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October Programs

October 3

**Canoe Camping the
Batiscon River, Quebec**
Frank Bruns

October 10

A Bog and JEEC
Linda Smithyman

October 17

**RAGBRAI (Register's
Annual Great Bike Ride
Across Iowa)**
Joe & Cheryl Hoechner

October 24

West Virginia Rafting
Jon Maiman

October 31

Halloween Night at HQ
(See article page 4)

We need shows!

To volunteer to
do a show,
call Rodney Horner
at 339-0944

ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED

The annual meeting will be held at the Three Rivers Rowing Association Boathouse on Herrs Island, now called Washington's Landing. This is the same location as last year's meeting.

This year, we will be having coffee and dessert after the meeting at no charge, instead of dinner before the meeting. We will gather beginning at 7:30 pm and the meeting itself will begin at 8 pm. We will again be giving out trip leader

awards and several other awards as well.

Directions? Take either Route 28 (from the North Side) or Penn Avenue or Liberty Avenue (from everywhere else) to the 31st street bridge. Turn off the bridge south onto River Road and then immediately turn left onto Herrs Island. Turn left again and follow the road to the Boathouse.

Everyone is invited to bring their favorite dessert or after-dinner treat.

Fred Hull retiring...

New Council Treasurer Needed

Do you have a head for numbers? Are you trained in accounting? If you have these special skills, we desperately need you. Or, if you know of a financial person, not necessarily a current member, who would be willing to donate their time to our volunteer organization, please refer them to us. The Treasurer is a member of the Board of Directors and a vital person to the smooth functioning of the Pittsburgh Council.

Fred Hull, our Council's Treasurer for the past 23 years, has decided to retire from office in the near future. Of the current officers, he

has, by far, the longest record of service. On behalf of the membership, congratulations go to Fred Hull on a job well done.

If you can give some time to continue this important function, please contact the Assistant Treasurer, Fran Gayler at 366-4062.

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Corner

AYH NATIONAL MEETING

The AYH National Meeting will be held in Philadelphia this year from November 14 to 17; that's two weekends before Thanksgiving. Thursday and Friday will be devoted to workshops, while the business meetings will be on Saturday and Sunday. This is an excellent opportunity to meet other AYH people from around the country and to learn more about AYH on a national and international level.

Since Philadelphia is "just" down the Turnpike, we'll be carpooling and keeping travel expenses to a minimum. I encourage all of you to consider attending this year. As in the past, the Council will be considering grants to reduce the cost even further. If you are interested, please call me for more information.

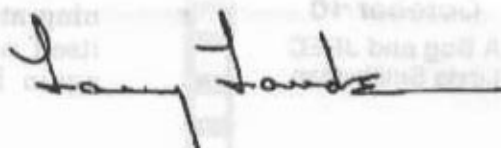
THE COUNCIL OFFICE

Well, it's done! The Board of Directors has approved opening a Council office with part-time staff. The office should be opening the first week in October. I can't identify the location yet, but we'll be announcing it soon at Headquarters and in the next newsletter. I believe that this will provide for much better service to our members, potential members, hostels and pass selling agencies. I also believe that this will be an important step to a new era of growth for the Council.

PITTSBURGH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

Look elsewhere in this newsletter for the call to the annual meeting. I hope that all of you will consider attending to elect your officers and directors for the coming year and to hear status reports on the state of the Council. This is also your opportunity to ask questions of and give guidance to the Board of Directors for the coming year.

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



OFFICIAL NOTICE OF PITTSBURGH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

In accordance with the Section 3 of Article II of the Bylaws of Pittsburgh Council, notice is hereby served that the Annual Meeting of Pittsburgh Council, American Youth Hostels, Inc. will be held at 8 pm on Friday October 18 at the Three Rivers Rowing Association boathouse on Herts Island.

The business of the meeting will be to hold the elections, to hear reports from the officers and committee chairs, and to hold such other business as may come before the Council. At the time of this notice, no additional business has been identified. Voting in the elections may be in person or by submittal of the absentee ballot enclosed in this issue of the newsletter. All other voting must be done in person.

Marianne Kasica, Secretary



November Deadlines

All copy

October 3

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October 24

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Ohioyle, PA 15470
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Pittsburgh, PA 15219
(412) 471-2600

Charleroi Youth Hostel (S.A.)

Rego's Hotel & Restaurant
601 McKean Avenue
Charleroi, PA 15022
(412) 483-6200

Little Hickory Home Hostel

East Hickory, PA
(814) 755-4908

Living Waters AYH Hostel

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

About AYH

American Youth Hostels is a non-profit organization which promotes international understanding, educational and recreational travel, good citizenship and an appreciation of America. AYH does this by bringing travelers of all ages, backgrounds and nationalities together in hostels and by providing low-cost travel programs. AYH is the US affiliate of the International Youth Hostel Federation (IYHF) which coordinates more than 5,400 hostels worldwide—the largest network of accommodations in the world.



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A Great Success

1991 GREAT RIDE

The Great Ride Committee is pleased to announce that the Great Ride has contributed over \$6,000 towards the fund for the Pittsburgh Hostel. A total of 1,833 riders participated in the Memorial Day event, making it the largest cycling event in the Tri-State area.

There were rides varying in length from 15 to 50 miles, with the 50 mile riders having the unprecedented opportunity to ride en masse down the High Occupancy Vehicle lane on I-279.

This year, an additional contribution of \$500 was made to the Western Pennsylvania Wheelmen for use in cycling projects in the City of Pittsburgh. The Committee also wishes to recognize the generous support of Blockbuster Video in making this year's Great Ride a success.

Let's Do It Again!

1992 GREAT RIDE

The planning has begun. Yes, we're already at work preparing for the 1992 Great Ride.

Pittsburgh Council will once again be co-sponsoring the ride with Pittsburgh Citiparks and the Western Pennsylvania Wheelmen. Our involvement will be primarily with the administrative end of the ride and with volunteer support on the day of the event.

The date has not been set yet, but I expect it to be in late May or early June. In the meantime, we are recruiting "department heads" for the work that needs to be done, including marketing, volunteer development, food, route selection and preparation and operations.

If you are interested in helping run this event both for the benefit of cycling in the Pittsburgh area and for the benefit of the Pittsburgh Hostel, please contact Larry Laude at 412-665-9554.



Ghosts, Goblins...

HALLOWEEN NIGHT AT AYH

Since Halloween falls on a Thursday this year, we thought we'd invite you to stop by at Headquarters in costume on your way to that Halloween party or to the local neighborhoods for Trick or Treat. A treat awaits everyone who shows up in costume!

Pittsburgh Council Activity Chairs

Bicycling

Chuck Ejzak..... 466-6196
Bill Eberle..... 833-9732

Canoeing

Clare Bunker..... 244-9788
Royanne Mac..... 335-7326

Caving

Dan Martt..... 921-4638

Climbing

Eric Bauer..... 687-0766

Family Activities

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Ben Brugmans..... 736-2751
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John Gaylor..... 366-4062

Mid-Week Trips

Cliff Ham..... 687-4520

Rafting

Jon Maiman..... 441-2306
Linda Smithyman..... 531-1868

Sailing

Bob Zavos..... 241-0659

Sea Kayaking

Ted Self..... 673-9920
Mark Mistrik..... 441-8293

Volleyball

Jeff Marsh..... 384-7827

Cross-Country Skiing

Fred Parker..... 856-4713
Steve Tubbs..... 279-4866

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.

Sponsored by American Lung Association

11th ANNUAL BACKPACKING TREK

This year's Backpacking Trek will be for 25 miles on the Loyalsock Trail in central Pennsylvania. This is a three-day event, October 4-6. Participants obtain pledges to raise money for the American Lung Association. For more information, call (800) 932-0903.

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

At the Last Minute...

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Information about the following activities was received at the last minute:

- 10/06 **Bike** Settler's Cabin-Park SABRE (Bill Eberle 833-9732)
- 10/12 **Bike** 10:00 at Ohioptyle, 20 miles (Ober Rooney 364-3956)
- 10/13 **Bike** Mountain Biking, Laurel Highlands (Jeff Marsh 384-7827)
- 10/20 **Bike** 9:00 at Elizabeth, PA, 50 miles (Ober Rooney 364-3956)
- 10/27 **Bike** 10:00 at Clairton Park, 60 miles (John LeBlanc 233-0588)
- ??? **Hike** Laurel Highlands Hike, Maple Summit to Rt653 (Wayne Henne-muth 745-2042)

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.

SUPPORT YOUR NEWSLETTER!

There were lots of contributions this month; many thanks to all who sent material. For the November newsletter, we need:

- Photos of activities
- Interesting articles about activities
- Personal stories
- News for AYH members
- Information about trips you are leading
- Hostel and travel related news
- Any other outdoors news or information



Family Activities

Sunday, October 20

Todd nature Sanctuary

A hike and picnic at the Todd Nature Sanctuary. For more information about the trip, contact Barbara Hanusa at 441-7205.

For family daytrips, the only things needed are walking shoes and something to carry your food.



Hiking/Backpacking

Friday to Sunday, October 4-6

Appalachian Trail, Maryland

Intermediate hike, Appalachian Trail in Maryland. Meet at AYH HQ at 6:00 pm on Friday. Hike the southern half of the trail in Maryland (20 miles) on Saturday and Sunday. Stay at the Harper's Ferry hostel. Return Sunday evening. Leader: Bill Lindgren. Contact Clare Bunker at 244-9788 for more information.

Saturday, October 5

The Highlands

Intermediate to advanced hike. A 12 mile bushwack on the Highlands Trail. Meet at AYH HQ at 9:00 am. For more information, contact Steve or Jeannann Tubbs at 279-4866 (home).

Friday to Sunday, October 11-13

Backpacking on Black Forest Trail

Intermediate level trip in north-central Pennsylvania. The trip will cover half of the 42-mile loop trail. It will include mixed hardwood forests, deep gorges, and many scenic vistas. Trip should coincide with the best fall colors. Alternate date is October 19-20 if the leaves haven't changed or for (especially!) bad weather. Meet at 6:30 pm on Friday evening at AYH HQ. For more information, or to reserve a spot, call Mark Mistrik at 441-8293 (home).

Saturday, October 19

Bear Run

Intermediate hike. Meets at 8:30 am at AYH HQ. For more information, or to reserve a spot, call Shirley or Rick Ulaky at 422-0849 (home).

Saturday, October 19

Ohiopyle Night Hike

Beginner/intermediate hike. Night hike at Ohiopyle! This is a first for me. Meet at AYH HQ at 4:00 pm Saturday and we'll hike around at Ohiopyle until sometime after dark. If you want to stay overnight at Ohiopyle hostel that may be available. (Cost for overnight is \$7.00.) For more information, contact Linda Smithyman at 531-1868.

Saturday, October 26

Lost Turkey Trail

Intermediate hike. An 8-1/2 mile hike along the western 1/3 of the Lost Turkey Trail in the Laurel Highlands. Meet at 7:30 am at AYH HQ. For more information, or to reserve a spot, call Karl Gundlach at 828-8921 (home).

Sunday, October 27

Rachel Carson Trail

Intermediate hike. Hike the Harrison Hills section of the Rachel Carson Trail, going north from Tarentum for 8 miles. There are steep hills, grand vistas, and fabulous fall foliage. Meet at 8:00 am at AYH HQ. For more information, or to reserve a spot, call Jim Ritchie at 828-0210 (home) or 624-1220 (work).

More Hiking and Backpacking on the next page...



Hiking/Backpacking (cont.)

Friday to Sunday, November 1-3

Backpacking in Oil Creek State Park

Intermediate level trip in northwestern Pennsylvania. Camping in Adirondak shelters. Rolling trail features some good climbs. Meet at 6:30 pm on Friday evening at AYH HQ. For more information, or to reserve a spot, call Mark Mistrik at 441-8293 (home).

HIKE LEADERS NEEDED

• *Jim Ritchie*

You say you'd like to go for a hike on the Buzzbomb Trail? But none of the trip leaders has offered to lead a hike on the good ol' Buzzbomb in at least two years? And it looks as if no one will, at least not soon?

Why not lead your own hike on that trail you've been meaning to get to for a long time now? It's time for AYH to develop new hiking trip leaders so there's always somewhere interesting to go to each weekend.

If the Buzzbomb is more than you want to chew off on the first trip you lead, why not try something closer and more familiar? Suggestions include: Hartwood Acres, Boyce Park, North Park, Bear Run, the Laurel Highlands Trail, Moraine State Park, McConnel's Mill, Ohiopyle, Racoon Creek, Roaring Run, Laurel Hill State Park, Kooser State Park, Schenley Park, Frick Park, and the Baker and Rachel Carson Trails.

Another idea is a CityHike. Design a 5-6 mile loop hike through downtown Pittsburgh, up and down the inclines, around Point State Park, down Carson Street, or through the North Side. Or pick one of Pittsburgh's many unique neighborhoods as the theme of your CityHike. Stop at a street vendor (or a great little cafe) for lunch. Go past historical sites and vistas.

If you're not quite ready to go it alone, why not find a friend to share the leadership responsibilities? The two of you can be co-leaders.

The point, of course, is that from time to time trip leaders move, retire or go on to different activities. AYH must constantly renew itself and its activity leaders. Be a part of that renewal process. Volunteer to lead a hiking trip in November or December. You're gonna like it!

Call Jim Ritchie (828-0210 home, 624-1220 work) to get yourself listed in the November or December newsletter.

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More Last Minute Activities...

RAFTING TRIPS

October 4 - 6 Intermediate
Meet at HQ at 6:00 pm Oct. 4.
Weekend trip, **Tygart River**.

October 11 - 13 Intermediate
Meet at HQ at 6:00 pm Oct. 11.
Weekend trip, **Lower Gauley**.

Both trips: some prior rafting experience required! Aprox. cost \$65-\$75 includes camp fees. Contact Jon Maiman 441-2306 (home).



Sea Kayaking

Saturday, October 5

Sea Kayaking Daytrip, Youghiogheny River Lake

Beginner level trip. Bring a lunch and water. Meet at 9:00 am at AYH HQ. For more information, or to reserve a spot, call Kathie Porshe at 421-7194.

Sunday, October 6

Sea Kayaking Daytrip, Crooked Creek or Keystone Lake

Beginner level trip. Bring a lunch and water. These are smaller, local lakes. They're good for learning and fun to explore. For more information, or to reserve a spot, call Cathy Lynch or Dave Sadler at 361-3707.

Saturday, October 19

Sea Kayaking Daytrip, North Allegheny River

Easy paddling and (with luck) some fall foliage. The trip runs from Kendall to Emlenton, Pennsylvania. Bring plenty of lunch and water (it's an all day trip). Meet at 9:00 am at AYH HQ. For more information, or to reserve a spot, call Brian McBaine at 443-8972.

Friday to Sunday, October 25-27

Sea Kayaking Daytrip, Allegheny Reservoir (Kinzua Dam)

Autumn sea kayaking camping trip in the Allegheny National Forest and paddling on the Allegheny Reservoir, Kinzua Dam. We will paddle into a base camp, and then have plenty of time for sea kayaking, hiking, cooking and eating, fishing, loafing, etc. Meet at 6:00 pm Friday evening at AYH HQ. For more information, or to reserve a spot, call Mark Mistrik at 441-8293.

Saturday, November 2

Sea Kayaking Daytrip, Keystone Lake

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break men's opti-
mism."

G. K. CHESTERTON



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 in Mellon Park

AYH plays volleyball in Mellon Park from 6:30pm until dusk, weather permitting. 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.



OHIO PYLE WORK PARTY

• Linda Smithyman

Labor day turned out to be a fitting day to have a work party at Ohio Pyle to finish some outside painting. Ron Boone, Tom Rodgers, Nick Broskovich and Chris Kline all volunteered.

I called Lenny Szypulski to see if he could bring a 25 foot ladder, and he responded by telling me that no one wanted him before he got his truck. Uh-oh. But he agreed to bring the ladder anyway.

Thanks for the help, guys.

Once we got there Lenny found a nickle. After I set the radio blasting and started sweeping, I found a nickle. By the end of the day I had 16 cents tax free! We had a nice lunch and finished what painting we could and then went for a pleasant hike on Ferncliff Peninsula. We soaked our feet at Railroad Rapid and, lo and behold, an AYH canoeing group pulled up.

It turned out to be a great day to be outdoors.

The next and probably final work party of the year is scheduled for Sunday, October 20th. I'd like to get some inside painting done as well as some general clean-up work.

We need people to help plant some bulbs, too. If anyone is thinning out day lilies, hosta or anything else please let me know if you would like to give your excess plants away to beautify the hostel grounds.

We had a discussion on having an AYH night hike sometime, and perhaps the Saturday night before the work party would be a good time to do that. If you are interested, meet at about 4:00 pm on October 19th to hike at Ohio Pyle until sometime after dark!! Whoever wants to stay overnight can do so free if you stay to work on Sunday, or you can drive home after the hike. We can have a carpool from HQ on Sunday at 8:30 am to take volunteers down to Ohio Pyle for the day.

If any of this sounds like fun to you, and I can practically guarantee a good time, please call me at 531-1868.

FOR SALE

Old Town Pathfinder Canoe 15' x 4' with paddles. Excellent condition! 683-8580

Position Available

GETTYSBURGH HOSTEL MANAGER NEEDED

Seeking independent, responsible person to manage the Gettysburgh International AYH Hostel, one of the 1990 Top 50 hostels in the country. The hostel can serve approximately 60 visitors per night in dormitory-style accommodations with some family rooms.

Users include foreign students, youth groups, scouts and recreational travellers of all ages. The facility is also used to provide short-term housing to students from local schools and to house commercial tenants.

For more information contact:

American Youth Hostels, Inc.
Attn: Scott Mabry
Hostel Operations Manager
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Washington, DC 20013
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THE "PHANTOM HOSTELLER"

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• 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 seat location. Keep in mind 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 maybe the 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.

CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER OPENS!

Pittsburgh's newest educational attraction opens October 5th!

This \$40 million project on the near North Side mixes education with entertainment through interactive exhibitions and programs in science and technology. The Center houses 146,000 square feet of space and includes an Omnimax Theater, a planetarium, many changing exhibits and the USS Requin, a World War II era submarine docked outside. The predictions for visitors are between 700,000 and 800,000 each year!

For those non-profit groups holding the free AYH organization pass this is a great time to visit Pittsburgh and stay at the VRC Hostel. It is located at the edge of Downtown and has a 32-bed capacity.

For reservations/information, contact:



MAGAZINES, ANYONE?

Do you subscribe to Pittsburgh Magazine? If you do and have a collection of back issues you could help our hostel development work. Joe Hoechner is seeking a supply of Pittsburgh Magazines to farm out to nearby popular hostels. These could include Niagara Falls, Chicago, Columbus, Washington D.C., Baltimore, Philadelphia and maybe even New York City.

Having these magazines on display in the hostel common rooms will help show potential visitors what a nice town this is and could help increase the overnights at our SA, the VRC-Hostel.

The greater the overnights at our Supplemental Accommodation, the better we demonstrate the need for a full-service, council-operated hostel to serve this city.

If you can bring your old copies to Council HQ for a Thursday night open house meeting, please do so! Call Joe at 242-0781 if you need them picked up. Thanks!

"When you have only two pennies left in the world, buy a loaf of bread with one, and a lily with the other."

CHINESE PROVERB



Hostel News

NEW TRAIL GUIDE

A new trail guide for the Susquehannock Trail System has been published by the Susquehannock Trail Club.

The 128 page guide includes a trail description, trail logistics, forest description, wetland environment information and six waterproof topographic maps.

Copies are available from:

Susquehannock Trail Club
PO Box 643
Coudersport PA 16915.

Enclose \$7 for the guide and \$1 for 4th class postage (or \$1.50 for first class).

A reference copy will be available at Headquarters.

SHARE THE DREAM ... MANAGE A YOUTH HOSTEL!

The **AYH Hostel management course** is a four-day seminar for current and aspiring hostel managers and staff.

Course participants will meet current managers and staff, learn the basics of hostel management and AYH, and discuss useful techniques on hostel atmosphere, safety, community relations and marketing.

The cost is \$175, including meals and lodging.

The next course is October 21-24 in Los Angeles followed by a local course April 27-30, 1992 at Ironmasters Mansion AYH-Hostel in Gardners, Pennsylvania. The course is required for all hostel managers. For more information, call the National Office at 202-783-6161.

The National Office also has information on openings in various hostels across the country, both as managers and as work exchange positions.

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

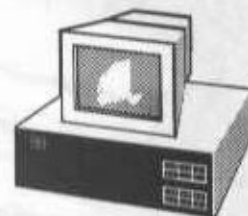
5 days travel in 15 days	\$230
9 days travel in 21 days	\$398
14 days travel in 1 month	\$498

Remember, all sales benefit Pittsburgh Council.

OFFICE EQUIPMENT NEEDED AT AYH HQ

The Council would greatly appreciate the donation of any or all of the following for our new office. All contributions are tax deductible.

- Computer printer
- IBM Compatible Computer
- Fax machine





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 #:
☐ [] \$100 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

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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____
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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 me information on volunteering for:

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

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