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Zoological Society of
Pittsburgh

November 14

Mission Alaska
by Kathi Ferguson

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Switzerland**
Paul Pokorski

November 28

**Happy Thanksgiving
(No Show)**

We need shows!

To volunteer to
do a show,
call Tom Rogers
at 621-6310

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

In the next several months, AYH will be asking you to PLEDGE a single day of trail maintenance on the Baker or the Rachel Carson Trails in 1992. We are setting up the seven dates listed below, one for each month from April through October, for trail maintenance. You can pledge a single day on which you will be assigned to a work party going out to a specific area to perform specific tasks. This will be your annual trail maintenance obligation. Of course, if you want to sign up for more than one day, no one will get angry. There will be no fees other than sharing driving costs. Bring a lunch and a smile, dress comfortably and enjoy a nice day in the outdoors, doing honest, volunteer work for AYH, helping us keep our trails in tiptop condition.

You might say you want to do more. What can you do? One thing is to participate in and maybe even lead hikes on the BT and the RCT. Keep an AYH presence on the trails. If you don't already have the Trail Guides, buy one, study it and take some friends exploring. You'll have a great time and be supporting the commitments and interests of AYH at the same time!!

If you want to pledge your day for 1992 now, call Jim Ritchie at 828-0210 (H) or 624-1220 (W). The maintenance dates are as follows:

April 18, 1992

July 18, 1992

May 1, 1992

August 15, 1992

October 17, 1992

June 13, 1992

September 12, 1992

The new Presentation Committee members are Tom Rogers and Chris Kline. They will need your support to continue to provide an active open house. To schedule shows, call Tom at 621-6310. You can also talk with either Tom or Chris during Thursday open house.

I thank everyone who helped during my two years as presentation coordinator.

Rodney Horner

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October 3

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About AYH

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Corner

Well, another year has come and gone for Pittsburgh Council. Business year, that is. The annual meeting is over, and officers, directors and committee chairs have been elected to guide and direct the Council over the next 12 months. Can't really say how it all turned out yet, due to the realities of deadlines, but we'll have the results of the annual meeting and elections in the December newsletter.

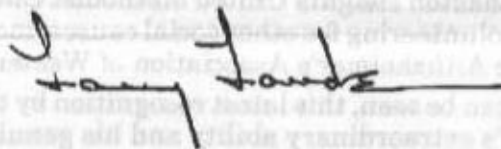
I'm looking over the November 1990 Golden Triangle for perspective. While some things change, others stay the same. One of the big changes is the opening of the Council office. Last year at this time, we were looking for someone to work on membership out of their home for a nominal compensation. This year, we have a part-time staff person at work in our own office! There has, as many of you know, been some significant debate over whether this will have been the right choice for the Council. Check the newsletter this time next year and see how it turns out.

In the meantime, I'd like to introduce Susan Richter as our new staff person. Susan has been in and around AYH for a number of years. (Joe Levine says he remembers her when she was "so high".) Susan has worked for several non-profits in the Pittsburgh community, including the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts and GRIP, the Group for Recycling in Pittsburgh. She's working for us three days a week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 am to 2 pm) at our office in Room 204 of the Wightman School Community Building at 5604 Solway Street in Squirrel Hill and can be reached at 422-2282.

Welcome aboard, Susan!

Last but not least, I'd like to congratulate Bill Eberle and a fine crew of volunteers for their great work in putting on the new SABRE bicycling tour on October 6th. In its first year, SABRE attracted over 600 cyclists! I've heard nothing but praise from people who participated in the event.

Larry Laude (412) 665-9554 or
Compuserve 73467,3201



FRED HULL, RETIRING TREASURER, RECEIVES AWARD

• Frances Gayler

As many of you know, our Treasurer for the last 23 years, Fred Hull, is planning to retire in the near future. He was presented with the Lifetime Achievement award at the Annual Meeting on October 18 in recognition of his many years of outstanding service to the Council. Not many of us have been members for 27 years, so it is only appropriate that we mention some of his achievements here.

Fred first joined AYH in 1964, through his interest in the canoeing program. He and his family were very active in that area for the next 14 years. In addition to many trips in the tri-state area, Fred participated in a national canoeing trip in the Wisconsin Dells in 1968. At about that time, the Council needed a new treasurer, and Fred volunteered. For the next 23 years, he was a financial advisor to numerous AYH presidents and a man who made sure the bills were paid on time. As the Council grew, he organized the financial books. Even an accounting professional could not have done a better job. After buying a desktop computer for himself, at a time when home computers were unheard of, he donated its use for Pittsburgh AYH. He proceeded to computerize the whole financial system for the Council. This is more of an accomplishment, when one considers that he was completely self-taught in these areas. However, throughout his life

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FRED HULL, RETIRING TREASURER, RECEIVES AWARD

Fred has been a man of many achievements that few of us at AYH may be aware of. Our interactions with this unassuming man have been on an entirely different plain from his demanding professional career.

According to his biographical listing in the prestigious American Men of Science, Dr. Frederick Charles Hull was born in Alliance, Ohio. After receiving his Bachelor of Science at the University of Michigan, he came to our city to pursue his Doctorate of Science in metallurgy at Carnegie Institute of Technology, now Carnegie Mellon University. For the next forty years until his retirement in 1981, Dr. Hull worked for Westinghouse Research and Development. He performed research on grain size, high temperature alloys, stainless steel, and hot cracking. He invented "Kromarc," a new stainless steel. In addition to authoring numerous scientific papers, Dr. Hull holds 11 patents and is a member of four professional societies. For his work, he was awarded the Charles B. Dudley Medal by the American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM). A decade later, Fred received the James F. Lincoln Gold Medal from the American Welding Society.

Fred and his wife, Eileen, have been married for 47 years and reside in Penn Hills. They have a son, Larry, living in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and two grandchildren. In addition to AYH, Fred has been an active member of the Laketon Heights United Methodist Church. His time has also been spent volunteering for other social causes: mental health programs; ICR; and the Alzheimer's Association of Western Pennsylvania.

As can be seen, this latest recognition by the AYH is another instance of Fred's extraordinary ability and his genuine contributions to society. The Board of Directors, the officers, and the members of the Council all join in wishing Fred Hull heartfelt congratulations upon receiving this award. Also, we wish to thank his wife, Eileen, a long-time AYH member and supportive spouse, who has made much of his work possible. May she have a speedy recovery from her current illness.

PITTSBURGH COUNCIL OPENS OFFICE

Pittsburgh Council now has its own office in Room 204 of the Wightman School Community Building at 5604 Solway Street in Squirrel Hill area of Pittsburgh. The office will be open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 am to 2 pm and will be run by Susan Richter. Susan will be handling all the phone and mail inquiries, sales of memberships by mail and reporting to the National office.

AYH memberships, student ID cards, Eurail passes, hiking and canoeing guides, hostel handbooks, advance booking vouchers, and sheet sacks will all be available by mail or at the office. Call first, though, to make we have what you need.

The office will also be available for board and committee meetings and for volunteer work. Please check with Susan to reserve a time.

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Cross-Country Skiing

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Activities

In addition to the activities you will find listed here, many other AYH activities occur each week. To find out about unscheduled activities, contact the Activity Chairpersons listed on page 4.

Impromptu activities are also announced at the Thursday night Open House held at AYH Headquarters, 6300 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh.

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND WEEKEND HIKE AT IRONMASTERS MANSION

Pittsburgh AYHers have been invited to a gala Christmas Party at the Mansion! If you haven't made plans yet for the weekend of December 6-8, keep it free. Bob and Hoan Beard, houseparents at the Ironmaster's Mansion Youth Hostel in Pine Grove Furnace State Park are giving the party to "Thank everyone for the whole year." It will be their seventh and they're inviting "everyone" (AYH members and non-members alike) to help celebrate!

The mansion will be decorated with wreaths, holly, candles in the fireplace and a 6-foot Advent Wreath in the large dining room. Bob will be selecting and cutting a Christmas tree just for the occasion. There will be plenty of refreshments. Joan says there isn't a "sit down dinner" but no one will leave hungry because there will be plenty of punch, hot apple cider, dips, vegetables, crackers and other snacks available.

Joe and Cheryl Hoechner are leading the trip for the weekend. They plan to rendezvous at headquarters Friday, December 6 around 6 pm and drive to Ironmasters. Saturday morning they'll be leading a hike in the state park. (The hostel is situated near beauti-

ful wooded trails where wildlife is frequently seen.) The Christmas Party will begin in the late afternoon. But for people who need "real food" for dinner, Joe and Cheryl will provide a casserole. Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings will also be provided. If the weather holds, they plan to do some additional hiking in the area on Sunday morning and return to headquarters late afternoon/early evening. If you'd like to come, you need to bring two (2) lunches, a sleep sack, hostel membership card and "a homemade ornament for the Christmas Tree." That's a seven year tradition! Cost for the weekend will be about \$35.00 per person.

If you'd like to join Joe and Cheryl, you need to let them know as soon as possible. Fill out the reservation request below and mail it, along with \$10 per person deposit to 1310 Milton Ave., Swissvale, PA 15218. If you have any questions, call Joe or Cheryl at (412) 242-0781.

Help Joan and Bob usher in the Christmas Season!

Plan to join us!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

I am reserving for _____ persons, ages: _____

Deposit enclosed is a check for \$ _____ (\$20.00 per person)

Questions? Call Joe or Cheryl at (412) 242-0781.

Mail to:

Ironmaster Mansion

Christmas Party & Hike

1310 Milton Ave.,

Swissvale, PA 15218

MEMBERS ONLY!



Hiking/Backpacking

- 1-3** Fri-Sun INT **Oil Creek State Park** **6:30 pm**
Mark Mistrik
441-8293
An intermediate backpacking trip to Oil Creek State Park in Northwestern PA. Camping in Adirondack Shelters. Rolling trails features some good climbs. Call for more information or to reserve a spot. Meets at AYH headquarters.
- 3** Sun EASY **Short Hike** **9:30 am**
Linda Smithyman
531-1868
A short hike somewhere nearby — maybe Schenley Park.
Meets at AYH Headquarters.
- Janet Supowitz*
247-4016
Cucumber Falls Trail (Ohiopyle) **8:30 am**
An extra-easy hike on easy terrain at a relaxed pace. Generally flat, excellent scenery along the river. Total hike is 4-5 miles.
Meets at AYH Headquarters.
- 9** Sat EASY **The Highland Park Zoo in Pittsburgh** **10:00 am**
Rodney Horner
339-0944
A walking tour of the zoo, previewed at the preceding Thursday open house at HQ. Bring money for parking, admission and lunch. Pittsburgh residents bring proof of residence for a discount.
Meets at the zoo near the top of the parking lot escalator.
- 8-10** Fri-Sun INT **Appalachian Trail** **6:00 pm**
Clare Bunker
244-9788
Hike the Appalachian Trail from Sky Meadows State Park to the Northern boundary of Shenandoah National Park, Virginia. 22 miles in two days. Car camping. Leader: Bill Lindgren.
Meet at HQ at 6:00 pm on Friday.
- 16** Sat INT **Laurel Highlands Trail** **8:00 am**
Tom Kaveny
276-8044
An easy intermediate hike along one of the easier sections along the ridge of Laurel Hill. About a ten mile hike.
Meets at AYH Headquarters.
- 24** Sun ADV **Maxwell Run** **7:00 am**
Jim Ritchie
828-0210 h
624-1220 w
Hiking and exploring along Maxwell Run near Lake City, PA (Elk County). Much off-trail bushwacking. Highlights include Indian trails, the ghost town of Raintown, the "Bear Caves", the Maxwell Run Mini-Gorge, an old gravity railroad grade, and the Clarion River. Call for information and reservations.
Meets at AYH Headquarters.

- 6-8** Fri-Sun EASY **Ironmaster Mansion Christmas Party/Hike** **DECEMBER**
Joe & Cheryl Hoechner
242-0781
See the article about this hike and party elsewhere in the newsletter.
9 Sat EASY
- 13-15** Fri-Sun INT **Appalachian Trail** **DECEMBER**
Clare Bunker
244-9788
Hike the Appalachian Trail from Harper's Ferry to Snicker's Gap, Virginia. 19 miles in two days. Staying at Bear's Den AYH Hostel near Bluemont, Va.
Meet at HQ at 6:00 pm on Friday at AYH HQ. Leader: Bill Lindgren.



Rafting

Unscheduled

We may do impromptu trips if the weather permits. Likely destinations are the Slippery Rock Creek, the Cheat Canyon, and of course the Lower Yough. Trips will be announced at the Thursday evening open houses.



Sea Kayaking

- 2 Sat BEG The Final Yough 10:30 am**
A beginner-level sea kayaking trip down the final Yough (flatwater), weather permitting. We will return before dark. Call for more information or to reserve a spot. Meet at AYH headquarters.
- 9 Sat EASY Goddard State Park 9:00 am**
Mark Mistrik
441-8293
An easy sea kayaking daytrip to Goddard State Park, Northwestern PA. Paddling on a scenic, flatwater lake. Call for more information or to reserve. No prior experience required. Meets at AYH headquarters.
- 16 Sat EASY Swallow Falls State Park 8:00 am**
Mark Mistrik
441-8293
A very easy dayhike and sightseeing trip at Swallow falls State Park, near Deep Creek, MD. Park is full of waterfalls. Meets at AYH headquarters.
- 20-24 Wed-Sun INT White Oak Canyon, Virginia 6:30 pm**
Mark Mistrik
441-8293
An intermediate level four-day backpacking trip to White Oak Canyon, Virginia. Pack something special for Thanksgiving Dinner. Call for more information. Meets at AYH headquarters on Wednesday.

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Sea Kayaking (continued)

GUIDE TO SEA KAYAKING

Sea kayaks are the direct descendants of the Huntsman's boats or Eskimo kayaks and are now gaining popularity as versatile recreational craft.

Structurally, they are longer than whitewater kayaks and they incorporate more stable hull designs. The hull features a keel for straighter tracking and more speed. The boat and sprayskirt provide insulation to keep you warm even in cold weather and to provide protection against wind, water and waves.

The proper gear for sea kayaking varies a little from one season to the next. In the cooler fall weather you need layered clothing that can be adjusted for comfort, an old pair of shoes that won't mind water or mud, a hat for shade, sun lotion and sunglasses, raingear, a water bottle and lunch.

A complete change of clothes and a towel should be double wrapped in water-proof bags and brought along. Before the trip, contact the leader for the latest word on local conditions and trip details.

The Pittsburgh Sea Kayaking program is the only non-profit one of its kind. You can learn the basic essentials safely on day trips to nearby lakes and

flatwater rivers. Intermediate trips may cover longer distances or include waves or currents (up to class II), and combine sea kayaking with hiking, backpacking, fishing, or camping.

The kayaking program also offers longer tours to locations like the shores of the Great Lakes, down scenic rivers and through National Parks, saltwater trips to the Chesapeake Bay and the wildlife-rich bays of the Eastern barrier islands.

Advanced sea kayak trips include paddling on the North Atlantic, exploring islands along Downeast Maine and winter trips. Advanced trips require proficient rescue instruction, bracing skills, and the Eskimo roll.

Skills are generally taught informally on the beginner and intermediate trips; you can advance at your own pace. Several learning-intensive symposiums are held in the United States each year. You can attend classes at all levels of paddling instruction, or explore more eclectic topics such as collecting seafood or kayak rescue. Symposiums also offer the opportunity to try out the dozens of models of sea kayaks produced and talk to the Dealers and Designers. You can also discuss trips and experiences with hundreds of other sea kayakers from around the world.



Volleyball

Tuesday Nights

Volleyball at Schenley High School

AYH plays volleyball every Tuesday evening at Schenley High School from 6:30 to 9:30. Call Jeff Marsh (384-7827) for more information.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS!

We invite you to send in Holiday Greetings to your AYH friends for publication in the December newsletter. Free greetings can be up to 10 words. Larger greetings can be included at a special rate of only \$5 for a 1" by 3-5/8" space. We can handle minor variations in size, and graphics and pictures can be included.

Greetings must be received by **November 14** and are subject to available space. By the way, the Christmas party will be on December 19th.



United Way — Donor Option Time!

Fall is the traditional time for your local United Way chapter to seek donations via payroll deductions at your place of business. Don't forget that the Pittsburgh Council, American Youth Hostels is a qualified non-profit, charitable organization and that we are eligible to receive donations through the Donor Option plan.

Ask for this optional card where you work and list us in Box #2, then fill out the balance of the information on the reverse side.

Put AYH name and address here:

Thank you for your contribution.

A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the PA Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1 (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania Donor Option Card

In addition to this card, contributors should complete a United Way pledge card. Designations for the 1991 United Way campaign will be accepted through January 31, 1992.

Please note: If you wish to make more than one designation, please use separate cards for each area of service, organization and/or United Way you designate. Complete all information on each card. Sign and attach all cards.

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JULES RENARD, 1899

PITTSBURGH COUNCIL TRAILS MAINTENANCE NEEDS YOU

The Pittsburgh Council of American Youth Hostels has primary responsibility for the maintenance of the Baker and Rachel Carson Trails. The Council conceived, built and has maintained these two trails for more than 40 years. These are "AYH Trails"—in a sense, they represent our Council. When others use our trails and they are in good condition or poor condition, that reflects accordingly on AYH.

The Baker Trail, only 24 miles northeast of AYH Headquarters in Pittsburgh, runs from Garvers Ferry, PA, just across the Allegheny River from Freeport, for 141 miles to the area just north of Cook Forest State Park. The Rachel Carson Trail is 34 miles long, running from Harrison Hills County Park just outside of Freeport, south and then west to North Park. The Baker Trail was initially developed by AYH in 1950. At first, the BT extended beyond Freeport into Allegheny County down to the Highland Park Bridge. The Allegheny County section was eventually abandoned due to difficulties related to ongoing land development along the right-of-way. In the early 1970's some of the Allegheny County trailway was reblazed from Harrison Hills to Springdale and then extended to North Park as the Rachel Carson Trail.

AYH is committed to providing trail maintenance, trail activity, and publishing of trail guides for the BT and the RCT. When AYH members lead hikes on these trails and encourage others to use the trails, we fulfill our commitment to promote and sponsor trail activity. The Baker Trail guide was last published in 1986 while a 1991 Edition of the RCT guide has just been completed. Minimal levels of trail maintenance involve blazing, clearing and rerouting as necessary.

We have been extremely fortunate to have volunteers like Pete Srini, the Ashermans, and John Buck, all of whom have taken initiatives to provide levels of trail maintenance far exceeding minimum requirements. The Rachel Carson Trail has been resurrected in just the past two years with extensive reblazing, clearing and rerouting by Jack and Blanche Asherman. Pete has led advertised AYH work parties doing heavy maintenance along the entire length of the Baker Trail, work like cutting and removing sections of trees that have fallen across the Trail. John has led his Volunteers for Outdoor Allegheny (VOA)

EVENING BIKE RIDES

10 to 20 mile rides from South Park. These go many evenings. Call to get details for the day that interests you. Leader: Bill Eberle (833-9732)

MID-WEEK RAMBLES ON WEDNESDAYS

We meet each Wednesday at 10:00 am in the upper parking lot at Fifth and Shady Avenues. Call Cliff or Marilyn Hamm at 687-4520 (home) for more information on current activities or to make arrangements to meet the group.

MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDES

Meet at South Park every Saturday. There are trips for beginners and for intermediate/advanced riders. Locations and times change, so call for more information. Leader: Tom Mantle, 343-6885

OFFICE EQUIPMENT NEEDED AT AYH HQ

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- IBM Compatible Computer
- Fax machine

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people through the North Park area of the RCT blazing, clearing and picking up trash left by others.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING WEEKENDS AT WILDERNESS LODGE

January 10 to January 12, 1992

January 31 to February 2, 1992

February 14 to February 16, 1992

If you like your lodging intimate and rustic, and your ski trails tracked and groomed, these weekends in the Erie snow belt near the New York border are for you. Nansi Janes' Wilderness Lodge has been a perennial favorite of AYH cross-country skiers who enjoy the miles of groomed trails. Peek 'n Peak is also nearby for the enjoyment of the down-hill skiers. After skiing come warm up by the fire with a glass of your favorite beverage.

The cost of the weekend includes lodging Friday and Saturday nights, a delicious candlelight dinner Saturday evening, and cross-country trail fees for two days. A vegetarian meal is available upon request. Ski rentals, breakfasts and lunches are available at the lodge at an additional cost. The rooms are mostly hostel style with three to six people in a room, but there are two double rooms available as well. Space is strictly limited to 34 persons each weekend. We will reserve entire rooms for you and your friends if you wish. This does not include transportation, but we will assist with car pooling as possible.

The Cost: \$70 for non-members and only \$60 for AYH members. Two private rooms with a double bed are available for \$80 for each non-member or only \$70 for each AYH member.

How to Reserve: Call Susan at the AYH Office at 412-422-2282 to make reservations for the weekend you want, then send a check made payable to Pittsburgh AYH for the full amount. But please reserve early. These trips fill up fast!

The fine print: There can be no refunds after 21 days before each trip unless we can find a replacement for you. Wilderness Lodge and AYH reserve the right to cancel any trip due to weather (either unsnowy or too snowy). In any case, however, we will keep a \$10 processing fee.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

AYH pass number for members: _____

☐ I will drive and can take _____ passengers.

☐ I need help finding a ride.

☐ I will drive and meet the group at Wilderness Lodge.

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____

(\$70 for shared room or \$80 for private room. Subtract \$10 for each member.)





BUY EURAIL PASSES AT PITTSBURGH AYH HQ

Pittsburgh Council has started selling Eurail passes. We will soon have the standard Eurail Passes and the Eurail Flexipasses available for over the counter sales at our office. Please note that all over the counter sales must be cash or certified check only until we start accepting credit cards.

Almost all other rail passes in Great Britain and Europe, including eastern Europe, are also available but require 3 days for delivery. Credit cards are accepted for these orders. Sample prices are:

Standard Eurail Pass

15 day unlimited first class	\$390
21 day unlimited first class	\$498
1 month unlimited first class	\$616

Eurail Flexipass

5 days travel in 15 days	\$230
9 days travel in 21 days	\$398
14 days travel in 1 month	\$498

Remember, all sales benefit Pittsburgh Council.

THE "PHANTOM HOSTELLER" or, A Trip Waiting to Happen

• Joe Hoechner

If you've read the Sunday *Pittsburgh Press* you've seen the ads for the *Phantom of the Opera*. It is currently playing in Toronto, Canada, a six to seven hour drive from Pittsburgh.

Ticket prices are \$56, \$67, \$78, and \$91, depending on location. These are Canadian prices, and the exchange rate is usually 15% in favor of the US.

The theater is about a 5-minute walk from the Toronto International Hostel.

The hostel has 180 beds, is never closed and costs \$15 per night (Canadian).

What Pittsburgh AYH needs is a "Culture Vulture" to organize a trip to Toronto! Not only is the exchange rate in our favor but the theater provides group rates for twenty or more!

Plan to stay a while in Toronto. How about going for a 3-day Memorial Day weekend, or 4th of July???

If the response is large enough a bus can be rented (like we do for winter weekends).

Interested? Check out page 68 of your '91 AYH Handbook for details on the Toronto Hostel. Then call Joe Hoechner for theater info, seating guide, prices, etc. at (412) 242-0781.

HEADQUARTERS WORK PARTY: MANY THANKS!

On September 15, 1991 we had a work party at headquarters. The main room where we show the slides was painted, a light was installed in the kayak storage room, a new ceiling fan was installed, additional lighting was installed in the rear storage room, and the trees over the roof were trimmed back. I'd like to thank the following people for their hard work and for making the work party a success:

Ben Brugmans

Bob Buck

Chris Kline

Grace Pischke

Maiken Sloth

A J Stone

Jenny Suchin

Janet Supowitz

The next work party is scheduled for Sunday November 10, 1991 starting at 9:00 AM. We will be doing additional painting work, reorganizing the equipment storage areas, and lots, lots more. So c'mon out and lend a hand! Once again, lunch will be provided by The Council. Call Jon Maiman at 441-2306 to sign up for the work party.



1991 Membership Application American Youth Hostels

Pittsburgh Council
6300 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15232



Membership categories:

- ☐ [] \$25 Adult (18 to 54)
- ☐ [] \$15 Adult renewal, pass #:
- ☐ [] \$10 Youth (17 and under)
- ☐ [] \$15 Senior Citizen (55 and over)
- ☐ [] \$35 Family (2 adults, children under 18, 16 in Europe)
- ☐ [] \$25 Family renewal, pass #:
- ☐ [] \$250 Life (all ages)
- ☐ [] \$15 Student ID card (includes \$1 postage)

International hostel directories, misc. merchandise:

- ☐ [] \$11 Volume 1: Europe, Mediterranean
- ☐ [] \$11 Volume 2: Africa, Americas, Asia, Australia
- ☐ [] \$14 Cotton sleep sack (required at most hostels)
- ☐ [] \$6 Each for advance booking vouchers
- ☐ [] \$1 Set of 10 hostel reservation postcards
- ☐ [] \$1.50 Postage/handling for each book/sleep sack
- ☐ [] Donation for local hostel development
- ☐ [] **Total** Make checks payable to: **Pittsburgh AYH**

I am joining primarily for:

- ☐ [] Local activities
- ☐ [] Hostelling in the US
- ☐ [] Hostelling abroad

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____
(day) (eve)

Birthdate: _____ M F

For student ID cards only:

School name: _____

Citizenship: _____

Insurance Beneficiary name, address, phone number: _____

See additional requirements below.

For hostellers:

I need my hostel pass by: _____

☐ [] Please send Eurailpass information.

Please send me information on volunteering for:

- ☐ [] Activities
- ☐ [] Office help
- ☐ [] Hostel development

NOTE: Student ID cards require a 1-1/8" x 1-3/8" photo and proof of student status, such as a copy of a grade transcript, student body card or receipt for tuition for the current academic year. Call for more information.

All new memberships except life memberships are valid for 12 months from the month of issue. All renewals are valid for 12 months from the expiration date of the current membership.

All memberships include:

- A 12 month subscription to the Golden Triangle, Pittsburgh Council's monthly newsletter for hostel news and local activities
- The international hostel pass valid at over 5,000 hostels around the world
- The North American Hostel Directory, listing over 250 hostels in the US and Canada

Please allow two weeks for delivery. Call 412-362-8181 for information if you need a hostel pass right away.

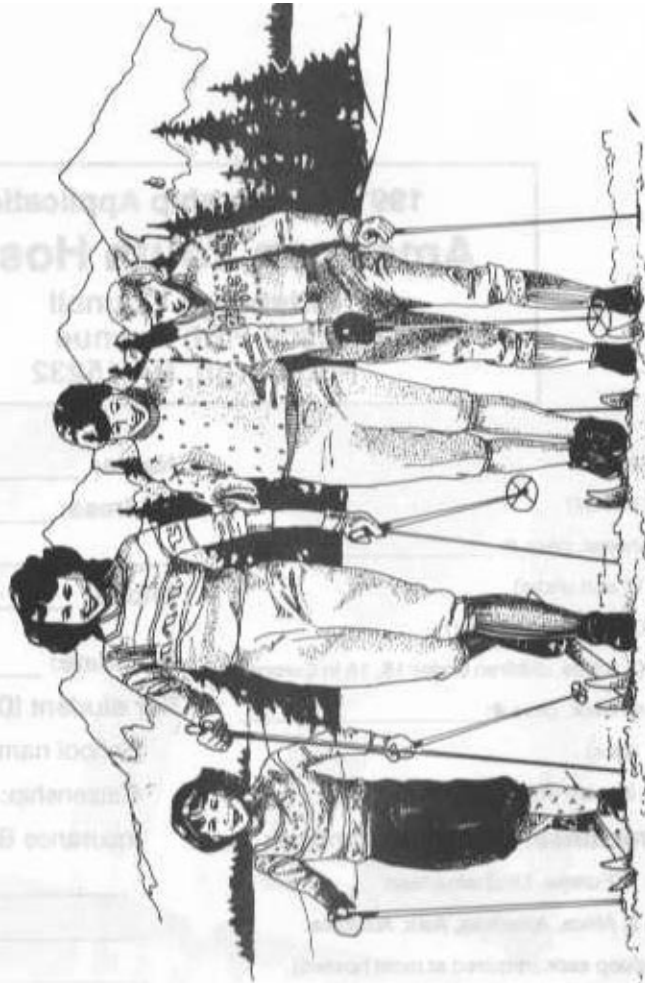
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