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DAD

The water begins to slap the sides  
of the grey painted canoe  
"A rapids ahead" I call to my dad in front  
I survey the water in front of us  
and finally call out to him "let's stick to the left"  
he nods his curly dark haired head  
and points with a paddle  
"It'll have to be all the way" he calls back to me  
His tan shirt waves in a water filled breeze  
as he swings his arms forward  
the boat races now--rocks show on either side  
I look forward, a large ripple of white water ahead  
"draw right" I yell frantically  
calmly he pulls the boat out of danger  
the rock races by, the boat hits a last wave  
water splashes over the gunwales and soaks us  
We laugh, dad's strong voice booms over the noise of the  
rapids.

By Scott Bartoo '76



"WHAT A CLEAR UNSPOILED STREAM!... YOU CAN  
READ THE LABELS ON THE BEER CANS!"

from "Dunagin's People"

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## TIPS & TALES

Watch for a feature story about the Ohiopyle State Park Youth Hostel. It should be appearing in "The Pennsylvania Naturalist" magazine any time now.

Hey members--do you bicycle to Thursday night meetings? Great, you're saving gas & keeping in shape!

According to state law you are required to have a white light in the front & a red reflector in the rear. Common sense should tell you to wear a helmet, wear light/bright colors, add extra reflectors and a red tail-light. Shape up--live longer!

Hostel store price correction--due to a price increase from our New York city supplier, AYH sheet sleeping sacks are priced at \$7.50 each, cotton or nylon. Still a bargain!

Also in stock are fanny bumpers great for night/cycle safety only \$3.00 each.

Say bicyclists--have you any spare parts at home? Hostel Development Chairperson Joe Hoechner would like to collect your spare nuts & bolts, chain parts, odd spokes, patch kits, etc. for the Ohiopyle Youth Hostel. Yes, despite the hilly terrain cycle tourists are finding their way to the hostel. Since there are no bike shops nearby it would be nice to have some spare parts on hand. If and when the state ever completes the "River Gorge Trail" resurfacing project there should be a lot more cyclists passing thru there.

Do you have any potential hostel furnishings at home?

Pittsburgh AYH may soon be in the process of furnishing another State Park Youth Hostel. Items in good condition that could be used are lamps, tables, chairs, sofas, fire detectors, fire extinguishers.

Watch for a possible second "Open House" at the Ohiopyle Youth Hostel. Tentatively set for late October, (during the height of the fall colors) AYH members would be encouraged to spend the weekend and help lead public tours Sunday afternoon.

Details will appear in the September or October Triangle. If you have any suggestions call Joe @ 828-5399.



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**FOR SALE:** Backpacking tent, rain fly, poles, stakes, stuff sack. Color blue, price \$40.00. Also downhill skis, poles, sz. 10 boots--\$75 set. Call Joe 828-5399.

New and Used Canoes, kayaks for sale. Mirages for \$350 delivered to Ohiopyle. Call (614) 754-2121, Rob @ (614) 452-6508 or John @ (614) 754-1753.

### Wilderness Voyageurs/Outfitters offers:

Off-the-shelf items--10% discount  
(Bicycles and boats 5% discount)  
Special Orders--15% discount  
(Bicycles and boats 10% discount)  
Prepayment of Special Orders--20% discount  
(Bicycles and boats 15% discount)

A 10% discount (5% on bicycles and boats) will be offered to active members of clubs and organizations having a Tax Exemption Certificate or a Tax Number on file with Wilderness Voyageurs Outfitters. A current membership card or an individual's name appearing on an official roster will be accepted as proof of active membership.

### SLIDE PROGRAM FOR AUGUST . . . . .

- Aug 7 Bicycle tour of Vermont with Fred Parker, Chuck Ejzak, and starring Lynn Gogots.
- Aug 14 A tour by Rich Bartoo of newsworthy South Africa featuring the transvaal region and the kingdom of Swaziland.
- Aug 21 Woj returns with a climbing view of summer's end.
- Aug 28 Bob Goff illustrating in a lighthearted way the top 20 sights of New England.

### DEADLINES FOR AUGUST . . . . .

Articles: August 7  
Trips, everything else: August 14  
Production Party: August 21

HOSTEL OF THE MONTH  
CAMP HARMONY YOUTH HOSTEL

If you travel east from the Laurelville Youth Hostel, up, over & down Laurel Mtn. with any luck you'll find Camp Harmony Youth Hostel, near Hooversville, Pa.

Now where's Hooversville? Check your AYH Handbook or state highway map. If you look midway between Johnstown & Somerset on the east side of Rt. 219 you'll find the town of Hooversville. The Hostel is between the town and the Quemahoning Reservoir. Owned and operated by the Church of the Bretheran, Camp Harmony is an important link in the future "chain of hostels" crossing the state of Pennsylvania. The camp is used by church and school groups year-round so reservations are a must for any hostellers--singles or groups. Depending on space available you could be housed in a variety of cabins, lodges, shelters or possibly choose to stay in the family tenting area.

There is a dining hall and a swimming pool on the grounds -- check at the camp office for rates/rules for their use.

Check you handbook or call (814)798-8128 for reservations. Next month: Chestnut Ridge Camp Hostel, Morgantown, WV.

The Quebec Hostelling Federation wishes to inform you that in order to provide a better service to all hostellers, it has been decided to centralize its booking service. Therefore all reservations for our Youth hostel in the Eastern Townships the Auberge Internationale de Knowlton, formally known as the Youth Hostel of Bolton Glen, should be made through:

Auberge de l'Amiral  
425, Place Jacques Cartier  
Montreal, P.Q.  
(514)861-1976  
Telex: 055-60319

RIDE to and from NEOC-7. Leave Zelienople area 7am, Friday, September 10, 1980. Obtain your own NEOC-7 reservation form and register. Estimated cost: 2 overnights at Air Force Reserve Base, \$8; AYH fee, 3 days, \$1.50; NEOC-7, \$6.50 = \$16 plus food.  
Dave Porterfield 452-6434.

The Strathmore Lodge in Brookline, Mass, (listed on pg. 94 of the 1980 Handbook under "Boston (A)") is no longer affiliated with AYH, Inc.

The charter of this facility was revoked in February of 1980 because the facility owner/manager has failed to meet minimum cleanliness and occupancy standards set by AYH.

Please note that the owner/manager still represents that the facility is associated with AYH. **WARN HOSTELERS TO AVOID THIS FACILITY.**

The only AYH chartered facility in Boston is the Charlestown YMCA, listed on pg. 95 of the 1980 Handbook as "Boston (B)".

T-Shirt Design Search Continues!

Hostel storekeeper Joe Hoechner is still seeking designs for a new council T-shirt. Any designs submitted should appeal to all member --not just cyclists, climbers, etc.

Now this doesn't mean a "generic" AYH T-shirt. We would still have the AYH Logo & the words "Pittsburgh Council" on the front. On the back could be something like "Ask me about Pittsburgh AYH!" or "Ask me about Hostelling!"

If you have any questions call Joe @ 828-5399 or send your design to Joe at the HQ address.

Crooked Creek State Park is planning a "Safety Day" for Sunday, September 7, to which AYH has been invited.

Watch for details in your September Triangle. There's a good chance we might put on a demonstration of safe bicycling techniques. If you would like to volunteer for that Sunday see one of the cycling chairpeople.

NEW COUNCIL TRAILS COORDINATOR APPOINTED.

Pittsburgh AYH has just filled a long-vacant position--that of trail's coordinator. In his new spot Jerry Finger will help formulate long range plans for western Pennsylvania's hiking trails with other outdoor groups and state officials. He will be active on the local level with the leading and planning of hikes maintain trails and scout new ones.

Jerry is particularly interested in member input on the condition of Baker Trail. If anyone has any trail problems to report write to Jerry at HQ or call him @ 362-5290. Remember when it comes to hiking trails, Finger points the way!



# Minutes of the Activities Board

Held at the home of Don Hoecker

July 8, 1980

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P.M. Jim Gogots presiding.

1. Minutes of the June meeting were read, corrected, and approved.
2. Jim Gogots reported on the progress of the McConnells Mills hostel. Major repairs are needed and a budget is to be drawn up.

## 3. Status of Ohiopyle Hostel

May- broke even

June - good month

No new houseparents found yet for September.

4. Joe Hoechner reported that very little progress has been made on chartering Camp Horeshoe, W.V. as an A.Y.H. hostel.
5. Possible interest expressed in establishing a hostel in the Allegheny National Forest.
6. Chuck Ejzak expressed a desire to make helmets mandatory on most bike trips.  
Motion by C. Ejzak to increase cycling budget by \$100 to buy more helmets. Seconded and Passed.
7. Next Activities Board Meeting is August 5 at the home of Carol Davis.
8. Move to adjourn at 8:45 P.M. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Miller

The Board of Directors, meeting after the Activities Board. Meeting on July 7th at Don Hoecker's home, discussed the present state of Council Expenditures. They voted to increase the budget allotments for General Hostel Development and for Bicycling. A motion to pay \$850 for 50 hostel bunks passed unanimously. Discussion items included our Money Mark Fund investments, the proposed AYH poster, a suggestion to buy a folding machine, and the need to develop new leaders for backpacking.

## August Trips and Trails

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

Backpacking Chair: Steve Martin (W462-5000 x6185)

Canoeing Chair: Jane Toben (W462-5000 x6585, H466-7885)

Basics: lunch in waterproof bag, water, knee pads, raingear, change of clothes, non-cotton clothes, tennies, sun lotions, large sponge, eyeglass strap, Rentals: canoes thru trip leaders. Trips and Schools meet promptly at 8am, HQ. Note: From August 1-17, Gordon Bugby will be acting chair (H371-4233).

- fri aug 1 INTER - Whitewater Canadian Canoe & Kayak Trip, camping out of boats. To  
- aug 17 reserve for one or both weeks, call Ray Yutzy (929-4443)
- sat aug 2 CLASS I, II - Dick Nugent (487-5549)
- sat aug 2 FLATWATER - Norm Snyder (351-4068)
- sun aug 3 CLASS I - Leader needed, call Gordon Bugby to volunteer (371-4233)
- sun aug 3 CLASS II - Chris Reid (343-3046 or 373-7191)
- wed aug 6 SAILING GROUND SCHOOL - to prepare for aug 9 school. Meet 7pm at HQ.  
Call Fred Parker (824-2638)
- sat aug 9 SAILING SCHOOL - on Lake Arthur. Must take aug 6 school. Bruce Sunquist  
(327-8737)
- sat aug 9 CLASS I - Leader needed, call Gordon Bugby (371-4233)
- sun aug 10 SCHOOL - Basic canoe skills. Ed Seiger (561-4790)
- sun aug 10 CLASS II - Gordon Bugby (371-4233)
- sat aug 16 SCHOOL - Whitewater I, Gordon Bugby (371-4233) or Jerry Wozniak.
- sat aug 16 CLASS II - Jerry Marsh (H922-8572, W928-1122)
- sun aug 17 FLATWATER - Jim Porcelli (731-9176)
- sun aug 17 CLASS II - Jim Komosinski (371-9476)
- sat aug 23 SCHOOL - Basic skills. Oscar Mayer (422-8216)
- sat aug 23 CLASS II, III - Ray Yutzy (929-4443)
- sun aug 24 SCHOOL - Whitewater II. Prereq: WW I School plus 2 Class I trips. Call Jerry  
Wozniak (241-5477)
- sun aug 24 CLASS I, II - Jim Gogots (384-9149)
- fri aug 29 CLASS II CAMPING - Gauley R. or New R. in W. Vir. Jane Toben (466-7885 or  
- sep 1 462-5000 x6585)
- sat aug 30 FAMILY CAMPING - Potomac, Paw Paw, W.Va. to Hancock, Md. Joe McKenna (531-2697)  
- sep 1
- sat aug 30 CLASS I, II - Leader needed, call Jane Toben to volunteer.
- sun aug 31 FLATWATER - Leader needed, call Jane Toben to volunteer.
- mon sep 1 CLASS II - Leader needed, call Jane Toben to volunteer.
- fri sep 5 OVERNIGHT - at hostel. Potomac Needles (Class II) and Shenandoah Staircase  
- sep 7 (Class II, III). Bring hostel pass, sleeping bag or sheet sack. Call Joel  
Platt (521-5244)
- Sat sep 6 FLATWATER - Jim Porcelli (731-9176)
- sun sep 7 CLASS I, II - Leader needed, call Jane Toben to volunteer.
- sat sep 13 CLASS I - Claudette Faulkenham (531-1824)
- sun sep 14 SCHOOL - Whitewater I, Leader to be announced.
- sun sep 14 CLASS II - Roy Weil (681-5131)
- fri sep 19 WORKSHOP - Instructor methods for ACA instructors. Jim Roberts.  
- sep 20
- sat sep 20 CLASS I - Jerry Marsh (H922-8572, W928-1122)
- sat sep 20 CLASS II - Leader needed, call Jane Toben

Canoeing Trips continued:

- sun sep 21 FLATWATER - Jim Porcatti (731-9176)  
 sun sep 21 CLASS II, III - Ray Yutzy (929-4443)  
 sat sep 27 FAMILY CAMPING - Class I, Frank Bruns (561-8579)  
 - sep 28  
 sat sep 27 SCHOOL - Whitewater I, Leader needed. Call Jane Toben  
 sat sep 27 CLASS I, II - Dick Nugent (487-5549)  
 sun sep 28 SCHOOL - Basic skills. Leader needed, call Jane Toben.  
 sim sep 28 CLASS II, III - Ray Yutzy (929-4443)

Bicycling

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

Basics: Bike in working order, spare tube, raingear, money, helmet - A HELMET IS REQUIRED. Rentals: HELMETS, bikes. EEST means Economical Energy Saving Trip, a trip which leaves from headquarters.

- sat aug 2 INTER - Camping trip in Mercer County, carry own gear, 40 mi/day. Call  
 - aug 3 Fred Parker (824-2638)  
 sat aug 2 INTER (EEST) - 40+ mi, NE of Pgh, Meet HQ at 9am. Chuck Ejzak(327-5031)  
 sun aug 3 INTER - 40 mi thru N. Wash. County to Avella. Meet 8am at HQ. Donna (422-9960)  
 tue aug 5 SCHOOL - on chain care; bring bike and old toothbrush. 8pm at HQ. Chuck Ejzak.  
 sat aug 9 INTER (EEST) - 50 mi. 9am at HQ. Art Greif(H363-2475, W565-7977)  
 sun aug 10 BEGIN (EEST) - 25 mi in town. 10am at HQ. Ed Sieger (561-4790)  
 sun aug 10 INTER - 60mi in Ohio. 7am at HQ. Kevin Hughes (614-537-4923)  
 sat aug 16 INTER - Camping trip. Fred Parker (824-2638)  
 - aug 17  
 sat aug 16 INTER (EEST) - 50 in 5 patch ride. 9am at HQ. Joe Hoechner(828-5399)  
 sun aug 17 INTER (EEST) - 40-5- to North Park. 8:30 at HQ. Barb Murock (687-0336)  
 wed aug 20 SCHOOL - on tire repair. Ed Sieger (561-4790)  
 sat aug 23 BEGIN - Choice of rides at Moraine kState Park. Bring swimsuit. Call  
 INTER - Ben Humphries (829-2497)  
 sun aug 24 BEGIN (EEST) - 25 mi downtown meet HQ at 9am. Lou Conley (681-8321)  
 sat aug 30 LABOR DAY - Trip and leader to be announced. Chuck Ejzak.  
 - sep 1  
 fri sep 5 BEGIN - First Annual Pymatuning ride for all abilities, corn on cob, light  
 - sep 7 INTER - traffic. Call Chuck Ejzak.

EVENING CYCLES: be at HQ at 6:30pm. If renting, be there at 6pm. Call trip leader to rent. Leaders: get HQ key from previous leader.

Tuesday

- aug 5 Chuck Ejzak 327-5031  
 aug 12 H.A. Seiner 681-1189  
 aug 19 Joe Hoechner 828-5399  
 aug 26 Donna Lehan 422-9950

Thursday

- aug 7 Ed Sieger 561-4790  
 aug 14 Chuck Ejzak 327-5031  
 aug 21 Larry Cole 823-1026  
 aug 28 Ben Humphries 829-2497

Kayaking

Chair: Ray Yutzy (929-4443)

Basics and rentals similar to canoeing.

- sat sep 13 SCHOOL - Whitewater I. Ray Yutzy.  
 sat sep 20 SCHOOL - Whitewater II. Prereq: WW I School. Ray Yutzy.

Qualified kayakers are welcome to paddle kayaks on canoe trips with the permission of the leader.

Mark Reifers = AJT/okkup =



Rafting Chair: Paul Kammer (843-5152)

Basics: Lunch, change of clothes, tennies. Be at HQ at 8am.

- sat aug 2 YOUGH - Leader needed  
sun aug 3 YOUGH - Paul Kammer  
sat aug 9 YOUGH - Leader needed  
sat aug 16 YOUGH - Gus Hughes (421-4066)  
sun aug 17 EASY - float trip, no rapids. Joe Hoechner (828-5399)  
sat aug 23 YOUGH - Norm Snyder (351-4068)  
sun aug 24 YOUGH - CLINIC - Sharpen your skills! For people who would like to help out as raft captains and trip leaders. Paul Kammer.  
sat aug 30 Leader needed.  
sun aug 31 Leader needed.  
mon sep 1 Leader needed.

Climbing Chair: Woj (322-4524), Bill Skallos (921-5695)

Basics: tennies, sun hat, leather gloves, extra lunch. Eq. is rented.

- sun aug 3 BEGIN - For those procrastinators who have been putting it off, these  
sun aug 17 two Sundays are your chances to come climbing. Call Woj or Bill to reserve. Leaving HQ at 7am.  
sat aug 23 The Great Escape Weekend, the last full weekend of climbing this  
- aug 24 year, for everyone. Call Woj or Bill.

Hiking Chair: Gus Hughes (421-4066)

- sat aug 23 Hike and swim with Dick Nugent along big Sandy Creek. (487-5549)  
sun aug 24 INTER - Marilyn Ham (687-4960) meet HQ at 8:30 am.  
other hikes will be announced at Thursday night meetings.

Caving Chair: Norm Snyder (351-4068)

- sat aug 16 WEST VIRGINIA. Call Norm between 6 & 7:00 at 351-4068.  
LAST week of Sept. - first week in Oct. Join Norm on a two-week trip to the  
Grand Canyon & Colorado Rocky Mt. National Park. 351-4068.

Backpacking Chair: Steve Martin (W462-5000 x6185)

- sat aug 2- BEGIN on Laurel Highlands Trail. Leave 8am. Call Ray Riffe  
sun aug 3 (h) 327-0725, (w) 256-5832.  
sat aug 9- INTER at the Smokies. Call Craig Rowland at 212-0107 to reserve.  
thu aug 14  
fri aug 29- EASY INTER at Dolly Sods. Group cooking if interested. Leave fri  
mon sep 1 at 6:30. To reserve call Joe Levine at 422-8287.



# AYH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Fill out the following application and bring/send it with a check payable to "Pittsburgh AYH" to: AYH Membership, 6300 Fifth Avenue, Pgh. Pa. 15232

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ New?/Renewal? \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$7.00 Youth (under 18)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00 Three-year Senior

\_\_\_\_\_ \$7.00 Senior Citizen (60+)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00 Organization (non-profit)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$14.00 Senior (18-59)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$140.00 Life

\_\_\_\_\_ \$21.00 Family (not valid abroad, includes youths under 18)

(Note: Membership sells International Hostel Guide to Europe for \$5.00.)

Please Circle one or more:

Service Interests: Newsletter, Hostel Development, Bicycling, Publicity, Trail Maintenance, Equipment Repair, Auditor Service, Typing, Art Work

Leadership: Backpacking, Cycling, Canoeing, Caving, Climbing, Hiking, Cross-country Skiing, Rafting.

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