

The Golden Triangle

Pittsburgh Council

American Youth Hostels

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*BEST WISHES
FOR
A FESTIVE
HOLIDAY SEASON
AND
A PROSPEROUS NEW
YEAR!*

Slide Programs for December

December 6

Cross Country Skiing
Ground School
Fred Parker

December 13

Hiking Between The Monasteries
of Mt. Athos, Greece
Emery DeGaal

December 20

Annual Christmas Carolling Party

December 27

Closed

Slide shows begin at 8:15 pm
Headquarters opens at 8:00 pm

We need shows. To volunteer call
Rodney Horner (339-0944)

THE BEARTOOTH WILDERNESS WHO COULD BELIEVE IT?

by Glenn Oster

Part I

On August 3, 1990 we AYH'ers from Pittsburgh Council embarked on our eighth backpack trip to the West - and it was something special! The cast of characters was - Clare Bunker, Helen Coyne, Dave Foster, Cay and Bernard Friedman, Gerry Gogal, Bill Lindgren, Mary Ellen McShea, Pat Tieman, and I, Glenn Oster. We met at Helen Coyne's residence at Seven Fields in Cranberry Township - lots of safe parking and close to the Pennsylvania Turnpike. Everyone was on time with their batteries fully charged. The excitement was infectious. We were ready for it!

We had rented a 15 passenger van and took two hour turns at driving - our first camping stop being Scotts Bluff, Nebraska. After a good night's rest we drove up on top of the monolith and walked the trails, viewed the prairie far below all the way to the horizon and took lots of pictures. The huge rock formations, that compose Scotts Bluff National Monument, seem to jump out of hundreds of miles of absolutely flat land. What a welcome sight they must have been to the pioneers traveling west.

A surprise to some of our group, while traveling across Wyoming we saw pronghorn antelopes - so many that they stopped commenting when they saw herds that weren't right near the road and easy to point out.

By late afternoon we reached Thermopolis and dunked ourselves in the hot springs there. The water was clear, clean and hot - to the extent we were only permitted to remain in the water for twenty minutes. This had been a spontaneous addition to our trip plan and involved a detour north from Shoshoni, but the canyon

between Shoshoni and Thermopolis was so deep and impressive that it made the trip worth taking even without the bonus of the hot springs. After being par boiled in the hot springs we set our sights on dinner in Riverton and then made a beeline to our campground at the Grand Tetons where Cay and Bernard Friedman awaited. They were traveling separately.

Next day was for sight-seeing; the weather was perfect. We saw the magnificent Tetons dominating the western sky. They seem to spring from nowhere, truly dramatic. We visited Jenny Lake, stopped to look at the spillway from the dam that impounds Jackson Lake (known to the old timers as Jackson Hole) and took pictures across Jackson Lake which is now at normal water level thanks to completion of the repairs to the dam. On my last two trips to the Tetons much of Jackson Hole was Jackson Mud hole.

After that brief introduction to the Tetons, we went on to Yellowstone National Park. Old Faithful had a better eruption than any I've seen in seven trips there. However, it was regrettable to see the expanses of burned trees from the 1988 forest fire. The grass undergrowth appears lush and very healthy, but the extent of charred trees was awesome. Despite what we read about a quick recovery, Yellowstone will require generations to recover from that disaster. We also visited Midway Thermal Basin, Gibbon Falls, Upper and Lower Falls of the Yellowstone and Tower Falls - a real full day.

We continued on to our hiking trail head on US 212 in Montana, the Chief Joseph National Forest Campground. And next morning it's time to begin our hike. We've been working up to it all year. Time to get our

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COUNCIL NEWS

1991 ELECTION RESULTS

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Pittsburgh Hostel	Open
Special Events	Open

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Family Activities	Barbara Hanusa
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Kayaking	Ray Yutzy & John Gayler
Rafting	Jon Maiman Linda Smithyman
Sailing	Bob Zavos
Sea-Kayaking	Ted Self & Mark Mistrick
Volleyball	Jeff Marsh
X-C Skiing	Fred Parker Steve Tubbs

Appointed Positions

Ass't Secretary	DottieLindsay
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Activities Board Meeting

The activities board/committee will be meeting on December 5th at Barbara Hanusa's house at 6966 Edgerton Avenue in the East End. There will be no January Activities Meeting, but the Committee will meet in February and April. Dates for these meetings for the other Committees will be announced in the next newsletter.

The Board of Directors will be meeting January 14 and March 11; locations will be announced in the next newsletter. All members are welcome to attend.

WQED PLEDGE DRIVE

Have you ever wanted to volunteer to help WQED with their pledge drive but never wanted to go there alone??? Well, AYH has volunteered one evening for the last several years to staff the phones at their studio in Oakland. If you would like to help answer the phones this year I have scheduled MONDAY, December 3rd as AYH night. Volunteers should report to the studio on Fifth Avenue at 6:00 pm. We will be given dinner and munchies and refreshments are available all evening long. Shows planned for that evening include Wild America and a program by the guy who wrote "All the Things I Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" so it should be interesting. I'm looking for 15 other volunteers to stay till 11:00 pm (or as long as you can). Or, I can schedule 'shifts' of 6 - 8:30 pm and 8:30 - 11:00 pm. This is really a FUN evening and in spite of being embarrassed on live television last year (I deserved it anyway) I am going to do it again! If you can spare a few hours to answer the phones (note you are not asking for money here) please give me a call at 531-1868 and I'll be happy to sign you up. Linda Smithyman

ANNUAL MEETING

The 1990 Pittsburgh Council Annual Meeting was held at the Three Rivers Rowing Association on October 19th.

The slate of candidates recommended by the Nominating Committee was accepted by the membership with the addition of Fran Gayler as assistant treasurer, Jeff Weiss as Headquarters Operations Chair, and Pat Tieman as Hiking and Backpacking chair; Pat was inadvertently not listed on the ballot in the October newsletter. The final listing of elected chairs and officers appears on page one.

The Council also approved the change to the Constitution that combined the two boards into a single Board of Directors and the change to the Bylaws regarding liability of the directors.

Copies of the Annual Report that was handed out at the meeting are available. If you'd like to get a copy send \$1 for postage to the Council address.

OHIOPYLE WORK PARTY

The Hostel Committee thanks Linda Smithyman, Marianne Kasica, Dave Fagan, Dave Foster and Peggy Mills for turning out for the November 3rd work party at the Ohiopyle AYH-Hostel. The hostel was cleaned up for the winter, and one side of the building was painted. The crew stayed for dinner and received passes for free overnights at the hostel.

Deadlines for the January Issue

Copy
December 6

Binding and Mailing
December 20

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

THE NEW PITTSBURGH AYH. As noted elsewhere in this issue, the Council approved the proposed change to the Council board structure at the October annual meeting. I expect that this will have a significant improvement in the operations of the council. The biggest change will come from allowing each of the new committees to meet separately and to concentrate on their individual responsibilities. At the board meetings, each committee will present its recommendations to the board for approval. By keeping detailed discussion at the committee level, the Board of Directors will be able to concentrate on major issues and on policy for the Council. Any member is free to attend board and committee meetings. I anticipate that the board will be meeting every other month, with the committees meeting separately between the board meetings. The meetings will be listed in the newsletter. We haven't finalized the committees yet, but I anticipate five standing committees (Hostels, Activities, Finance, Communications & Operations, and Member Services) and several ad hoc committees (Audit, Nominating, Headquarters Renovation, and Bylaws). You do NOT need to be a member of the Board of Directors to be on one of the committees. If you are willing to join one or more of these committees, please let me know of your interest.

WHAT TO DO DURING THE WINTER? Many of our activities slow down this time of the year as we wait for enough snow to go cross-country skiing. There are also other outdoor activities, such as winter hiking or backpacking, skating at local ice rinks or sledding in the area parks. But in addition, there are possibilities beyond the traditional AYH activities. How about a trip to Roscoe Village in Coshocton Ohio to view the Christmas Candelightings on December 1, 8 and 15? (Roscoe Village is a restored canal town northeast of Columbus.) How about checking out the new Egyptian exhibit at the Carnegie. There's a possibility of a dinner at the Allegheny Brewery on the North Side. A day train ride to the Horseshoe Curve and back sounds like fun too. Or you can drive out to the Horseshoe curve and visit the Johnstown Flood Museum and the Johnstown Incline. There are plenty of other opportunities to get together on an AYH trip for a half day, a day, or a weekend. We always getting mail at headquarters on things like this. Or perhaps some of you outside the Pittsburgh area would be willing to be a tour guide for an attraction in your area that we haven't heard about in town. Interested? Check it out with the Activities Committee or give me a call at 412-665-9954.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Betty McDevitt and Kathy McGregor are new members of the Board of Directors of Pittsburgh Council.

Kathy missed the annual meeting on October 19th and we asked her to write a few words: "Thanks to AYH and many selfless members I've experienced the joys of whitewater paddling, been on great AYH hikes, and actively renewed my love of the out-of-doors. As an AYH Board member I hope to draw from my experience in marketing organizational and resource development and return to AYH some measure of what I've received."

Betty McDevitt says, "I'm pleased to be on the AYH board. My particular interest is in hosting, and I encourage anyone who comes into my travel agency to try hosting. I'm also a cross country skier, and hope to take part in the Blackwater Falls Weekend."

Trips in December

HIKING/BACKPACKING

12/7-9 Fri-Sun Int Glenn Oster 364-2864(H) before 9 pm

This will be a car camping trip with day hikes on two sections of the Appalachian Trail in Virginia. Call Glenn for more information and reservations.

12/15 Sat Int Jon Malman 441-2306(H)

8:00 am at HQ. Probably do a section of the Laurel Highlands trail. Approximately 10 miles. Call Jon for information and reservations.

12/16 Sun Int Glenn Oster 364-2864(H) before 9 pm

Encircle Lake Wilhelm in M. K. Goddard State Park. Call Glenn for more information and reservations.

1/1/1991 Tues All Linda Smithyman 531-1868(H)

The Second Annual New Year's Day Hike in Frick Park. We'll meet at the Nature Reserve Building at 10:00 am and do a short hike, probably less than 2 miles. Maybe we'll hit the nearby Eat N' Park for brunch. Dress warmly if it is chilly outside.

MID-WEEK RAMBLES

For the month of December, the first two Wednesdays only. Meet at 10:00 am in the upper parking lot at Fifth and Shady Avenues. We generally take a 3 to 4 mile "ramble" at a slow pace. Call for more information on current activities or to make arrangements to meet the group. Cliff or Marilyn Ham 687-4520(H)

VOLLEYBALL

We will play indoors at Schenley School every Tuesday evening from 6:30 - 9:30. For more information call JEFF MARSH AT 384-7827 OR JOEL PLATT AT 521-5244(H) OR 421-4446(W);

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FOR SALE: Nikonos 80 mm telephoto lens - fits all models, \$195.00.
Call Gordon at 371-4233

Pittsburgh Council Activity Chairs

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Chuck Ejzak 466-6196
Bill Eberle 833-9732

Canoeing

Clare Bunker 244-9788

Caving

Dan Martt 921-4638

Climbing

Eric Bauer 687-0766

Family Activities

Barbara Hanusa 441-7205

Hiking & Backpacking

Ben Brugmans 736-2751
Pat Tieman 561-3286

Kayaking

Ray Yutzy 341-5682
John Gayler 366-4062

Mid-Week Trips

Cliff Ham 687-4520

Rafting

Jon Maiman 441-2306
Linda Smithyman 531-1868

Sailing

Bob Zavos 325-2175

Sea Kayaking

Mark Mistrik 441-8293
Ted Self 795-6286

Volleyball

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December 1990

Dear AYH Members,

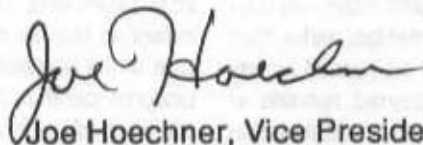
The Pittsburgh Council AYH had an exciting year in 1990 and we're looking forward to 1991!

During the course of the year we:

- Reached the 2,000 + level in our membership for the first time.
- Broke the 500 mark in rider participation in our own "Mon Valley Century" bike ride.
- Played a major part in the running of Citiparks "Great Ride" which attracted over 1,800 riders to Pittsburgh and raised over \$7,000 for our Hostel Development Fund.
- Reviewed dozens of buildings as potential sites for our future "Pittsburgh International AYH-Hostel".
- Played an active, on-going part in reviving the City's bikeway planning process and future river front development program.
- Even managed to re-roof a portion of our headquarters building Mellon Park!

As this letter goes to press our Hostel Development Committee is reviewing a new Supplemental Accommodation Hostel here in Pittsburgh which will be able to host travelers Year Round until we can open our own hostel.

At this time please consider a year end gift to help us continue our work. Use the clip-off form provided below to indicate the direction of your gift. Thank you.



Joe Hoechner, Vice President
Pittsburgh Council AYH

Yes, I'd like to help the Pittsburgh Council. Enclosed is my donation for:

☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1000 ☐ \$5000 or \$_____

I'd like my gift to go towards:

☐ The Pittsburgh AYH-Hostel ☐ Headquarters Renovation ☐ The General Fund

Can we thank you in our newsletter? ☐ I'd like to donate my services ☐

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act together and get moving. However, we still have a little matter of car shuttling - no loop trails possible. Dave and I took on that task while the others fine tuned their packs. They had plenty of time because the shuttle took four hours. The Beartooth Highway provides unbelievably good scenery, but driving it is slow with tight turn switchbacks that seem to go on endlessly. The weather was clear and sunny, and you could see mountain peaks and ranges far into the distance. As we drove the first leg of the shuttle, we simply had to stop a couple of times for pictures whereupon Dave made the comment, "the nicest part of driving this morning is knowing I'll drive this road three more times" (in the before and after shuttle routine).

The trail head was excellent. Lots of parking, a quality latrine and clear access to the trail. This was to be our destination. Then back we went over the pass to the other eight of our crew who cheered when they saw us arrive. They were like horses at the starting gate of the track - ready to run.

We got under way easily - the trail head was directly across the highway from our campground. Hiking was relatively relaxed through the evergreens for the first hour or so and lunch time was welcome, especially to us car shuttlers who had breakfast earlier than the others. On the way we passed Kersey Lake, surrounded by charred remains of Engleman Spruce, the easternmost extension of the 1988 Yellowstone fires.

The climb up Russell Creek past Russell Lake and over the top to Ouzel Lake near Bald Knob turned out to be more of a "grunt" than most of us expected, partially because our packs were heavy with seven plus days' food. A cold front moved in as we approached the camp and rain suits went on in short order. We had hiked about 7-1/2 miles and climbed 1600 feet. After three days of driving and physical inactivity, our bodies knew that we had done something a bit different this day. Our campsite worked out well despite an ample supply of mosquitoes. We had a pretty stream nearby for a water source. Mary Ellen got the award for the most bites. She was only willing to show the bites on the back of her legs (we're not sure what else was bitten); there had to be hundreds - must not have checked her tent for those winged critters before retiring.

She was reputedly a very sound sleeper; that proved it!

Morning Two on the trail, our first full day, started out as a cool, clear day with hiker enthusiasm running high. Immediately upon starting our hike we crossed the pretty stream that I mentioned, balancing step by step on a dead tree substituting for a bridge. Shortly thereafter we followed along a hillside where all manner of beautiful wild flowers were showing at their best in full sunshine. This was Helen Coyne's first exposure to Indian paintbrush and I could hardly hold her down. But we pushed on and the group took a mid-morning break at Fossil Lake, our highest lake at 9900 feet.

This was our first look at last winter's snow still holding forth in mountain rock recesses. We were to see much more snow later. Still, this was really impressive to those making a western backpack trip for the first time. After Fossil Lake we followed the trail down to Dewey Lake - a real mountain jewel. This became our lunch stop. The sun was shining brightly and the water looked inviting (and most likely invigorating to say the least), so some of us, Clare, Dave, Bill and I either put on swim wear or simply left our hiking shorts on and in we went. I assure you my swim was almost as brief as my swim suit, but it took care of the perspiration and trail dust. Bill Lindgren found a place from which to jump into obviously safe water - about a nine foot drop to the water. Some of us screamed when we got into that frigid water, but Bill screamed in mid-air before he hit the water (he knew what was in store).

Another development began to evolve as we were having lunch there. A man, his wife and dog visited with us to say they were abandoning their hike down East Rosebud Creek because they could detect smoke in the canyon ahead and were taking no chances. Our group wanted to continue on until we detected where the fire actually was before we abandoned a neatly planned route and jaded our hiking vacation. After all, the smoke could be carried by the wind from some blaze twenty miles away. As the day progressed, the smoke became less evident and we went on to our destination at Rainbow Lake. This section of the trail was a fooler. We could see the lake below us about 1/2 mile away and yet

it seemed to take an hour switchbacking down and down. We loved that campsite - a beautiful lake and no mosquitoes.

We need to dwell a bit on East Rosebud Creek, the stream that we were following. It really represented a tie-in to a series of beautiful lakes like stepping stones down the canyon. You would be nearly overwhelmed by the beauty of one lake only to discover that it's outlet was a twenty foot wide stream of pure white froth as it cascaded down to the next lake. The succession that day was Fossil Lake, Dewey Lake (where we swam), Twin Outlets Lake, Duggan Lake, Lake of the Falls and Rainbow Lake. As an aside, following Twin Outlets Lake we came upon Impasse Falls, a nearly vertical cascade that I guess had to drop over 140 feet. Bill and Dave couldn't resist it and climbed over beside the falls (tried, but couldn't get behind it and would have been crushed by its force to be under it). By that time I felt I could not bear one more beautiful site. I was filled to overflowing, sensory overload. Dave felt the same way. But the test was soon to come; we reached the Lake of the Falls. My only salvation was that by then the sun was on the other side of the mountain and this scene was in shadow. If this had been in morning sunshine, I might have exceeded my capacity for beauty and I'm not sure of what the outcome might have been. This lake was about 1/4 mile long flanking a nearly sheer mountain wall that must have been 3000 feet high. About 2000 feet up the side of this mountain two streams about 15 feet wide simply issued from the mountain side and rushed like an alpine skier down and down foaming all the way and ending in free falls into the lake. It was breathtaking, unique, super! This beautiful day saw us walking some eleven miles, climbing about 400 feet and dropping it would seem forever, but actually only about 2100 feet. Before dropping down the switchbacks to Rainbow Lake, we came across Gerry sitting there all alone - just drinking in the whole scene.

to be continued

WILDERNESS LODGE CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING WEEKENDS

JANUARY 11, 12, 13

FEBRUARY 1, 2, 3

FEBRUARY 15, 16, 17

If you like your lodging intimate and rustic, and your ski trails tracked and groomed, this is the weekend for you in the Erie snow-belt near the New York border. NO SNOW - WE STILL GO!



The cost includes lodging Friday and Saturday nights and a candlelight dinner Saturday evening (vegetarian, upon request). Trail fees are \$5.00 per day and ski rentals are available at the lodge. Three to six people in a room with assorted doubles, singles, and bunk beds available. Space is limited to 34 persons each weekend. Call Helen Coyne (776-0678) to make reservations for the weekend you want. After confirmation, send a check made payable to Pittsburgh AYH for the full amount. No refunds after December 28 unless your spot can be sold to someone else. Send checks to: Helen Coyne, 168 Woodhaven Dr., Mars, PA 16046.

WEEKEND COSTS: MEMBER-\$50.00, NON-MEMBER-\$55.00. Two private rooms with one double bed each are available for \$60.00 per member and \$65.00 for non-member.

Please indicate the weekend for which you have made a reservation:

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ ARE YOU AN AYH MEMBER _____

WEEKEND OF _____

_____ I can drive and I can take (#) _____ riders.

_____ I cannot drive

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

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ for _____ (#) members,

_____ (#) non-members.

Blackwater Falls Getaway Weekend

January 25 - 26 - 27, 1991

All you have to do is cut a few corners to enjoy a relaxing weekend in West Virginia at the beautiful Blackwater Falls lodge overlooking the Blackwater River Gorge. It's easy, just fill out the reservation form on the facing page, clip it out, and mail it along with your check to: Pittsburgh AYH, Blackwater Falls Weekend, 6300 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15232. Additional information call: (412) 362-8181

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| ** Cross country skiing - from the front door!! | ** Birding |
| ** Downhill skiing - is available at Canaan Valley (20 minutes from the lodge by car) | ** Horseback riding (varies year to year) |
| ** Tobogganing - with rope tow, near lodge | ** Loafing, reading or just "catching up" |
| ** Hiking | ** Free movies, Saturday evening |
| | ** Square dancing |
| | ** Ice skating (outdoor, weather permitting) |

Blackwater Falls lodge has: a restaurant (serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner); a large common room with a fireplace; a game room and a gift shop with VCR and tape rentals.

Cross country ski trips and hiking trips are informally arranged and led by AYH members. there are usually several small groups covering various ability levels and distances, going out both Saturday and Sunday. There is a limited amount of AYH cross country equipment available for rent. (You must reserve equipment with the cross country chairperson, at least two weeks in advance of the trip).

Reservation Information - Pay in FULL for either:

- (1) One twin bed in a two (2) person room. A roommate will be assigned.
- (2) The WHOLE room. You select your own roommates. Please list them on the reservation form.

Prices listed below include AYH's special weekend registration and lodging costs for Friday and Saturday nights. All meals are your own responsibility.

No of Rooms	No of People	Type of Rooms	Pay before Nov 30	After Nov 30
22	2	1 of two twin beds in shared room	55.00	75.00
	1	1 of two twin beds	110.00	130.00
10	2	1 double bed	110.00	130.00
9	3	1 double bed and 1 twin bed	135.00	155.00
11	4	2 double beds	160.00	180.00

**\$10.00 AYH
MEMBER
DISCOUNT!!**

No refunds will be given after December 20, 1990 unless the room or single can be sold to someone else. A \$5.00 processing fee will be charged for each refund.

We expect to provide a chartered bus from Pittsburgh to Blackwater Falls. We must, however, get enough passengers to qualify for a bus. Therefore, if you are interested in reserving a place on the bus, the cost will be \$25.00. Please enclosed a SEPARATE CHECK to cover the cost of all bus reservations, (this is so we can send the check back to you if we do not get the minimum number of passengers). For more information, please call: Nancy Hart at (412) 271-7211.

ELDERHOSTEL TRIP - Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

by Aurora Spencer

Myrtle Beach South Carolina was our destination. It was our first Elderhostel trip and we chose Myrtle Beach because we thought we might like to relocate there. Therefore, a class about the ecology of the location was just what we wanted. Coastal Carolina College of South Carolina held our classes.

The accommodations and classes were at the Cherokee Motel located about 17th Street on the beach. We were served all meals beginning with dinner on Sunday night through lunch Friday afternoon. (the motel had indoor and outdoor pools for our after class pleasure - open until 10 pm. The cost for the program was \$240 per person. Any additional days were at a cost of \$25.00 room only.

We left Pittsburgh on October 13th and arrived on the 14th with a beautiful sunny day - the entire week was sunny and from 83 to 86 degrees. We left Pittsburgh amid warnings of Hurricane Lily.

The professor took us to two beaches one with rock and one all

sand, a wetland, a bog, a swamp and to the Carolina Bays - which are not water, but sand. The beach areas are shrinking and many of the property owners who had Hurricane Hugo damage want to rebuild on the same spot. Myrtle Beach is trying to rebuild the dunes much of which was lost. Transportation to all these places was provided by University buses.

There were 30 people in our class. Half of the group were teachers, a former dean of a university, engineers, business managers, etc. They were a great group - many of whom were birders. They came from Knoxville, Tennessee, Atlantic City, NJ, various North and South Carolina areas and two other couples from Pittsburgh. There were 16 first timers and one couple was on their 17th Elderhostel.

You can get free copies of the Elderhostel catalog detailing trips available by writing to: Elderhostel, 80 Boylston St. Suite 400, Boston MA 02116

RESERVATION FORM FOR BLACKWATER FALLS - 1991

Name: _____ AYH number _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ (home) _____ (work)

List persons sharing room (if applicable):

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Name: _____ Phone: _____
Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please reserve the following:

_____ a twin bed/shared room	@ \$ _____ = _____
_____ room(s) w/2 single beds	@ \$ _____ = _____
_____ room(s) w/1 double bed	@ \$ _____ = _____
_____ room(s) w/1 dbl & 1 twin bed	@ \$ _____ = _____
_____ room(s) w/2 double beds	@ \$ _____ = _____
_____ DISCOUNT(S) for AYH members @ \$10.00	= _____

TOTAL FOR LODGING: _____

_____ Bus Reservations @ \$25.00 = _____

A SEPARATE CHECK IS REQUIRED FOR THE BUS.

You are entitled to a discount of \$10.00 for each AYH member in the room.

PAYMENT MUST BE MADE IN FULL. NO CASH OR TELEPHONE RESEVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Please check, as appropriate:

_____ can supply _____ rides
_____ will need a ride
_____ will supply my own ride
_____ riding in bus

Make check(s) payable to:
Pittsburgh Council, AYH

Send reservation form, check and a self-addressed, stamped, business size envelope to:
Nancy Hart
Blackwater Falls Weekend
1930 Columbia Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15218

Pittsburgh Council Hostels

Ohioypyle AYH Hostel
Ohioypyle State Park
P.O. Box 99
Ohioypyle, PA 15470
(412) 329-4476

Charleroi Youth Hostel (S.A.)
Rego's Hotel & Restaurant
601 McKean Ave.
Charleroi, PA 15022
(412) 483-6200

Living Waters AYH-Hostel
RD# 1 (1 mile west on Route 30)
Schellsburg, PA 15559
(814) 733-7607

Point Park College Youth Hostel (S.A.)
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