to meet people from other Councils and to talk to them about AYH and hosteling, as well as about Council operations. There will be time on Friday evening to socialize and pool and volleyball time during the weekend. Come to participate or to help out with running the meeting. AYH WEEK -- Another special open house meeting will be held May 8th during AYH week, featuring the Spring Flea Market for Outdoor Gear and special show on an assault on Mount Everest. RIDE FOR LIBERTY -- Pittsburgh Council will be the primary local sponsor of the Ride for Liberty, a national fund raising program for the Statue of Liberty, organized by Kodak in over 100 cities. There will be an excellent selection of rides in the countryside surrounding the Greater Pittsburgh airport and a concert televised live from the New Orleans Superdome. This is the same day as the Pittsburgh Marathon, where we will also be providing volunteer help, so there will be a choice for cyclists and non-cyclists. Pittsburgh Council will also be one of the sponsors of this year's Day of Bicycling, also known as the Great Ride. This year it will be happening in Schenley Park instead of 3 Rivers Stadium. There will be a bike ride for everyone. The date to remember is June 22. By the time you read this, the Spring Banquet will have happened. Let me thank Thomas Kinsman and Margie Abeles for their hard work toward a successful banquet. Larry Laude (412)665-9554

Trips listed are open to the public, AYH members are given priority. Trip costs include transportation, rentals, and a 75¢ registration fee (50¢ per half day or evening). 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).

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 write-up, where you may find more information. After you've 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 arrive home? What is all this going to cost you? Remember, 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).

AYH trips are geared toward individuals who independently sign up for trips. If you have a group that wishes to go, it is important for the leader to contact the trip leader early, and it may be necessary for the trip leader to speak with every tripper.

### BACKPACKING

Jack Peth 921-7214h 777-5365w  
Wantin' to do a longer backpack hike? Then join Glenn Oster in hiking the 130 mile Horse-Shoe Trail (the entire trail from the Appalachian Trail east of Harrisburg to Valley Forge). Advanced level, hiking 14.5 - 15.5 miles most days. Leave early Saturday, May 31; return Tuesday, June 10. For info and reservations, phone Glenn at home 364-2864 or at work 234-3967.

Montana Wilderness Backpacking August 8 - 24, 1986 Bob Marshall Wilderness Area - on the trail 9 or 10 days, with several layover days in a beautiful and remote area. Intermediate/Advanced level. Inexpensive. Limited to eight persons. For information, call Jim Smith at 366-3288 evenings only.

### BICYCLING

Rick Kondas 672-3891

Chuck Ejzak 466-6196

Bicycling Leadership Workshop - Tuesday, April 22 at 7:30 at HQ. For everyone who has led, is leading, or might like to lead bike trips for Pittsburgh AYH. Update your skills: (1) Group dynamics



## MORE APRIL AYH TRIPS

| DATE       | DAY  | ACTIVITY  | LEVEL           | LEADER               | PHONE                  | TIME             | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|------------|------|-----------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 20         | Sun  | Hike      | Inter           | Tom Kaveney          | 276-8044               | 8:30             | A flat section of Laurel Ridge trail.                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 22         | Tues | Bike      | Leader Workshop | Sally Brunson        | 231-6074               | 7:30pm           | Bicycling Leader Workshop. for everyone who has led, is leading, or might like to lead Ayh bike trips. See bicycling writeup.                                                                               |
| 26-27      | SS   | Backpack  | Easy            | Wendell Phillips     | 836-2606               |                  | A second chance for a warm up trip on the LHHT. This should be a great weekend!                                                                                                                             |
| 26         | Sat  | Bike      | C               | Wayne Hennemuth      | 787-7608               | 10:00<br>Oakdale | Oakdale Sampler, 30 miles or less, may meet at HQ if there's demand.                                                                                                                                        |
| 26         | Sat  | Hike      | Easy            | Joan Baker           | 687-0766               | 8:00             | A wildflower walk in Raccoon Creek.                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 26-27      | SS   | Sea-Kayak | Leader          | Chairpersons         | see list               |                  | Leader Weekend. See the Sea-kayaking writeup.                                                                                                                                                               |
| 27         | Sun  | Bike      | C               | Mike & Marta Hurwitz | 422-9204               | 8:30             | Ligonier Ride, 25 miles.                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 27         | Sun  | Cave      | Begin           | John Popp            | 885-2126               |                  | Conn Cave. See Caving writeup for details.                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 27         | Sun  | Climb     | Begin           | Chairpeople          | see list               |                  | Beginner trip to White rocks. See Climbing writeup for details.                                                                                                                                             |
| 27         | Sun  | Hike      | Easy            | Ben Brugmans         | 736-2751               | 9:00             | Ben's leading a second Wildflower Walk. Limited to 8 people, so call to reserve a spot.                                                                                                                     |
| 30         | Wed  | Bike      | Maint.          | Chuck Ejzak          | 466-6196               | 7:00pm           | Bike Maintenance Clinic at HQ. 7-9pm. Bring your bike, rags, old tooth brush, and 50¢.                                                                                                                      |
| May<br>3-4 | SS   | Backpack  | All             | Jack Peth            | 921-7214h<br>777-5365w |                  | The trails are badly in need of some spring repairs. The nature and extent of our plans will depend on how many warm bodies make themselves available. Let's plan a big food feast (cooked at home I hope). |



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# APRIL AYH TRIPS

| DATE  | DAY | ACTIVITY      | LEVEL    | LEADER               | PHONE                  | TIME   | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                 |
|-------|-----|---------------|----------|----------------------|------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4     | Fri | Hike/Backpack | Planning |                      |                        |        | Planning meeting. See notice under Hiking writeup.                                                                          |
| 5     | Sat | Hike          | Inter    | Rick & Shirley Ulaky | 422-0849               | 8:30   | Linn Run                                                                                                                    |
| 6     | Sun | Hike          | Inter    | Eric Bauer           | 687-0766               | 8:30   | to be announced                                                                                                             |
| 6     | Sun | Hike          | Easy     | Ben Brugmans         | 736-2751               | 9:00   | Raccoon Creek wildflower walk. This is to be an easy walk to view the wildflowers; limited to 8 people. Call to reserve.    |
| 5     | Sat | Hike          | Maint.   | Wendell Phillips     | 831-2606               | 9:00   | Maintenance hike on the Baker Trail between Schenley and Crooked Creek. Brush cutting and blaze painting. Return about 5pm. |
| 6     | Sun | Bike          | B        | Chuck Ejzak          | 466-6196               |        | Call for details.                                                                                                           |
| 12,13 | SS  | Backpack      | Easy     | Jack Peth            | 921-7214h<br>777-5365w | 8:00   | Take a break from taxes and try a warm up trip on the Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail.                                        |
| 12    | Sat | Bike          | B/C      | Cheryl Arnold        | 422-8581               | 9:30   | Saxonburg ride, 60 or 30 miles. Meet at HQ at 9:30 for 60, at Hartwood at 11:00 for 30.                                     |
| 12    | Sat | Climb         | Begin    | Chairmen             | see list               |        | Beginner trip to White Rocks. See Climbing writeup for details.                                                             |
| 12    | Sat | Hike          | Maint.   | Glenn Oster          | 364-2864h<br>234-3967w | 8:00   | Repaint Baker Trail blazes in the North Freedom area. No fee. for info and reservations, call Glenn.                        |
| 13    | Sun | Bike          | C        | Chuck Ejzak          | 466-6196               | 10:00  | Mingo Creek ride, 30 miles. Meet at HQ at 10:00 or in Monongahela near Foodland at 11:15.                                   |
| 13    | Sun | Hike          | Inter    | Wayne Hennemuth      | 787-7608               | 8:30   | Mystery Hike                                                                                                                |
| 18-20 | FSS | Backpack      | Int/Adv  | Glenn Oster          | 364-2864h<br>234-3967w | 7:30pm | Hike a section of the Mid-State Trail north of Ravensburg State Park. Call for info and reservations.                       |
| 18-20 | FSS | Backpack      | Int/Easy | Bill Johnston        | 687-4893               | 6:30pm | Join Billy J. on a spring jaunt in Dolly Sods. Get your space reserved early.                                               |
| 19    | Sat | Bike          | C        | ?                    | 466-6196               |        | Call Chuck Ejzak for details and leader.                                                                                    |
| 20    | Sun | Bike          | B        | Ricky Kondas         | 672-3891               | 10:00  | 40 mile ride leaving from Elizabeth. Call for details.                                                                      |

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