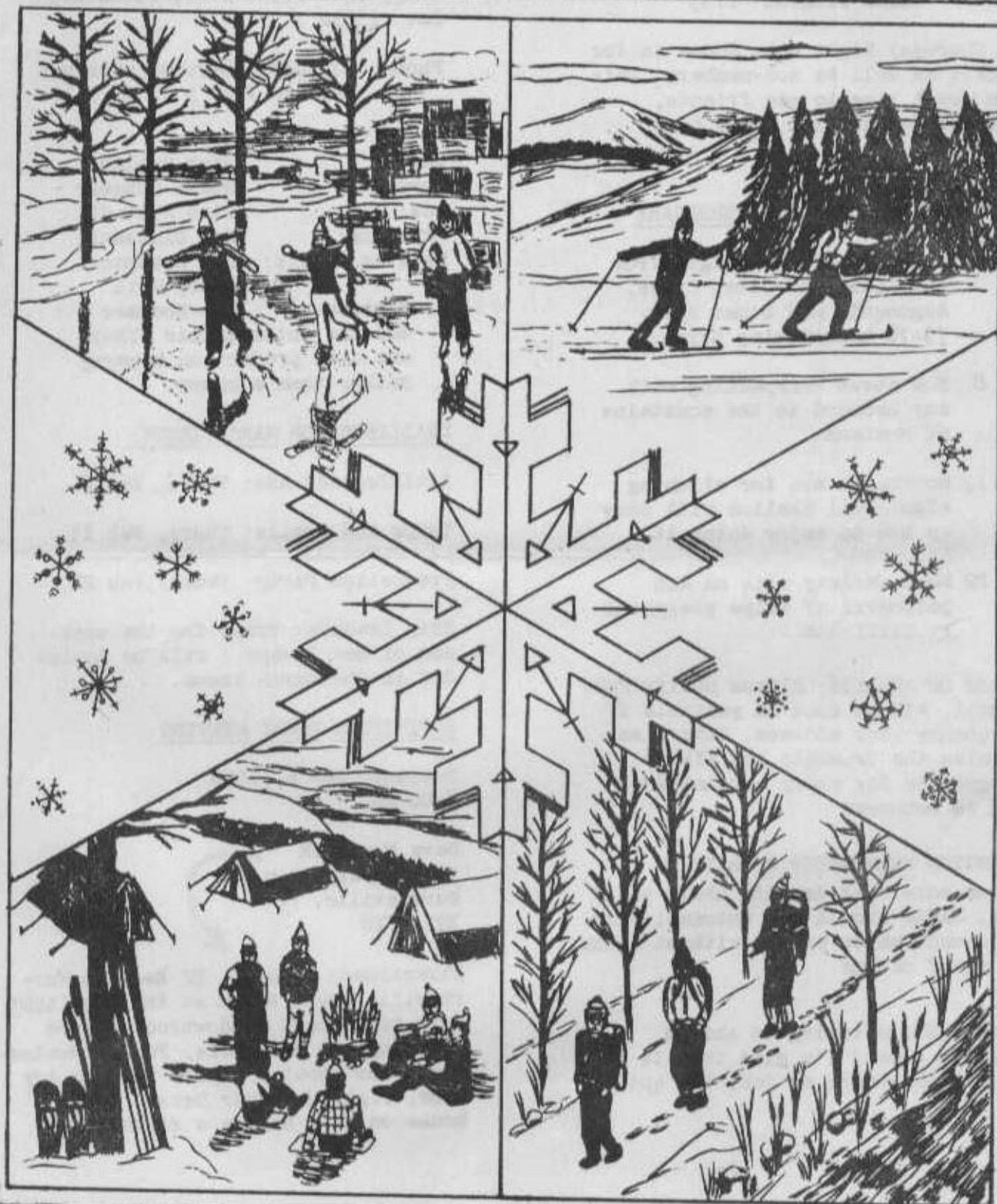


# GOLDEN TRIANGLE

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- Banquet - 31 March - place
- Morgenthaun - 1st week June
- Picnic - 14 Oct

Feb 8, 1980 Jamestown

# OPEN HOUSE

Every Thursday Night  
Doors Open: 7:45  
Slide Program 8:45

Our Thursday Night Open House is for members as well as non-members. This is a great time to see friends, reminisce about good times and plan trips.

## SLIDE PROGRAMS FOR FEBRUARY

- Feb 1 A little AYH nostalgia from Joe Levine at Otter Creek, Algonquin and other 1973-75-78 backpacking trips.
- Feb 8 How about backpacking with Amy Leonard in the mountains of Montana.
- Feb 15 Mountains are for climbing also. Bill Skallos will show us how to enjoy doing it.
- Feb 22 More variety with an AYH potpourri of trips presented by Cliff Ham.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** Please notify Pgh. Council, AYH as soon as possible if you change your address. Otherwise, you miss the Triangle and AYH is charged 25¢ for every newsletter that is returned.

## ATTENTION MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

Please note that despite their small size, JAWAS should not automatically be issued Junior passes without asking for proof of age.

Quote: (While trying to ski on refrozen sleet) I'm glad this is fun; if this were my job, I'd quit.

## THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE

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## DEADLINES FOR MARCH ISSUE:

Articles and Ads: Thurs, Feb 8

Trips and Trails: Thurs, Feb 15

Production Party: Thurs, Feb 22

Trip Leaders: Trips for the weekend of Mar 30-Apr 1 will be included in the March issue.

## ACTIVITIES BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, Feb 6, 1979  
8:00 PM

Dave Marschik  
3479 Mayer Drive  
Murrysville, Pa.  
327-2778

Directions: Take Rt. 22 East to Murrysville, turn right at the stoplight, turn right onto Meadowbrook before crossing the RR tracks. Follow Meadowbrook for about 2 miles, left on Ivy Lane, right on Mayer Drive. Last house on left before a right turn.

PITTSBURGH COUNCIL TO AUCTION  
\$1,000 IN AYH NATIONAL'S  
"HIGHROAD TO ADVENTURE" TRIPS

Please pass this information  
on to anyone who might be in-  
terested.

Discover a quiet mountain stream, unravel the mysteries of an ancient Indian dwelling, or explore a volcano. AYH National is once again sponsoring an enticing array of domestic and European trips that vary from six to forty-four days, from bicycling in Hawaii to backpacking in the Canadian Rockies, to sightseeing in Moscow. The attached "Highroad to Adventure" booklet provides the details.

If you find AYH travel appealing, Pittsburgh Council is prepared to make you an offer that's hard to resist. Starting immediately, we are auctioning off the \$1,000 worth of U.S. and Canadian trips that we won in last year's national membership contest.

To place your bid in this auction just fill out the bid form below and send it to the address shown. Note that the minimum acceptable bid is 70% of the trip cost. We will pick from one to four winners based on that combination of bids which produces the greatest income for Council, considering that Council has been awarded \$1,000 in trips. Bids must be in our possession by March 24, 1979. The winners will be notified at the AYH Banquet on March 31, 1979.

If you are bidding, please read the rules and regulations governing the trip on pages 29-31 of the "Highroad to Adventure" booklet. For this auction the rules shall be modified as follows:

First, each winner's entire bid is due Pittsburgh Council by Monday, April 16, 1979.

Second, \$50.00 of the bid shall be the Registration Fee noted in rules 5, 6, and 7, and the remainder of the bid shall be the Trip Deposit, also noted in these rules.

PITTSBURGH COUNCIL AUCTION RULES: The following rules apply

1. The entire bid form must be filled out and received at the address shown by March 24, 1979.
2. Only summer trips in the U.S. or Canada are included.
3. Only one trip can be bid per person.
4. Photo copies of the bid form are acceptable.
5. The person going on the trip must be eligible in accordance with the Rules and Regulations as detailed above.
6. Bidding is open to members and non-members alike.
7. In the event of a tie, the earliest bid will win.
8. The minimum bid is 70% of the listed trip cost.



# TRIP AUCTION BID FORM

Send to: BID c/o M.V. Haddad  
29 Wilkins Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

NAME OF TRIPPER \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: HOME \_\_\_\_\_ WORK \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF BIDDER \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: HOME \_\_\_\_\_ WORK \_\_\_\_\_

TRIP NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TRIP DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Is this an ADULT TRIP \_\_\_\_\_ YOUTH TRIP \_\_\_\_\_

TRIP COST \_\_\_\_\_

BID (70% of trip cost, minimum acceptable bid) \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the Rules and Regulations on pages 29-31 of the "Highroad to Adventure" booklet and the modifications noted in the foregoing article. I agree to abide by these.

Signature of Bidder \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of tripper (if different from Bidder) \_\_\_\_\_

## Tracking, Nature and Survival Course

Tom Brown's school offers two-week courses of classroom sessions that culminate in a 2-4 day camp-out. (Tom Brown is co-author of the book The Tracker; an excerpt from it appears in the Nov. issue of "Reader's Digest." ). Tom is willing to come to Pgh. to share his course with us during the last two weeks of Feb. 1979. The course is usually offered in New Jersey; it will be held in upstate New York in the future. He has asked that we let him know by JANUARY 26. If you are interested or wish further information, call Debi Lenhart (242-2837).

Wanted: A Craftsperson to produce temporary signs for the upcoming April Regional Meeting. Signs will be 18" on a side and cut out of a water resistant material. For more info, call Joe @ 343-2465.

Used Equipment Sale: A C2 fiberglass canoe can be seen hanging in front of the hostel. This can be a real fun boat. Minimum bid is \$100. An inflatable Rubber Duck can be seen sitting on top of the C2. This boat leaks. It would be a good boat for someone who wants an inexpensive boat and does not mind doing some repair work.

Give or send bids to Dave Marschik, 3479 Mayer Drive, Murrys ville, Pa. 15668.

# TIPS & TALES

by Joe Hoechner

Plan ahead! The weekend of April 20th-22nd will be the Pittsburgh Council's turn to host the AYH Eastern Regional Meeting. Reservations have been made for that weekend at the new Camp Harmony Youth Hostel at Hooversville, Pa. Our Council will need volunteers to help provide maps, directions, rides from airports, bus terminals, etc. We also need help at the camp with meetings, lodgings, food buying, etc. We have rented space for 75 people - we expect about 35 visitors so we'll have plenty of space for 'helpers.' Perhaps a bike trip could also be planned for that weekend too. Stay tuned for more details in the future.

Winter trip leaders should make sure that all cars leave together. Don't leave anyone behind with an engine that won't start.

If your cross-country ski bindings have the type of wire bale that can pop off in a fall, you should take steps to avoid accidentally losing it. Use about a 6" piece of monofilament fishing line to tie the bale to the binding base. If there are no hooks to tie onto, use a dot of that super glue to hold the line in place.

Looking for some attic insulation for your home? Check out "Ironwood Ind." located in North Versailles, Pa. This company produces pour-in cellulose insulation, which is recycled newspaper chemically treated to resist fire. They were recommended by G.R.I.P. and have supplied about 3000 lbs. of the material for the future Ohioyle Park Hostel. For more information, contact the owner, Karl Smith at 823-6790.

Have you requested a Pennsylvania topo map index lately? There is a new 1978 copy that's a big improvement over the old. It's in color with county names and outlines included, making it much easier to spot your area of interest. They're still free:

U.S. Geological Survey  
Branch of Distribution  
1200 Sout Eads St.  
Arlington, Va. 22202

Say...do you know where young gnomes do their homework? Why...in their gnotebooks of course!

Hey, cross-country skiers, do you carry a screwdriver to tighten loose bindings? In most cases you'll need a phillips head, metric if possible.

One of the most noticable characteristics of AYH members is that they don't smoke. Fine! But it's handy to have someone along on trips that carries matches. Pick up a few matchbooks and stash them in your favorite parka, day pack, car, etc. They should also be in your first aid kit.

Are those cavities that form in the roadway between streetcar tracks really called PATHoles?

A well-stocked bookcase, located against an outside wall will help insulate your home or apartment.

If you are using bamboo cross-country ski poles, be sure to check them occasionally for cracks. Bamboo does have a tendency to dry out and split down its length. Use a good wood glue and tape a few spots; they should be good for another season. Use a colorful tape to help you identify your poles in a crowd.

## HOSTING VISITORS?

Can you host a foreign visitor? The lack of a hostel in Pittsburgh was recently felt when several European tourists arrived at headquarters expecting to find sleeping facilities. Thanks to our phone answering service their calls were forwarded to a member who was able to direct them to other accommodations.

Can you help out? If you live in the central Pittsburgh area and have some extra space, perhaps you can. If you are a foreign-born Pittsburgh AYH member you may be able to host a visitor from your homeland. If you are a student studying language this is a chance to get some practice!

If you can help, please fill in the form below and mail or bring it to Joe Hoechner. If you have any questions, please call Joe @ 343-2465 or Eileen Hull @ 242-5379.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

I CAN HOST \_\_\_\_\_ MALES, \_\_\_\_\_ FEMALES, \_\_\_\_\_ COUPLES

I CAN SPEAK THE FOLLOWING FOREIGN LANGUAGE (S) \_\_\_\_\_

Joe Hoechner  
405 Hoodridge Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15234

### Coopers Rock Skiing

Coopers Rocks State Forest (near the Chestnut Ridge Morgantown Hostel) now has three cross-country ski trails. These three loops are one mile,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mi., and seven miles long. If you would like to know about current snow conditions in the area, call toll free 1-800-624-8633.

Wanted: companion to ride on 2 or 3 week bike trip. My speed is 80 miles per day over level ground and rolling hills. I am off this summer; if you are interested, call: George Novak  
921-0653  
Crafton, Pa.

### SKI SCHENLEY with AVALANCHE

For those of you living close to Schenley Park, you'll be pleased to learn that we are operating a ski rental facility in the Golf Course Club House. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. seven days a week and rates are: \$4 $\frac{1}{2}$  day - \$6 full day. The park has many fine nature trails and bridal paths so we should have some nice skiing right in the city.

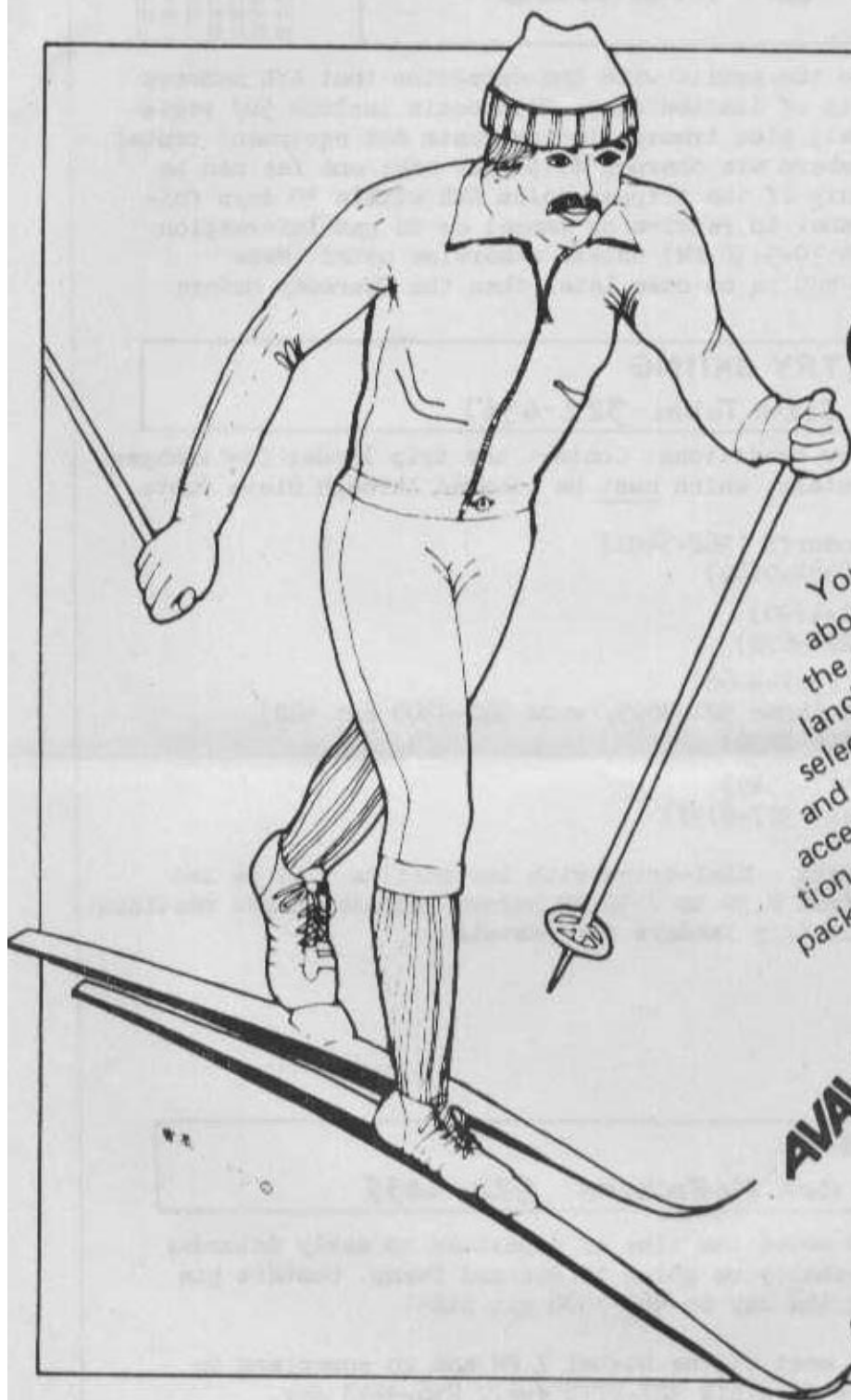
### DOE Economy Driving

from pacesetter report, #7

The Department of Energy is proving beyond doubt that individual drivers can dramatically reduce fuel consumption by adopting energy-saving driving habits. The winner of a recent contest achieved a fuel efficiency of 186% better than the EPA rating for his 1979 American Motors Sport. Project Pacesetter is negotiating to bring the economy driving contest to Allegheny County in Spring, 1979.

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# CROSS COUNTRY

You don't need to know everything about cross country skiing if you know the people that do. See the folks at Avalanche for expert advice and the widest selection of wood and fiberglass, waxable and waxless skis, boots, clothing and accessories. Not to mention free instruction, ski holidays and special discount package prices.



1794 North Highland Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15241  
(412) 833-7800

Weekdays 12 - 9 Saturdays 9 - 5

# TRIPS & TRAILS

FEBRUARY 1979						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

The trips listed below are open to the public with the exception that AYH members are given priority when the trip is of limited size. Trip costs include 50¢ registration and insurance (\$500 medical) plus transportation costs and equipment rental. In addition to these fees, non-members are charged \$1.50 per day; one fee can be deducted from the cost of membership if the tripper joins AYH within 30 days following the trip. Call the trip leader to reserve or cancel or to get information. Please call during normal hours (6:30-9:30 PM) unless otherwise noted. Make reservations as early as possible but in no case later than the Thursday before the trip.



## CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Chairperson: Steve Tubbs 322-6361

X-C trips depend on snow conditions. Contact the trip leader for changes. Leaders also handle rentals, which must be cleared through Steve Tubbs.

- Sat Feb 3 Intermediate - John Orndorff (362-5401)
- Sun Feb 4 Beginner - Jim Gogots (384-9149)
- Sat Feb 10 Inter. - Ed Seiger (561-4790)
- Sun Feb 11 Inter. - Joe Curlee (422-9672)
- Sat Feb 17 Advanced - Norm Snyder (351-4068)
- Beginner - Bill Skallios (home 921-5695, work 922-9300 ext 422)
- Sun Feb 18 Inter. - Fred Parker (824-2638)
- Sat Feb 24 Inter. - Dick Nugent (487-5549)
- Sun Feb 25 Inter. - Bruce Sundquist (327-8737)

Evening Ski in Mellon Park - Mini-trips with instruction will be led outside of the hostel from 6:30 to 8:30 PM before Thursday night meetings. All are welcome. Contact trip leaders for rentals.

- Thr Feb 1 Steve Tubbs (322-6361)
- Thr Feb 8 Chuck Ejzak (327-5031)
- Thr Feb 15 Cathy Lynch (361-3707)
- Thr Feb 22 Mike Deroy (371-6943)



## BACKPACKING

Chairperson: Rob McEachern 828-2635

- Sat Feb 3 Inter. Ski/Pack - Steve moved the time of departure to early Saturday morning, and he will probably be going to Buzzard Swamp. Contact him for reservations during the day at 462-5000 ext 6185.
- Sun Feb 4
- Fri Feb 9 Inter. Backpack - We'll meet at the hostel 7 PM and go someplace in thru West Virginia. Call Dave Marschik 327-2778 eve., 256-3443 day.
- Sun Feb 11
- Sat Feb 24 Inter Ski/Pack - We'll leave early Sat. morn, and we'll go either to
- Sun Feb 25 Allegheny Nat. Forest or to Laurel Ridge Trail. Call Bob Rudland during the day at 462-5000 ext 6284 or 421-2227 after 6 PM.





## HIKING

Chairperson: Valerie Krenicky 462-4486

Sun Feb 11 Beginner - A half-day hike with Joe Levine in Frick Park, 3-4 miles.  
Cost - 25¢. Leave AYH at 10 AM. Call 422-8287.



## SPECIAL EVENTS & FUTURE TRIPS

Fri nites Ice Skating - Weekly at Schenley Park's adult session, 9:30 to 12:30 PM,  
Ask at the meeting or call Ben Brugnans at 363-1613.

Fri Feb 9 Sledding - and tobogganning under the full moon, followed by homemade  
soup and bread in front of a blazing fireplace at Ben Brugman's  
bachelor pad. Call Ben at 363-1613.

Sat Feb 10 Meet the Organizations Day - at Carnegie Museum. Joe Hoechner is  
seeking volunteers to help represent Pgh. AYH at a booth located  
in the Information & Orientation Center. The display will run from  
about 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM. If you can offer a coupl of hours of time,  
call Joe @ 343-2465.



### AYH Coffee House

This month's coffee house will be  
held at the hostel headquarters on  
Friday, February 9 from 9 PM to 12 PM.  
If you would be interested in perform-  
ing or showing some slides, call Steve  
Martin at 462-5000 ext 6185 during  
the day.

### Hostel Development News by Joe Hoechner

Think Spring! As Hostel Development  
Chairperson, I would like to "tap"  
some of that great potential out  
there in the general membership.  
I will be planning work parties to  
go to the future Ohiopyle Hostel  
starting in April. I'd like to hear  
from the skilled tradespersons  
listed below:

Plumber	Wood Butcher
Plumber's Helper	Electrician
Carpenter	Insulator
Chimney Sweep	Window Hanger
House Painter	Lawn Mower
Basement Cavers	Go-fers
Squirrel Chasers	Bee Swatters
Leaf Rakers	Doctors
Attic Cavers	Architects
Roof Climbers	Engineers
Van Owners	Cooks

If you even suspect that you qual-  
ify in any of the above categories,  
call Joe Hoechner at 343-2465.

## AYH Membership Application

Fill out the following membership application and bring or send it with a check payable to "Pittsburgh Council, AYH" to Membership, AYH, 6300 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., 15232.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (zip code) New/Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

_____ Youth membership (under 18)	\$5.00
_____ Senior membership (18 and over)	\$11.00
_____ Family (valid in USA and Canada only)	\$12.00
_____ Organization membership	\$25.00
_____ LIFE	\$110.00
_____ FAMILY LIFE	\$220.00

Please Circle:

Service Interests: Newsletter, Hostel Development, Bicycling,  
Publicity, Trail Maintenance, Eq. Repair, Auditor Service,  
Typing, Art Work, Key Punch.

Leadership: Backpacking, Bicycling, Canoeing, Caving, Climbing,  
Cross-country skiing, Hiking, Rafting.

Pittsburgh Council  
American Youth Hostels, Inc.  
6300 Fifth Ave.  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15232

Non-Profit Organization  
U.S. Postage PAID  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15232  
Permit #127

Return Postage Guaranteed  
Address Correction Requested



Have you introduced a teenager to AYH?