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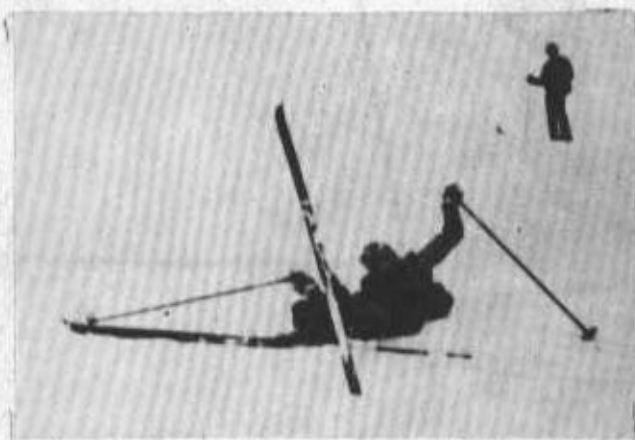
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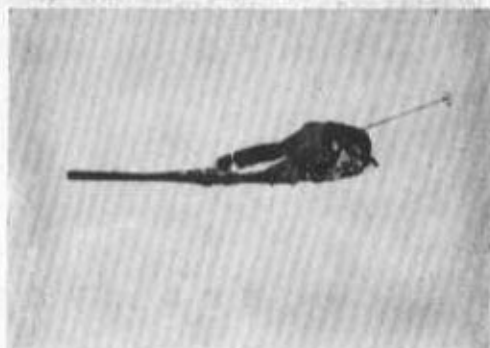
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YES, VIRGINIA THERE IS SNOW IN
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA!
PITTSBURGH hostellers take full
advantage of the best winter in
the last three years



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KTA INAUGURATES NEW "WESTERN AWARD"

At the KTA fall council meeting, held this year at Camp T. Frank Soles in Somerset County, it was voted to establish a fourth KTA hiking award. To be known as the "Western Award", it is intended to be roughly equivalent to the Appalachian Trail award but will use a combination of trails in the western part of the state. A hiker to qualify for the new award will have to hike the Baker Trail, the Rachel Carson Trail and the North Country Trail -- a total distance of 234 miles. Subsequently, if he wishes, the hiker will be able to substitute the Western Award for the Appalachian Trail Award in qualifying for the Merit Award. Requirements for the Merit II Award will be unchanged.

The Awards Committee under the direction of Paul Lehman is working out details for the new award program, including the designing of a new patch. Information concerning any of KTA's four hiking awards can be obtained by writing to Paul Lehman, 558 Schuylkill Avenue, Reading, PA 19601.

AYH LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE

The National AYH Leadership Training Courses for 1975 have been scheduled as follows:

Western Region	Hemet, Calif.	Mar 22-29
Mid West Region	Porter, Ind.	May 31- June 7
Eastern Region	Bushkill, Pa.	June 14-21
Eastern Region	Bushkill, Pa.,	June 22-29
Mid West Region	Bowling Green, Ohio	August 30- September 4

The cost for the course is \$75.00 for the week. For more information see Larry Giventer or contact Bill Nelson, AYH Travel Director; National Campus; Delaplane, VA 22025.

Those who have attended the courses in the past have found them very worthwhile.

EASTERN WILDERNESS BILL PASSES

The Eastern Wilderness Bill passed Congress in late December and has subsequently been signed by President Ford. The legislation creates 16 instant areas totalling 207,000 acres of National Forest Land and 17 study areas totalling 125,000 acres. The instant areas include Otter Creek and Dolly Sods. In the bill's final form the Cranberry Back Country was included as a study area. The three study areas proposed for the Allegheny National Forest were not included in the final bill.

Senators Jackson and Haskell, strong supporters of the Bill, have indicated that they would urge the Senate Interior Committee to take up again early in this session action on the instant and study areas which were deleted, and also on provisions to strengthen the protection of eastern areas.

Senator Haskell has stated that this "firmly establishes the principle that eastern national forests do have areas which qualify as wilderness under the definition in the Wilderness Act." The Act authorizes that new study areas be recommended either by the Secretary of Agriculture "or otherwise", and restores the power of eminent domain to the Department of Agriculture with respect to inholdings within eastern wilderness. Especially important is the provision that study areas shall be managed so as to maintain their "presently existing wilderness character" as well as maintaining their "potential for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System."

Passage of the Eastern Wilderness Areas Bill is a major victory for citizen conservation action. Every one of the 16 instant and 17 study areas were proposed, developed and fought for by citizen groups.

HIGHROAD TO ADVENTURE AYH EXTENDED TRIPS

Highroad To Adventure 1975 - the brochure announcing AYH's extended trip program both in the United States and abroad has been published. A brief listing of the trips is given below. More information can be obtained from the brochure which is available at headquarters.

Hosteling in the Americas

Adventure Trail 35 days \$390.00
Atlantic Seafarer 30 days \$345.00
Canadian Rockies East 35 days \$710.00
Canadian Rockies West 35 days \$640.00
Coastal Cooler 28 days \$330.00
Great Lakes 42 days \$445.00
Great River Run 36 days \$375.00
Hawaiian Islands 35 days \$760.00
High and Dry 40 days \$650.00
Mountaineering in Alberta 28 days \$385.00
New England 31 days \$370.00
New England and Quebec 40 days \$460.00
Northwest Passage 42 days \$505.00
Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island 42 days \$615.00
Pacific Northwest 42 days \$580.00
St. Lawrence Special 42 days \$515.00
Southern Discovery 42 days \$515.00
Southwest Roundup 30 days \$485.00
Western National Parks 42 days \$655.00
White Mountain Whipsaw 30 days \$385.00
Yankee Explorer 28 days \$330.00

Hosteling Abroad

Central Europe 6 weeks via bike and train \$1180.00
European Explorer 6 weeks via bike and train \$1145.00
Southwest Europe 6 weeks via bike and train \$1150.00
British Isles Special 6 weeks via bike \$1200.00
European Swing 6 weeks via bike and train \$1165.00
England and Scandinavia 6 weeks cycling - hiking in Norway \$1265.00
Vagabout Special 6 weeks via bike and train \$1240.00
Northern Europe 6 weeks via bike and train \$1325.00
Switzerland/Rhine Valley 4 weeks via bike and train \$985.00
Britain and Eire 4 weeks via bike \$1180.00
Saddlebag Special 4 weeks via bike and train \$965.00
Alpine Ramble 6 weeks hiking \$1085.00
Mediterranean Odyssey 6 weeks via public transportation \$1320.00
Western Europe 4 weeks via public transportation \$1050.00
Southern Spree 6 weeks via public transportation \$1120.00
Wayfarer to Israel 6 weeks via public transportation \$1275.00
European Highlights 4 weeks via public transportation \$1070.00
Saddlebag Special adults only 3 weeks via bike and public trans. \$1000.
Switzerland and Rhine Valley adults only 3 weeks via bike and train \$1035.00

M E L C R O F T

A PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A YOUTH HOSTEL IN THE LAUREL HIGHLANDS AREA OF PENNSYLVANIA

Summary

It is proposed that the Pittsburgh Council, American Youth Hostels, Inc. acquire, renovate/convert and operate a former elementary school building, located in the village of Melcroft, Pennsylvania, as a youth hostel. The purpose of this project is to greatly expand hosteling activity in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Hosteling is traveling 'under your own steam' -- such as by foot, by canoe or by bicycle -- and staying at youth hostels along the way. The immediate object of one's travels may be a cross-country journey, enjoying a recreational activity like hiking or white-water canoeing, or learning about the culture and environment of a foreign land. These are all part of a hosteling experience. The basic purpose is building personal character and gaining a greater understanding of the world and its people through self-sufficient educational and recreational travel.

A youth hostel is a facility uniquely designed and administered to further this purpose. Comfortable and inexpensive places to rest and prepare one's meals, they provide dormitory style sleeping and washing facilities with bunks and blankets, a self-service kitchen and dining area, and a Common Room where travelers may rest, relax and share experiences with fellow hostellers. At night the hostel is a home to people from all over the world, arriving after a full day out-of-doors, hiking or backpacking, canoeing, bicycle touring, or like activity. Hostellers may be on their own, or with a group such as a club, youth agency trip, school outing or retreat.

Having reviewed the needs of hosteling in our area over a period of several years, Pittsburgh Council has located a site and structure which is well adapted to hosteling's unique requirements. Here is how this facility will function to fulfill the purposes of hosteling:

- . It will serve to promote long distance, multi-day travel by both Americans and foreign visitors, by foot or bicycle, because it will be a key link in a chain of hostels connecting Pittsburgh to the series of hostels along the C&O Canal National Historical Park leading toward Washington, D.C. It will be a link in another chain of hostels east-west through Pennsylvania. Located just west of Laurel Mountain, it is readily accessible to the Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail, the planned Potomac Heritage Trail system, and the proposed bikeway/trail along former railroad right-of-way following Indian Creek, and the Youghiogheny and Casselman Rivers.
- . It will serve to promote educational travel because it will serve as a support facility for the planned educational center of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy at the Bear Run Nature Reserve.
- . It will promote self-sufficient out-of-doors travel because of the great many areas of natural, cultural, and recreational interest -- all within 15 miles of Melcroft. These include: The Youghiogheny River -- nominated for protection under Pennsylvania's Wild and Scenic

Rivers Act, one of the finest white-water rivers in the east and a center for canoeing and rafting; Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail -- 80 miles from Chiopyle to Johnstown along Laurel Mountain; Chiopyle State Park; Laurel Hill State Park; Laurel Mountain State Park; Laurel Ridge State Park; Kooser State Park; Linn Run State Park; Powdermill Nature Reserve; Ferncliff Nature Reserve; Bear Run Nature Reserve; "Fallingwater" -- the famous house on Bear Run designed by Frank Lloyd Wright; and the "Mountain Streams" natural area.

The Melcroft building is a sound, one-story wood structure, 5000 square feet in floor area, located on 1.123 acres of land. It is comprised of six large classrooms, three on each side of a central corridor. Each classroom is 600 square feet in area with 12 foot high ceilings, five large windows, blackboards the length of two walls and built-in coat and storage closets along the other wall. Four classrooms were built in the 1930's and another two added in the 1950's. There are girls and boys toilet rooms; and a bathroom and kitchen for the faculty (although the kitchen sink, stove and cabinets have been removed).

The building will be remodeled to create a houseparents' apartment (living room, bedroom, kitchen and bath); hostel office; hostel kitchen and dining area; womens and mens toilet rooms with showers; common room with fireplace; womens and mens dormitories (20 each); auxiliary dormitory rooms for maximum capacity usage or for families (20). Architectural services are being provided by "Architects Workshop" an ACTION agency in Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh Council has signed an option to purchase the Melcroft building and property by July 31, 1975 for \$8650.00. Until then we will pay \$50 per month -- deducted from the purchase price if we exercise the option. The full cost of acquisition will be paid by Pittsburgh Council from our Capital Improvement Fund. The principal cost items of renovation are: sewage treatment plant (septic tank system not permitted in this area) - \$20,000; heating and hot water system work - \$10,000; building remodeling and equipping - \$25,000. Personal, corporate and foundation contributions of \$60,000 are needed for renovation expenses. Much of the remodeling work will be done by volunteers of Pittsburgh Council. Operating and maintenance expenses are estimated to be \$3000 annually. Pittsburgh Council is prepared to subsidize the hostel for at least the first three years. Houseparents will be afforded room and utilities for their services.

I want to help establish a youth hostel at Melcroft!

Enclosed is a contribution for the Capital Improvement Fund:

☐ \$1 ☐ \$4.97 ☐ \$10 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$ ____ 00__
☐ \$30,000 ☐ \$60,000 ☐ other \$ ____ . ____

☐ I want to work on the project. Please contact me!

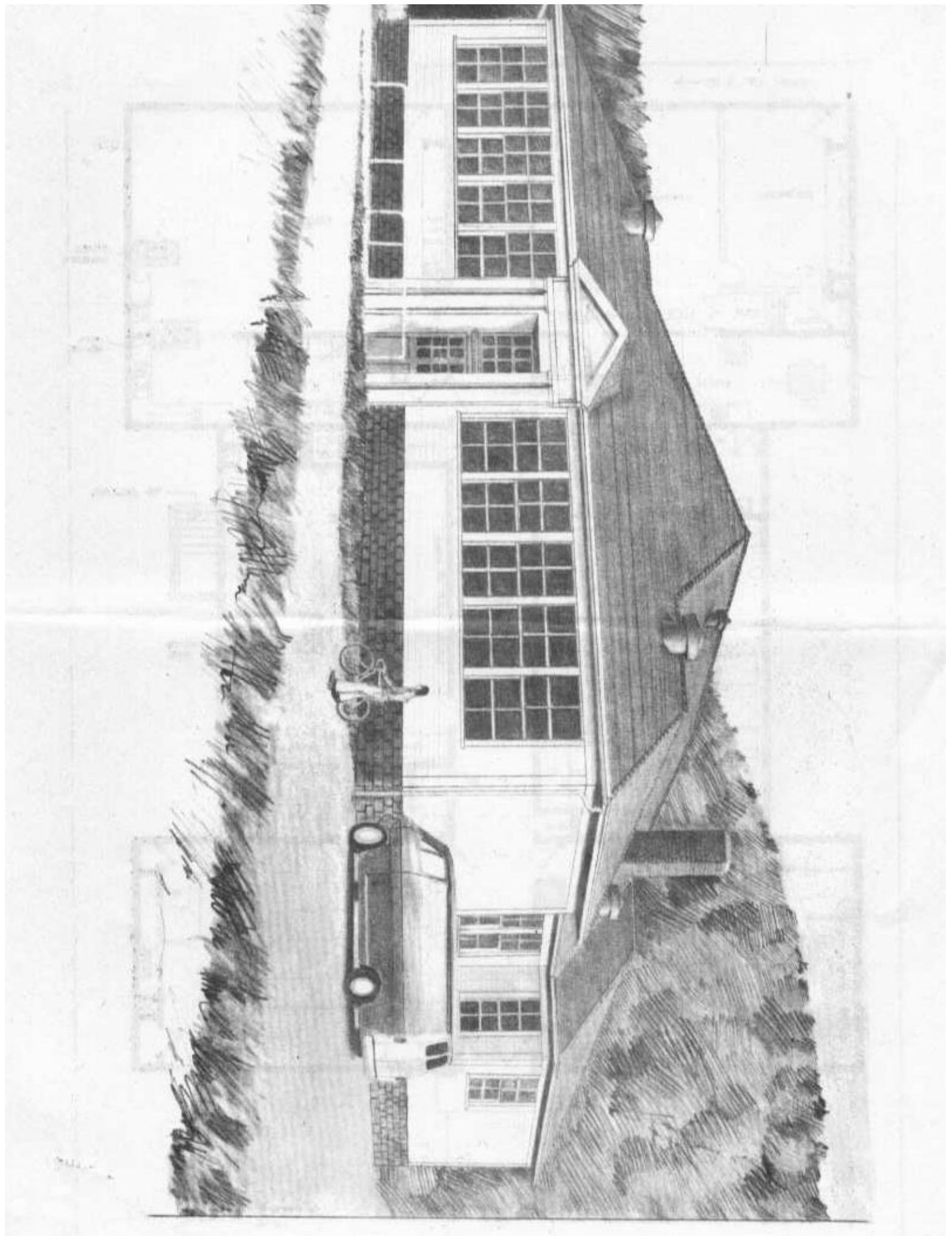


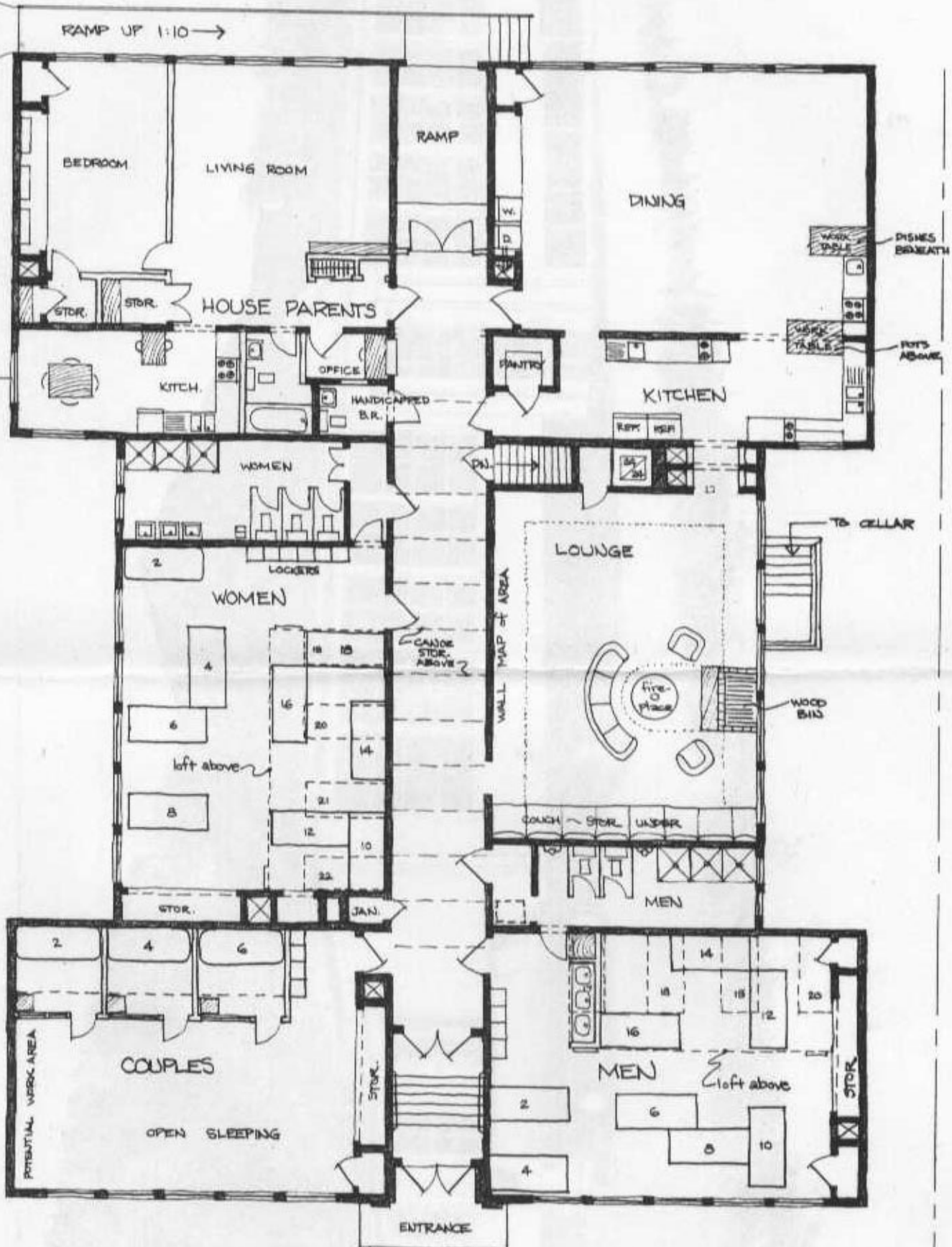
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PHONE _____

Return to: Pittsburgh Council, A.Y.H., Inc.
6300 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15232





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TIPS AND TALES

Anyone interested in the possibility of bikeways for their local community should get a copy of PENNDOT's "Guidelines for the Development of Bikeways". This report tells how to get 100% funding from the state and federal governments for bikeways of commuter value.

For your free copy, call PennDOT (Parkway Center, Greentree office) 565-5481, ask for Mr. Cribbins or Mr. Gaeta. Mention you heard about it through AYH.

Dedicated winter trip leaders are reminded to always carry a lead pencil with them. Some leaders have been having trouble filling out their trip reports due to the ink in their pens freezing during sub-zero weather. Keep the Pens in Pittsburgh!

Want to cycle tour some place different this year? Cycle Arkansas! Here's your chance to visit towns like Timbo, Dogpatch, and Tilly. The State Highway Department and the local L.A.W. chapter have developed a guide with 23 bike routes, a list of bike dealers, camp grounds, travel info., etc. It is also full of helpful hints, such as "June, July and August are our hottest months. During this time, your best bet is to get your cycling in early in the morning and cool it during the afternoon when the asphalt starts to melt." For your free copy write:

Arkansas Dept. of Parks
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

Many bicyclists tour Massachusetts during the summer months. It is now easier to tour that state with a free set of ten tour maps. These maps show cycle shops, youth hostels, points of interest, etc. If you would like to receive these maps write to:

Massachusetts Dept. of Natural Resources; Forest and Parks Div.; 100 Cambridge Street; Boston, Mass. 02202.

Like to see what Uncle Sam is doing with bikeways? The Federal Highway Administration has released a 100 page report titled "Bikeways-State of the Art-1974". This book is a must for anyone wanting to get involved in the local bikeway movement. For your free copy write to: National Technical Information Service; Dept. of Commerce; 5285 Port Royal Road; Springfield, Va. 22215.

Say bicyclists, with the increasing prices of gas and oil shouldn't you be stocking up on your favorite lubricant? Items that are "petroleum distillates" like WD-40 are bound to go up in price. Buy now, and be sure to buy the more economical large size.

Mark Sunday April 20th down on your calendar. This is the day that the March of Dimes is having their 25 mile "Superwalk". A few AYH members did the 20 mile walk last year and may try again this year. If you'd like to find out about the planned route, sponsor lists, etc. call the March of Dimes @ 391-3193.

Keep your eyes open for end of season ski sales this month. You can pick up great buys on both downhill and cross country equipment. Try your favorite ski shop and also major department stores.

Cavepeople (speleologists) try a pair of wet suit booties (soft sole) instead of wool socks in wet caves. Put a nylon sock over the booties so your feet slide into your boots. Your feet will stay dry longer and be warm when they eventually get wet.

John Bohrer, hiking co-chairperson, reminds all beginning hikers to rotate their bootlaces mid way through winter to insure even wear.

Joe Levine, the other hiking chairperson, advises all hikers to feed their 'gaters to insure warm ankles during winter hikes.

PREPARATIONS FOR BICYCLING SEASON UNDERWAY

Now that Punxsutawney Phil has promised us an early end to winter, Dave Barbour and Ray Rossi, cycling co-chairpeople, are starting plans for another active season of cycling trips. We've received from them the following "pre-season" bulletin.

- 1) Experienced trip leaders wanted. Share your experience and help us develop new trip leaders. Plan now to run that one-day or two-day trip you've always wanted to do. Pick a trip, pick a date, and set it up with Ray Rossi - 364-5705.
- 2) New trip leaders and trippers wanted. Do you have a favorite place you think would make a good cycle trip? Drag out your maps and plan one now while the weather is lousy, then talk it over with Ray Rossi (364-5705) or Dave Barbour (243-2870). 25 to 45 miles is in the ballpark: keep the mileage on the lower end of that range if it's early in the season or if it's a hilly route, toward the higher end after we're in shape (mid-May) or if you've got a less hilly route. Or you can run a hot rodders trip of 55 - 65 miles for experienced cyclists.

Even if you don't want to lead a trip, let us know if you have a groovy idea for a trip. We'll find a leader for it.

- 3) Super trip leaders wanted who can thoroughly plan a two day trip. We need a trip to Pennsylvania Dutch country for instance. Can you untangle the transportation problems, sleeping accommodations in hostels or dorms, or whatever? We'll help, but you have to do the grunge work.

- 4) Plan now for TOSRV. The Tour of the Sciota River Valley takes place in mid-May. It's 210 miles in 2 days in rolling country. Cost is about \$15 - \$20 (plus transportation there) and includes your meals and overnight accommodations. Trip starts at Columbus, Ohio on a Saturday morning (sleep previous night in dorms) and goes to Portsmouth, Ohio, where we carouse, eat like pigs, and sleep on the floors of gyms. They ship your duffle back and forth, so you cycle light.

You must be in condition. You must be equipped for cold, wet weather. You must be able to do the minor repairs on your bike, and fix a blow-out by yourself. Call Ray Rossi if you want to go.

Call Ray Rossi for trip scheduling and leading.
Ray Rossi
110 Charterwood Drive
Pittsburgh 15237
364-5705

Call Dave Barbour for other stuff or if you can't get Ray.
Dave Barbour
7512 Carriage Lane
Pittsburgh 15221
243-2870

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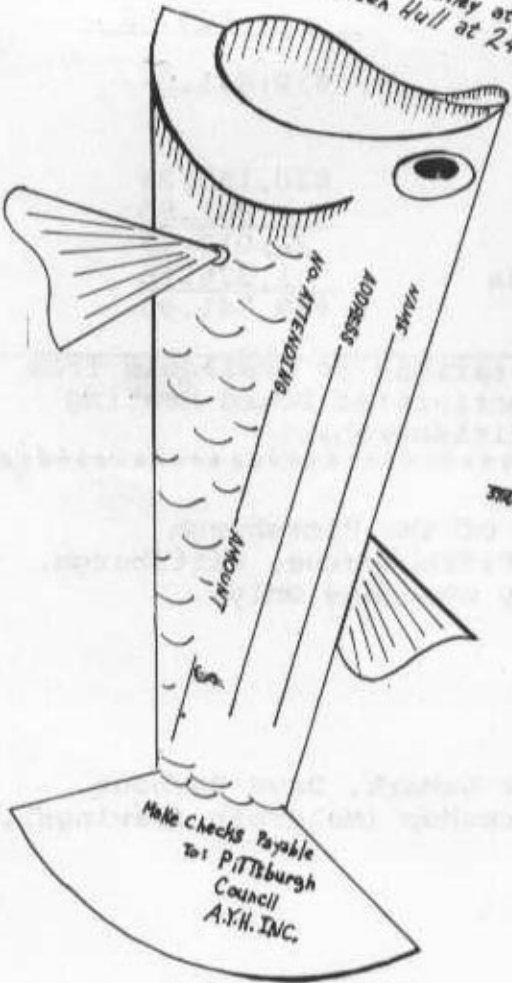
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NEW KENSINGTON PA. 15068
335-6464

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Under 20

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\$5.75

Just fill in the application blank, send it and your check to: Peggy Buckley 5700 Ellsworth Ave. Pgh. 15232. All checks must be made payable to Pittsburgh Council A.Y.H. Inc. Deadline is March 10. For further information call Peggy Buckley at 362-0607 (after 9:00) or call Eileen Hull at 242-5379.

A.Y.H. Banquet
at The... AQUA ZOO
Saturday March 15 at 7 P.M.



PITTSBURGH COUNCIL A.Y.H

Summary Financial Operations for Fiscal Year December 1, 1973 to November 30, 1974 and Proposed Budget for 1975. *

	Actual 1974		Budget 1975	
	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
<u>OPERATING DIVISIONS</u>				
Hiking division	\$491.70	\$166.75	\$500.	\$120
Canoeing and Rafting	1861.96	960.95	1670	1585
Cycling	383.30	475.93	385.	100.
Climbing	29.30		40.	70.
Caving	11.60		40.	35.
Winter Sports	11.20		40.	15.
Baker Trail		104.10		200.
Miscellaneous Publications	5937.20	5667.38	7000.	6000.
Golden Triangle	221.30	1510.67	290.	1450.
<u>CENTRAL OPERATIONS</u>	<u>5151.84</u>	<u>5364.13</u>	<u>4890.</u>	<u>5990.</u>
Total	\$14099.40	\$14,248.91	\$14,855.	\$15,565.
Net Operating Receipts less Expenses		(149.51)		(710)
Interest and Dividends	<u>1010.51</u>		<u>500.</u>	
Net Increase in Assets	\$861.00		(\$210)	

Balance Sheet November 30, 1974 *

Assets:

Capital Improvement Funds

Savings accounts \$13,059.01

Greater Boston Council loan 1,500.00

Total

\$14,559.01

Cash on Hand in Checking and Savings Accounts

4,223.18

Prepaid Bulk Mailing

55.30

Publication Accounts Receivable

803.56

Total Assets November 30, 1974

\$19,641.05

Reconciliation:

Total assets on November 30, 1973

\$20,156.23

Net 1974 Operating Receipts over Expenses

861.00

21,017.23

Less capital losses on sale of mutual funds

-1,376.18

Total Assets November 30, 1974

\$19,641.05

* More information on Pittsburgh Council operations is available from Fred Hull, Treasurer, 242-5379 or at the Activities Board Meeting on March 11, 8 pm, at 650B Kelly Avenue, Pittsburgh.

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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. Trip costs include 40¢* for registration and insurance (\$500 medical) plus transportation costs and equipment rental. Call the trip leader to reserve or cancel or just for more information about the trip.

Please call during normal hours (6:30 - 9:30 P.M.) unless otherwise noted. Make reservations early but in no case should they be made later than the Thursday before the trip.

* By resolution of the Activities Board the registration and insurance fee will be raised to 50¢ beginning April 1, 1975. Raft rentals will be \$3.00 per person per day on an AYH trip and \$20.00 per raft per day on a private trip.

- Fri Feb 28 Down Hill Skiing Weekend at Snowshoe. American Youth Hostels
Sat Mar 1 and Pittsburgh Ski Council sponsor three days and two
Sun Mar 2 nights at Snowshoe. Leave the Greyhound Bus Station at
6 PM on Friday. The weekend package includes transportation
two nights lodging, lift ticket and breakfast and dinner
and a great time. Lodging will be at the Hermitage &
Boyer Motels. The trip must have a minimum of 30 persons
or the trip will be cancelled. A \$25 deposit is required;
total cost of the trip will be \$80 per person based on
two per room. Time was very short as this was published
so if interested call Jim Gogots at 281-4462 immediately.
- Fri Feb 28 Intermediate cross country skiing. Tempt the Gods of
Sat Mar 1 Dolly Sods. Join Barry Walker and Jim Roberts in two
Sun Mar 2 nights of winter camping and two days (hopefully) of
fantastic cross country skiing in the only near wilderness
in this part of the country. Must have equipment,
experience and a good sleeping bag. Cost about \$8.
Call Jim at 362-5792 between 6:30 & 9:30 PM to reserve.
Leave Friday 7:30 PM. Return Sunday evening.
- Sun Mar 2 Joe Hoechner will lead a cross country ski trip
"where the snow is". This is for all people with equipment.
Cost about \$3.50. Meet at headquarters at 8:27 AM.
For more information call 343-2465.
- Fri Mar 7 Exciting cave trip with Norm Snyder in West Virginia.
Sat Mar 8 Leave headquarters 7 PM Friday. Call Norm for details-
371-2371.
- Sat Mar 8 Join Aileen Pastorik for a beginning hike, location to
be announced. Leave headquarters at 8:30 AM. Bring lunch.
Phone 521-4883.
- Sun Mar 9 The Rachel Carson Trail is now completed. Celebrate by
hiking the first section with Joe Levine - North Park to
Dorseyville, about 8 miles. Bring lunch, water, a hot
drink, and about \$2.50. Leave headquarters at 8:30 AM -
will possibly use public transportation. Call for more
information - 422-8287.

MORE TRIPS AND TRAILS

- Sat Mar 15 Annual AYH Banquet is being held at the AquaZoo. See the announcement elsewhere in the Triangle.
- Sun Mar 16 Take an interesting hike at the Laurelville Mennonite Youth Hostel. For beginners and intermediates - distance is short, but the terrain is rough. Will go 6 - 7 miles. Cost about \$3. Meet at headquarters at 8:45 AM. Call Joe Hoechner 343-2465 to reserve.
- Fri Mar 21 Intermediate hike with Norm Snyder in Spruce Knob, West Virginia. Bring food, sleeping gear (no tent). Leave Friday at 7 PM and car camp Friday night, then hike Saturday, returning late Saturday night. For more information call 371-2371 between 6 & 7 PM Monday through Thursday.
- Sat Mar 22 Cycle Maintenance/Tune-Up Clinic. Prepare your bike for an exciting cycling season. Instructions and demonstrations will be given on common cycle repairs and maintenance, followed by an opportunity to work on your bike. Experienced cyclist will be on hand to examine your bike and guide you through any corrections. Show up at headquarters at 10 AM with your tools and bike. Any questions? Call Dave Barbour (423-2870) or Ray Rossi (364-5705).
- Sun Mar 23 Try out your newly tuned up bike on an easy in-city ride, suitable for beginners with Mary Giventer. We will ride from the headquarters to Phipps Conservatory for a look at the Spring Flower Show. Bring your camera and leave headquarters at 1 PM. Call 422-9282 if you have any questions.
- Tue Mar 25 Intermediate to advanced backpacking. Join Jim Roberts for a good look at Dolly Sods. Leave Tuesday evening 7:30 PM and return Saturday evening. Need a good sleeping bag and full gear. Good chance of snow or rain. Cost about \$10. Call Jim at 362-5792 between 6:30 and 9:30 PM to reserve. Trip limited to 8 people.
- Wed Mar 26
- Thu Mar 27
- Fri Mar 28
- Sat Mar 29
- Thu Mar 27 Join Don Levenson for an interesting backpack trip to Savage River State Park in Maryland. Experienced beginners with winter camping equipment - tent necessary. Will explore sections and do some bush-wacking, 6-8 miles per day. Camp out in the State Park. Call Don evenings for information - 421-0987. Cost about \$6.00.
- Fri Mar 28
- Sat Mar 29
- Sun Mar 30

Still More Trips and Trails

Fri Mar 28 Cycle Camping - Intermediate to Advanced Level. The first
 Sat Mar 29 big challenge of the new cycling season (and, maybe the
 Sun Mar 30 last). John Wronosky will be rolling up and over the hills
 of Washington and Greene counties on his way to Ryerson
 State Park. He's looking for experienced, conditioned
 cyclists. Round trip mileage: 130 miles. Trip departs
 from headquarters building. Call John for all details
 431-1373.

Sat Mar 29 Two days early Cathy Lynch is holding the traditional
 April Fool's Day Kite Flying and High Tea. For the
 tenth year in a row she is threatening to make this the
 absolute last kite flying event. Leave headquarters
 for Schenley Park at 12:30. Reservations are necessary
 for High Tea in the field. Cost about \$2. Call
 Cathy Lynch at 361-3707.

 Two Canoe Schools are being planned for the spring. Closed Boat School
 will be held April 25, 26 27. Contact Phil Wissner, 3448 Thornwood Dr.,
 Bethel Park, PA 15102. Open Boat School will be May 9, 10, 11. Contact
 Tim Hawthorne, 1130 Sandalwood Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

 Joe Hoechner is driving to the New York City area over Easter
 weekend. He'd like some company and can take one or two persons and
 bicycles along. For information call Joe at 343-2465.

 T.O.S.R.V. applications are now out, and there may still be time
 to get yours in. Trip costs between \$15 & \$20. Ask cycle
 chairperson Ray Rossi for an application and send it in as soon as
 possible! Trip is on May 10th and 11th.

OPEN HOUSE

Open House is held every Thursday evening. Everyone is welcome,
 member or non-member. Doors open about 7:45 PM with the program
 starting about 8:30 PM. Come and find out about us.

- March 6 Budapest, Vienna, West Germany, and merry old England. Visit
 them all as Warren Kennedy relives his 1971 vacation by
 way of slides and music.
- March 13 Hosteling and Touring in Israel. Rich Feder will show
 slides and tell us about his 1974 vacation in Israel.
- March 20 800 miles on a bicycle. Jack Batchelor is here to tell
 us about his ride from Pittsburgh to the Smokey Mountains
 last year. Ride with him through tunnels filled with
 clean air (no pollution). Experience the solitude of the
 Blue Ridge Parkway in autumn. Not one bear in 800 miles.
- March 27 Hiking and Backpacking in the Western United States. Follow
 Jack and Helen Leahy as they wandered around Glacier National
 Park, watched Old Faithful in Yellowstone Park, fought
 Indians with General Custer (in their dreams) on Custer
 Battlefield, climbed mountains - recording their adventures
 on film.

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
MARCH					1 Downhill Ski Cross Country Ski	2 Cross Country Ski
3	4	5	6 Open House Europe	7 Cave	8 Hike	9 Hike
10	11	12	13 Open House Israel	14	15 Banquet at Aqua Zoo	16 Hike
17	18	19	20 Open House Biketrip	21	22 Cycle Maintenance Clinic	23 Bike to Flower Show
24 31	25 Backpack	26 in Dolly	27 Socks Backpack in Maryland Open House Hiking in total	28 Cycle	29 Camping Kite Fly	30

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