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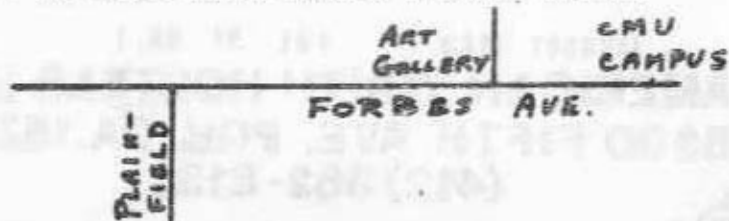
OPEN HOUSE is held every Thursday evening at Headquarters, 6300 Fifth Avenue in Shadyside (next to the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts). In the winter months there is cross-country skiing in Mellon Park starting at 6:30, when there is snow. Otherwise, HQ doors open about 8:00. Slide show starts about 8:45. Come on over and bring a friend...or come on over and make some new ones!!!

JANUARY SLIDE SHOWS

JAN 6 Winter fun in Switzerland by Mike Flory.
JAN 13 "Views from the Underground" featuring the dark side of Scott Hill and friends.
JAN 20 Gazing at Glacier National Park and vicinity by John Sampson.
JAN 27 Color movie "Electricity and the Environment".

JANUARY ACTIVITIES BOARD MEETING

WILL BE HELD AT THE HOME OF Harriet Ann Seiner, 5415 Plainfield Street just off Forbes Avenue and past CMU's campus. Call 681-1189 if you get lost. The time is 8pm on Wednesday on January 5, 1983.



A Y H MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

AYH memberships are available at any Open House meeting. If you are unable to attend a meeting, you may wish to fill out the application found at the bottom of this page and send it, along with 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 hostelling pass. NOTE: Membership also sells International Hostel Guide to Europe for \$5.00 by mail and \$4.00 at Headquarters.

CHECK ONE:

___ \$7.00 Youth
___ \$7.00 Senior Citizen(60+)
___ \$14.00 Senior (18-59)
___ \$21.00 Family
___ \$35.00 Organization (non-profit)
___ \$35.00 Three-year Senior
___ \$140.00 Life
\$ ___ Tax Deductable Donation



Looking for something to do? Try Pittsburgh A.Y.H.!

OUR COUNCIL is a volunteer organization. There is always need for leaders and people willing to donate their time and skills for the purpose of maintaining and improving our Council. If you are interested in contributing your efforts to any of the activities or service-oriented areas, please contact a member of the Activities Board, or attend a Board meeting.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____
PHONE _____ NEW/RENEWAL _____
BIRTHDATE _____

use to get one for 10 Sunday afternoons starting in mid January. Anyone knowing of any pools that might be available, please let up know. Pool sessions are open to anyone from people with no kayaking experience at all up to experts. Instruction will be available for Beginners. We will be teaching kayaking basics, paddling, techniques, and polling techniques.

--- PADDLE ORDER ---

The AYH will be placing a group order for Morse Canoe and Kayak paddles. We can get a significant discount with a large order (more than 4). Anyone who is interested should contact Lou Conley, no. above, for information. If there is enough interest, we may also place group orders for throw line safety bags and life jackets.

SWIMMING

The swimming pool at Alderdice High School is open to the public for swimming Mondays through Fridays from 6:30 pm until 8:00 or 8:30 pm. The pool is usually very empty and, if there is nobody present, they close the pool early -- sometimes before 8:00 pm. So, if you want to swim, get there early -- usually anytime before 7:15 is safe, but no guarantees!!!

CAVING John Popp 653-6026 Vicki Lineback 682-4087
Norm Snyder 351-4068

sun jan 9 BEGINners trip to Con Cave, a small cave with large rimstone pools. Call Dan Mart, 343-5847.
sat jan 22 INTERmediate trip to Loyalhanna Creek Cave. Call Buck Rodgers, 751-7957.
sun jan 30 BEGINner trip to Laurel Caverns. Call Vicki Lineback 682-4087.

ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET --- APRIL 9, 1983

FROM YOUR LEADER

How to avoid the situation of losing your skis or poles because they are look alikes: mark them both with name and phone number.

f.p.

TIPS & TALES

If you are interested in following the political process of running the AYH you might keep the weekend of April 15-17 open. The Yankee Council will be hosting the Eastern Regional Spring Meeting outside of Hartford, Conn. If you'd like info on the cost of the trip there to sit in on the meetings, keep in touch with President Chuck Erjak.

The 1982 Annual Report from National AYH showed a nationwide drop in membership of 4% as compared to 1981. Pittsburgh Council did much worse, with a loss of 36.6% in members! We had 1,835 members in 1981 which dipped to 1,343 in 1982.

WHAT CAN YOU DO? RENEW!

If your yearly or 3 year membership is due to expire, send in your dues now! Even better, get a friend to sign up too! AYH memberships make great gifts!

Are you a photographer that shoots print film? Now's your chance to show your stuff! Joe Hoechner is seeking photos of AYH trips and people to display at the Spring Banquet. If you have slides that you'd like to enlarge, please get at least 5" x 7". Please put your name and phone number on the back and give to Joe within the next couple of months. OH YES, both color and black/white are OK!

Cross Country skiing in West Virginia? Sure!

Check out "White Grass" Ski Touring Center, located in Davis, W.V. near Canaan Valley State Park. For more info/directions/brochures call (304) 866-4114, or write: White Grass Touring Center
Rt. 1 Box 37
Davis, W.V. 26260

?GOING ON ANY AYH OVERNIGHT TRIPS? WATCH OUT WHERE YOU PARK YOUR CAR!

There have been quite a few accidents where drivers coming downhill on Shady Avenue have slid into cars parked along the bend there (along the stone wall). If you must park out on the street, park on the uphill side of Shady Avenue, not on that downhill bend.

PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN JOE HOECHNER

would like to remind all new Activities Chairpeople that he has descriptive brochures covering most of your activities. These brochures include X-C skiing, hiking/backpacking, rock climbing, caving, canoeing, and bicycling. He does not have brochures on kayaking or rafting (hint to chairpeople - start composing now during the off season). These brochures are designed to make your job easier by answering the most commonly asked questions. (i.e. Are the rocks hard? or Do we have to paddle?) See Joe any Thursday night for a supply.



WINTER WEEKEND FEBRUARY 18-20, 1983



Our meals will be served by the camp staff in the dining hall and will include two breakfasts and one supper. You'll have to bring two 'trail' lunches. A snack will be provided for Friday and Saturday nights. Total cost of the weekend (two nights lodging, three meals, trip fees, and transportation) should be approximately \$30. A deposit of \$20 should be paid to trip leader Sally Brunson before Feb. 10th. Make checks payable to Pittsburgh AYH.

Sally would like to remind all members to bring their musical instruments, sleeping bags, pillows, ice skates, and teddy bears. There is a fireplace in the lodge building and downhill ski equipment is available for rental. What else should you bring? As previously mentioned, bring two lunches, warm stuff for sleeping, cross-country skis, hiking boots, warm clothes and personal items, plus cash or check to pay balance. If you would like to reserve cross-country ski equipment (one day rental basis), call Steve Tubbs at 751-2158. If you have any questions, call Sally at 231-6074. Reminder: this trip is open to AYH members only—with current passes!!! Deposits are non-refundable after Feb. 10. Leave AYH HQ at 7:30 pm.

RESERVATION FORM FOR AYH WINTER WEEKEND (space limited to first 50 applicants)

NAME(s) _____
HOME NO. _____ AYH PASS NO. _____
MOUNT ENCLOSED _____ (\$20/person) Checks payable to "PGH AYH"

<input type="checkbox"/> I can help with snacks	Bring this form to deposit at meeting or mail to: Sally Brunson 911 Beech Avenue Pgh., Pa. 15233
<input type="checkbox"/> I need a ride	
<input type="checkbox"/> I can drive (# passengers)	
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to lead a trip	
<input type="checkbox"/> (ski, hike, skate, night hike, stargazing, or _____)	

Once again Pgh. Council is planning its annual winter weekend get-together at the nearby Y.W.C.A. Camp Soles. This season the date is February 18-20, with AYH members getting first priority.

We will arrive at Camp Soles by carpool about 9:30 pm Friday night, Feb. 18, and leave on the afternoon of Sunday, Feb. 20. We have reservations for three dorm cabins. Space is available for about 50 AYH members. Reservations are on a first come, first serve basis.

sun jan 18	BEGIN Gordon Bugby 371-4233
sat jan 22	BEGIN Barry Governor 421-7114
sun jan 23	BEGIN/INTER Chuck and Lynn Ejzak 466-6196
Fri jan 28-	INTER Oil Creek State Park, please reserve, Harriet Ann
sun jan 30	Seiner 681-1189.
sat jan 29	INTER Steve Tubbs 751-2158
sun jan 30	BEGIN/INTER Bill Johnston 687-4893
thursdays	X-C at AYH HQ in Mellon Park from 6:30 - 8:30 pm; all welcome, for rentals call: jan 6 Fred Parker 824-2638 jan 13 Kathy Foster 421-5349 jan 20 Cathy Lynch 361-3707 jan 27 Judy Menosky 242-1573
special	Blackwater Falls Trip - Anyone desiring ski rental call Fred Parker before or on Thursday Jan. 13. See announcement on previous page.
special	Chautauqua X-C Ski Marathon Feb 5; 34 miles of good skiing; contact Steve Tubbs or Fred Parker for application forms before Feb. 1.
HIKING	Shirley Sedmak 242-1573
sat jan 8	INTER Mike the Rachel Carson Trail from Baileys Run Road to the Russelton Road, 10 miles. For information and reservations call Glenn Oster 566-3042(W) or 364-2864(W).
sun jan 16	INTER Destination to be announced. Leave at 8 am, weather permitting. Call Cole Van Orner 683-7160(H) or 624-5294(W).
sun jan 23	BEGIN hike in Frick Park. Meet at 1 pm at the Reynolds Ave. entrance. Joe Levine 241-3265. Cancel in severe weather.

KAYAKING Ray Yutzy 561-3764 Lou Conley 681-8321

Kayaking Committee: An AYH kayaking committee is being formed. The purpose of the committee will be to provide guidance and input to the Kayaking program and how it may be improved in the future. The committee will be very informal and any interested party is welcome to join. Previous participation in the kayaking program is NOT a requirement for involvement on the committee. The first meeting of the committee will take place in January of 1983. Anyone who is interested can contact Lou Conley at above no. for further information.

ROLL PRACTICE SESSIONS: Anyone interested in kayaking roll practice sessions this winter, contact Lou Conley, above. We are having some difficulty finding swimming pools that are available but we may be

TRIPS & TRAILS

The trips listed here are open to the public, with the exception that AYH members are given priority when the trip is of limited size. Trip costs include a 60¢ registration fee and insurance (\$1000 medical/\$1000 accidental death or dismemberment) plus transportation and rentals. In addition, nonmembers are charged \$1.50 per day which is deducted from the cost of membership. Trips are classified BEGINner, INTERmediate, and ADVanced, with the exception of cycling and water sports.

BACKPACKING Steve Martin 469-3153(H) 462-5000 X6185(W)
Jack Peth 921-7214(H) 777-5365(W)

Contact trip leaders to rent tent, packs, sleeping bags, skis & snowshoes for any trip. Please make advance arrangements!

- sat jan 8- BEGINners cold weather TENT camping on the L.H.H.T. Some
sun jan 9 X/C ski experience will be required if there is much snow.
How about some snowshoeing! Trippers must attend meeting
on Thursday, Jan. 6. For reservations & information call
Jack Peth above.
- sat jan 15- EASY-INTERmediate. Hike the Hickory Creek Trail in Alle-
sun jan 16 gheny National Forest. For information and reservations
call Glenn Oster 566-3042(W) or 364-2864(H).
- sat jan 22- INTER cross-country ski backpack trip somewhere in the
Allegheny National Forest. Leave HQ at 6 am on Saturday,
return Sunday night (hopefully). To sign up call Steve
Martin above.

CANOEING Penny Smith 243-1387

During the cold winter months, Nov-Mar, canoe trips are not scheduled in advance. However, trips are organized at the Thursday meeting and are open to those with proper equipment and canoeing skills. Scheduled trips and school will be posted in the April Triangle.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING Fred Parker 824-2638 Steve Tubbs 751-2158

All cross-country ski trips are on a "no snow, no go" basis. Most trips leave the AYH-HQ at 8:30 am. Contact the trip leader for trip details and ski rentals.

- sat jan 1 INTER Norma Snyder 351-4068
sun jan 2 INTER Rick Ulaky 734-3845
sat jan 8 INTER Cliff and Maylin Ham 687-4520
sun jan 9 INTER Arthur Mazer 661-2966
sat jan 15 BEGIN/INTER Pat Rossi 335-5067

CAMP T. FRANK SOLES

Where is Camp T. Frank Soles? Its about ___ miles past the entrance to Seven Springs Ski area and is about 2 miles south of the entrance to Laurel Hill State Park (a favorite X-C Ski area). The camp has over 230 acres of rolling terrain, many open fields and cut trails. There is an 18 acre lake, hopefully frozen for skating. If you are inclined to try downhill skis, the camp has them for rent to use on their 1300' slope served by a poma lift. Note that accommodations are all in bunk beds.

REMEMBER DEPOSIT DEADLINE IS FEB. 10TH
FOR THE WINTER WEEKEND FEB. 18-20

See ad on previous page



NOTICE FOR BLACKWATER FALLS SKI TRIP - JAN. 14-15

If you need to rent equipment, contact Fred Parker, 824-2638, to reserve. Pick up your equipment at the Thursday night meeting before the trip.

We will be meeting at the Headquarters at 7 pm on Friday night to carpool to Blackwater Falls. If you know the way there and have made your own travel arrangements, please let Kevin Craig, 488-7255 W or 434-3301 W, know beforehand, and we will see you there.

from the President

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

This year, why not become more involved with Pittsburgh Council? You may be doing yourself a favor, as well as helping AYH out, and it does not have to take a lot of time, either. There are many kinds of jobs that need to be done; everything from helping out with the production party, to leading trips, to taking on one of the necessary, but almost thankless jobs some people have faithfully taken on year after year.

Almost all of the activities board committees can use people who are willing to help out. Perhaps one of the best ways to start, is to get involved with your favorite activity. Let the chairperson know that you are interested in leading trips and/or helping out with the committee. You will find that the chairperson can help you become qualified to lead trips, if necessary or give you suggestions for trips if you need them.

In addition to trips, there is work in answering requests for brochures; publicity; fund raising; and hostel, trail and headquarters maintenance. Much of this work may only involve a few evenings or one or two Saturdays a year, and your contribution will help keep our council strong.

If you are interested, contact the chairperson of the particular activity, or Joe Hoechner, Larry Laude, or me. Your contribution will be appreciated.

THANKS, CHUCK EJZAK

CALL FOR HELP

Missed the elections and still wish to help lead your Council to another successful year? All officers can use help to some degree at any time, but the opportunity now exists for you to fill the position of CO-CHAIRPERSON OF LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT. This office had been filled out is now open because of conflict of interest!

As co-chair of this office, it would be your responsibility to encourage/coordinate trippers and trip leaders to advance their programs via improved teaching techniques, to arrange for classes for rescue procedures for specific accidents concerning respective activities, and to encourage an increase in the knowledge of the general membership by making available information or classes dealing with advanced first aid (preferably outdoor oriented) and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.

If interested, please contact 466-6196.

SPECIAL TRIP NOTE !!!

First Annual April 1st Whale Watching Migration Trip has been postponed to the last weekend in March. Watch future issues for details.

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING



The meeting was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on November 19-21. This meeting was especially important since National had some serious financial problems this year. I really cannot give this issue justice, but in short, the problem was not in the actual amount received but in the amount that was projected as income. As a result, money that was earmarked for hostel development loans was diverted to pay day to day operating expenses. The executive director was subsequently replaced. While these events happened earlier in the year, the council meeting was the first opportunity for the individual councils to pass judgement on the National Board which was responsible for overseeing the budget.

There were several resolutions to reduce the size of the national board, kick everyone off the board, or put special restrictions on earmarked funds, among others. In addition, the elections promised to be interesting since there were as many as forty candidates running for about eight available board positions.

Also, Chicago Metropolitan Council filed a lawsuit against National and the Board for the lost fund. By the time the sixteen plus hours of meetings concluded, however, things stayed pretty much intact. Resolutions to reduce the size of the board and kick everyone off had failed. By the time of the elections, there were only fourteen people running for the eight positions. Among those elected was our own Barry Governor. Resolutions Passed included some designed to prevent the misuse of earmarked funds, one to develop a standardized computer system for national and all councils who purchase computers, the acceptance of a plan to resolve the controversy over membership pass-fee splits, and one that permits the use of the alternate name "American Hostel Association" to refer to the AYH.

Attending from Pittsburgh Council were Barry Governor, Joe Hoechner, and Chuck Ejzak.

KAYAKING INSTRUCTION

Beginning Kayak Instruction will be offered by Allegheny Community College on the North Side. The 12 week series will begin Monday, Feb. 21st. The 2½ hour evening classes will be from 6:00 to 8:30 and from 8:30 to 11:00. The \$40 fee covers: pool use, equipment and boat rental, and instruction. The class will cover equipment use and boat control, including the "Eskimo roll". For information contact Ray Yutzy at 561-3764. To register, contact the Department of Continuing Education, Allegheny Campus, Allegheny Community College at 237-2600.