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Pittsburgh Council of American Youth Hostels is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to hostelling, outdoor education and self-powered recreation. We have many activities. The council has some rental equipment available for use on council trips. A full range of skill levels are offered, and we also offer courses in our activities so that everyone may upgrade their skills. Pittsburgh Council AYH maintains about 200 miles of trail in western Pennsylvania, writes and publishes several guides for people interested in outdoor activities and maintains the Chiopyle State Park Youth Hostel.

Our headquarters is located near the corner of Fifth and Shady Avenues in Mellon Park. We are nestled between the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts and the Pittsburgh Civic Garden Center. Meetings are held every Thursday evening. The building opens at about 8 pm and the program starts around 8:15. Weekly trip announcements are made immediately following the program. Thursday evenings are the only time when you can be sure that a real person will answer the phone. A machine will answer at all other times; leave your name and address and you will receive a response to your message.

Pittsburgh Council AYH trips are listed in the center of this issue. AYH trips are led by competent people who volunteer their time and receive no financial reimbursement. If you'd like to go on an AYH trip, carefully peruse the trip calendar, then look under the activity notes, where you may find more information. After you have read over everything call the trip leader to reserve space on a trip.

Talk things over with the trip leader. Find out what you need to bring; ask where you'll be going. How late will you get back? What is all this going to cost you? AYH trip registration runs 75¢ per day for members, \$2.25 for non-members. You are expected to bring enough money with you to cover carpool, registration, equipment rental and any other expenses (we often stop at a restaurant on the way home).

Trips listed are open to the public; AYH members are given priority. Trip costs include transportation, rentals, and a 75¢ registration fee. IN ADDITION, non-members are charged \$1.50 per day, which may be deducted from the cost of membership when joining AYH. The registration fee also covers insurance (\$1000 medical/\$1000 accidental death or dismemberment).



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OFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Amount and Membership Types Available:

- ☐ \$ 10.00 Youth (17 years and under).
 - ☐ \$ 20.00 Adult (18 years to 54).
 - ☐ \$ 10.00 Senior Citizen (55 years and over).
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 - ☐ \$ 30.00 Family (Includes children under 18 years).
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 - ☐ \$ 18.00 Foreign Nationals (Including Canadians).
 - ☐ \$ 1.00 Postage (for each Membership or International Handbook ordered)
- (You can save postage by purchasing these items at our Open House Meetings)

NOTE: International Hostel Handbooks are available for \$ 8.00 each at Pittsburgh Council Headquarters (Thursday nights 8-10 PM) Volume I (Europe and the Mediterranean) and Volume II (Africa, America, Asia and Australia). Make all checks payable to "Pittsburgh AYH"

NAME: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)
STREET: _____
(Permanent Address Only)
CITY: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
BIRTHDATE: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ Phone # _____

Were you a member of AYH this past year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
When do you need card? _____ (Signature of Applicant)

If you wish Membership Card sent to a temporary address, give same below:

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AYH MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

International Hostel Membership Card plus Council I.D. Card good for discounts at local bike shops and outfitters.

U.S.A. Hostel Handbook.

"The Knapsack", National A.Y.H. Travel Newsletter.

"The Golden Triangle", Pittsburgh Council's Newsletter of Trips and Activities.

Open House Thursday nights 8:00 p.m. at Council Headquarters.

Access to National travel programs and Leadership Training Courses.

(NOTE: Memberships valid from Sept. 1 to Dec. 31 of the following year.)

Deadlines for the April issue: March 10 submissions
March 24 Production

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Everybody please be sure and notice that Veronica Riegel has generously volunteered her time as co-editor! This means that she and I will trade off the editing duties on an irregular basis. Now listen up!! Just because poor Veronica has been sucker enough to volunteer, doesn't mean that you can walk all over her, gang! We've got a junior feisty in training, and she's not a softy like yours truly. Everybody get on the ball and remember that the deadline is March 10 for the April issue. The key words for submitting articles are: English, legibility, spelling and phone numbers!!

CROSS COUNTRY & MOUNTAIN BIKE RENTALS

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NOBODY DOES FUN BETTER

- March 3: Oldies but Goodies by Fred Mauk
March 10: Our Climb of Mt. Shasta: A Magical Adventure by Walter Vaux and Diane Ritchey Vaux
March 17: A Special Presentation for St. Patrick's Day
March 24: Discovering Spring Wildflowers in Pennsylvania by Linda Smithyman
March 31: Travelling Western Pennsylvania Streams with the Hulls'

PITTSBURGH COUNCIL BOARD MEETINGS

The March Activities Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 2, 1988 at Laude's home at 210 S. Atlantic Ave., Garfield, 8:00 pm. All interested members are welcome to attend.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 1988 at Fred and Eileen Hull's.

CANOE FOR SALE

Experienced ABS whitewater canoe (excludes inflatable airbag). Manufactured by Mad River, one of the most respected names in canoeing. Canoe is in sturdy condition with many years of use left. Canoe can be seen at AYH HQ on any Thursday night meeting. Sealed bids should be sent to the Canoe Chairmen, Pittsburgh AYH, 6300 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15232. Minimum bid is \$250.00. Deadline for bids is April 7, 1988. For more information, call Bill Whitehead at 363-0365.

KAYAKING CHAIRMAN NEEDED

One of the two AYH kayaking chairmen will be retiring at the end of the summer of 1988 and a replacement will be needed at that time so the search must start now! If you think that you might be interested in running or helping to run the AYH kayaking program in the future, now is the time to speak up. No previous kayaking experience is needed, just a willingness to learn and a desire to lead and to help others experience the exciting sport of white water kayaking. We can teach you all that you need to know in order to be a co-chairman during the spring and summer of 1988 and after that there will always be an experienced person available if you should need any help or information. So, if you have any interest in this area at all, give Lou Conley a call at 681-8321 and find out what would be involved and how you can help. The kayaking program has been one of the most successful activities here at AYH over the last five or six years and now we need some help in order to continue that success. You could be the person that we need - call today and find out, only adventure awaits you!

A REAL PITTSBURGH HOSTEL?

Yes, a major urban hostel here is a real possibility! The recently expanded Pittsburgh Council Board of Directors is moving in the direction of what AYH is all about: providing inexpensive accommodations for national and international travelers in a facility that is owned and operated by the local council.

Many of the Board have looked at sites in various parts of the city and one major item of discussion has been money, how to get it and use it on a project which will be self-supporting within a couple of years.

Now please don't think that the Board of Directors can handle all this themselves; help is needed in the field of fundraising/grant writing real estate law, contracts, site selection, design, community support, zoning, marketing, publicity, special events, etc., to name a few.

Watch for a special meeting of the Hostel Development Committee in the April newsletter. If you'd like to get your name on the list (or ask questions), please call Joe Hoechner at 242-0781 (you may get a chance to listen to his answering machine!).

PENNSYLVANIA ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS

In order to provide up-to-date information on state environmental legislation and regulations, the PA Department of Environmental Resources has started a new service consisting of a regular update mailing to all interested groups and individuals. To get on their mailing list, write Paul Zeph, Public Liaison Office, DER, Box 2063, Harrisburg, PA 17120. Paul is DER's Community Relations Liaison and can be reached at (717) 787-1323 for more specific information on legislation or copies of the bills.

WELCOME TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

At the January Board of Directors meeting, the Board elected Joe Hoechner and Josh Whetzel to fill the remainder of the term for two vacancies. Joe, of course, has been active in almost all aspects of the Council for longer than most of us have been members; this will be his first term on the Board. Josh has been in AYH for some time now, but this will be his first participation in an "official" capacity. Both have skills that will be valuable to the Board and the Council as we work towards the Pittsburgh Hostel and a new Headquarters. Welcome!

FROM THE KEYSTONE TRAILS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER:

Hiker Alert:

Quehanna Trail -- Saunders Run was reopened by the November Trail Care expedition, and the timber sale areas on Roberts and Deserter Runs were cleared and reblazed.

Mid State Trail -- Starting in September, efforts were concentrated on reopening the 4 miles between the powerline near PA 26 and Pennsylvania Furnace Road. About 40 volunteer days were required to clear this portion of Section 1 which was completed on December 13. It should stay open except for blowdowns until the birch brushsprouts in May or June.



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- ☐ \$ 15.00 Family (includes children under 18 years)
- ☒ \$ 1.00 Postage and Handling (for each membership ordered)

Note: A full AYH membership or a hostel guest membership is required for access to AYH and international hostels. An AYH membership also includes the current U.S. Hostel Handbook.

Make all checks payable to "Pittsburgh AYH" (include \$1.00 postage). Thank you!



NAME: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

STREET: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

BIRTHDATE: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ PHONE: _____

Were you a full member of AYH this past year? ____ Yes ____ No

SIGNATURE: _____

Pittsburgh AYH Activities Membership Benefits

Council Membership Card good for discounts at local bike shops and outfitters.
Ability to upgrade to full hostel membership at any time for difference in fee.
Access to local Pittsburgh AYH trips without paying non-member fees.
The Knapsack, National AYH Travel Newsletter, available at council headquarters.
Ability to qualify to lead Pittsburgh Council trips.
The Golden Triangle, Pittsburgh's monthly newsletter of trips and activities.
Open House Thursday nights 8:00 p.m. at Council Headquarters.
Access to National travel programs and Leadership Training Courses.

(Note: Memberships valid from Sept. 1st to Dec 31st of the following year. All candidates for the Pittsburgh Council Activities Board or Board of Directors must hold full AYH memberships to qualify for these positions.)

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F.O.R.E.

Forum for Outdoor Recreation and Education

Ten people representing seven different outdoor groups in the Pittsburgh area convened on February 8 to discuss the pros and cons of forming a coalition of outdoor groups to collectively further the common objectives which each group represents.

The group identified four areas for development. The number one priority was to have the Forum facilitate communication between groups and to look for ways to alleviate overlap and duplication. An obvious first step would be to develop a directory listing addresses and telephone numbers of the outdoor community. This would facilitate our ability to respond to immediate environmental concerns in a systematic way, i.e. the most recent episode of the continuing Coopers Rocks saga; this time a proposal for an aerial tramway.

The Forum could also be a clearinghouse for identifying and promoting those things of interest to us all and to see they get out to the larger community: general public, media, government, funding sources, etc. And, in turn, the Forum could be the focal point where these external groups could get in touch with the outdoor community.

A longer range project might be an outdoor show celebrating our common interests with workshops on different subjects; mountain rescue, first aid, bike maintenance, etc., along with manufacturers' reps, movies, videos, speakers, and whatever.

Lastly, a need for some promotional material on the contributions of the outdoor community to the quality of life in Western Pennsylvania was noted. Something the Chamber of Commerce, Visitors and Conventions Bureau and others promoting this area could use when questioned about opportunities for leisure time activities in this part of the world.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please call Bill Johnston at 243-1945.

PADDLING EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

The AYH kayaking program will be selling some used equipment this winter. Up for sale will be 11 Norse kayak paddles in various lengths, 10 Extrasport PFD's (life jackets) in sizes S, M, & L, 8 sets of kayak bow flotation bags, and possibly 1 or 2 helmets. The prices for these items will be based on the condition that they are in when sold. None of the equipment will be sold until the replacement items currently on order are received. Call Lou Conley at 681-8321 for more details.

"I should say that my scrambles amongst the Alps have repaid me, for they have given me two of the best things a man can possess -- health and friends."

Edward Whymper

WANTED: SPECIAL EVENTS FILES

We're missing some of the special events files, particularly for Morgantown and the Picnic. If you have any of these or any other AYH files you are not currently using, please return them to the current committee chair or to the President. Thanks, Larry Laude.

GOOD NEWS, VOLLEYBALL FANS!

AYH now has use of John Minadeao school gym on Monday nights from 6 to 9 in March and April. This is in addition to the Tuesdays at Alderdice High School. Call Joel Platt at 521-5244 or Neil Lien at 731-4874 for more info.

NOTE OF THANKS

On my day hike on January 9, Chester Bialecki slipped on snow-covered ice and broke his ankle. We were distressed for him to say the least and I could write volumes about the group dynamics which followed, but I'll spare you all of that. I do, however, want to recognize and thank all those who helped so willingly in looking after Chester.

George Bower, Dave Foster, Bill Lindgren, Mark Mistrick and Chester's wife, Diane, remained with Chester and built a fire to ward off hypothermia while Pete Srini, Gene Cohen and I hike out for professional help.

We contacted Freeport Ambulance, and they sent five volunteers with an ambulance and a rescue vehicle. We hiked to where Chester lay and then all took turns carrying him out on a stretcher for well over 1/2 mile (across the Allegheny River on a railroad bridge). I have written and thanked the rescue squad for their enthusiastic help.

I want to recognize the cooperative spirit of all the hikers in discontinuing the hike - even though some came from a considerable distance to make the hike, e.g., Dave Foster from Butler and Bill Lindgren all the way from Slippery Rock. Dave Foster, Gene Cohen and Pete Srini drove upwards of 90 miles in car shuttling. No one who drove would take anything toward transportation cost.

Pete, in particular, in his usual cooperative and generous way, stayed on to the end to see that we got Chester and Diane home from the hospital. And George Bower saved us a trip back to Crooked Creek Dam by driving my car back to headquarters.

I want to compliment all involved and thank them for their fine attitudes and their help - especially for carrying Chester - he is 200 pounds of solid man.

Glenn Oster, January 12, 1988

PITTSBURGH COUNCIL AYH

ACTIVITY CHAIRPERSONS

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KEEP YOUR EYE ON THIS ONE

A Rails to Trails group has formed for the purpose of trying to extend the current bikeway along the Yough between Chiopyle and Confluence, so that it eventually would follow the abandoned Western Maryland RR right-of-way from Connellsville to Cumberland, MD. There it would meet the Potomac Tow Path going to D.C., which in turn is intersected by the Appalachian Trail. Since the Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail has its terminus at Chiopyle, we would then have a lineal park running from Johnstown to D.C., Maine, and Georgia. This effort is going to need a lot of help. Look for a slide show on this in April.

LET'S TALK ABOUT HOSTELS

What's your favorite hostel? One of the lighthouse hostels in California? The Hostel in the Forest? The Battleship Massachusetts? Chiopyle? We'd like to hear about it. Write up a short description and send it to Cheryl Arnold. If possible, send a brochure for our reference desk at Headquarters. Mail info to: Cheryl Arnold, Pittsburgh AYH, 6300 Fifth Ave., Pgh., PA 15232.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I'm writing this just after returning from the Council Presidents Seminar, sponsored by AYH National in Pittsburgh and hosted by Pittsburgh Council. The purpose of the meeting was to give Council Presidents the additional skills they can use to help run the Council. I found the training very helpful and enjoyed the opportunity to share experiences with the other Council Presidents. I'd met many of them before, but normally in the context of Regional or National meetings, where there wasn't always time to talk in between the business. I think many of the Councils are having similar problems with making the transition to the kind of organization needed to develop and operate more and larger hostels. Along the same lines, National is also sponsoring the CANDO Program, which I think of as a training or development program for Councils. Pittsburgh Council is applying for assistance under CANDO; Eileen Hull has agreed to be our liason with the National office. Information received from the Councils will be given to consultants who will help us develop specific action plans for our future growth. I applaud National for both of these programs. This is an area where assistance from National has been long overdue but is nevertheless greatly appreciated.

CHORES AT HEADQUARTERS

* The reason you can't hear the slide show speakers very well is because the speaker hookups are askew. HELP! Rewire the speakers. The ones on the wall, that is. Some of our speakers are off the wall and the rest are real down-to-earth people.

* Spring Cleaning -- Time to clean up inside and outside Headquarters; a little sweeping, perhaps a little painting and some roof work. Contact Gary Ludwig for opportunities.

Bike Trip April 1,2,3

Assateague Island & Vicinity

Maryland



- Milburn Landing State Park
40 Miles to
- Assateague Island National Seashore
40 Miles to
- Shad Landing State Park
15 Miles back to Milburn Landing

Meet 6:00 pm AYH headquarters Thursday night, March 31, drive 8 hours to Milburn Landing State Park, Maryland, & camp. Begin riding 10:00 next morning.

There will be no sag wagon, plan to carry everything you will need for 3 days on your bike. AYH has some panniers for rent. Intermediate and above riders

Call Karen Hensley, 787-3001 or 421-2886 to sign up or get more information.

ANNUAL WASHINGTON, D.C., EASTER WEEKEND TRIP

March 31 through April 3

Biking, Hiking, Rock Climbing (intermediate climbers only), sightseeing if it rains.

We will be staying at Rock Creek Hotel. Deposits of \$30/person are due on or before March 3rd. Rock Creek Hotel does not take credit cards, the deposit can be by check, but the remainder of the bill (approx. \$23) must be cash.

Contact Eric Bauer at 687-0766, or Bill Johnston at 243-1945 for more information.

KEYSTONE TRAILS ASSOCIATION 1988 TRAILCARE SCHEDULE

April 22-24: Lost Turkey Trail. Camp at Blue Knob State Park.

May 13-15: Tuscarora Trail. Camp at Cowans Gap State Park.

June 10-12: Peninsula Trail. Camp at Bear Run Nature Reserve.

Call or write Tom Thwaites, 1113 Centre Lane, State College, PA 16801, (814)237-7703, or Jean Aron, 227 Kimport Avenue, Boalsburg, PA 16827, (814)466-6067.



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in the cool night air

they ignore the obvious that
if they all started rolling together
they could destroy us.

Stones at Night

the stones sit
in an all night diner

tough guys,
caps,
cigars

their coffee
grows cold
before them

they are oblivious
to the pinball.

when you go in
in the morning
before work

they are not there.

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THANK YOU

As the rivers rise from the snow melt, and the skis are relegated to the back corner of the closet, a special thanks go out to Hank Parke, the concessionaire at Laurel Ridge and Hidden Valley ski touring centers, and Roger and Nansi Janes at Wilderness Lodge. All three ski centers gave AYH members a \$1 discount on trail fees this year.

And a thank you to Elaine, Karl, Hannah, Bill and Cay for organizing three wonderful weekends at Blackwater Falls and Wilderness Lodge, and Rick for the day trips. Snow conditions weren't always the best, but the

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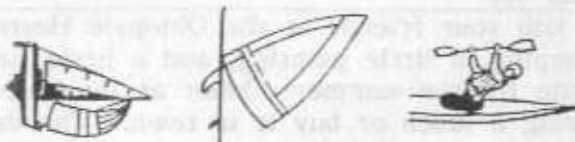


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DATE	DAY	ACTIVITY	LEVEL	LEADER	PHONE	TIME	DESCRIPTION
1	Sat	Cave	Begin	John Popp	885-2126		Casparis Cave near Connellsville, features good formations and a waterfall.
5	Sat	Hike	Begin	Mark Mistrik Cathy Pacacha	521-7088h 647-7610w 363-2228	8:30	Hike Lynn Run/ Ligonier Area. Ski if snow.
12	Sat	Hike	Inter	Glenn Oster	364-2864	8:00	Rachel Carson trail from North Park to Rich Hill Rd. Call for info and reservations.
13	Sun	Mt. Bike	Inter	Bill Johnston	243-1945		Call for more info.
18-20	FSS	Cave	Inter	Buck Rodgers	751-7957		Spring Caving Weekend with visits to several caves in the Penn State Area.
19	Sat	Hike	Inter	Pete Srini	683-3611h 788-6960w	8:00	Relatively easy-paced hike in the Bear Run Nature Reserve.
25-27	FSS	Backpack	Inter	Glenn Oster	364-2864	7:30pm	Appalachian Trail in Northern Virginia from Skyline Drive to Rt. 50.
26	Sat	Work Party	All	Len Benson	854-4954		Come and join your friends at the Ohiopyle Hostel for a little prepping, a little painting, and a little fun. We are preparing for the summer! Meet at the hostel about 11 am. Bring a lunch or buy it in town. The day will be capped off with a fine (free) dinner. Call for car-pooling. As usual, a free overnight at the hostel for those who attend.
27	Sun	Mt. Bike	Int	Bill Johnston	243-1945		Call for more info.
April 1-3	FSS	Bike	Inter	Karen Hensley	787-3001 421-2886	6:00pm	Assateague Island and Vicinity. See ad in this issue.
1-3	FSS	Climb	Inter	Eric Bauer	687-0766		Annual trip to Washington, D.C. See article in this issue. Deposits due March 3rd.
16	Sat	Cave	Begin	Paul Herre	653-7934		Conn Cave on Chestnut Ridge has a large dome room and the "giant onion". Please note the date change from the printed caving schedule.

MOUNT RANIER BACKPACK TRIP

August 3-15, 1988

Have you ever seen Mt. Ranier - or even a picture of it? If so, you will know why I've got to hike it, and I bet you'd like to see it up close as well. Join me in flying out to Seattle and hiking the Wonderland Trail circling Mt. Ranier at elevations of about 5,000 to 6,000 feet. We'll be on the trail for 11 days (two food caches) and will average about 9 miles per day. A trip for advanced hikers, the climbs and descents will total 20,000 feet each. Based on current air fares for supersaver flights total costs should be less than \$500. For information and reservations, phone Glenn Oster at 364-2864 h or 234-3967 w.

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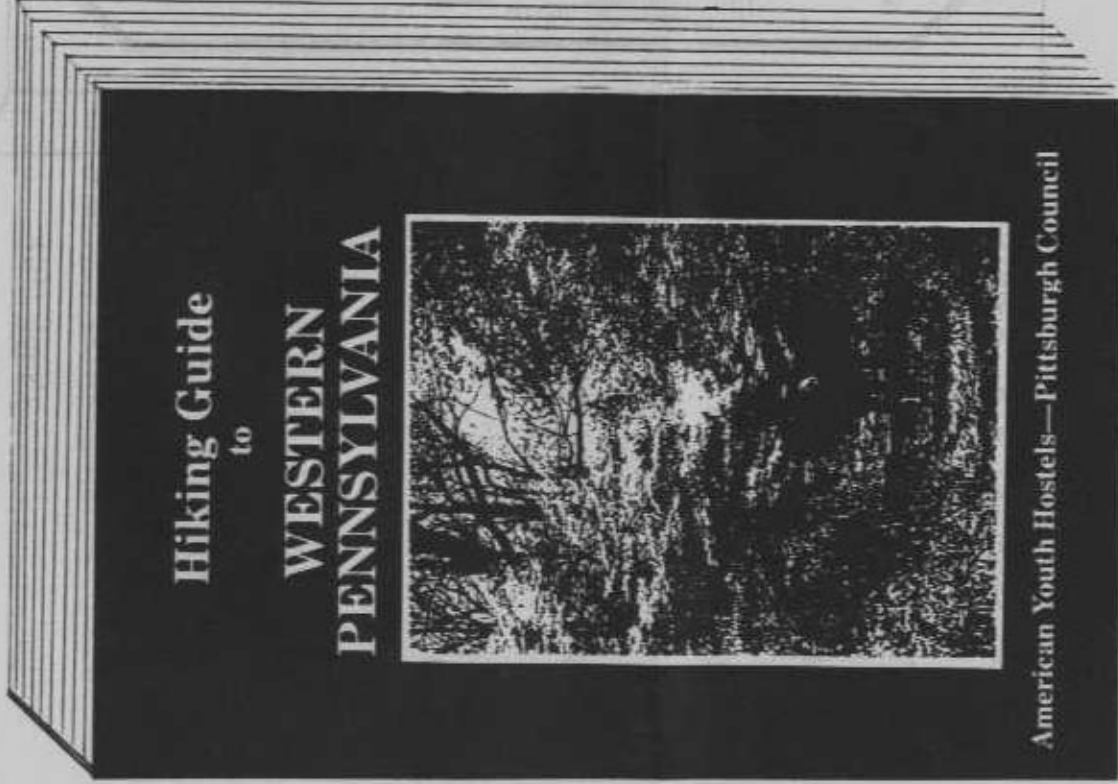
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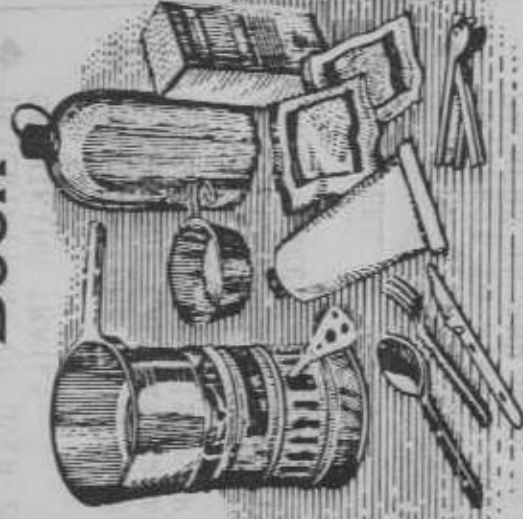
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