

AYH Golden Triangle

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THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE PITTSBURGH COUNCIL AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS

6300 Fifth Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15232



AYH HEADQUARTERS is located at 6300 Fifth Avenue next to the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts. Open House is held every Thursday evening. The building opens at 8 pm and the slide show starts at 8:15 (note the new time). Weekly trip announcements are made immediatly following the slide show. The Golden Triangle is assembled for mailing at monthly Production Parties, which are held after trip announcements. Come out and join us!!

PROGRAMS FOR MAY

- May 2 <u>Turn of the Century Pittsburgh</u> by Arthur Smith
- May 9 Celebrate National AYH Week at the Pittsburgh Garden Center. Martha Retalick will present Bicycling the USA at 7:30 pm. There will also be a Fleamarket for outdoor Gear starting at 6:30. More details in this issue.
- May 16 Climbing and Alpine Flowers in Switzerland by John Dady.
- May 23 <u>Climbing in the Venezualan Andes</u> with Cliff Ham
- May 30 Winter Parks in the American West-Touring with Ivan Jirak.

FAMILIES!!

Save the third Saturday of the months for outings for families with young children. Rich Feder (371-9230) is compiling a list of interested families' addresses and telephone numbers. To date, children's ages range from 3 months to 12 years.



AYH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

AYH memberships are available at Open House meetings. If you cannot attend a meeting, fill out the application at the bottom of this page and send it along with your check made payable to Pittsburgh Council, AYH, to:

AYH Membership 6300 Fifth Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15232

Allow 3-4 weeks for delivery of your hosteling pass. Membership also sells <u>International Hostel Guide to Europe</u> for \$7.00 by mail or \$6.00 at Headquarters.

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THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE

June ISSUE DEADLINES: May 9 ads, articles, and trips

May 23 Production Party

July ISSUE DEADLINES: June 13 ads, articles and trips

June 27 Production Party

The <u>Golden Triangle</u> is the monthly publication of the Pittsburgh Council, American Youth Hostels. Contents are the responsibility of the editor.

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VOLLEYBALL

Steve Martin 469-3135

Play outdoor volleyball above HQ in Mellon Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Anyone of any skill level is welcome. Come out and learn to play or sharpen your game, or just have fun. The action starts at about 6 pm (weather permitting) and lasts til dark. On Tuesdays the fee is 50¢ for members, and \$2.00 for non-members. On Thursdays play for FREE! Stop in before the meeting. See you there!

A NOTE FROM THE SUCKEN EDITOR

For some strange reason, I thought that the <u>Triangle</u> wouldn't be as big this month... HA! In case anyone cares to count, there are 50 (yes, count them, 50!) trips listed; an all-time high during my editing!

Since I am tired (and rather fiesty) after typing all those trips, I am in a cynical frame of mind. Therefore, out of this mind comes: THE 1ST ANNUAL (?) GOLDEN TRIANGLE AWARDS.

THE MOST SUBMISSIONS WRITTEN ON SCRAPS OF PAPER goes to NORM SNYDER for his untiring search for the back of an old <u>Triangle</u> to write his trips on.

MOST CONSISTENT LACK OF LOWER CASE LETTERS AND PUNCTUATION GOES to Joe Hoechner.

MOST FREQUENT APPEARANCE OF NAME & PHONE IN TRIPS & TRAILS is for Chuck Ejzak, 466-6196.

MOST EASILY INTIMIDATED BY THE EDITOR - the Caving Chairpersons.

MOST OFTEN CAUGHT UNPREPARED BY A DEADLINE - the Climbers.

BEST "STAPLE LACKEY" IN THE WORLD - Don Hoecker.

MOST FEISTY EDITOR - ME! Bear with me gang, it's been a long

Triangle! Have a great May! Joy \\[\lambda \]

Naional AYH Week

A VERY SPECIAL EVENING

In celebration of National AYH Week, Pittsburgh Council has planned a special program for Thursday, May 9th. Starting at 6:30 pm, there will be a FLEA MARKET FOR OUTDOOR GEAR until 9 pm. At 7:30 (note the early starting time) Martha Retallick, Pittsburgh author and bicyclist, will present her program BICYCLING THE USA about her 8300 mile solo trip around the U.S.

All of this gala event will NOT BE HELD AT AYH HQ. An evening this special can only be held in the pleasant surroundings of the PITTSBURGH GARDEN CENTER. Go up to the middle parking lot at Mellon Park and through the brick arch (next to the greenhouse). The entrance is a few steps to your right. Follow the signs!

There will also be activities displays, refreshments, and rest rooms!!!!!

WORLD ADVENTURE NEWS

World Adventure trips continue to be best sellers. Pittsburgh Council area has seventeen participants looking forward to vacation jaunts - bicycle and train trips in Europe, day hiking trips in the western U.S. mountains, leadership schools.

On the national level the World Adventure program has surged ahead of last year. Trip sales are the highest they have ever been for this time period, and are more than double the sales of last year at this time. With this initial momentum AYH should achieve its World Adventure goal of 740 participants and \$622,500 expected revenue.

See the one page ad in this issue for a World Adventure trip to be led by Ray Yutzy of Pittsburgh Council.

Talk to Marilyn Ham (687-4520) or Bill Johnston (687-4893) about putting a World Adventure trip in your future!

HELP RUN A MARATHON!!

Participate in the first Pittsburgh Marathon by manning the AYH water table! We will be located at Fifth & Shady avenues. Only about $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours of your Sunday morning are needed. Meet at 8:30 at HQ. We also need a photographer. Contact Rich Vangenewitt at 364-8775 or Joe Hoechner at 373-3403.



WESTERN PA TRAILS ASSOCIATION TRAILS DAY

In cooperation with AYH, the Western Pennsylvania Trails Association will be sponsoring a Trails Day on the Baker Trail Sunday, June 15, 1985. We will: walk the trail; check its condition; pick up trash; clear brush; paint blazes; improve the treadway; shore up hillsides; and provide stream crossings. We will meet at Route 66 one mile northeast of Vowinckel, at the pipeline where the Baker trail crosses at 10am for assignments (allow three hours drive from Pittsburgh). Primitive camping nearby if you want to stay overnight. Contact the Trails Assoc. to sign up and for more info by calling 288-2777 Wednesdays.

FORBES TRAIL RE-OPENING

The East Valley Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America is celebrating the re-opening of the Forbes Hiking Trail on Sat. May 18. The trail is now 20 years old. For more information call John English 731-6651 or Jim McMichaels 373-0660.

CLARION RIVER CANOE TRIP

As a joint effort, the Allegheny Canoe Club, the Sierra Club, and the North Country Trail Association are sponsoring a two day, one night canoe trip on the Clarion River, May 18 & 19, 1985. The trip will start at Clear Creek State Park. For more information the contact people are: Allegheny Canoe Club- Don Ward 814-676-0752; Sierra Club- Ralph Heckler 814-756-3639; North Country Trail Association- Bill Buckley 814-927-6615.



RAFTING (continued)

the individual leader must have a reservation listed under his or her own name. The reservation cannot be transferred to another person's name if the original leader must cancel, and I.D. is required at the check-in. Put-in times are going fast, especially for the preferred times. It is very important that anyone wishing to lead raft trips this summer obtain put-in permits now. There will be a master calendar at HQ listing all permit dates obtained.

Leadership Training Session: During May, there will be a leadership training session conducted on the Youghigheny river. If you are interested in becoming a raft leader, but have never led a trip or need to brush up on your skills, consider this once in a lifetime(?) opportunity! The training session will be held on May 18 if there are enough people interested. Call Shirley Ulaky at home 422-0849 or at work 243-0300 extension 403 for further information.

PATCHING PARTY Our rafts are in need of some basic maintenance and repair. For all of the people who don't like to hear the hiss of escaping air on the way down the river, come to a patching party before the Thursday, May 16 open house meeting. Meet at HQ at 6:30 pm

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR RAFT TRIPS: Call the leader to reserve, and for the meeting time.

EQUIPMENT: lunch in a waterproof bag, swimsuit, dry clothes non-cotton clothing, tennies, sun protection, large sponge, strap for eyeglasses. Estimated trip expense including raft rental, shuttle ticket, car pool, etc., generally ranges from \$13 to \$18 per person, depending on the total number of people, etc. In addition, ther is usually a stop for dinner.

SEA-KAYAKING

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Cathy Lynch 361-3707 Tom Trump 284-7349 Paul Kram 681-9069

Sea-kayaking invites paddlers of all levels. Trips will meet at HQ at the time stated. The number of boats is limited, reserve early. Wear warm clothing in layers. Bring lunch and dry clothing in a waterproof container if possible. For further information, call any of the leaders. Trip locations may be changed as water and weather conditions dictate. Check with the trip leader for up-to-date info. Trips in addition to those listed may be organized at Thursday night meetings.

CLIMBING (continued)

Novice/Armchair climbers: May's issue of "Backpacker" magazine contains the following articles which may be of interest:

"ANYONE CAN CLIMB" (an interview with Sir Edmund Hillary)
"CLIMBING SCHOOLS"* "HOW GOOD?". "HOW SAFE?"

"GETTING YOUR MONEY'S WORTH"

"I DID IT!" (WHAT THE FIRST TIME FEELS LIKE)

Other articles re: Low Whittaker, Royal Robbins.

HIKING HIKING

Wayne Hennemuth 693-9605
Tom Kaveney 276-8044

KAYAKING

Lou Conley 681-8321 Ray Yutzy 341-5682

Spring kayaking trips are organized informally at the Thursday night meetings by those paddlers who are equipped for cold weather paddling.

Beginner kayaking schools will be held once a month June through September. These schools are for complete beginners or people who have never been on whitewater before. The schools last the entire weekend, with an overnight stay at a youth hostel. Tentative dates for the 1985 beginner kayaking schools are: June 8-9, July 13-14, August 10-11, and September 7-8. Space is very limited, so sign up early. Call Lou Conley at 681-8321 for more information.

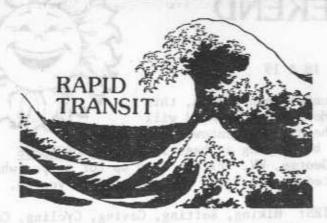
RAFTING

Shirley Sedmack Ulaky 422-0849 Susan Krotec 661-8485

If anyone is interested in leading raft trips this summer, please contact Susan Krotec or Shirley Ulaky as soon as possible! Ohiopyle State Park policy states that only one weekend put-in time per month may be obtained under any individual name. An unlimited number of weekday trips are allowed. We have one trip per month listed under the name of AYH. For any additional trips,

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Due to unforeseen events, this year's Morgantown Weekend will not be held at Morgantown. Instead, we will be staying at beautiful CAMP HORSESHOE in St. George, WV. Please sign up for trips (which are listed in the Trips &Trails) before you go.

ACTIVITIES: Hiking, Rafting, Caving, Cycling, Canoeing Climbing(?).

BRING: Sleeping bag, 2 lunches, water bottle, and appropriate equipment for your activities.

COST: \$17.50 includes: Friday snack, Sat. breakfast,

and supper, Sunday breakfast, and transportation.

(equipment rental not included). RESERVATIONS AND \$17.50 DUE BY MAY 10th.

Phone Dan Martt 921-4638 for more info.

Make checks payable to "Pittsburgh AYH" and mail along with \$17.50 to Pittsburgh AYH, 6300 Fifth Ave., Pgh., PA 15232.

"Morgantown" Weekend

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SYLVAN CANDE CLUB

CANDE, KAYAK, GAMPING GEAR SHOW & PADDLING CLINIC

The Sylvan Canoe Club, located at 132 Arch St. in Verona, will be hosting their 6th annual show and clinic on May 19th from 10 am to 4 pm at the club headquarters. There will be demonstrations, lectures, slides, films, and refreshments all day. Compete in or watch mini paddling-skill and timed river races. This event is FREE. For more info, call Betty Upsher at 687-4047 evenings.

CAVING

Roy Provins 784-9127
Paul Herre 831-0217
John Popp 653-6026

Bowden cave is the second largest cave in Randolph county, West Virginia, with about 22,000 feet of surveyed passage. Bowden cave has seven entrances, and is located about 10 miles east of Elkins,WV. Join us on this beginner level trip leaving from "Morgantown Weekend". Maybe we will be able to explore the Hall of High Domes or the Mastadon Maze which is accessed through the Agony crawl (appropriately named!) or see the Shower Room and Breakdown Room. Level of difficulty to be determined by people on the trip.

On all cave trips, please call the leader(s) <u>EARLY</u> to make reservations, as trip size and rental equipment is limited and response to the last several trips has been overwhelming.

CLIMBING

Dale Vilsack 343-8379

Karl Mormer 521-6404

Eric Bauer 687-0766

The beginner's climbing trips at White Rocks meet at HQ at 7:00 am. Bring tennis shoes, hiking boots, lunch, water, leather palmed gloves (if you have them), and a sunny disposition. We usually stop for dinner and return to Pittsburgh between 8 and 9 pm. Call any of the chairmen for reservations.

Climbing Trip Classifications:

Beginner: Members of beginner trips need no special skills. They must be in good health. The hiking distance to the climbing area is usually less than 3 miles, with no great elevation changes encountered. Equipment needed consists of a pair of leather palmed gloves, hiking boots, tennis shoes, a day pack, lunch drinking water, and rain gear.

Intermediate: An intermediate trip requires that a climber have at least one year's climbing experience, know the basic 6 knots (bowline, fisherman, figure 8, water knot, and overhand) and how to use them. An intermediate climber will be limited to top roping and do no lead work.

Advanced: An advanced trip requires that a climber have a minimum of three years climbing experience, have a working knowledge of the 6 basic knots and the use of chocks as they apply to lead work.

Gowild with us!

Kathy Lynch 327-0529

Steve Shafer 362-4432n 578-7661w

The AYH canoeing program provides opportunities to learn to paddle, increase your skills through progressive schools, and go out on trips just about any weekend. You can bring your own equipment, or rent a canoe and gear for \$6/boat. AYH canoe schools and trips are normally one day each, with occasional weekend or longer trips. You should paddle on a few trips after taking one school before going on to the next, as mastery of the previous skill level is assumed as one progresses. The program includes several schools:

<u>Basic Canoe School</u>: Learn to paddle and to handle a canoe and equipment. This year we'll have several Wed. evening Basic Canoe Schools in May and June.

Whitewater I (WWI) School: Learn to handle a boat in moving current and small rapids. Includes basic rescue skills and review of basic strokes.

Whitewater II (WWII) School: Learn to paddle through moderate rapids and sustained maneuvering, with some new strokes. Includes rescuing other boaters and review of boat handling in moving current.

Solo Paddling, Trip Leadership, Poling, and Teaching Canoeing are presented in occasional schools; these skills can also be practiced on ordinary trips and schools. AYH is co-sponsor of some weekend schools in western PA that combine instruction in all skill levels.

There are several kinds of AYH canoe trip as well:

Flatwater Trips: Paddle on local lakes or flat rivers. You should know how to paddle on flat water before signing up for the trip, but even if you don't, you might be able to come along — discuss this with the trip leader when signing up.

Class I Trips: Run on mild whitewater. The WWI school will prepare you to handle this kind of trip easily.

Class 2 Trips: Run on moderate whitewater. You should have taken the WWII school already, with some additional experience. If you haven't taken the WWII school, discuss this carefully with the trip leader.

Class 3 Trips: Are for experienced paddlers and run on class 3 whitewater.

1-2 Trips and 2-3 Trips: The difficulty level may vary depending on the skill of the paddlers and on water levels. Ask the trip leader if you're not sure about your qualifications.

Bring non-cotton clothing, hat, water bottle, glasses tie-on, rain jacket, tennies, dry clothes in a separate bag, and knee 22 mads. Trins normally meet at HO at 8:00 am. Call the trip leader

DO YOU HAVE ...

...a copy of the "Pittsburgh Pleasures" calendar? It has color scenes of the Pittsburgh area and it lists events, along with civic, cultural, and community service organizations. Unfortunately, it may not have included any mention of Pittsburgh Council AYH! If anyone out there has a copy, council publicity chairperson Joe Hoechner would like to take a look at it to get some information to the authors for inclusion in the 1986 edition. Bring in your copy on any Thursday night Open House meeting, or call Joe at 373-3403. Thanks!

FOR SALE

COMPLETE KAYAK OUTFIT \$175.00. Fiberglass kayak, 13 ft. long, 34 lbs., flotation bags, spray skirt, paddle, helmet. The kayak is in good condition. Call Jeff Mulkern @ 487-8301.

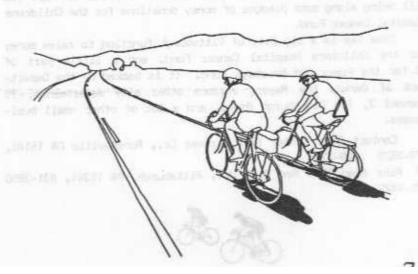
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(The Golden Triangle will print free classified ads for AYH members, subject to available space and deadline restrictions.)



POSITION AVAILABLE

Enthusiastic, self-motivated individual is needed to develop and implement a statewide public awareness campaign for American Youth Hostels, Inc. (AYH), a non-profit, internationally affiliated travel and outdoor activities organization. AYH has recently organized a statewide alliance of Ohio's local councils to more effectively carry out program goals and develop services and a membership in the Cleveland area.

Management and public relations experience required. The incumbent must be able to effectively recruit and direct a volunteer base. Ideal situation for individual seeking career reentry possibility or retired business executive. Position will be based in Columbus with some in-state travel required. Limited salary can be offset by possible housing arrangement with other benefits negotiable.

Submit resume with salary requirements to:

Mr. Paul Hanson, Coordinator
Alliance of Ohio AYH Councils
6206 Pembridge Orive
Toledo, OH 43615

PITTSBURGH'S DAY OF BICYCLING

Sunday, July 21, 1985

It will be a warm summer day composed of Touring bike rides in the morning, citizen (ameteur) bike races which some of us can and will enter, a parade at noon which we are part of, serious bike races for the invited champions and the professionals and who will compete for cash prizes in the afternoon, and a hot air balloon race which will start at about 6 pm.

Food will be available. Some free, some you'll have to pay for, or pack a picnic lunch. Cost is \$2, but we hope you will bring along some pledges of money donations for the Childrens Hospital Cancer Fund.

Bike Day is a big City of Pittsburgh function to raise money for the Childrens Hospital Cancer Fund, and a little part of it for the Press Old Newsboys Fund. It is backed by the Department of Parks, the Mayor, various other city departments, TV Channel 2, The Pittsburgh Press, and a lot of other small businesses.

Contact Dave Linzer 1261 Harvest Dr., Monroeville PA 15146, 372-3529 829-3714

OR Mike Agan 1617 Red Mill Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15241, 831-3850 831-4329



MAY TRIPS AND TRAILS

Trips listed are open to the public, AYH members are given priority. Trip costs include a 75¢ registration fee (50¢ per half day or evening), plus transportation and rentals. 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 covers insurance (\$1000 medical/ \$1000 accidental death or dismemberment).

BACKPACKING

Debbie LaPlaca 795-4179 Jack Peth 921-7214h 777-5365⊌

BICYCLING

Rick Kondas 672-3891 Chuck Eizak 466-6196

Plan Ahead - the Wheelmen's "WAG '85" weekend of cycling events will be held June 7th - 9th at nearby Slippery Rock University. Join 400 - 500 other riders for 2 days of rides ranging from 15 to 100 miles. Look for their applications at the cycling info board at HQ. Reserve van pool space with Joe Hoechner, 373-3403.

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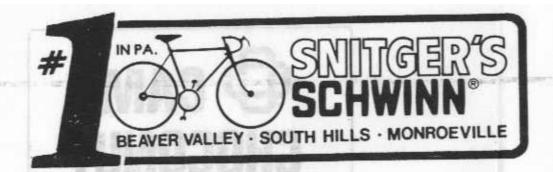
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SCHELLSBURG WEEKEND TRIP

by Pat Tieman

Thirteen hardy souls showed up for Bill Johnston's Schellsburg Hostel hiking trip. It was to be a rainy weekend, but since we knew little about this area, we would make the most of it.

Schellburg is near Bedford and Shawnee State Park. The three carloads arrived at park headquarters, all by different routes (an unplanned occurance). Some of the cars had done a little sightseeing in Bedford (better known as getting lost). The park ranger helped us route a hike which we enjoyed very much. We crossed the dam, saw the sewage treatment plant (a real thrill), explored an abandoned farm, and eventually arrived at a beatiful covered bridge. Thanks to the calculations of Dick Nellor, we learned that we hiked 9.2 miles.

That evening we drove to the hostel, which is located on large, spacious green lands, with a lovely lake that includes two beautiful swans (actuallly, they are "attack swans". Nobody will believe my story about this...ed.). The hostel itself has large rooms and a charming dining room. Living Waters Hostel was just chartered this year and I was the first to sign the register.

After a yummy dinner we relaxed by a large fire. Joe Hoechner tried to get us to play an educational letter game, but we ended up playing "Ha" while laying on the floor. (Ask ed. about this crazy game). Tom Kaveney wouldn't play, so we're going to confiscate his film (incriminating pictures).

On Sunday, because it was raining, we took a short hike to a nearby covered bridge. Other sights in the area are the Bedford Springs Hotel, and Bedford Village, which is a historical reconstruction. This is definitely a hostel and area worth visiting and many of us are hoping to return soon.



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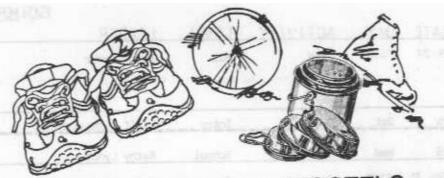


NORM SNYDER GOES UNDERGROUND IN MEXICU

January,1985. Cave time: 8 hr. Caves Dos Bocas. Location: near Taxco, west of Mexico City. Cave explored 10,000 ft. Personnel: Norm Snyder and Steve Tubbs.

Das Bocas caves are huge river caves below the commercial cave Grutas de Cacahuamilpa. Grutas de Cacahuamilpa is about as good as Carlsbad Caverns; it's about a mile long with huge formations.

Das Bocas are two separate caves a couple hundred feet apart. The passages have large streams flowing out of them. They formed a large canyon at the base of a 2,000 foot limestone mountain. The water flowing out of them during the wet season must be as large as the Cheat River at flood stage. January is in the dry season, or we never could have entered the caves. The entrance to the larger cave was over 100 feet high and wide. A good place to camp was at the entrance. A couple hundred feet in we crossed the stream for the first time. The stream flowed through huge rocks with a lot of volume and power. It was the largest stream I've ever seen in a cave. the light faded 500 feet in the cave. A large flock of swallows had their nest high in the ceiling at that point. The passage was unbelievably large. In the two miles we explored the cave, it never was less than a hundred feet high. A thousand feet in and the ceiling was out of sight. It must have been 200 or 300 feet high. At this point, a huge series of gray flowstone dams were on the right side of the passage. You couldn't see the top of them from the bottom. The rimstone dams at the bottom were dry and most of them around four feet high. We climbed up for 100 feet. The ones closer to the top had water in them. At the top of the dams was a large flat area. A wierd looking rimstone dam almost perfectly round had sort of an altar in the center of it. We didn't see any human sacrifices there, but it almost looked like humans built it. It was a great view of the stream 100 feet below. There weren't very many formations, but the passage made up for it. A large roar was heard two miles in; at that point the cave narrowed and the walls shot straight up. The only way we could continue was to cross the stream. The stream was rushing through a five foot wide gorge with no way for us to cross. The stream was flowing too fast. We went back a ways and climbed up a slope going toward the ceiling. On the way up I saw the best cave pearls I ever saw. They were half the size of golf balls; smooth and grayish-white in color. When we reached the top there was no way down. The cave below got narrower, and the stream was a rushing torrent. In the second river cave the water was slow and wide 1000 feet in, and it looked like it was over our heads so we turned back.



AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS

FLEA MARKET FOR OUTDOOR GEAR



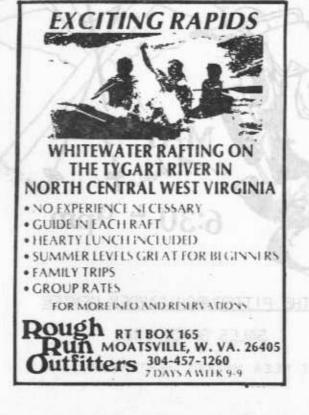
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NEXT FLEA MARKET SEPTEMBER 12TH

EVEN MORE TRIPS & TRAILS

DATE	DAY	ACTIVITY	LEVEL	LEADER	PHONE	TIME	DESCRIPTION
24-27	FSSM	Cave	A11	Norm Snyder	351-4068	ALTERNATION AND ADDRESS OF TAXABLE PARTY.	See the caves of Kentucky at the Spelofest. 3 days of caving. Beginner trips and more advanced. A good chance to meet a lot of cavers and see some of the best caves in the state.
25	Sat	Hike	Inter	Cliff & Marilyn Ham	687-4520	BamHQ	To be announced.
29	Wed	Canoe	School	Kathy Lynch	327-0529	Appendict out	Evening basic cance school.
May 31 June1,2	FSSM	Backpack	Easy	Debbie LaPlaca	795-4179	7pm Fri	A slow pace trip for those interested in backpacking beginners welcome: Somewhere in Allegheny Natl. Forest. Call for info and reservations.
June 1	Sat	Canoe (2 Trip	Bob Buck	793-1480	prompted the	Great cance trip.
June 1	Sat	Hike	Easy/int	Tom Kaveney	276-8044	BamHQ	Quebec Run.
June 2	Sun	Canoe	WWIISchool	Kathy Lynch	327-0529		Whitewater II school.





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SUMMER '85 SAILBOARDING LESSONS

TENT AND BACKPACK RENTALS AVAILABLE

			CC	ONTINUED MAY	TRIPS & TRA	ILS	CONTINUED
DATE	DAY	ACTIVITY	LEVEL	LEADER	PHONE	TIME	DESCRIPTION
15/18	Wed/ Sat	Canoe	Leader Training	Mary Shaw	681-5131		Training for trip leaders. Wed. evening and Sat.
16	Thurs	Bike	Evening Ri	de Judy Menasky	242-1573	6:30pm	Meet at HQ. Class D. Call to reserve.
16	Thurs	Backpack	School	Ben Brugmans	736-2751	7pmHQ	Backpack cooking class. Limit 6 people - \$2/persor
16	Thurs	Raft	All	Chairpersons	see list	6:30	Patching Party. See rafting write-up.
18	Sat	Bike	B and the second	Joe Hoechner	373-3403		W.Va. Weekend at Camp Horseshoe ("Morgantown"). Intermediate 35 mile trip to Blackwater Falls State Park. Call to reserve.
18	Sat	Canoe	WWISchool	Kathy Lynch	327-0529		Whitewater I school.
18	Sat	Cave	Novice	Roy Provins Paul Herre	784-9127 831-0217		Leave from "Morgantown" weekend to this large WV cave. See caving write-up for more details.
8,19	SS	Climb	?	Chairpersons	see list		Mystery climbing weekend.
18	Sat	Family hike	All	Jean Gardner	885-6086	33300	Visit South Park's animal reserve and children's playground, with a potluck supper afterward. For families with young children.
8	Sat	HIke	Easy	Joe Levine	241-3265	9amH0	Trillium Trail Area. Easy wildflower walk.
В	Sat	Raft	A11	Shirley Sedmack Ulaky	422-0849	8:30	Yough Leadership Training Session. See write-up.
9	Sun	Bike	В	Chuck Ejzak	466-6196	9@HQ	Ride to Saxonburg. 60 miles.
9	Sun	Canoe	WWISchool	Frank Bruns	561-8579	PH, 100	Whitewater I School.
9	Sun	Hike	very Easy	Tom Kaveney	276-8044	1:00	Afternoon walk in Settler's Cabin Park. Meet at th park at 1pm. Map will be posted on backpack/hiking bulletin board at HQ.
9	Sun	Raft		Gus Huohes	469-1295		Cheat River. Call Gus to reserve and make arrangem
2	Wed	Canoe	School	Kathy Lynch	327-0529		Basic Canoe School.
4-27	FSSM	Backpack	Inter	Glenn Oster	364-2864h 234-0610w	7:30pm	Hike a section of the Appalachian Trail in PA in th vicinity of Harrisburg. Leave Friday eve. from HQ. Call for info and reservations.
5-27	SSM	Backpack	Inter	Wendel Phillips	831-2606	7amHQ	Enjoy a leisurely trip in Dolly Sods area of WV.
5-27	5SM	Bike	В	Dan Martt	921-4638		Bike camping trip. Leave from HQ to Fombell. 70+ miles total.
5-27	SSM	Sea-Kayak Bike	All ABC	Tom Trump Joe Hoechner	284-7349w 373-3403	9amHQ	Sea-Kayak and bike trip on Lake Erie. Stay at Camp Sherwin Hostel. Reservations essential. Call Tom for Sea-kayaking, and Joe for bicycling.
5-27	SSM	Canoe	1-2 Trip	Millard Underwood	561-0871		Weekend family canoe trip.

DATE	DAY	ACTIVITY	LEVEL	LEADER	PHONE	TIME	DESCRIPTION
2	Thurs	Bike		e Fred Parker	824-2638	6:30pm	Evening cycle from HQ. Call the leader to reserve.
3-5	FSS	Canoe	2 Trip	Don Bouman	697-4386		Weekend family cance trip.
4-5	SS	Backpack	Inter	Lee Brownston	521-3421h 578-2621w		Laurel Highlands Trail. Sections to be announced.
4	Sat	Bike	C	Joe Hoechner	373-3403	98HQ	Ride the marathon! Leisurely paced in-town ride. Cover 26-30 miles.
4	Sat	Bike	A	Chuck Ejzak	466-6196		To be announced. Call Chuck for details.
4	Sat	Hike	Easy	Jack Peth	921-7214	BBHQ	Bear Run Nature Reserve. Hike to be held in association with Blind Outdoor Leisure Group.
4	Sat	Kayak/Canoe	1-11	Bill Remkus	643-9218		Easy trip along 8 miles of the Little Beaver Creek. Call Bill for more info.
4	Sat	Raft	A11	Susan Krotec	661-8485		Possible trip; LEADER NEEDED. AYH has a 12:15 put- in time on the Yough.
4	Sat	Sea-Kayak	A11	John Lichter	ELL 14	9:00	Easy introduction. Reserve with Cathy Lynch, 361-3707.
5.	Sun	Marathon	A11	Rich Vangenewitt	364-8775	8:309HQ	Help with the 1st Pgh. Marathon at the AYH water table at 5th & Shady.
5	Sun	Hike	Easy	Ben Brugmans	736-2751	99HQ	Racoon Creek Wildflower Hike.
11	Sat	Bike	E CLUMB	Judy Menosky	242-1573	1:00pm	Learn to Ride. 2 miles. Call to reserve.
11	Sat	Bike	С	Wayne Hennemuth	693-9605	10:00	30-35 miles. Meet in Oakdale at 10. If you want to leave from HQ, call Wayne to arrange carpool.
11	Sat	Climb	Begin	Chairpersons	see list	7am@HQ	White Rocks, near Uniontown. See Climbing write-up.
11,12	55	Canoe	School	Dave Marshik	244-1465		Western PA Whitewater School. Call Dave for info.
11	Sat	Hike	Maintenance	Glenn Oster	364-2864h 234-0610w	7:30HQ	Baker Trail Maintence Hike,
11	Sat	Hike Jail milhafasi	Easy	Joy Layton	486-4753	98HQ	Wildflower walk on the Rachel Carson Trail out of North Park. Bring a guide book if you've got one. Call before 9:30 pm.
11	Sat	Sea-Kayak	All	Paul Kram	681-9069	9:00	Call for details.
12	Sun	Bike	В	Chuck Ejzak	466-6196	BRHQ	40 miles. Ride toward Harrison Hills. Back by 12.
12	Sun	Hike	Novice	Joy Layton	486-4753	1:00	Mother's Day Wildflower Wander. Bring Mom along on this easy ramble and let her smell the flowers. Meet at 1:00 at North Park Pool Parking Lot.
12	Sun	Sea-Kayak	A11	Cathy Lynch	361-3707	9:00	Final Yough.
15	Wed	Canoe	School	Kathy Lynch	327-0529	pm	Basic School. Learn to paddle in the evening.