



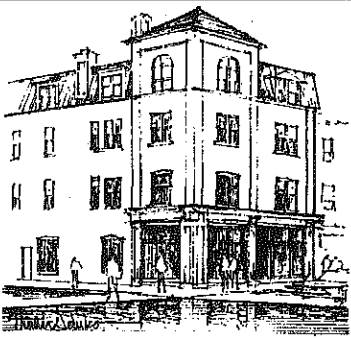
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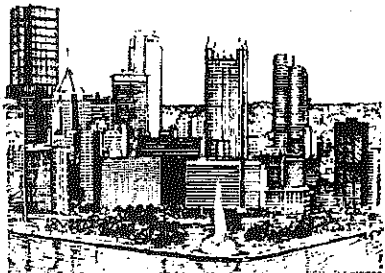
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THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD

The Great Ocean Road is arguably one of the most spectacular coastal roads in the world. With sparkling beaches, sandstone cliffs, shipwrecks, excellent bushwalking among giant ferns and ancient gum trees, and the Twelve Apostles, it attracts photographers, cyclists, motorists, tourists and artists alike. During the Great Depression of the 1930's, when 25% of Aussie could not find work, the government initiated public works programs, including the construction of the Great Ocean Road. It stretches nearly 300 km from Torquay, a world famous surfing town, to Warnambool. My Aussie friend, Trevor, whom I met 5 years ago in Ireland, and I packed the car and set off for a week of exploring the southern coast of Victoria.

The first night, we stayed at the charming Great Ocean Road Backpackers in lovely Lorne. The hostel was nestled among trees with dozens of cockatoos and parrots perched on them. They would frequently swoop down onto the picnic tables, where we chatted with other hostellers, and demand bird seed. Friendly, maybe? Bold, definitely!

We spent the next day hiking in the Otways National Park adjacent to the hostel. Its incredible to look north and see nothing but giant gums, ferns, waterfalls and to look south, the pounding surf. The highlight of our 8 hour bushwalk was seeing the Erskine Falls where we indulged in the fresh, clean water to cool ourselves from the soaring 100+ degree temperatures. We collapsed that night after a wonderful day, yet had a poor nights sleep as there was

a "snorer" in the hostel who kept everyone awake. The "snorer" became a legend of the Great Ocean Road as he single-handedly kept every hosteller awake at each hostel he visited!

As we continued the drive towards Port Campbell, the base for exploring the Twelve Apostles, we stopped at the Melba Gully State Park. Its a lovely place for a quiet stroll through fern gullies underneath a dense canopy of myrtle beech and blackwood trees. A 300 year old gum tree with a girth of 27 meters is quite a spectacle. The coastline near the Twelve Apostles is stunning with sheer sandstone cliffs and eerie rock formations, the ten of the Twelve remaining Apostles, sprinkled off the coast. The surf pounds against the Apostles with waves reaching 5-8 meters making swimming and surfing strictly verboten.

It's no surprise to learn of the numerous shipwrecks. Loch Ard Gorge is named after the Loch Ard iron hulled clipped that had sailed from Ireland in the 1880's and wrecked just off the coast. Only two people survived—a crew member and a woman, who returned to Ireland. A nearby cemetery holds the graves of only four of 52 people found in the wreck. We spent the rest of the day walking along the ridge, ducking into caves to escape the heat, and enjoying the mist from the crashing waves.

At the Port Campbell hostel, we met a middle-aged British who was cycling along the Ocean Road on an old three speed bike. The three of us (sans bicycle) piled into Trevor's car to catch the sunset over the ocean. The scenery

is as impressive at dusk as anytime with the sun's hues over the ocean. Fairy penguins reappear at dusk to feel their eagerly awaiting babies. Its difficult to see them from the cliff yet they could certainly be heard. We meandered a little west to see a little island where the mutton birds live. Hundreds of mutton birds return to the island at nightfall and thrive extremely well as there are not predators. Amazingly, they migrate to Alaska during the winter and return to Australia the same day each September!

Another must see is "London Bridge." It used to look like a bridge attaching the ridge to a sandstone formation only meters away in the ocean. Yet, in 1990, a group of tourist had just crossed the bridge when it collapsed mysteriously. Luckily none were injured! They were rescued by a helio & London Bridge is a permanent reminder of how fragile we are in nature.

Our final stop was Victor Harbor in South Australia. Victor Harbor is a beautiful coastal town that overflows with charm. After settling into the hostel where we were the sole occupants, we wandered over to Granite Island. Granite Island is a nature preserve accessible by a long bridge or horse drawn carriage. The main attraction is watching the playful fairy penguins return to their nests at dusk. People quietly wait to watch these cautious and sometimes comical animals.

The Great Ocean Road has something for everyone with a variety of different itineraries.

Elizabeth Lochbaum; Program Assistant; The Schreyer Honors College, 214 Willard Building; University Park, PA 16802. 814-863-2635

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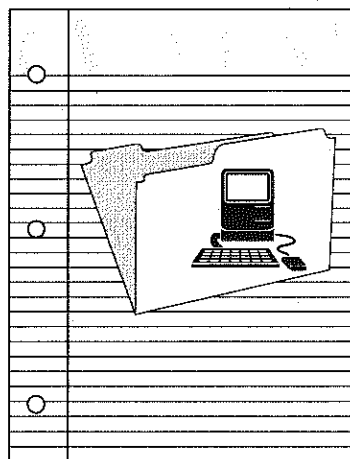
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American Youth Hostels is a non-profit organization which promotes international understanding, educational and recreational travel, good citizenship and an appreciation of America. AYH does this by bringing travelers of all ages, backgrounds and nationalities together in hostels and by providing low-cost travel programs. AYH is the US affiliate of Hostelling International (HI), (Formerly named International Youth Hostel Federation (IYHF)), which coordinates more than 5,400 hostels worldwide-the largest network of accommodations in the world.



Submissions Policy: Golden Triangle

Classified Adds:

- Classified adds are free to Current members of HI-International
- All requests for classifieds must be made in writing via the Council Office. Request Must include full Name, address, phone number and Membership number of member. Members are not permitted to place adds for non-members.
- Free adds may not be for commercial gain.
- Above rules apply in addition to general rules for submission

Trips

- All trips must be approved by authorized co-chair
- Trip leader must be a council approved leader
- Trips must be submitted through co-chair, for that activity. Trip leaders, are not to submit trips directly to editor or office, any trips improperly submitted will not be listed.
- Above rules apply in addition to general rules for submission

Articles

- Members are encouraged to write articles, about travel abroad and in the states, and about activities and outdoor sports in which the council has a program
- All Articles are to be, non-political and non-secular
- Above rules apply in addition to general rules for submission

General rules for submission

- No handwritten submissions
- Submissions Can be;
 - On computer disk (IBM / MAC), E-mail (Internet/compuserve), Direct Modem, Type written material double spaced, faxed. NO EXCEPTIONS. Call if you have questions.
- Submitted before the deadline of the issue that submission needs to be run in. (See Editors Golden Rule)
- All Submissions are on a first come first serve basis, The GT makes no promises to print material received and all material received becomes the property of the GT.
- Standing Deadline; Deadline for the GT, has always been, and will continue to be the First Thursday of the month, prior to the month of the issue. (See Editors Golden Rule)
- Please always check in advance with office, to confirm schedule.

Editors Golden Rule

- "Lack of planning on your part, does not constitute an emergency on my part"

Please note, the Golden Triangle frequency of publication.

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and Number 10 issue ->Dec. / January

Editor...

Upcoming Slide Shows

April 2: Mary Pitzer, "Touring Alaska". See Dawson City, Valdez, and Prince William Sound.
April 9: Bring your own 10 best slides of sports, travel, or nature. This kind of session has been very popular at other outdoor clubs. Slides of old AYH trips are especially needed. Also apple cider and cheese party.
April 16: Kevin Swenson, "Belize And Honduras". Windjammer cruise around the Bay Islands; Mayan ruins on the mainland.
April 23: Bob Tait, "The North Country Trail". What needs to be done in Pennsylvania to complete this giant trail.
April 30: We show the video "The Big Ice: Views Of Antarctica-The Garden Of Eden".
May 7: Joe Levine, "Early Days Of Hiking And Trail Maintenance". Features the Tuscarora and Rachel Carson trails, also a Cook Forest weekend. Part of Pittsburgh AYH 50-year celebration.

Slide shows start at 8:30 PM, at AYH Headquarters, Shady Avenue at Fifth Avenue. Doors open at 8:00 PM. If you want to give a show, call Luc Berger at 683 3131.

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If you find an error, please notify the editor. See the address for the Golden Triangle below.

Mail regarding this Newsletter should be addressed to:

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MID-WEEK RAMBLES

"Rambles" are casual Wednesday outings sponsored by the Pittsburgh Council of Hostelling International - American Youth Hostels. Most take place in and around the city of Pittsburgh.

The group meets at 10 a.m. (9:30 am during the summer) in the upper parking lot of Mellon Park in Shadyside, off Shady Avenue near the intersection with Fifth Avenue. Remember to bring quarters for the parking meters.

Trips are normally three to four miles in length, at a leisurely pace. Trips are always subject to change because of weather, conflicts of schedule, and the choice of the group. We do plan to walk in all kinds of weather, so please dress appropriately.

From time to time, we will schedule lunch at a restaurant or a brown bag lunch. These are optional.

We also try to carpool to save energy and to enjoy each other's company. For trips over 10 miles, please pay the driver \$2 per passenger.

Call the leaders listed below for information about a trip or to inform the leader that you plan to walk with the group (especially when reservations are requested or you plan to meet us at the trail head), but please call before 10 o'clock at night.

April 8	Fred Mauk, 361-6299. Fine View.
April 15	Dick Fischer, 421-9215. Duck Hollow and the Slag Heap.
April 22	Luc Berger, 683-3131. Trillium Trail and Partridge Ridge
April 29	Earl McCabe, 761-1844. North Park. Bag Lunch.
May 6	Jim Hurst, 276-0447. Raccoon Creek Park. Bag Lunch.
May 13	Marilyn Ham, 687-4520. Coraopolis and the Montour Trail. Bag lunch.
May 20	Don Hoecker, 243-8298. Deer Lakes Park. Bag lunch.
May 27	Joan Roelf, 795-8345. Connemaugh Dam Area. Bag Lunch.
June 3	John Hartman, 241-5031. Mexican War Streets and the Mattress Factory.
June 10	Alex Federowicz & Margaret Laske, 421-5219. Yough Trail from Boston. Lunch at Farkas Country Club Restaurant.
June 17	Bruce Sundquist, 327-8737. Boyce Park. Bag lunch.
June 24	Billie Woodland, 563-5419. Round Hill Farm. Bag lunch.

Pittsburgh Hostel Overnight Saturday, May 16th, 1998

Have you seen the new Pittsburgh Hostel in Allentown??? Isn't it beautiful??? Now you can stay overnight for a truly wonderful hosteling experience. The agenda for the weekend is as follows, although this is subject to change:

Saturday, May 16th

10 AM Meet at the hostel in Allentown. Ride the streetcar or bus to a destination and hike for 5 or 6 miles. This was the custom when the Pittsburgh Council of AYH began 50 years ago.

5 PM Back at the hostel, we will all have a fabulous dinner, partly prepared by Marianne Kasica. We can help with the final preparations. Singing, games and a neighborhood walk will end the evening.

Sunday, May 17th, 1998

After a breakfast at the hostel you may choose one of the following:

9:30 AM A city hike through some very interesting neighborhoods.

9:30 AM A bike ride through the city, possibly making a loop through the city. (Sunday morning is a good time to explore neighborhoods such as the Southside and/or The Strip District.)

We should be finished in the early afternoon.

Be sure to sign up early. A \$10. deposit is required. Space is limited. Some family rooms are available.

Call Joan Roelf for further details at (412)795-8345

Reservation Form For The Pittsburgh Hostel Overnight

NAME _____

PHONE _____

of Female Beds _____

of Male Beds _____

A special group rate applies so the total cost for the bed, dinner, breakfast and activities is only \$24.

per person. Include a CHECK or VISA/MC/DISCOVER

Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Please send the above information and payment to:

HI~Pittsburgh Hostel
May 16th Overnight
830 E. Warrington Ave.
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15210

REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN ONLY IF CANCELLATIONS
ARE MADE NO LATER THAN SATURDAY, MAY 2ND.

SAILING

The AYH owns Flying Juniors, Sunfish, and an International 470. Several members also use their own sailboats. Most day sails and classes will be on Lake Arthur in Moraine State Park near Butler, Pa. Additional weekend trips and extended trips are also planned.

All trips require previous sailing experience unless otherwise stated. Participants for all sailing activities must be in good physical condition and able to pass minimum Red Cross recommendations for swimming competency. Personal Floatation Devices are required. Individuals with their own sailboats are encouraged to join our program.

April 25 Sat Lake Arthur Bob Zavos 241-0659
BARN DATE. We remove the boats from winter storage and do minor maintenance such as replacing lines and shrouds. If we get lucky with an El Nino warm spell we could go for a sail. Dinner afterwards in the Zelonople area.

May 17 Sun Lake Arthur Sara Zavos 241-0659
DAY SAILING. Opening day of sailing if the weather permits. If you have a wet suit be sure to bring it along.

May 30-31 (or Aug 29-30 Sat-Sun) Cleveland Ohio Bob Zavos 241-0659
RED CROSS SAILING INSTRUCTOR COURSE. This is not an AYH activity but we coordinate trips to the Cleveland Red Cross to take this course. Individuals who complete the course can fulfill the annual teaching requirement in our Basic Sailing Courses. The course fee is \$60. There is also a short Red Cross Instructor Candidate course prerequisite that is taught frequently at the Pittsburgh Red Cross.

June 13-14 Sat-Sun Lake Arthur Bob Zavos 241-0659
AYH ACTIVITIES WEEKEND Intro. 1 hour sails to acquaint individuals with sailing. Sign-up via the Activities weekend coupon appearing elsewhere in this issue.

July 17-19 Fri-Sun. Toronto, Canada Bob Zavos. 241-0659
TORONTO EXCURSION Take a trip to one of North America's most exciting cities. We will stay at the AYH Hostel or a Bed & Breakfast and take in some great sites, culture, and restaurants. Day sailing in rented boats at Toronto harbor. Stop off in Niagara Falls on the way. Exact itinerary is still flexible so call early with your suggestions. Reservations and deposits will be required by June 4th.

Aug. 15 Sat. Lake Arthur Sara Zavos 241-0659
WOMEN'S SUNFISH REGATTA. In conjunction with Moraine Sailing Club women will race Sunfish as part of the day's racing activities. Day sailing in Flying Juniors is open to everyone

Fees: Day sail fee at Lake Arthur is \$14 plus the AYH activity fee of \$1 for members and \$3 non-members

Introductory Sailing Classes

PROGRAM: The course is designed to provide the student with the knowledge and skill necessary for safe participation in recreational sailing. All courses are taught by qualified instructors using lectures and discussions with strong emphasis on on-the-water experience. Upon successful completion of all requirements students may obtain a Red Cross Sailing Course certificate.

COST: \$85 for AYH members, \$95 for non-members. The course fee includes a textbook. There is a \$10 DISCOUNT per person for two or more people who register together to bring your spouse, child or a friend.

PREREQUISITES: All students must be able to tread water for 10 minutes, swim at least 50 yards, and be in good physical condition. Individuals with any health problem that could effect their performance or safety should inquire before enrolling.

REGISTRATION: Participants must be at least 16 years old. Class size is limited so register early. Preference will be given to AYH members. Classes may be canceled or rescheduled due to extreme weather or low enrollment. In this case full refunds will be issued. If students cancel at least one week prior to the first classroom session they will get a full refund minus a \$5 fee. All students will be required to sign a liability waiver at the first classroom session.

CLASS SCHEDULE

	Shore School	Shore School	Water Classes
Class 1	Tue. June 16 7-9:30PM	Thur. June 18 7-9:30PM	Sat. & Sun. June 20&21 9:30-5PM
Class 2	Tue. June 16 7-9:30PM	Thur. June 18 7-9:30PM	Sun. & Sun. June 21&28 9:30-5PM
Class 3	Tue July 7 7-9:30PM	Thur July 9 7-9:30PM	Sat. & Sun. July 11&12 10-5:30PM

Please use the following form to enroll in classes. If you are not an AYH member you may fill in the application form that appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

1998 SAILING CLASS REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No. (H) _____ (W) _____

Class desired: Class 1 _____ Class 2 _____ Class 3 _____

Fee Enclosed \$ _____ (Payable to Pittsburgh Council AYH)

Class Fee \$85 AYH members, \$95 non-members;
\$10 discount for two or more registering together.

Mail this form along with your check to:

Pittsburgh Council AYH; 830 E Warrington Ave.
Pittsburgh PA 15210; ATTN: Sailing Classes

HOSTEL HAPPENINGS

Spring-time greetings from the Pittsburgh International Hostel. As of mid-March we've hosted 1934 overnight visits since our opening last June. We have had a steady stream of inquiries from groups who want to stay with us from now through fall, several of which are confirmed and several are in the process of doing so. We're looking forward to a busy summer season of international visitors at the hostel after a quiet winter.

MAKING THE NEWS

A reporter from the Tribune Review is working on an article about our guests. Hostellers will be interviewed and photographed over the next 6 weeks or so, with expected publication at the end of April. Look for us in the Trib.

MAY 16 SLUMBER PARTY AT THE HOSTEL

As part of the Pgh Council of HI/AYH 50th Anniversary celebration, we are pleased to be your temporary home for a slumber party on the night of May 16, 1998. Pillow fights aren't planned, but enjoying some good food in our beautiful kitchen while sharing stories all night is definitely encouraged! Extra points for fun pajamas. Reserve your bed now (see information elsewhere in this newsletter.) We look forward to seeing you here.

NEW HOSTEL BROCHURE AVAILABLE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Elayne Eckman and John Catane of Minuteman Press on the Southside for putting together our fun new brochure. Elayne, who forgot to sign her beautiful artwork, took us from concept to camera ready-art. John and his production team got us the rest of the way. If you know someone (individual or organization) to whom we should send hostel brochures, please let us know by phoning the hostel.

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!

Have some free time this summer? Learn some new skills or use your favorites! The hostel has an ongoing need for volunteers. Examples include:

- *Lead walking tours or other explorations of Pittsburgh - a great chance to explain American culture and what a great city "The 'Burgh" is to international visitors.
- *Learn how to present Budget Travel Workshops - this is a great chance to talk about your travel experiences and practicing public speaking. Volunteers are also needed to plan and promote these workshops.
- *Expand on a history of the building we've begun - basic library skills will do the trick to find old photos, deeds, and bank robbery stories.
- *We also need to put together a database of organizations to regularly receive hostel brochure mailings - it's about marketing.
- *Have an idea about volunteering? We'd love to hear it!

Students or others with summer time off are encouraged to contact the hostel.

We are continuing our endeavor to put Hostelling International and Pittsburgh "on the map" for travelers and visitors. For information on how to get involved, please call the hostel at 431-1267.

Holly Ridenour, Hostel Manager, Pittsburgh International Hostel

NO "98" RACHEL CARSON TRAIL CHALLENGE

In response to the notice in the February/March 1998 Golden Triangle, we received a number of calls from volunteers to help out with the 1998 Rachel Carson Trail Challenge. To all of those who did call and offer their assistance, we give our thanks. However, there has been a need for at least two dozen volunteers, and many of those would require access to computers or fax machines. We came up short and consequently the 1998 RCT Challenge will not be.

We do promise to put the planning for a 1999 Challenge into motion. We have a little black book full of names and phone numbers for those who did offer their help. We will start initiating 1999 plans in September and start making task assignments in January 1999 or perhaps even earlier.

The tasks that will need to be done include mailings (printing labels, stuffing envelopes, having copies of letters made, trips to Kinko's), telephone calls or letters to County Parks, insurance underwriters, and prospective Challengers, approaching sponsors, ordering and picking up t-shirts, mugs, or whatever, making up lists, lists, and more lists, and especially providing computing support—maintaining registration records.

If you are interested in supporting the Challenge by volunteering some of your time next year, please call Jim Ritchie at 828-0210 to be put on the list.

1998 HI/AYH MEMBER DISCOUNTS

HI/AYH members with valid membership cards are eligible for following discounts. Full details can be found in the FREE and just-published 1998 HI/AYH North American Hostel Handbook.

ALAMO CAR RENTAL: Various discounts. Request plan BY 1998 American Youth Hostels.

ANDY WARHOL MUSEUM: Buy one admission, get a second (of equal or lesser value) free.

MATTRESS FACTORY ART MUSEUM: \$1.00 off admission and 10% off merchandise in museum shop.

PITTSBURGH ZOO: \$1.00 off admission.

CITY BOOKS (Southside): 15% off all used books; 10% off most new books (some exceptions); 10% off all espresso bar items.

ALLEGHENY VALLEYS BICYCLE TOURS: 20% off the regularly advertised price of any bicycle tour granted to current HI members.

DANNY K'S DINER (3 blocks from hostel): 10% off final bill to all HI members.

PGH INTERNATIONAL HOSTEL: \$17.00/night for dormitory accommodation.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS AT THE PITTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL HOSTEL TODAY!

The Pittsburgh Hostel has 50 beds available. If you or someone you know would like to stay, we'd be happy to make a reservation for you.

Individual HI/AYH members pay \$17.00/person/night for dormitory beds. Non-members may stay for an additional \$3.00/night.

Individuals can make a reservation for dormitory bed(s) by providing the following information:

Pittsburgh International Hostel Reservation Request Form

Reservation Name: _____

Date of Arrival _____

Morning of Departure _____ # Nights _____

Female Beds _____ # Male Beds _____

Include a check -OR-

VISA/MC/Discover # _____

Exp. Date. _____

Signature _____

Date _____

We have a 24-hour cancellation policy. You must cancel no later than 10 p.m. the night before your intended arrival date or your credit card will be billed for the first night's deposit. Government-issued photo ID required to check-in. Don't forget to bring your membership card!

Call the hostel directly for Family Rooms requests (limited availability). A surcharge and key deposit apply to these rooms.

Special Group Rate for 10 or more people. Please request a Group Inquiry Packet.

Need more information? We can send a copy of "Everything You Need to Know About Visiting Us" to you by email, fax or "snail" mail. Please call the hostel at 431-1267. You can send the reservation form above or request a copy of "Everything You Need to Know..." by fax or email. Our fax number is 431-2625. Email to ayh@trfn.clpgh.org

It doesn't get any bigger than 1998 for the Pittsburgh International Hostel. Lots and lots of Hostel Happenings. We plan on putting Pittsburgh and the Allentown area on the map with visitors from all over the world in the first full year of business. We look forward to seeing you here, especially if you can help us out in this exciting endeavor.

*Holly Ridenour,
Hostel Manager, Pittsburgh International Hostel*

Pittsburgh AYH is accepting pledges and donations for the Pittsburgh Hostel.

Our Fundraising efforts are escalating to foundations and will include corporations as well. If any member is involved or knows of someone involved with these groups we would appreciate it if you would take a few minutes to let us know. Having a contact person really helps to get some attention. We need to raise a ton of money for this building and we need all the help that we can get.

Thanks for your interest and help.

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1998 EVENTS AT PITTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL HOSTEL

Meet other HI/AYH members, hostel guests, and the public, see the hostel, and learn more about hostelling at the following events, either as a volunteer or participant in the activities.

During our normal hostel hours of 8 - 10 a.m. and 5 - 10 p.m. (we are closed during the day) the hostel is in the business of providing accommodation to its guests. For that reason only the lobby is accessible to non-guests during open hours and tours are not available without prior arrangement.

Tours of the hostel will be available at all events listed below.

WORLD TRAVEL 101: SAT. BUDGET TRAVEL WORKSHOPS OPEN HOUSE; 11 am. - 12 noon. BUDGET TRAVEL WORKSHOPS 12 noon - 2 p.m.

APRIL 25 - EUROPE ON A BUDGET. This is the last in the spring series of workshops.

"CLEAN TEAM" WORK PARTY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to get the hostel in shape for the busy summer travel season (SPRING CLEANING) and keep it that way (MONTHLY WORK PARTIES). We need your help! Refreshments will be served on all days. A WORK PARTY VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR FOR THE SEASON IS NEEDED! Please call Holly at the Pittsburgh Hostel for more information.

SPRING-CLEANING: SATURDAY, MAY 2, 10 A.M. - 4 P.M. Winter is over! Help us out with whatever free time you can spare on this all-day event. Bring a broom and gloves if you have them. Would anyone like to provide a planter box and "green thumb" gardening skills to add a touch of spring to the outside of our building?

WORK PARTIES: SATURDAYS - 10 A.M. - 2 P.M. JUNE 20, JULY 25, AUG. 22, SEPT. 26 "Clean Team" will help maintain the hostel. Bring a broom and gloves if you have them.

SECOND SUNDAE SIDEWALK SOCIALS BEGIN ON MAY 10 FROM 3-5 P.M.

What would summer be without ice cream? Beginning on the second "Sundae" of May and each month through September, bring the family by the hostel in the afternoon for some summer fun. There is a small charge for refreshments. Hostel tours are free. Volunteers are needed.

SLUMBER PARTY AT THE HOSTEL: SAT. NIGHT MAY 16 (details in this issue)

ACTIVITIES WEEKEND AT MORaine STATE PARK. STAY AT THE HOSTEL ON THE NIGHT(S) OF JUNE 12 AND/OR 13 IF YOU'RE COMING IN FROM OUT OF TOWN AND DON'T FEEL LIKE CAMPING. MAKE YOUR HOSTEL RESERVATIONS NOW.

Watch this space in 1998 or call the hostel at 431-1267 for more details on Hostel Events.

ALASKA... THE ETERNAL MAGNET

This is the fourth installment of an article by Glenn Oster telling of events that happened on an HI/AYH trip that he led to Alaska this past summer. He covers the experiences that they had in Fairbanks, Alaska and in Denali National Park.

Northward to even Shorter Nights Whew, surely glad I survived the Chilkoot

Next came a perfunctory visit to Canadian Customs in Whitehorse, after which we called home and pointed our mechanical steed toward Fairbanks. The only thing of note along the way was the Trans-Alaska Pipeline's suspended crossing of Goodpaster River. However, we also saw a multicolored fox (none like that in our part of the world) and six moose. Now for another coincidence. We were to stay at the College Bunkhouse, and Greg Nestor, the last to join our trip, was to make the reservations. When we arrived, there was a sign on the door that the hostel was closed indefinitely. Where should we stay and how will we connect with Greg? I referred to my trusty Alaska Travel Survival Kit, and it mentioned another hostel (no HI/AYH hostel there), Billie's Backpacking Hostel not far away. We went there, and yep, you guessed it - Greg was there. Another coincidence. The other hostel's manager had a serious illness in the family and had to shut down after making arrangements with Billie's that Greg had no way of communicating to us in advance.

John Gross, one of my backpacking class students had been to Alaska in the recent past and recommended that we have dinner and take in the show at the Malemute Saloon. We were all primed for it and got directions at the hostel. Along the way, we had a chance to see the Trans-Alaska Pipeline up close at the visitor center. The saloon seemed to be in a very remote and improbable location; then we discovered why. We had been directed to the wrong saloon. This one was really a saloon with no show. We should have gone the exact opposite direction to get to the Malemute Saloon. Fortunately, Fairbanks isn't all that large; so, this wasn't serious. We reached the proper one only twenty-five minutes later, despite missing a key turn at first. When we finally arrived, we knew we were at the right place - vehicles and busses parked everywhere. We didn't have a reservation, but they were able to seat us at what may have been their last available table. Our meal was super - could have had all the Alaska King Crab you could eat. We finished dinner at a convenient time and went into the theater for the evening's show. It was centered around Alaska and included a blend of western type singing, joke telling and Robert Service recitals that I had not heard before (but including the "Cremation of Sam Mc Gee" - again) - all in all, a most enjoyable evening.

And Now for the Big One how I was in more danger of being eaten by the state bird than a bear

To me, even more so than the Chilkoot Trail, a visit Denali National Park was a must on our tour. Now was the time. We drove through intermittent rain and arrived at the park, along with hordes of others. That is one popular place! Considering that Alaska's population is small, most of these people were tourists, such as we, who had traveled far to get there. We claimed our campsite reservation, set up our tents in Riley Creek Campground and began exploring. You can only drive a short distance into the park and must cue up days in advance to obtain tickets to board busses to see the interior. What we saw of the park that day was minimal and sodden. We were thankful that it wasn't the day we planned to go to Wonder Lake, the innermost point that could be reached. That afternoon had one special attraction - a dog sled demonstration. A young ranger hitched seven dogs to a sled. The dogs are bred for this express purpose. They were wildly excited, barking and jumping about in anticipation of their run, pulling the sled. After explaining about the use of dog sleds and about the temperaments of the various dogs, she stepped on the runners and gave them the magical word to get going; that they did. They took off like jets and did a long "U" shaped run inside a low fence to keep the observers safe. They moved so fast that the demonstration was over almost before it began. Remarkable. I had no sense of the speed that these animals can attain - and there was no snow to lubricate the runners. I can only guess at their speed on snow with much less resistance. That evening we saw an excellent program put on by a park ranger about bears. She had a great deal of first hand knowledge of dealing with bears and gave a very interesting account of her experiences. This narrative would be as long as The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich if I allowed myself to expand on the details of each of these events that were so worthwhile. You will have to trust me for now. Then go and experience them yourself to see first hand what I'm describing.

Our reservation for Teklanika Campground was not available for two days, but we were able to get a ticket for the next day to board a bus into the back country and take a hike guided by a park ranger. We drew another dreary day, weather-wise, but some ten or so of us were on hand to take the hike. Coincidentally, the start of our hike was near the campground where we would be the following day. There are no trails in this part of Denali - you plunge in and do the best you can at bushwacking. The first notable is the sponginess of the ground; you sink into the tundra about four inches with each step and more if it's a wet location. I found myself picking what appeared to be dry places to step, only to find water pouring into the tops of my boots from shin-deep soft spots. You walk through thigh-deep vegetation and shoulder-high willow shrubs. Going is tough, and I found myself tiring more easily than normal. We crossed a broad flat area and climbed a few hundred feet to a huge rock outcropping - a great view and a good spot for lunch. Phyllis and another lady hiker decided to hike at a lower elevation than the rest, but we kept them in our field glasses to track their whereabouts. Considering the thick vegetation, there were areas in which we could not see them even though we knew where they had to be. Grizzly bears could be thirty feet from you, and you might not be able to see them. You need to make lots of noise so as not to surprise them. The little tinkling bear bells hikers used to carry are no longer advisable; they just don't make enough noise. A vigorously rung cow bell would be more apt. Wayne was impatient with the length of the lunch break and took off on his own in the direction that he thought the group would be heading. He climbed to the crest of a peak far above where the rest of us mere mortals hiked, but he made it down in time to join us as we circled back to the highway and the end of our hike. The hike took several hours and covered about six miles.

In addition to riding to our hiking point, our bus ticket that day entitled us to ride anywhere into the park, as far as Eilson Visitor Center at mile 66. After our hike, we caught the next bus and rode to Eilson. The weather was still heavily overcast and not suitable for sparkling pictures, but I took lots anyway. The weather at our next opportunity might be worse. We should have visited in June when the weather is sunnier. Some folks prefer the mysteriousness of misty weather, but not I. The day was perfect for wildlife watching. The bus drivers would stop whenever a passenger spotted wildlife; we made many stops. We saw dozens of dall sheep high on the mountainsides. Caribou became so common that we quit calling attention to them. Ptarmigans had nests right along the road for some reason that escapes me, and sometimes their entire families would be out for a stroll and cause the bus to stop until they got off the road. Tom Eichenlaub has incredible vision and was the first to spot grizzly bears, a sow and two large cubs. I've never seen a grown man so excited. It was a joy to watch him experience something that he had wanted so desperately to see on the trip. His two main objectives on the trip were to hike the Chilkoot Trail and see grizzly bears. He had now done both - fulfillment at its best.

The following day was that on which we were permitted to drive 29 miles into the park (23 miles farther than ordinarily permitted) to Teklanika Campground. On the way, we encountered a caribou on the roadway. It was in the middle of the road, strutting along the same direction as I was driving, and refused to leave the road. If I went to the right to pass, it moved to the right. If I speeded up, so did the caribou; likewise, if I slowed. It probably wasn't that long, but it seemed like we followed it for ten minutes. Finally, it let down its guard and veered to the left side of the road, where I was able to pass. I hope that I didn't intimidate the animal. All I wanted was to move ahead to the campground.

Teklanika is a primitive campground - modern chemical toilets, but no showers - otherwise, very good. It was situated, as the name suggests, alongside Teklanika River, a wide gravel bar, with 20 to 30 feet wide ribbons of stream cutting through at various points. Such a river is referred to as a "braided" river. Fording such rivers requires careful timing. If you cross one in the morning, it may be knee-deep, but if it's a warm day, the water may be waist-deep upon your return in the afternoon because of melting snow in the mountains, the source of the water. After lunch, Tom and Greg took a hike for several hours up a nearby hillside to a point where they had a great view of the river and our campground. Wayne took the afternoon off and spent it reading Michener's book, "Alaska." Phyllis, Geri and I did a hike for a few miles up the river to the road crossing and circled back to the campground via the road. Shortly after our return, the camp's excitement was the sight of two grizzly bears directly across the river from camp. They seemed to be totally oblivious of us and made their way up the opposite side of the river that we had just hiked.

A phenomenon of nature that astonished us was the track of the sun through the sky. In Pittsburgh, because of the earth's rotation, we are accustomed to the sun's approximate rising in the east and setting in the west. In Denali, we discovered that the sun rose in what we assumed to be the east, but it set in what looked to be the north. Apparently, that close to the North Pole, the sun gives the appearance of following different marching orders.

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ADOPT A SECTION OF THE BAKER TRAIL

Amazingly, the Rachel Carson Trail, at this time, is fully-staffed, fully-adopted by volunteers who will paste up a fresh coat of blaze paint, clear debris off the trail, pick up trash left by "Leave-a-BIG-Trace!" hikers and others, and report major problems to Rachel Carson Central. The trail ought to be in excellent shape next year, when the grueling, 34-mile, boot- and lung-busting Rachel Carson Trail Challenge endurance hike is staged once again.

The Baker Trail, on the other hand, 141 miles long, needs a larger corps of volunteers to cover its length. While all the closer sections seem to be well-staffed, some of those further north need someone to take pride in their appearance. The qualifications needed to Adopt-the-Trail are: you love hiking, you love hiking trails, you have an independent nature, can take initiative, can read a road map and a topo map, not afraid to get dirty, and have a good sense of responsibility. If you meet those qualifications, check out the sections listed below for one you can volunteer to care for.

1. Armstrong County, Bethel to Crooked Creek Dam. About 3 miles long, nearly all off road, nice area.
2. Armstrong County, Brick Church to Elderton. This is a long section, mostly on rural dirt roads, that needs minimal maintenance, mostly just new paint on the blazes and trimming around the blazes to keep them clearly visible.
3. Armstrong/Indiana County, Route 954/Atwood to Milo Weaver Shelter. This is another long section, running through farm country on rural dirt roads, past some Amish farms, along "Baker Trail Road". Needs the same kind of easy maintenance as #2.
4. Armstrong County, Mahoning Shelter to North Freedom. Mostly rural dirt roads, downstream along Mahoning Creek, with a couple gems of short off-road trail sections. Easy maintenance.
5. Armstrong/Clarion Counties, Summerville to Corsica. This section starts at the village of Summerville on Route 28 and follows rural dirt roads to the village of Corsica on I-80. Pleasant and interesting farm area.

PITTSBURGH COUNCIL AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS 50TH REUNION/BANQUET CELEBRATION OF LIFE AND FRIENDSHIP MAY 9, 1998

DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 9, 1998
LOCATION: CASTLE SHANNON FIREMAN'S HALL
TIME: 6:30PM GATHERING
ATTENDEES: A.L ARE WELCOME
PRESENT AYH MEMBERS
PAST AYH MEMBERS
POTENTIAL AYH MEMBERS
FRIENDS OF AYH MEMBERS

Come join us for a 50th Reunion Banquet! Meet up with fellow AYHer's old and new. We will have a buffet banquet and Folk Dancing (by the Merritt's!). Please send your name and phone number plus the names of anyone you are bringing along with \$15 per person (checks can be made out to Pittsburgh AYH) to the AYH Office at: 830 E. Warrington Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15210. If you have questions please contact Billie Woodland at 563-5419.

Please Send In Your Reservations As Soon As Possible. Tickets Can Not Be Sold At The Door! The Next Golden Triangle Will Have Directions To The Facility. Any Question Call Billie Woodland Or E-MAIL: WOODLANDE@genesis.cc.duq.edu

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Pittsburgh Council - AYH; Reunion/Banquet
830 E. Warrington Avenue; Pittsburgh, PA 15210

PGH COUNCIL - ACTIVITIES WEEKEND

JUNE 13 & 14

Sample a number of AYH outdoor activities. The events will be held at Moraine State Park/McConnell's Mills State Park, 45 minutes north of Pittsburgh. There will be optional 1 or 2 day over night accommodations at Pittsburgh Hostel or Bear Run Campground. The Family activities will be at Bear Run Campground (Activities oriented to beginner/intermediate level skills, but all are welcome)

Most activities are for a half-day. Indicate your interests below and we will attempt to meet your request depending on date submitted, participation levels, and equipment availability. For each day check two and indicate alternative choice(s) with "alt." Equipment rental fees are payable directly to each activity (up to \$7/half day). A liability waiver must be signed at check-in.

Activities Weekend Signup Form

<input type="checkbox"/> Biking	<input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Jun 13; <input type="checkbox"/> Sun, Jun 14th
<input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Jun 13; <input type="checkbox"/> Sun, Jun 14th
<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking	<input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Jun 13; <input type="checkbox"/> Sun, Jun 14th
<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting	<input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Jun 13; <input type="checkbox"/> Sun, Jun 14th
<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Climbing	<input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Jun 13; <input type="checkbox"/> Sun, Jun 14th
<input type="checkbox"/> Sailing	<input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Jun 13; <input type="checkbox"/> Sun, Jun 14th
<input type="checkbox"/> Sea Kayaking	<input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Jun 13; <input type="checkbox"/> Sun, Jun 14th
<input type="checkbox"/> White Water Kayaking	<input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Jun 13; <input type="checkbox"/> Sun, Jun 14th
<input type="checkbox"/> MPF Boat Tour	<input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Jun 13; <input type="checkbox"/> Sun, Jun 14th
<input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast (campers only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sun, Jun 14th ONLY
<input type="checkbox"/> lunch	<input type="checkbox"/> Sun, Jun 14th ONLY

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of adults _____ # of children (12 and under) _____

FEES:

Weekend Fee: \$3/AYH member/day,

\$5/non member/day, children under 3 free \$ _____

Sunday Breakfast \$5/adult,

\$2.50 child, under 3 free \$ _____

Sunday Lunch: \$5/adult, \$2.50 child,

under 3 - free \$ _____

[Equipment Charges Payable at sign-in]

Accommodations: \$15/person/day

AYH Hostel Friday _____ Saturday _____ \$ _____

\$4/person/day Bear Run campground

Friday _____ Saturday _____ \$ _____

Boat tour \$5.50 adult, \$3.50 child \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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Transportation: Carpooling from HQ and AYH Hostel:

☐ I can drive ☐ I will need a ride (\$4/day payable to driver)
Carpool will leave HQ and AYH Hostel each day at 8am

Individuals who can help with equipment or will join a carpool leave the Pittsburgh AYH Activity HQ each day by 8AM. We will also stop at the Pittsburgh Hostel to pick up car poolers at 8:15AM. Individuals who are camping or driving directly to the Park area will meet as follows: Water activities start each morning (9AM) and afternoon (1PM) at the McDaniels Launch area. Hiking, biking, and climbing activities meet at the nearby bicycle concession at the same times.

We have reserved a picnic pavilion at the McDaniels Boat launch for Sun only and will offer lunch to those who signup. Bring your own lunch for Sat. Several activities will stop at restaurants in the nearby Portersville area for dinners.

Some of the weekend highlights include: The Moraine Preservation Fund (MPF) boat tour on Lake Arthur runs a 45 ft Sternwheeler Pontoon boat that hold up to 50 people. The trip lasts about 1 1/2 hours and includes visits to Osprey nesting areas, beaver dams, man made dams, and interesting wildlife and vegetation areas. The boat leaves several times each afternoon from the McDaniels Boat Launch area. Biking: Bring your own or rent one at the concession. Helmets are required. Family Activities: Centered at Bear Run Campground. Courtesy check-in after 12 noon Friday and Saturday with sites available by 4pm. Checkout is 4pm Sunday. Horse rides for children are available at \$2/round. There is a heated pool. Canoes are for rent at the campground for Lake canoeing. There is a free Saturday Evening Country Clogging Show and a group Sunday breakfast.

Additional detailed information is available on the Web:

Bear Run Campground
McConnell's Mill State Park
Moraine State Park
MPF Boat Tour

www.gocampingamerican.com/bearrun/
www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/mmhill.htm
www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/mmhill.htm
www.butlercounty.com/parks/state/mpf/mps1.htm

Additional details regarding activity scheduling and costs will be available at the Thursday evening Open House at the AYH HQ, Mellon Park. You may also sign-up at the Activity Expo on May 14.

Any questions: call Bob or Sara Zavos at 412-241-0659
or email to zavosrj.ch.etn.com

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Morning - a beautiful sunny day - and we had bus tickets to go the whole way to Wonder Lake. We were at the bus stop at 6:15 A.M. and on our way shortly afterwards. The first thing of note was a golden eagle perched in a tree, our first of the trip. They are large birds. Next, came our first peek at Mount Mc Kinley - just the tip of it, but far more than the nothing that we had seen so far. The mountain ranges took on a much happier expression in the sunlight, and I was in my glory taking pictures. Eventually, we came to Eilson Visitor Center, where Mc Kinley could be seen entirely, all 20,300 feet of it - a most majestic sight. It posed there for us to take as many pictures as we wanted. An expanse of the Alaska Range flanked Mc Kinley and glistened in the sunlight against a blue sky background - magnificent.

We continued deeper into Denali until we reached Wonder Lake. This is still 30+ miles from Mc Kinley, but it is the closest point in the park that you can reach by road. Mc Kinley was there, looking even larger than at the visitor center. However, clouds were moving in and the image was partially obscured, especially its mid-section. Nevertheless, it was ponderous and awesome. The campground is known for its bumper crop of mosquitos, facetiously referred to as the state bird of Alaska. Although these state birds reportedly had somewhat diminished at this time of season, I was glad that we hadn't camped there. Wonder Lake itself is a pretty, blue body of water, positioned at one's back as he looks at Mc Kinley. Unfortunately, it is so upstaged by Mc Kinley that one hardly notices it. The campground is 85 miles from the park entrance; it takes eleven hours by bus over a gravel road to make the round trip.

On the way back to our campground, we drank in more of the mountain and valley scenery, with snow and rivers sparkling in the distance. At one point, there was the largest glacial erratic I have ever seen. It looked like a large-sized house, situated alone on a valley floor. Glacial erratics are rocks that have been picked up by a glacier and deposited wherever it melted, often far from its origin. On a different note, when we reached Eilson Visitor Center, an unusual occurrence took place. A large grizzly bear appeared on the hill behind the center. People were sprinkled all over that area, sitting and absorbing the sunshine and the overwhelming view of the Alaska Range. The bear bounded down the hill, between groups of onlookers, crossed the road and disappeared below the visitor center. It seemed more frightened than frightening, but people set world records scattering, nonetheless.

In the next installment, Glenn will share with us their experiences traveling through Anchorage and in the Kenai Peninsula, including the glaciers, the snow covered mountains and the critters of the sea.

CANOEING

The AYH Canoe Program offers a wide range of activities for those interested in having some fun on the water. This year we will again be having canoe schools for novices, moving water schools so paddlers can improve their skills, and trips ranging from easy floats to advanced whitewater runs.

Whitewater kayaks are welcome on whitewater trips and sea kayakers can join in the fun on most of the other trips.

Weekends in April Brian McBane 724-433-8972 When the temperature is above 60 degrees, and clear skies are forecast, call for details on day trips to cure your cabin fever.

April 7 Tues. evening Paul Henry 724-347-3282
Brian McBane 724-433-8972 Canoe inspection and repair night. Meet at the AYH headquarters building in Shadyside at 6:00 P.M. to help make the fleet ready for a new season. Bring any or none of the following: buckets, sponge, tools, gloves, vacuum cleaner, etc... Everyone is welcome, and any help would be truly appreciated.

April 24-26 Fri. evening through Sun. Paul Henry 724-347-3282 Class II canoe camping. Join us as we make our annual float through Pine Creek Gorge (also known as the Grand Canyon of PA. We will take our time and search for porcupines and bald eagles. Optional side hikes will bring us to waterfalls and scenic overlooks. Those wary of Class II rapids will have the opportunity to portage or line the canoe, but moving water skills are a must. Call for details and reservations.

April 25 Sat. Frank Bruns 412-561-8579 Whitewater II school. A refresher to review strokes, eddy turns, river reading, and rescue. Tandem and solo boaters are welcome. See if your wetsuit still fits, then phone early for reservations.

May 2 Sat. Becky Heimberger 412-242-7179 Class II trip. Call for details.

May 5, 12, 19, 26 Tue eves George Schnakenberg 412-731-3046 Basic canoe school for those with little or no experience. Prepare for moving water schools and river trips. Learn the strokes and the jargon as you practice paddling on the Allegheny River. The complete program is repeated each week, so plan to attend any or all of the classes. Call early for reservations.

May 9 Saturday Jim Porcelli, 412-271-4776 Moving water school will give you a chance to brush up on your skills or expand the basic canoe school teachings. Class size is limited, so call early.

May 10 Sunday (Mother's Day) Joyce Appel 724-526-5407 Easy daytrip. Call for details.

May 16 Saturday Kate Fissel 412-683-2157, evenings until midnight
Flatwater or class I trip. Call for details. e-mail: fissell+@andrew.cmu.edu

May 17 Sunday Don Hoecker 724-243-8298 Class I-II trip on Red Bank Creek. Call for details.

May 22-25 Friday-Monday (Memorial Day Weekend) Canoe camping trip TBA

May 29-31 Friday evening to Sunday. Roy Weil & Mary Shaw 412-681-5131
Class II+ day trips from a car camping basecamp. This trip to the West Virginia - Maryland border is scheduled to coincide with releases from a dam on the North Branch of the Potomac River. Call for reservations and details.

HIKING/BACKPACKING

April 18 Saturday Leo Stember 681-1385
Trail Maintenance, Rachel Carson Trail, Hampton Woods et al. Clearing the trail and putting up new blazes will be the order of the day. Other sites and multiple work groups are possibilities. Call Leo to sign up for the day's work and to make arrangements to meet.

April 25 Saturday Jim Ritchie 828-0210
Trail Maintenance, Baker Trail, Bethlehem Chapel. B.C. is about 50 miles north of Pittsburgh. Heavy strip mining in this area has compromised the footpath from the Chapel area to Tarklin Run. We will scout and establish a viable route and then blaze and clear it until it works. Call Jim to sign up and make arrangements to meet.

April 25 Saturday Veronique Schreurs 422-0358
Easy hike in Duff park in Murrysville, but some hills! Meet at the park at 1pm, and see wildflowers: trillions of trilliums, congregations of Jack-in-the pulpits... clotheslines full of Dutchmans' breeches? On 22 East, drive through Murrysville & turn right at the Sheetz gas station. Entrance is at 1/8 mile to your right. Call for a reservation. Call if you want to meet earlier at HQ.

April 26 Sunday Jim Ritchie 828-0210
Hiking, Rachel Carson Trail, North Park to Dorseyville. Take a day to enjoy the fruits of our labor and hike the RCT. This weekend should be a peak day to observe the ephemeral wildflowers in North Park, along Crouse Run Hollow, in Hampton Woods, and along Shafer Run. 8 miles, intermediate level hike, moderate pace. Bring a lunch. Call Jim for information and reservations.

May 31 Sunday Maynard Hansen 751-7615
Veronique Schreurs 422-0358

Joint AYH - BOLD (Blind Outdoor club) hike in Round Hill Farm park. Tour of farm, easy hike 3-4 miles. Meet at HQ at 10am. We will need some extra sighted guides. Call Veronique to sign up.

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For sale: International 470 Sailboat. One of eight Olympics class sailboats. 1971 Vintage, good condition, newer sails, original trailer, cover. \$1000. Call Bob at 412-241-0659 or email to zavorjr@ch.eth.com

For sale: Sailboat. American classic O'Day Widgeon 15 ft daysailer w/ trailer and 2 sails. Blue/white in good condition. Will deliver. \$975 or best offer. Call 800-813-6336.

For Sale: North Face Back Magic, external frame backpack; flexhip joints, heavy duty, large capacity. Will deliver. \$75.00 obo. Call 304-233-5960.

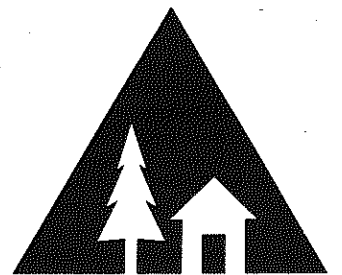
For Sale: Schwinn 12-speed road bikes (2), his and hers; \$40 ea. One Marin Bear Valley mtn. bike, \$100 (\$650 new). 828-0210, leave message.

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CANOE
AUCTION

For Sale: Used 15 foot tandem canoe. Blue Hole, minimum bid \$300. Both canoes are to be sold "as is", and can be viewed at AYH Activities Headquarters at the Thursday evening Open House. Please submit sealed bids no later than May 11 to:

AYH CANOE BIDS
830 E Warrington Ave
Pittsburgh PA 15210



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REMINDER TO
TRIP LEADERS

All trips and equipment usage must be approved by the appropriate activity chair or co-chair. Trip reports and fees should be turned in by the end of each month at either the AYH Activities Building or AYH Office or mailed to Pittsburgh Council, 830 Warrington AVE., Pittsburgh PA 15210

The Pittsburgh Council Travel Store is open Mon. 10 to 4, Wed. 11 to 6 and Fri. from 10 to 4. Hours are subject to change, so it's a good idea to call the office at 412-431-4910 before coming in. We're in the Pittsburgh Hostel at 830 E Warrington Avenue in Allentown. All passes, ID cards, rail passes, and books are available.