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Hankering for a relaxing weekend getaway, but just can't afford B & B prices? American Youth Hostels, one of the best-kept travel secrets in this area, just may be for you! AYH operates 13 hostels in Pennsylvania. Each one provides a unique window into local history, a wide variety of recreational activities, or just a chance to do some inexpensive sight-seeing. Every AYH hostel offers safe, comfortable dormitory-style lodging for just \$5 to \$9.50 a night.

Hostels are ideal for educational, civic and religious groups, sports and recreation clubs, or individuals. Families traveling on a budget may be surprised at how affordable a hostel can be, especially compared to the prices of many B & B inns.

These hostels are historic attractions in themselves, worth a trip just to visit. Like B & Bs they offer more of an experience than a sterile motel. There are AYH-hostels within easy distance of Philadelphia, Washington, D.C. and Pittsburgh.

Around Philadelphia

If you'd like to explore the

Philadelphia area, why not start with Philadelphia proper? The Georgian-style Chamounix Mansion AYH-Hostel is located in Fairmount Park, the largest urban park in the nation. Built in 1802 within sight of the nearby Schuylkill River, the hostel provides accommodations for only \$9.50 a night! In 1964 the city authorized Chamounix Mansion's use as a youth hostel – the first city-owned youth hostel in the Western Hemisphere.

If you're ready to get out of the city and catch some local cool country breezes, try the Bowmansville AYH-Hostel. On a Sunday morning, you'll hear the click-clack of horse-drawn carriages carrying Mennonites and Amish to church.

The hostel is the oldest building

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Council Bulletin Board



Notes From The Activities Committee

I hope everyone had a chance to stop by the Earth Day Fair in Frick Park, and thank the following members for staffing our booth at The Fair: John Buck, Jim Ritchie, Rodney Horner, Clare Bunker and Barbara Hanusa.

The summer season is upon us and most of our activity programs are in full swing offering a wide variety of trips. Enjoy the sunshine and make new friends by going on a trip or two. You won't regret it! As always, if you have suggestions or comments concerning the activities program, feel free to call me at 441-2306. Jon Maiman, Activities Chair ♦♦

Items Wanted

- Manual typewriter in working condition (the simpler, the better) for use at Headquarters for filling out passes and student ID cards.
- Small safe for storing passes etc. at Headquarters. Either key or combination lock is OK.
Larry Laude (412) 665-9554♦♦

Help! Help! Help!

I'm looking for some "energetic" people to staff the store and the membership desk, and to take on other volunteer responsibilities during Thursday night open house. Volunteers will be rewarded and well-compensated!!! Give me a call right away. Bill Eberle (833-9732).♦♦



Newsletter Editor Apprentices Are Needed

Jan Bugby has stepped down as editor of *The Golden Triangle*. She has done a wonderful job for the past two years and we thank her. Jan kept us informed of activities and issues facing the Pittsburgh Council, and she entertained us with her colorful editorials.

Karen Lukas will be guest editor until one or two new people can take over the job.

Pittsburgh Council provides the editor with a Macintosh computer and the necessary software. If you have creative skills, are interested, and have always wanted to learn how to use PageMaker, you can work with Karen on the next couple of issues before taking over. It's a rewarding assignment because of the importance of the *Triangle* to our members.

Two volunteers are preferred because we publish the *Triangle* every month. Sometimes the deadlines conflict with professional commitments, family business and vacations. If you are interested, contact Karen (661-4835) for details.♦♦

make tracks for. . . **The Gigantic T-Shirt Sale!**

Hear ye! hear ye! As new store director I hereby announce the liquidation of our t-shirt stock at AYH **Rock Bottom Prices!** Baseball t's are \$2.00; short sleeve t's are \$1.00 while they last!

All of this must go! Summer is here! Hot weather is upon us!

Get a "t" on Thursday nights while supplies last. No mail order sales on sale items.

Call Bill Eberle (833-9732) for information.♦♦





The President's Corner

Trip Leaders Wanted

Wait . . . these are trips anyone can lead. These are tourist type trips to local and almost local attractions such as the Pittsburgh Zoo, the Aviary, Carnegie Museum, Pitt's Nationality Rooms, Old Economy, Pittsburgh Brewing Company, the Tour-Ed coal mine, Fallingwater, the submarine at the Buhl Science Center, Phipps Conservatory and Three Rivers Stadium. Many of these offer special guided tours for groups. Trips will be listed in the *Triangle* and perhaps also at the Pittsburgh hostels for hostellers looking for something to do. If you're interested in one of these or any other similar kind of trip, here's all you have to do:

- Pick a place to go.
- Check on the details (open hours, reservations, cost, if any, etc).
- Call Jon Maiman at 441-2306 or Larry Laude at 665-9554 to register your trip.
- List the trip in the newsletter and/or announce it at Open House.
- Meet at HQ or another location of your choice.
- Fill out a trip report.
- Enjoy!

A Hostel In Your Town

I've written in previous columns about hosteling and programs (activities). This month, I'd like to discuss our third focus area: hostels. This is a service that Pittsburgh Council provides to hostellers from around the world by opening and operating the actual hostel facilities. As you know, we have operated the Ohiopyle Hostel for over 10 years now and have had almost 10,000 hostellers as our guests. More recently we chartered a year round second hostel in Pittsburgh at the Pittsburgh VRC and a home hostel in Little Hickory at Tionesta. Our other chartered hostels are Point Park College, Living Waters in Schellsburg and Rego's Hotel in Charleroi. I'd like to see the Council open or charter additional hostels in Morgantown, Wheeling, State College, Erie, Johnstown as well as connecting hostels in between. Hostels along the rail trails opening throughout the area are also needed. A full hostel is preferred, but in some locations, a home hostel may be the better alternative if there wouldn't be enough hostellers to justify opening a full hostel. The next step is up to you. If you have enjoyed hosteling or just like the idea of having a hostel in your area, contact me or Linda Smithyman, chair of the Hostel Committee. *Larry Laude* ♦♦

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Bicycling in June

Friday to Sunday, May 31-June 2 **C & O Canal Bike Path**

B - A mountain bike trip for experienced riders, only. Ride part of the C&O Canal bike path. Cycle-camping at least one night. The trip size is limited so reserve early. The terrain is easy, but the pace is more advanced. Leader: **Jeff Marsh (384-7827)**.

Sunday, June 2 **Hunter's Run Waterfall Ride**

C - Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Slippery Rock University, 35 miles Hunter's Run Waterfall ride - This ride meets at Slippery Rock near Founder's Hall. It's a not-too-hilly, scenic ride. Bring your own food since there are no stores along the way. Call by Thursday to confirm. Leader: **Chuck Ejzak (466-6196)**.

Saturday, June 8 **Brush Creek Park Ride**

C - Meet at 9:30 a.m. at Warrendale Schwinn, 35 miles ride to Brush Creek Park and return. The terrain is gentle to moderately hilly. (Warrendale Schwinn is on Rte. 19 in Warrendale). Leader: **Ober Rooney (364-3956)**.

Sunday, June 9 **Clairton Park Ride**

B - Meet at 9:30 a.m. at Clairton Park, 50 miles ride in the Mon Valley. Gentle terrain, good scenery. Bring money for food. Leader: **John LeBlanc (233-0588)**.

Friday to Sunday, June 14-16 **Slippery Rock University.**

All - WAG, The Western PA Wheelmen's Annual Gathering. This is NOT an AYH ride, but it is a lot of fun. The rides vary from 15 to 100 miles. Application forms are available at HQ or call **Chuck Ejzak (466-6196)** for more information.

Saturday, June 22 **Fair Oaks Ride**

C - Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Sewickly Train Station, 35 miles ride through some moderately hilly terrain through Fair Oaks. Call the leader for more information and to reserve. Leader: **Ober Rooney (364-3956)**.

Saturday and Sunday, June 29-30 **The MS 150**

B - This year's event is going all the way to Presque Isle in Erie, PA. Each participant must raise \$150 minimum (which goes to fight MS), but is rewarded with a challenging, fun-filled event. Applications are available at HQ. Obtain information from **Chuck Ejzak (466-6196)**.

Thursday to Sunday, July 4-7 **Biking Weekend At The Shore**

Car camping and riding somewhere near the Atlantic Ocean. Call **Bill Eberle (833-9732)** for more details and to reserve a place.

Mountain Bike Rides

Rides meet at South Park every Saturday. There are trips for beginners, intermediate and advanced cyclers. Locations change along with times. Call **Tom Mantle (343-6885)** during business hours for more information. ➡

Mon Valley Century Planning Meeting June 3

The MVC Committee is looking for volunteers to help with this year's ride. If you would like to be a part of one of this area's biggest bicycle events, please contact **Chuck Ejzak (466-6196)**. A planning meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 3, 7:30 p.m. at the Ejzak's. You don't have to know anything about riding to volunteer. This year's Mon Valley Century ride is scheduled for August 18. ➡

Preview of Bike Trips in July and August

- C&O Canal Trip - July 19-21
- Ironmaster's Hostel in Pine Grove Furnace State Park - August 2-4
- Niagara Falls Weekend - August 9-11
- Mon Valley Century - August 18.

Canoeing in June

Friday and Saturday, May 31-June 1 **Leadership School**

A school for anyone who wants to lead AYH canoe trips. Experience through Class II paddling is recommended. Instructors: Roy Weil and Mary Shaw (681-5131).

Sunday, June 2 **Flatwater Trip to Conneaut Marsh**

Enjoy water birds and see an eagle's nest. Leader: Royanne Mac (335-7326)

Saturday, June 8 **Class I Trip**

Paddle the lovely Red Bank Creek. Leader: Don Hoecker (243-8298).

Sunday, June 9 **Whitewater II School**

WW II schools review the skills learned in WW I and moves on to eddy turns, peel outs, surfing, rescue, safety, and tactics for river running. It is taught on a Class II river. Instructor: Frank Bruns (561-8579).

Saturday, June 15 **Class II Trip**

Practice what you've learned in WW II school on a scenic stream. The choice will depend on water levels. Leader: Karen Lukas (661-4835).

Sunday, June 16 **Whitewater I School**

WW I schools review the basic strokes used on whitewater rivers along with river reading, safety, rescue, river etiquette, and scouting procedures. The school is taught on a Class I river. Instructor: Gordon Bugby (371-4233).

Saturday, June 22 **Solo Canoeing School**

Solo Schools are for experienced paddlers who want to "go it alone." Students should have taken the WW II school and have some experience paddling a variety of Class II rivers and streams. Instructor: Dave Marshik (733-1821).

Sunday, June 23 **Class II Trip**

Leader: Leslie Mayro (422-1641)

Saturday, June 29 **Class I-II Trip**

Leader: Janet Supowitz (247-4016)

Sunday, June 30 **Class II-III Trip**

Leader: Sam Duff (731-5485).

Thinking About A New Canoe?

There'll be a chance to try out the complete line of Mad River canoes on the Allegheny River in Pittsburgh on Saturday, June 8 when Mad River and Canoe Pittsburgh! sponsor **You Can Canoe Day**. Call Tom at Canoe Pittsburgh! (481-0700) for details. ♦♦



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Ohiopyle State Park
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Ohiopyle, PA 15470
(412)329-4476

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

Living Waters AYH-Hostel
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Schellsburg, PA 15559
(814)733-7607

Point Park College Youth Hostel
(S.A.)
(summer only)
201 Wood Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
(412)392-3824
(412)391-4100 (after 4 p.m.)

Caving in June

Saturday, June 22 **Beginning Caving Trip**

A beginning trip to explore a local cave. Leader: **Norm Snyder (351-4068)**.

Climbing in June

Saturday, June 1

Mountain Rescue Trip to High Rocks, Derry, PA

Meet at 8:00 a.m. at HQ. Mountain Rescue Trip to High Rocks, Derry, PA for intermediate level climbers. The mountain rescue trip will involve learning methods of transporting injured climbers off a cliff or down a steep slope. Leader: **Eric Bauer (687-0766)**.

Saturday-Sunday, June 8-9 **Bellfonte Quarry Weekend**

Bellfonte Quarry is an old limestone quarry in the town of Bellfonte near State College, PA. It has many interesting climbs; some of which are 100' high. If you are interested and you are an experienced climber, please contact Eric Bauer for further details. Leader: **Eric Bauer (687-0766)**.

Saturday, June 22

Seneca Prep Trip, High Rocks, Derry, PA

Intermediate climbers meet at 8:00 a.m. at HQ. The Seneca Prep trip is designed to teach climbers the skills needed to be a "second" on a multi-pitch climb. You must attend the Seneca Prep trip to be eligible to go on the Seneca Rocks trip on July 6-7. Leader: **Eric Bauer (687-0766)**.

Sunday, June 23

Beginner Trip to High Rocks, Derry, PA

Meet at 8:00 a.m. at HQ. Beginner trips are geared toward teaching basic rock climbing skills to people who have never climbed before. All you need to bring are tennis shoes and lunch. AYH supplies all climbing equipment. Leader: **Eric Bauer (687-0766)**.

Pittsburgh Council Activity Chairs

Bicycling

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Family Activities in June

Sunday, June 9 **Hike and Bog Walk**

Leader: Cindy Walter (834-6264).

Friday to Sunday, June 28-30 **Tent Camping in Cook Forest State Park**

Leader: Dan Cornell (242-6928).

Hiking in June

Saturday, June 1 **Beginner's Hiking /Photo Trip at Ohiopyle State Park**

Meet at HQ at 9:30 a.m. All hikers are encouraged to bring their cameras with slide film to photograph various areas of Ohiopyle State Park. We'd like to put together a slide show on Ohiopyle for future presentation at AYH. It may be possible to stay overnight at Ohiopyle Hostel and go rafting on Sunday. Leader: Linda Smithyman (531-1868).

Saturday, June 1 **Wildflower Hike at Raccoon Creek State Park**

Everyone is invited to meet at HQ at 8:30 a.m. to drive to Raccoon Creek State Park to enjoy the summer wildflowers. Hike 5 miles, including Preacher's Point. Leader: Jay Alexander (486-3359).

Saturday, June 8 **Intermediate Hike at Quebec Run**

Meet at HQ at 8:00 a.m. and hike 11 miles at Quebec Run. Leader: Pete Srini (921-1238).

Sunday, June 9 **Hike for Everyone at Charles S. Lewis**

Meet at HQ at 8:00 a.m. to take a 6 miles hike at Charles S. Lewis to enjoy the early summer wildflowers. Leader: Ben Brugmans (736-0103).

Sunday, June 9 **Maintenance Trip on the Baker Trail**

Pittsburgh Council is responsible for maintaining part of the Baker Trail. There is no activity fee for this trip. Leader: Pete Srini (921-1238).

Saturday, June 22 **Intermediate Hike**

Meet at HQ at 8:30 a.m. to bushwhack 12 miles at one of Steve's favorite places. Leader: Steve Tubbs (279-4866).

Remember To Renew Your Membership

Quick! Check the expiration date on the address label on your *Triangle*. Is it next month? or even this month? If so, it's time to renew. Yes, we'd like to keep sending you the newsletter and to send you a new pass good for another year of hosteling. With luck, you will have received a renewal notice from the AYH National office in Washington, D.C. If you send it back to the national office, allow 4 to 8 weeks for a new pass. If you need the pass sooner, mail the renewal notice or an application from this newsletter to Pittsburgh Council; we should be able to have your new pass back to you in about 2 weeks. For even faster service, renew at a Thursday evening open house and get the new pass on the spot. It's easier for us if you renew through the National office, but we'll be glad to handle your renewal, if that is necessary. ♦♦

New Handbooks Are Out

The *Hosteling North America 1991 Handbook* is out. This book is included with every membership and is now expanded to cover Canada as well as the U.S. If you joined AYH or renewed before April 1, you should receive your book directly from AYH National. If you haven't received your book by now, contact Pittsburgh Council.

Rafting in June

Sunday, June 2

Beginning Rafting Trip

Meet at HQ at 9:45 a.m. for a trip on the Lower Youghiogheny River. Everyone is welcome, including first time rafters. Approximate cost of the trip is \$18-20 for AYH members. Leader: **Linda Smithyman (531-1868-H)**.

Thursday, June 6

Rafting Slide Show at HQ

Rafter's Revenge! You won't want to miss it! The show starts at 8:15 p.m. at HQ.

Sunday, June 9

Beginning Rafting Trip

Meet at HQ at 8:15 a.m. for a trip on the Lower Youghiogheny River. Everyone is welcome, including first time rafters. Approximate cost of the trip is \$18-20 for AYH members. We'll probably stop for dinner on the way home. Leader: **Jon Maiman (441-2306-H)**.

Saturday, June 15

Beginning Rafting Trip

Meet at HQ at 9:15 a.m. for a trip on the Lower Youghiogheny River. Everyone is welcome, including first time rafters. Approximate cost of the trip is \$18-20 for AYH members. Leader: **Linda Smithyman (531-1868-H)**.

Sunday, June 23

Beginning Rafting Trip

Meet at HQ at 8:30 a.m. for a trip on the Lower Youghiogheny River. Everyone is welcome, including first time rafters. Approximate cost of the trip is \$18-20 for AYH members. Leader: **Shirley Ulaky (422-0849-H)**.

Saturday, July 7

Beginning Rafting Trip

Meet at HQ at 8:15 a.m. for a trip on the Lower Youghiogheny River. Everyone is welcome, including first time rafters. Approximate cost of the trip is \$18-20 for AYH members. Leader: **Linda Smithyman (531-1868-H)**.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT RAFTING

What to Bring: Suggested attire for raft trips includes old sneakers, bathing suits, t-shirt (optional), sun screen, bandana, glasses strap and a towel. You'll also need a full set of dry clothes to change into after the trip. Wool clothing and/or rain gear are needed for cool or rainy days. Bring your own bag lunch to eat on the river. Most trips take a full day and stop for ice cream or dinner on the way back.

How to Participate: Always call the leader to reserve a space. Please be considerate and do not call a home phone number late at night or early in the morning. Starting times depend on the time we have been assigned to put on the river in Ohio's State Park.

Impromptu Trips: When the river water levels cooperate, we frequently organize impromptu trips. These are usually on rivers other than the Lower Yough. and are announced at the Thursday evening open houses. ♦♦



Camp-out – July 6-7

Curly and Baby invite you to their first fund-raising camp-out.

Vegetarian food, a campfire and fire works at Green Acres Sanctuary, Inc., 18-acres of peace, 6 miles from Seven Springs. Bring tents, sleeping bags and blankets. We are a charitable, non-profit shelter for large animals removed from situations of abuse and neglect. Residents currently include pigs, turkeys, horses, ducks, geese and a rooster.

\$20/person. Call (814) 926-4902 for information and tickets.

Green Acres Sanctuary, Inc.
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Of all the stunts that men can do,
From flying, down to talking:
The exercise that beats them all,
Is just plain honest walking.
Henry Thacker.

New Zealand Youth Hostel Handbook.

Sailing in June

Saturday and Sunday, June 1-2

Sailing Classes – Session #1

Classes are filled, but interested AYH members who are beginner or intermediate sailors may stop by Watt Bay on Lake Arthur in Moraine State Park to watch the activities and ask questions. Instructors: **Rick Tomlinson and Bob Zavos (241-0659).**

Saturday and Sunday, June 18-9

Sailing Classes – Session #2

Sorry – this session is also filled, but stop by during the day to check out our boats or help us plan future activities. Instructors: **Rick Tomlinson and Bob Zavos (241-0659).**

Saturday and Sunday, June 15-16

Sailing Class Make-up or Open Sailing Day

These days are reserved for Sailing Class Make-up in case of bad weather. However, if classes go as scheduled the boats will be available for day sailors on Lake Arthur. The daily fee is only \$10 per person plus the AYH activity fee. Leaders: **Rick Tomlinson and Bob Zavos (241-0659).**

Saturday and Sunday, June 29-30

Pymatuning Weekend Trip

We will head up to the campground at Jamestown in Pymatuning State Park on Saturday morning and spend two days sailing. Bring tents for Saturday night at the campground. Weekend cost including two days of sailing and two meals on Saturday, overnight camp site and two meals on Sunday will be \$40. Leader: **Bob Zavos (241-0659).**

The Great Ride - There's Still Time to Register

There's still time to register to ride or volunteer in the Great Ride, coming up on Memorial Day. If you'd like to ride, check last month's *Triangle* for an application, call (412) 362-8181 or show up on the day of the ride. To volunteer, call Bill Eberle at 412-833-9732. ♦♦

History Comes to HQ June 13

Come and experience the lifestyles of those who pushed west across the American frontier. On June 13 we'll have guests from the early 1800s visit HQ to tell us about their time, their life-style, and their merging of cultures with the native Americans. ♦♦

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Sea-Kayaking in June

Tuesday, June 11

North Park Lake

Meet at 6:00 p.m. at HQ. This is an introductory level sea-kayaking trip to North Park Lake. Beginner instruction is provided on a calm, flatwater lake and/or there will be intermediate rescue instruction, or come out and spend an evening on the water. This is a good way to become acquainted with sea-kayaking if you're interested in one of the longer trips. Call to reserve a space. Leader: Mark Mistrik (441-8293-H).

Wednesday, June 19

Glade Run Lake

Meet at 6:00 p.m. at HQ (flexible). This is another introductory level sea-kayaking trip on Glade Run Lake. Call to reserve a space. Leader: Brian McBaine (443-8972-H).

Saturday, June 22

"Final Yough" Trip

Meet at 9:00 a.m. at HQ. Sea-kayaking day trip on the Final Yough from Sutersville to Boston. this is a popular, easy trip of about 9 miles. It's scenic and all flatwater. Call to reserve a space. Leader: Mark Mistrik (441-8293-H).

Saturday, June 29

Presque Isle, Lake Erie

Meet at 7:00 a.m. at HQ. Sea-kayaking day trip to Presque Isle, Lake Erie. Paddle along beaches and inland waterways, pass a bird sanctuary and a lighthouse. We will stop for breakfast en-route up and for dinner afterwards in Erie, PA. Call for more information and to reserve a space. Leader: Mark Mistrik (441-8293-H).

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Photo Wanted

Wanted: A black and white photo of AYH sea-kayaks alongside the U.S.S. Requin, down by the new Buhl Science Center. It'll make a great newsletter cover!

Contact Joe Hoechner (242-0781) for the film. ♦

Been Anywhere Interesting Lately?

Consider writing up your adventures for the *Triangle*. We can probably feature it on the front page! But if that thought intimidates you, we'll find another place for your article. You'll find the guidelines for submitting articles on the inside of the cover page. Add to the list that we can digitize your copy if it is typed. An electric typewriter gives the best results, but some manual typewriters produce dark, clean copy, too. We can also accept electronic mail sent from one of the commercial services or from BITNET or the Internet. The e-mail address for July is kl0z@andrew.cmu.edu. Remember you can always send in copy before the deadline!

Items For Sale

Canvas cots for sale - Joe Hoechner has some brand new, never used canvas and maple cots for sale. Left over from the Ohiopyle Hostel. You could call these "army type," but are the natural tan color. These can only be picked up at HQ with a check payable to "Pittsburgh AYH." Cost - \$10 each, call Joe at 242-0781. ♦

Expeditions Galore!

Another Sea-Kayaking Epic Journey in July

Wednesday to Sunday, July 3-7 we're off to the St. Lawrence Seaway, Cape Vincent in upstate New York. Stay at the Tibbetts Point Lighthouse AYH Hostel at Cape Vincent. There's lots of sight-seeing, and paddling nearby. The sea-kayakers have a reputation for trying most of the good restaurants where we paddle. Beginner level sea-kayaking, but at least an evening trip is a prerequisite. Call to reserve ASAP as we need to make reservations at the Hostel. Leader Mark Mistrik (441-8293-H). ➡

August, 1991 Salt-Water Sea-Kayaking Expedition

Drifting with the seaweed – do-si-doing with harbor seals – dancing on the waves – that's sea-kayaking in Maine!

If you're an AYH member and an experienced sea-kayaker, join the 199 Pittsburgh Council AYH Sea-Kayaking Expedition in Maine.

The weekend of August 2-4 we'll attend the East Coast Sea-Kayaking Symposium sponsored by L.L. Bean at the U.S. Maritime Academy in Castine, Maine. We will hear the tales of heroic sea-kayakers and pick up tips on navigation and wild-food foraging. (We'll also enjoy a lobster feast).

The week of August 4-10, we'll launch our kayaks onto the waters for a journey through some of Maine's most picturesque islands. We will leave the mainland at Stonnington with the object of camping in Ile Au Haut, a part of Acadia National Park, an island accessible only by small craft. As with all kayaking, our destination will be determined by wind, tide, weather - and the wishes of the group.

AYH members may rent an AYH sea-kayak and join us for all or part of this trip. For those planning to attend the Symposium early reservation is essential. For reservations and more information call Cathy Lynch and Dave Sadler (361-3707) or Mark Mistrik (441-8293). ➡

Gettysburg Bike Trip? Not This Year But...

Due to scheduling problems Pittsburgh Council will **not** be leading its annual bike trip to Gettysburg this year. You can, however, go to the "Blue & Gray" Bike Rally set for June 14-16. The Rally is run by the PA Bike Federation and it will have a variety of rides with accommodations at Gettysburg College.

Registration is limited to the first 200 with costs in the \$50-75 range depending on rooms and meal package.

Time is short! Look for an application at AYH Headquarters or call for information: (717) 761-3388.

If you can't head east you can go north to Slippery Rock to cycle with W.A.G. '91 with the W. PA Wheelmen. Look for ride applications at HQ. **Note:** It's set for the same weekend June 14-16 so you can't do both!

Stanford House Hostel Weekend July 12-14

Stay in a restored farmhouse located in the Cuyahoga National Recreation Area. Road riding and bike path riding are available. This weekend trip should be lots of fun. Reserve early (June 27 deadline) with a \$10 check made out to Pittsburgh AYH. This trip is being lead by Lori Prucha (343-9863). Call Lori to reserve and to find out where to send the check. If you miss this trip, look for another in September. ➡

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in Bowmansville, built as a country store in 1820. Part of the building served as a post office – with once-a-week pony express delivery. Later, the building housed a cigar factory. The hostel opened in 1937 and is the oldest continuously operated hostel in the United States.

Around Washington, D.C.

About 2 hours north of Washington by car, Ironmaster's Mansion AYH-Hostel is steeped in history. Built in 1762, the mansion was originally home to Peter Egi, then the manager of the Pine Grove Furnace ironworks. Egi was a 'bootlegger' iron smelter, mining iron behind the scenes despite British law dictating that iron ore mined in the colonies must be shipped back to England. Even George and Martha Washington supported the covert operation and paid a personal visit to the mansion to see the ironworks.

During the Civil War, gunfire set the mansion ablaze and partially destroyed it. Restoration for use as a hostel retained the historic integrity of the building – right down to period wallpaper!

The hostel is also a hiker's dream; the 2,000-mile Maine-to-Georgia Appalachian Trail passes just a few feet from the door. Bicyclists enjoy quiet country roads or follow the east grade of an old railroad bed. In the winter, cross-country skiers take advantage of the same trail, and everyone enjoys the jacuzzi.

Coming Attractions at IMYH

- August 4 - Sunday at noon - potluck on the front porch

■ October 26 - Saturday at 6:30 p.m. - pumpkin cut/roasted marshmallow & hot chocolate in Pine Grove Furnace State Park.

■ December 7 - 7th Annual Christmas Tree Trimming Party at IMYH.

Twenty minutes down the road from the Ironmaster's Mansion is the Gettysburg International AYH-Hostel. If you want a real taste of Civil War history, what better way than to spend a night here! The hostel is located in the former James Getty Hotel, which served as a hospital during the Civil War. It has many family rooms, and is popular with school groups.

The hostel is within walking distance of most of the area's museum and resort attractions, and just one mile from the Visitor's Center of the 3,500-acre National Military Park. Personalized tours of the battlefield can be arranged at the Visitor's Center. For those interested in touring the area under their own steam, the Park has an extensive network of hiking, biking and equestrian trails.

Around Pittsburgh

60 miles southeast of Pittsburgh, the Ohiopyle State Park AYH-Hostel is part of the 20,000-acre Ohiopyle State Park. The Youghiogheny (or the "Yough") River flows through the park, with the Ohiopyle Falls a short walk from the hostel.

The Yough provides some of the best whitewater rafting in the region, and whitewater equipment is available for rent or for sale near the hostel. Classes and organized raft trips are at the back door.

Nearby downhill ski areas include Seven Springs (15 miles) and Hidden Valley (20 miles).

Ferncliff Nature Reserve, below the Ohiopyle Falls, is a unique habitat for plants usually found further south. Just 3 miles north of the hostel is Frank Lloyd Wright's world-famous house, "Fallingwater."

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Discover AYH and Escape to Pennsylvania! For more information on Pennsylvania AYH-Hostels, write or call: Pittsburgh Council AYH, 6300 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15232 (412) 362-8181. Or call or write the Hostels that interest you!

Hostels Featured In This Article

Bowmansville AYH-Hostel, Box 157, Bowmansville, PA 17507, (215) 445-4831.

Chamounix Mansion AYH-Hostel, W. Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, PA 19131, (215) 878-3676.

Gettysburg International AYH-Hostel, 27 Chambersburg Street, Gettysburg, PA (717) 334-1020.

Ironmaster's Mansion AYH-Hostel, R.D. #2, Box 397-B, Pine Grove Furnace State Park, Gardners, PA 17324 (717) 486-7575.

Ohiopyle State Park AYH-Hostel, P.O. Box 99, Ohiopyle, PA 15740 (412) 329-4476. ♦♦

Kayaking This Summer

Saturday and Sunday, June 15-16

TRPC Whitewater Kayak Training Clinic

This Clinic provides excellent introductory or advanced kayak training held all weekend on the Slippery Rock Creek, near McConnell's Mill. Contact: **Randy Sheesley (781-9525-H)** for details of the Clinic, call **Ray Yutzy (341-5682-H)** to reserve an AYH kayak and equipment.

Saturday and Sunday, June 22-23

AYH Introductory Kayak School

Meet at HQ at 8:00 a.m. See the write-up, AYH Beginning Kayaking Schools. Leaders: **Ray Yutzy (341-5682-H)** and **John Gaylor**.

Saturday and Sunday, July 13-14

AYH Introductory Kayak School

Meet at HQ at 8:00 a.m. See the write-up below. Leaders: **Ray Yutzy (341-5682-H)** and **John Gaylor**.

Saturday, July 20

Kayak Whitewater River Trip

Meet at HQ at 8:30 a.m. Class I-II whitewater trip. Beginner's School (or equivalent experience) is a prerequisite. Trip location will depend on water levels.

Saturday and Sunday, August 3-4

TRPC Turkey Bash Whitewater Kayak Training Clinic

This Clinic is sponsored by the Three Rivers Paddling Club. Introductory or advanced kayak training will be held all weekend at Ohiopyle. Along with excellent whitewater and a whole crew of paddlers, you also get to enjoy turkeys roasted on an open pit. Lots of fun, so put it on your calendar early. Contact: **Tim Chase (748-3029 before 9:30 p.m.)** for details of the event; **Ray Yutzy (341-5682-H)** to reserve an AYH kayak and equipment.

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AYH Beginning Kayaking Schools

AYH beginning kayaking schools are held once a month, June through September, each summer. These schools provide an introduction to the exciting sport of whitewater kayaking. They are open to complete beginners (those who have never been in a kayak before) and to those who have never kayaked on whitewater before, and they are great fun! The schools last an entire weekend and include an overnight stay at the Pittsburgh Council hostel in Ohiopyle. The first day of the school is spent learning the basic skills of kayak paddling on a very nice, calm lake. The second is spent developing those skills on a very easy (Class I-II) whitewater river. Space is limited and preference will be given to AYH members, so sign up early. Call **John Gaylor (366-4062)** or **Ray Yutzy (341-5682)** for more information.



Kayaks for Sale

Two AYH Perception Dancers are being sold by sealed bid near the end of July. These are the most popular whitewater kayaks on the river today, so be sure to make an offer. Contact one of the Kayak chairpersons (listed on page 6) for details. ♦♦

It's Here!! It's Here!! It's Here !!

**The 1991 Eighth Edition of the
Canoeing Guide to
Western Pennsylvania and
Northern West Virginia**



Compiled and edited by Roy R. Weil and Mary Shaw

The geographic area covered by this guide includes all streams whose waters drain into the Ohio River within Pennsylvania and the northern panhandle of West Virginia or into Lake Erie from Pennsylvania. This guide emphasizes open-canoe paddling on easy to intermediate whitewater, although major rivers, flat streams of scenic interest, and more difficult creeks of interest to closed boaters (kayakers) are included. The coverage in the guide is of many canoeable streams rather than extensive description of a few.

This guide consists of 480 pages with 270 trips covering 3039 miles of streams and has evolved over 30 years from a mimeographed pamphlet of 11 pages with 20 trips covering 350 miles of streams. The major revisions in this edition include completely revised hydrology (more usable stream size, gauges, and normal wet period), addition of over 50 new streams, and revisions of almost all of the write-ups. The average age of the write-ups was decreased from nearly 8 years in the seventh edition to about 3 years at the end of canoeing season 1990. A rewrite of the shuttles into a more usable, consistent format was initiated.

Many individuals have contributed lots of volunteer effort in the development of this guide throughout its 30-year history. The editors, Roy R. Weil and Mary Shaw, wish to recognize the following people who have made major contributions to this guide throughout its development: Rich Bartoo, Bob Buck, Gordon Bugby, Bob Burrell, Carol Davis, Lloyd Geertz, Ed Gertler, Ray Gerard, Jim Gogots, Don Hoecker, Ed Holloway, Tom Irwin, John Mahaffey, Walt Pilewski, Tom Reilly, Harvey Shapiro, Katherine Spindt, and John Sweet.

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The guide will be available in mid April for \$13.95 + tax from the hostel storekeeper on Thursday evenings, Roy or Mary on the river, or Canoe Pittsburgh in the Southside during normal store hours. It will be available from booksellers and outdoor stores soon after their orders come in. Ask your favorite outfitter to order soon. Mail order from AYH is also an option, but it will cost an additional \$2.84 for postage, handling and sales tax.

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