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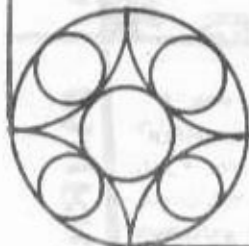


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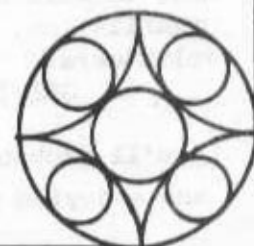
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## DEADLINES FOR APRIL TRIANGLE:

Mar 4	Articles
Mar 11	Trips
Mar 25	Production

## HOW THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE IS PRODUCED.....

Are you one of those trusting souls who routinely assumes that you will continue to get your monthly TRIANGLE in the mail, come snow and sleet and hail and rain and h....and high water? You may not be aware of the amount of work involved in the production of this literary Rube Goldberg. And if you are not part of the crew who collectively makes this newsletter possible, perhaps you should consider helping out. The most critical point in production is the Production Party which is held the last Thursday of every month. After Open House, the tables are pulled out, the pages stacked up and staplers cocked and ready to shoot. Without the manpower provided by the membership, however, the Triangle would never be assembled and sent out. It takes alot of people, and alot of energy to collate, staple, label and sort so that the membership is assured of being kept up-to-date on Council activities. If there are less volunteers, those who stay have to work harder. This is a volunteer organization, so nothing happens without volunteers.

GET INVOLVED WITH YOUR  
COUNCIL!!!!

(you'll probably end up meeting new people and enjoying yourself!!!!!!!)

## SLIDE SHOWS FOR MARCH

- Mar 4 Scenes from a dark cave by Scott Hill.  
Mar 11 To Be Announced...  
Mar 18 A preview of a trip to the Olympic Seashore and Mt. Ranier by Bruce Sundquist.  
Mar 25 An expedition to a world class waterfall in Venezuela by Bruce McClelland.

OPEN HOUSE is held every Thursday evening at Pittsburgh Council, AYH Headquarters at 6300 Fifth Ave. (next to the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts in Shadyside) Doors open by 8:30 and the slide show starts at 8:45. All are welcome. Bring a friend--or come on over and make some new friends!!!

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DUE TO lack of time and the pressures of a Winter Weekend, TIPS AND TALES will not be presented this month. Maybe next time?

--J.H.

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## FOR SALE

Perception "Mirage" (yellow with green stripe). New, never in water. Perception float bags. Iliad L.H. 82" paddle. Call Cathy at 243-4721.

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Kayak and flotation bags for sale. Call 683-7189. \$140.00.

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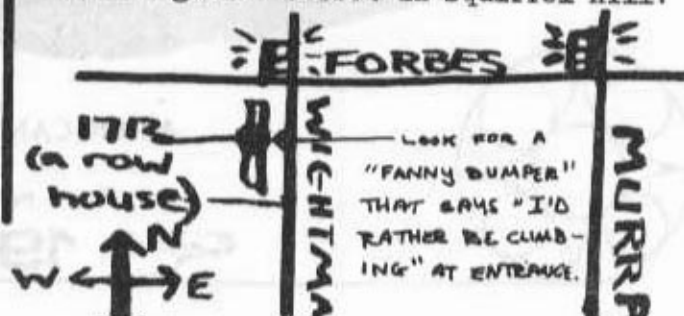
## LOOKING FOR INTERESTED TRIPPERS

Interested in cycling New England this summer? I am willing to organize a small group of interested folks. Itinerary, length of trip (up to 2 weeks), dates of trip are negotiable. Please contact Marla White, 681-8000 (work) or 362-5490(home).

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## ACTIVITIES BOARD MEETING

The next Activities Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 3 at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Jeri Walsh at 1712 Wightman Street in Squirrel Hill.



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## NEWS FROM THE ROUGHER THE BETTER CLUB

### 'THE BOOT' Awarded to one of TRTBC Founders.....

The Rougher The Better Club, an 'underground' faction now blatantly active in the Pittsburgh Council, AYH, recently awarded one of its founding members 'The Boot'. The award was presented in light of the fact that the member in question (whose identity is being very loosely protected) failed to follow through on a commitment to take a simple one-day X-C ski trip in Chataqua, New York. The co-founder of TRTBC thus awarded his cohort 'The Boot'.

"The Boot" itself (sans heel), a trophy of hikes gone by, is now in the process of elaborate embossing and engraving (with Magic Marker) and will be appropriately displayed in some discreet part of H.Q.

## CHATAUQUA CROSS COUNTRY SKI MARATHON

Twenty-one of Pittsburgh's finest braved sub-zero temperatures and chilling winds to compete in the 4th Annual Chataqua Overland Ski Marathon February sixth. Winners of the Gold Medal, with time and positions were:

Paul Brager	4hr., 32 min.,	62nd.
Steve Tubbs	5 hr., 5 min.	109th
Cliff Ham	5 hr., 40 min.	166th
Steve Martin	5 hr., 43 min.,	175th
Fred Parker	6 hr., 6 min.,	211th
Chuck Ejzak	6 hr., 6 min.,	212th
Jeri Walsh	6 hr., 46 min.,	268th
Sue Susang	6 hr., 46 min.,	270th
Bill Skalloos	7 hr., 30 min.,	333rd
Bill Keating	7 hr., 56 min.,	360th
Ben Humphries	7 hr., 59 min.,	365th



About 400 finished the 55 km. (34 mile) course. Eight more intrepid skiers finished at least 34 km, and won the Silver Medal: Marilyn Ham, Donna Leban, Sue Rafferty, Ed Sieger, John Popp, Lynn Gogots, Harriet Ann Seiner and Jeff Marsh. Mary Pat Rafferty and her friend Patti also skied in the area and enjoyed the weekend. Ten of the skiers skied Sunday morning over parts of the Chataqua Gorge Trail.

Written by Cliff Ham

## THANK-YOU

Pittsburgh Council, A.Y.H. was well represented at a display booth at the Monroeville Expo Mart Travel show recently. The show ran from Jan 28 thru Feb 2nd and was attended by 'thousands' of people. The booth arrangements and display was set up by Joe Roegner and helping Joe during show time were John Hays, Herb Appel, Linda Grant, Joel Platt, Don Hoecker, Abby and Lloyd Geertz, Chris Reid, Becky Soisson, Bill Friedrich, Bob Strong, Fred Parker and 'Sally'. Questions were answered, brochures handed out and many folks were invited to our 'Open House' meetings.

MANY THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO HELPED OUT !!!!!



## AYH TRIP INFORMATION FOR THE COMING SEASON

The Activities Board is busy preparing schedules, equipment and people for upcoming trips and programs. Part of the preparation is for a new leadership manual which should be forthcoming. The TRIANGLE will be including some of the information from the manual which will be of interest to our readers.

### BACKPACKING Steve Martin, Chairman

Beginner - A beginning backpacking trip is suitable for a person that has had some hiking experience, is in reasonably good physical condition, but has had no backpacking experience. Beginner trips cover less than ten miles per day. Each member needs a backpack, sleeping bag, good boots, rugged clothes, rain gear, and personal toilet items. The leader will try to arrange the sharing of tents and cooking gear to reduce pack weight. The leader will instruct members in the safe use of stoves, the pitching of tents, and camp procedures that are environmentally safe. Meal planning may be individual or a group affair. This is at the discretion of the leader. These trips are usually limited to one night.

Intermediate- Intermediate backpacks usually maintain a moderate pace over moderate terrain. The trails are not hazardous, but they may be in less than ideal condition. Elevations will change more greatly than those on a beginner trip. Equipment requirements are the same as beginning trips, but the tripper is expected to know how to work his stove and set up his tent. Meal planning is again either individual or a group effort, at the discretion of the leader. Intermediate trips are usually at least two nights or scheduled over long holiday weekends.

Advanced- Advanced backpacks may be off trail, cover long distances and can go out in any weather. Members of an advanced backpack trip should be in good physical condition and have a comfortable degree of hiking and backpacking experience. Advanced trips last from two days to two weeks.

LOOK FOR MORE activities information on the AYH activities in upcoming issues of the TRIANGLE!!!

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## COMING SOON

# SPRING!

A TIME OF RENEWAL

so renew your

AYH membership



THE ANNUAL A.Y.H. BANQUET WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, APRIL 17th AT THE HOLIDAY HOUSE  
IN MONROEVILLE

FREE PARKING--left side of building

TIME: 6:30 pm for Social Hour  
7:00 pm for Dinner

BUFFET DINNER MENU:

English Cut Prime Rib  
BBQ Spare Ribs  
Southern Style Golden Fried Chicken  
Italian Linguine with Clam Sauce  
Green Beans with Pimientos  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Macaroni Salad  
Garden Salad  
Fruit Cobbler



SQUARE DANCING!!!! With Ron Buchanan and Swinging on the Gate  
following the brief Awards Ceremony.

COST: Members \$13.50  
Non-members \$14.50

TURN IN YOUR RESERVATION FORM (below) ALONG WITH A CHECK TO:

Lori Orndorff  
111 Henderson St.  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15235

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS THURSDAY, APRIL 8th.

(clip and mail reservation form below)

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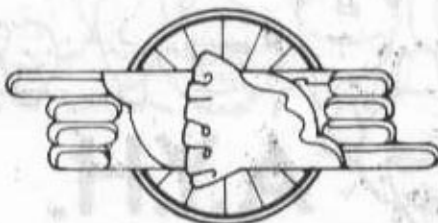
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RESERVATION FORM FOR 1982 ANNUAL BANQUET ON APRIL 17 at the  
HOLIDAY HOUSE IN MONROEVILLE

# TRIPS & TRAILS



The trips listed here are open to the public with the exception that AYH members are given priority when the trip is of limited size. Trip costs include 60¢ registration and insurance (\$1000 medical/\$1000 accidental death or dismemberment) plus transportation and rentals. In addition, nonmembers are charged \$1.50 per day which can be deducted from the cost of membership. Trips are classified BEGINner, INTERmediate, or ADVanced, with the exception of the water sports and bicycling.

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## BACKPACKING

Chair: Steve Martin 469-3153H 462-5000X6185W Kevin Craig

fri mar 12- INTER Backpack Big Savage Trail. Leave HQ Friday night at 7pm. For  
sun mar 14 information and reservations call Glenn Oster 364-2864H or  
566-3041W.

sat mar 6- INTER X-C Ski Backpack trip. Allegheny National Forest. Call Jeri  
sun mar 7 Walsh 422-9686H or 462-5230W.

## BICYCLING

Chair: Chuck Ejzak 466-6196 Lynn Gogots 384-9149

Bike trips in March will be intermediate to advanced and will be announced at the open house on Thursdays. All trips will be "weather permitting." Call a chairperson if you have any questions. Trips are listed: A-advanced, B-intermediate, C-easier intermediate, D-beginner, and E-learn to ride.

## CANOEING

Chair: Susan Krotec

During the Cold weather months, canoe trips do go out for the well-equipped paddlers. Necessary equipment includes wool and/or wet suits and a dauntless spirit. These trips are usually organized at the Thursday night meetings.

## HIKING

Chair: Shirley Sedmak 441-6538H 288-5147W

SPRING IS HERE! Get back into shape with an AYH hike. Equipment: hiking shoes, lunch, and water.

sun mar 14 INTER Join Armand and friends for a 10 mile hike on the Baker Trail.  
Meet at HQ at 8am. Call 256-7196 for further information.

sat mar 20 BEGIN Destination to be announced. Contact John Francis at 771-9562H  
or 777-8627W.

sat mar 27 ADV Advanced Bushwhack!!! "Rougher the Better Club" Spring Fever  
Macho Trip. Time to be announced. Call Steve Tubbs 751-2158.

sun mar 28 INTER Hike Roaring Run Natural Area. Leave HQ at 8am. For information  
or reservations. Call Glenn Oster 364-2864H or 566-3041W.

## KAYAKING

Chair: Ray Yutzy 929-4443 Lou Conley 681-8321

The basics are similar to canoeing. Trips may be organized at Thursday night meetings based on interest and water levels by those equipped for cold weather paddling.

## POOL SESSIONS

Learn the basics of kayaking and kayak rolling techniques. Indoor pool sessions will



be held Friday evenings in March at the CMU pool. The sessions will last from 8:30 pm to 10:00pm and are intended to teach both the basics of kayaking and more advanced rolling techniques. Boats are available for rental and people of all experience levels are welcome. Contact Lou Conley to reserve or for information at 681-8321.

#### THROW ROPES

The group order of throw line safety bags has arrived. If you ordered one, please pick it up at any Thursday night meeting from Ray Yutzy or Lou Conley.

#### CANADIAN KAYAKING

Anyone interested in spending a week in Canada next August learning to kayak at the Madawaska Kanu Camp contact Lou Conley for information. Experience levels from complete novice to advanced racer can be accommodated.

#### VOLLEYBALL

Chair: Larry Laude 665-9554H 462-5000 x7532/x6287 W

every  
tuesday  
evening  
from 6-9pm

Volleyball continues on a weekly basis on Tuesday evenings. All participants are requested to donate 35¢ toward the upkeep of equipment. All are welcome. Low-key skills are done until there are enough players to begin. Meet at Taylor-Alderdice High School gymnasium. IF YOU WAKE UP TO A SNOWY TUESDAY MORNING, CHECK YOUR FAVORITE RADIO STATION FOR SCHOOL CLOSINGS. IF THE PGH. PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED, THERE IS NO VOLLEYBALL.

## Travel

#### R.R. TRAIN TO MEYERSDALE !

The Pgh Chapter of the Nat. Railway Historical Society is sponsoring an all day outing from Pgh to the Meyersdale Maple Sugar Fest. The train leaves Downtown Pgh at a reasonable 8:30am; get to Meyersdale about 12:30; leaves at 4:30 and gets back to Pgh at 8:30pm. Tickets range in price from \$38-\$43 (depending on the direction you face in the train!?!). Tickets are only available by mail from:

Pgh Chapter N.R.H.S.

P.O. Box 822

Pgh PA 15230

or call for information at 471-1155 from 7-9 pm. See Joe Hoechner for a copy of the info sheet and reservation form.

#### THE LONG BICYCLE

Winston Hendzel is planning to bicycle from Seattle to San Francisco around Labor Day. The trip follows the Pacific coast with perhaps a visit inland to Crater Lake and lasts about 2½ weeks. If interested, please contact Winston at 261-0507W or 362-8772H.

#### ALASKA PACKBACK

Don Levenson and daughter are planning a 2 week trip featuring Mt. McKinley National Park plus visits to the cities. 2-4 experienced backpackers could share this trip. If you are considering this adventure, call Don at 341-6810H or 923-1890W.

#### OLYMPIC RAIN FOREST & SEASHORE

A memorable Pgh Council Trip was a 2 week b-ping trip to Mt. Rainier, the Olympic Rain Forest and Olympic Seashore in Wash. State. 3 of the original group are doing a similar trip, minus Rainier to get more time at the shore. For the trip to go they must get: reduced round-trip airfare to Seattle and a total of 8 or 12 persons by Apr. 15. Time is undecided but June is best for weather. 4 days are for the rain forest (Hoh R. & Mt. Olympus Area); 6 for the Pacific Coast of Olympic Nat. Park (wilderness seashore 40 mi. long with car access at ends and middle). Pace is leisurely; experience required; some B-Ping weekends in W.Pa. are mandatory so all will be ready. Call Bruce Sundquist at 327-8737. A slide show may be given at an Open House or privately.

# AYH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Fill out the following application and bring/send it with a check payable to "Pittsburgh AYH" to: AYH Membership, 6300 Fifth Avenue, Pgh. Pa. 15232. Allow 3-4 weeks for delivery by third class mail. Enclose an additional dollar for first class mail. (Note: Membership sells International Hostel Guide to Europe for \$5.00 by mail and for \$4.00 at Headquarters.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ New?/renewal? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$7.00 Youth (under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00 Three-year Senior  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$7.00 Senior Citizen (60+) \_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00 Organization (non-profit)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$14.00 Senior (18-59) \_\_\_\_\_ \$140.00 Life  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$21.00 Family

Please circle one or more:

Service: Newsletter, Hostel Development, Bicycling, Publicity, Trail Maintenance, Equipment Repair, Auditor Service, Typing, Art Work, Membership

Leadership: Backpacking, Cycling, Canoeing, Caving, Climbing, Hiking, Cross-country Skiing, Rafting.

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