

THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE

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We need shows. To Volunteer
Call Rodney Horner
(339-0944)

The Beartooth Wilderness: Who Could Believe It?

Part 2

by Glenn Oster

Day three was our easiest but chock full of interest. We hiked past the very impressive Rimrock Lake, across a pack-bridge and then down and down following the furious East Rosebud Creek (it's name bears no resemblance to its turbulence) past Elk Lake and eventually to East Rosebud Lake (Dave saw a moose just before reaching the lake) and a National Forest Service campground. We had dropped 1,650 feet over about seven miles. There was much of interest here. We could now see the location of the forest fire and you might expect me to say that it was the greatest attraction, but what got virtually immediate attention? Yep. You've guessed it - there was a little community called Alpine with a postage stamp sized store that sells ice cream. We virtually bought it out! Gerry even bought hot dogs and let everyone in the group have one to roast over the campfire, and I heard some sort of strange tale about Cay and Bernard's pizza - they alone will understand this item.

By evening the blaze from the forest fire, some four miles away, could be seen shooting toward the sky. Some 400 fire-fighters had been assembled to control this one.

Some of us were lucky to stumble onto the man who was directing the entire fire fighting operation. We couldn't believe it, but he talked with us for nearly a half hour - we're the ones who broke off the conversation - very interesting. We had gone there to look at the large work helicopter that had just landed and he and others appeared. He explained that they already had cut a fire ring completely around the fire and were back burning. What was really fascinating the next morning was watching the helicopter hover over the lake, drop down and fill a Huge bucket of water, hoist it high and fly back to the fire site to wet down the fire ring so that flames couldn't jump it. Back and forth all day long. Didn't even make a dent in East Rosebud Lake.

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Council Bulletin Board



Board and Committee Meetings

November Board of Directors Meeting: The budget for fiscal year 1991 was approved essentially as recommended by the Activities Board. Jon Maiman was elected as a member of the Board based on the recommendation of the Activities Board; the Board also stated that it was open to additional recommendations for Directors from the Activities Committee. The committees and chairs for 1991 were approved and are: Activities (Jon Maiman), Hostels (Linda Smithyman), Member Services (Jack Peth), Finance (Roy Weil), Operations (Joe Hoechner), Headquarters Renovation (Ray Yutzy), and Bylaws (Marianne Kasica). The use of a paid volunteer for handling memberships by mail was approved. The status of our tenure in Mellon Park and proposed resolutions for the National Council meeting were also discussed.

The **January Board of Directors** meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, January 21 at Joe Hoechner's office at One Oxford Center downtown. Council members are welcome to attend as observers. Future meetings will be on March 18 and May 20, 1991. For more information, contact Larry Laude at (412)665-9554.

There will be a meeting of the **Hostels Committee** on Monday January 7th. Check with Linda Smithyman at (412)513-1868.

There will **not** be an **Activities Committee** meeting in January. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 6. Check with Jon Maiman at (412)441-4306 for the time and place.

The **Operations, Member Services, Headquarters and Finance Committees** will be also meeting prior to the January Board meeting, but dates have not been set yet. ➡

THANKS!!

Thanks to the volunteers for helping out at the WQED (and WQEX) Pledge Drive on Monday, December 3rd. The 14 volunteers were Jackie Short, Joe Hoechner, Jim Ritchie, Steve Poprocky, Chris Kline, Grace Piske, Peggy Mills, Jon Maiman, Linda Smithyman, Beverly Honchoek, Jeff Marsh, Marianne Kasica, Tom Rodgers, and Jack Peth. Everyone deserves a big hand for their help. ➡

Pittsburgh Travel & Outdoors Show

The Pittsburgh Council will again have a booth at this year's show downtown at the convention center, Wednesday February 27-Sunday March 3. Joe Hoechner will be looking for volunteers for both daylight and evening hours (not to mention set up and take down). AYH members of all kinds are needed - active hostellers and local activity types to "talk up" AYH to the public.

Watch February's *Triangle* for show hours. If you'd like to book a certain day or evening now call Joe at 242-0781. Thanks. ➡

Outdoor Show Hours

Wednesday	4-10 p.m.
Thursday	4-10 p.m.
Friday	4-10 p.m.
Saturday	11 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Sunday	11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Deadlines for the February Issue

Copy
January 3
Binding & Mailing
January 24



Council Bulletin Board

Help Your Presentation Coordinator

Your slide show coordinator could use an assistant. He will be missing some meetings because of downhill skiing. The position is easy. You bring out the projector and introduce the speaker at the beginning. (The speakers always know how to set-up the projector). At the end, put away the projector then get the names of anyone who wants to do a show.

February and March are usually the most difficult months to fill for shows. The membership enjoys presentations of almost any subject. If you have any presentation to give, call Rodney Horner at 339-0944. Trip leaders, it is not too early to think about scheduling previews of your spring activities.♦♦

Ohiopyle Work Party

I'd like to do some interior work at the Ohiopyle Hostel perhaps Friday, December 28 and/or Saturday, December 29. We can hike or cross country ski and work for a few hours too. Stay overnight for free for helping out. Call Linda Smithyman at 531-1868 for the dates and times.♦♦

Important Notes for Winter Trippers:

- When returning from any trip, insure that all cars start and no one is left spinning their wheels in the parking lot.
- Now is the time to check and clean your cross-country ski equipment:
 - Check that the bindings are securely attached to the skis. Insure that the boots still fit and attach properly to their bindings.
 - Check your poles, tips, and baskets. If you have bamboo, tape any cracks.
 - Clean your skis and smooth any gouges before base waxing.
 - Place your name and phone number on your equipment so it doesn't become lost when mixed with others.

AYH has some cross-country equipment in childrens' sizes. The skis fit those of four feet tall and shoes sizes 12 to 6. Not all sizes are available. Rental rate is \$3.00/week. Contact Fred Parker (856-4713) if interested.♦♦

Cross-Country Ski Brochure

The Pittsburgh Council has a free brochure available describing its cross-country ski program.

"Take the family cross country skiing" provides a brief description of the background of Nordic skiing and information about AYH trips, instruction, and ski rentals available on AYH sponsored trips.

To obtain a copy of the brochure send your name and address and a first class stamp for postage to: AYH Skiing, 6300 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15232♦♦



Mid-Week Rambles

Every Wednesday we meet at 10:00 a.m. in the upper parking lot at Fifth and Shady Avenues. We generally take a 3 to 4 mile "ramble" at a slow pace. Call for more information on current activities or to make arrangements to meet the group. Cliff or Marilyn Ham (687-4520-H)♦♦

Volleyball

We'll play indoors at Schenley School every Tuesday evening from 6:30 - 9:30. For more information call Jeff Marsh (384-7827) or Joel Platt (521-5244-H) or (421-4446-W)♦♦

The President's Corner



THE NEW PITTSBURGH AYH. The restructuring of the Council's operations continued at the November Board of Directors meeting with the designation of committees and of committee chairs. The final committees and chairs are listed in a separate report on the Board and Board Committees. I've been encouraged by the progress already being made by several of the committees, particularly Activities, Member Services and Hostels. We still have several vacancies on the Board and are particularly interested in persons with additional skills in finance, fund raising, accommodations and business operations. If you are interested or know of someone who might be willing to serve on the Board, please let me know.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING. The annual meeting of the AYH National Council was held the weekend before Thanksgiving in Austin Texas. The meeting was as interesting and informative as ever. While there were no dramatic issues before the Council, it was still an opportunity to meet the National staff and people from the other Councils as well as to attend the workshops. We also had a chance to visit the Austin hostel, which is nicely done and well worth a visit. At the National Board meeting following the Council meeting, Dan Burden was elected President of AYH, replacing Janet Thompson who was retiring from that office after two years. Next year's meeting will be virtually next door in Philadelphia. I encourage members and volunteers to try to attend.

NEW HOSTELS. I'd like to welcome our two newest hostels to the AYH network. The Pittsburgh VRC Youth Hostel at 1323 Forbes Avenue opposite Duquesne University has received its charter and has already had its first overnights. We now can accommodate hostellers year round. (Point Park College was only open to hostellers during the summer.) So if you have been considering coming to Pittsburgh, we're ready for you. Call the Pittsburgh VRC at 471-2600. Rich Schall has opened the Little Hickory Home Hostel along the Allegheny River just north of Tionesta. The home hostel overlooks a small trout stream not far from the Allegheny National Forest. Rich plans to operate the home hostel primarily from Spring to Fall and can be reached at (814)755-4908. As always, reservations are required at home hostels. ♦ *Larry Laude* (412)665-9554

The Pittsburgh Hostel Story

by Linda Smithyman

The Hostel Development Committee continues to be active. We have recently chartered two new hostels: a home hostel in West Hickory, PA and a supplemental accommodation in the Vocational Rehabilitation Center located on Forbes Avenue. We're looking into permanent sites for the Pittsburgh area. Our next scheduled meeting is Monday, January 7 at 7:30 p.m. Call Linda Smithyman (531-1868) for the location and what's for dinner if you are interested in attending. ♦

Committee Members Needed:

I've received a charter for a special ad-hoc committee under the present Activities Committee. The purpose of the committee will be to spearhead a campaign to survey the present members of the Pittsburgh Council. The main objective for the survey is to get a better idea on what improvements can be made on the activities for the upcoming year. Interested? Please contact me at 833-9732. We'll meet in late January. I will chair the committee and at present Linda Smithyman and Chuck Ezjak are members. Thank you. *Bill Eberle*

Pittsburgh Council Activity Chairs

Bicycling

Chuck Ejzak 466-6196
Bill Eberle 833-9732

Canoeing

Clare Bunker 244-9788

Caving

Dan Martt 921-4638

Climbing

Eric Bauer 687-0766

Family Activities

Barbara Hanusa 441-7205

Hiking & Backpacking

Ben Brugmans 736-2751
Pat Tieman 561-3286

Kayaking

Ray Yutzy 341-5682
John Gayler 421-1307

Mid-Week Trips

Cliff Ham 687-4520

Rafting

Jon Maiman 441-2306
Linda Smithyman 531-1868

Sailing

Bob Zavos 325-2175

Sea Kayaking

Ted Self 795-6286
Mark Mistrik 441-8293

Volleyball

Jeff Marsh 384-7827

X-C Skiing

Fred Parker 856-4713
Steve Tubbs 279-4866

Trips In January

HIKING & BACKPACKING

1/18-21 Fri-Mon Int Glenn Oster 364-2864(H) before 9 p.m.

Take advantage of the holiday weekend (Martin Luther King's birthday on Monday the 21st) to hike a super section of the North Country Trail in Allegheny National Forest. Call for info and reservations. We can work out a two day trip for those who can't take three days.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

All trips leave at 8:30 and unless otherwise announced by the trip leader. Call the trip leader for trip details. Our policy is NO SNOW NO GO, but once again you could call the trip leader. The call would let him or her know somebody is thinking of them.

1/5	Sat	Int	Jenann & Steve Tubbs	279-4866
1/6	Sun	Beg	Royanne Mac	335-7326
1/12	Sat	Beg	Mark Mistrik	441-8293
1/13	Sun	Int	Rich Franke	822-7580
1/19	Sat	Int	Lorie Prucha	343-9863
1/20	Sun	All	Shirley Ulaky	422-0849
1/26	Sat	Int	Norm Snyder	351-4068
1/27	Sun	Beg	Cliff & Marilyn Ham	687-4520

Try X-Country Skiing Thursday Evenings before the AYH meetings at 6:30. \$2.00 rental.

1/3	Joe Hoechner	242-0781
1/10	Cliff & Marilyn Ham	687-4520
1/17	Fred Parker	856-4713
1/24	Norm Snyder	351-4068
1/31	Lynn & Chuck Ejzak	351-4068

Armstrong County's 3rd Annual Baker Trail Hike

by Pete Srinl

Every year the Armstrong County Tourism Bureau organizes a hike on the Baker Trail. The hike is usually in the second week of October when the leaves are at their brightest. A large number of people of different ages and varying physical ability attend the hike. Our AYHers go on the hike as trip leaders.

This year, the hike was on Saturday, October 13. The hike covered the Crooked Creek section of the Baker Trail. This is one of the prettiest sections of the trail, which goes through woods, country roads and farmlands. The highlights of the Trail include the covered bridge over Horney Run and the magnificent view of the Crooked Creek reservoir.

Over 220 people were scheduled to go on the hike, but due to the threat of rain, only 93 people registered. We had split up the hikers into groups of 20 with three or four AYHers accompanying each group. Tom Kavaney led the first group. He hiked from Brick church towards the Crooked Creek dam.

It had rained the week before, and the whole trail had become a wetland in most places. The trail followed a jeep route until we came to Pine Run. There was no bridge across the stream, so different strategies were followed to cross it. Some took off their shoes and waded across, some forded it with their shoes on and others tried to cross it by stepping over rocks. Everybody got wet feet anyway. Most of the

people enjoyed the challenge presented by the stream crossing. The trail got muddier and muddier after this. In some places the trail almost looked like a swamp. Everybody slid, slipped and plodded along.

We went through farmlands and back roads before we reached the covered bridge. This was a popular lunch spot for the hikers. From the bridge the trail went along an old logging path towards the reservoir. After about a mile, the trail makes a turn to the left while the logging road goes straight ahead. Unfortunately the turn was missed by two of the hikers. They



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Ohioyle, 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
RD# 1 (1 mile west on Route 30)
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 pm.)

went quite a while along the logging road before they started to notice that there were no blazes. They backtracked and met the "sweep" group. There was some logging going on along the trail. Consequently quite a few people had difficulty going through the fallen trees. We crossed Elbow Run with-out undue difficulty. Negotiating the last two steep hills was made a lot easier by the switch-backs built by the Boy Scouts last summer.

We walked along a back road and reached the picnic area near the reservoir. A bus took us back to the starting point of the hike. There were no major injuries and everyone completed the hike. The last of the stragglers made it in around 5 p.m. In spite of the difficult terrain and the threat of rain, everyone had fun and promised to be back next year.

Thanks to Tom Kavaney, Rodney Horner, Sid Pant, Jim Ritchie, Brian McBane, Nick Broskovich, Sheila Kier, Dee Gavin, Lori Love, Charles Seifert, Royanne Mac and Janet Stuckert for volunteering to be AYH leaders for the hike. My special thanks to Tom Kavaney for merging his scheduled hike into the Baker Trail hike so we had a sufficient number of AYHers to manage the group. I must also thank Glenn Oster who had reblazed the trail a few days before the hike. ➡

North Country Trail Opportunity: We Can Help

We of the Pittsburgh Council of AYH enjoy the honor of having the North Country National Scenic Trail follow the northernmost section of our Baker Trail for 25 miles. Admittedly, this is only a small fraction of the 3,200 mile trail being constructed, but we consider this piece as ours and we add an additional 100 miles to the Ohio line for activities such as hiking and cross country skiing. Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh AYH are blessed.

Pittsburgh AYH is a member of the North Country Trail Association (NCTA). That's the organization that is doing its best with volunteer help to keep this dream alive and to encourage local trail groups like ourselves in establishing and certifying the trail in their areas, but it is tough sledding with only volunteers.

NCTA has the unique opportunity to receive a \$60,000 initial grant from the National Park Service to obtain paid staff to help further this work, but NCTA does not have sufficient operating funds to carry itself until the expense reimbursements begin to flow back. It needs help now.

This is important to you and AYH and we can help. Make a tax deductible donation. Complete the form below and mail a check in whatever amount you can. Whether you give \$5 or \$100, your gift will make a difference.

Please return this section with your check

Mail to: NCTA, P.O. Box 311, White Cloud, MI 49349

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Amount Enclosed: ()\$ ()\$15 ()\$25 ()\$50 ()\$____ (Other)

Your contribution is **tax deductible**

Please make checks payable to North Country Trail Association.



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Day number four called for a 2,800 foot climb directly up from the campsite, a loss of 450 feet, and a climb of 400 feet to Crowe Lake. This was our most primitive campground (and most difficult to hike into over dead trees (every which way) serving as a bridge, much soft ground to sink into, icy streams to rock hop - some hopping more successfully than others - and a hungry hoard of mosquitoes serving as an anxious welcoming committee). Dave, Gerry and Bernard tried to climb up to see the glacier that fed the lake, but no trail exists and the vegetation and dense clouds of militant mosquitoes proved too much even for Dave (who doesn't use mosquito repellent - some guys are tough - I virtually bathed in the stuff and bought more in the little store at East Rosebud). An interesting sidelight - at Crowe Lake there were several men who had been brought in by a pack train and dropped off for fishing. Actually, they are the ones who directed us to the campground - very helpful. They were being packed out next day - took 7 people and even more horses to move them back to "civilization". What we do backpacking looks so simple in comparison. Their advantage? They can have coolers of iced Coors and fresh meats, milk and vegetables. Of course, we didn't miss things like that. Not much.

On day five leaving Crowe Lake was something else! We reminded everyone to turn right when the Crowe Lake spur returned to the main trail. One of our number who will remain anonymous didn't

realize that the main trail had been reached and in effect went left. So, some of us had a half hour opportunity for a little extra exercise rounding that person up. Simultaneously, some of our group who had moved ahead on the right trail picked up a side trail not shown on the maps and sent Mary Ellen McShea, our backpacking silver bullet, that way in error. We had to retrieve her as well; as fast as she hikes that was no easy task.

Eventually, having our entire group pointed the proper direction on the trail, we started our climb to Red Lodge Creek Plateau. There we had lunch at the real trail intersection that some of our folks thought they had reached earlier when they fired the silver bullet out the wrong trail. During lunch, clouds started rolling in. This spelled trouble. We were at about 10,700 feet elevation and very quickly couldn't see the rock piles, called cairns, that were to guide us across this treeless plateau. Dave Foster's natural leadership skills took over (I was at the rear and hadn't realized how dense the fog was), and he recommended that we close ranks and walk close together - sure was hard on our silver bullet to walk as slowly as us mortals. We dropped a gradual 300 - 400 feet, climbed a steep 400 feet and soon dropped down and down below tree line to an area called Senia on the West Fork of Rock Creek, a drop of better than 2,500 feet in all.

This became a story of its own. Because of the cold dampness of the clouds on the plateau, everyone had rain jackets on and most were wearing hiking shorts. As men-

tioned, it had been cold on the plateau-wind, dampness and no sun. But, to add complexity, on the way down an electrical storm moved in on us and the temperature dropped even more. To protect ourselves from rain and lightning, we backed up to a hunting lodge hoping the eaves of the roof would give a measure of protection. They did to some extent. However, while waiting there we got colder still! No one suspected what was happening - we were moving toward hypothermia. When the lightning ceased, we walked a brisk mile on a gravel road to our new trail head, and that helped a bit with the feeling of coldness. However, we should have stopped there (even though the rain was heavy) to put on warm clothes because over the next mile it became clear that we could soon be hypothermic. We had to act quickly and set up tents at the first opportunity. Those most chilled took off their wet clothing and dived into their sleeping bags to thaw out - one snoozed for a good three hours and made dinner in the dark. Bernard became a hero when he made a great campfire, for which we were all grateful, and everyone felt a good deal better when they were warm, fed and dried out. We'll surely remember that day! Our hike that day worked out to about 900 feet of climbs and drops of about 2,900 feet over eleven miles.

The sixth day was also one to be remembered. Our water source, at the camp site had been none other than Calamity Falls - beautiful and forceful. Access to the stream was not difficult, but a careless slipup would have been fatal. What a su-



per sight it was in the bright morning light! Throughout the morning after leaving Calamity Falls we climbed something like 900 feet over about seven miles to a beautiful meadow with a pack bridge over the West Fork of Rock Creek, the snow melt stream that feeds Sundance Lake and eventually Calamity Falls. In that area were many of the highest peaks in Montana Whitetail Peak at 12,548 feet, Silver Run Peak at 12,500 feet, Castle Mountain at 12,612 feet, Sundance Mountain at 12,272 feet and others nearly as high. Lots of snow. And there in front of us was the steep mountain wall that we had to climb to clear the 10,850 foot Sundance Pass.

People we met along the trail spoke in awe about it as a climb. My map was dead wrong here. I checked it ever so carefully, and it showed a 250 meter (800+ feet) altitude differential. One look told

me it had to be 1,600 feet, not 800. Incidentally, another map that Dave carried confirmed that my guess of 1,600 feet was on target. At this point Helen and I were trailing the others, and it had become 3:00 PM as we started up. Other hikers had told us there were 100 switchbacks on this climb. That blew my mind. So as we ground our way up, I counted. The switchback gradients were mostly gentle, for which we were thankful. However, I counted only 59 and only 25 on the opposite side. We've done lots of climbs twice as high and even higher on some of our other hikes out west, but Sundance Pass had a character all its own. I'll never understand why it seemed so challenging. To add to our concern, an electrical storm turned everything dark and we prepared ourselves for lightning on the treeless side of a high mountain. Not a pleasant prospect. But luck was with us. The lightning

remained south of us. It was dusk by the time Helen and I reached September Morn Lake where the rest of our crew were camped. We had taken time out on the climb up to Sundance Pass to have dinner on the trail; so upon arriving at camp we had only to set up our tent and crawl in. We never did get a good look at September Morn Lake. We had hiked about ten miles, climbed about 2,800 feet in all and descended 800 feet - ,and this was to be one of my easier western trips! The official forest map was wrong in so many ways. I had added 25% to the miles shown on the map to cover twists and turns, ups and downs, but at times that was still underestimated. And while the elevations at times were on target - at others, most understated. But everyone did great. From here on it was "all down hill." →

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WEEKEND COSTS: MEMBER-\$50.00, NON-MEMBER-\$55.00. Two private rooms with one double bed each are available for \$60.00 per member and \$65.00 for non-member.

Please indicate the weekend for which you have made a reservation:

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ ARE YOU AN AYH MEMBER? _____

WEEKEND OF _____

_____ I can drive and I can take (#) _____ riders.

_____ I cannot drive

_____ I will drive and meet the group at Wilderness Lodge.

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ for _____ (#) members, _____ (#) non-members.

Blackwater Falls Getaway Weekend

January 25 - 26 - 27, 1991

All you have to do is cut a few corners to enjoy a relaxing weekend in West Virginia at the beautiful Blackwater Falls lodge overlooking the Blackwater River Gorge. It's easy, just fill out the reservation form on the facing page, clip it out, and mail it along with your check to: Pittsburgh AYH, Blackwater Falls Weekend, 6300 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15232. Additional information call: (412) 362-8181

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| ** Cross country skiing - from the front door!! | ** Birding |
| ** Hiking | ** Horseback riding (varies year to year) |
| ** Downhill skiing - is available at Canaan Valley (20 minutes from the lodge by car) | ** Loafing, reading or just "catching up" |
| ** Tobogganing - with rope tow, near lodge | ** Free movies, Saturday evening |
| | ** Square dancing |
| | ** Ice skating (outdoor, weather permitting) |

Blackwater Falls lodge has: a restaurant (serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner); a large common room with a fireplace; a game room and a gift shop with VCR and tape rentals.

Cross country ski trips and hiking trips are informally arranged and led by AYH members. There are usually several small groups covering various ability levels and distances, going out both Saturday and Sunday. There is a limited amount of AYH cross country equipment available for rent. (You must reserve equipment with the cross country chairperson, at least two weeks in advance of the trip).

Reservation Information - Pay in FULL for either:

- (1) One twin bed in a two (2) person room. A roommate will be assigned.
- (2) The WHOLE room. You select your own roommates. Please list them on the reservation form.

Prices listed below include AYH's special weekend registration and lodging costs for Friday and Saturday nights. *All meals are your own responsibility.*

No. of Rooms	No. of People	Type of Room	Pay after Nov. 30
22	2	1 of 2 twin beds/shared room	75.00
	1	1 of 2 twin beds	130.00
10	2	1 double bed	130.00
9	3	1 double bed & 1 twin bed	155.00
11	4	2 double beds	180.00

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Members**

No refunds will be given after December 20, 1990 unless the room or single can be sold to someone else. A \$5.00 processing fee will be charged for each refund.

We expect to provide a chartered bus from Pittsburgh to Blackwater Falls. We must, however, get enough passengers to qualify for a bus. Therefore, if you are interested in reserving a place on the bus, the cost will be \$25.00. Please enclosed a SEPARATE CHECK to cover the cost of all bus reservations, (this is so we can send the check back to you if we do not get the minimum number of passengers). For more information, please call: Nancy Hart at (412) 271-7211.

Blackwater Falls Weekend - Reservation Form

Name: _____ AYH number? _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ (home) _____ (work) _____

List persons sharing room (if applicable): _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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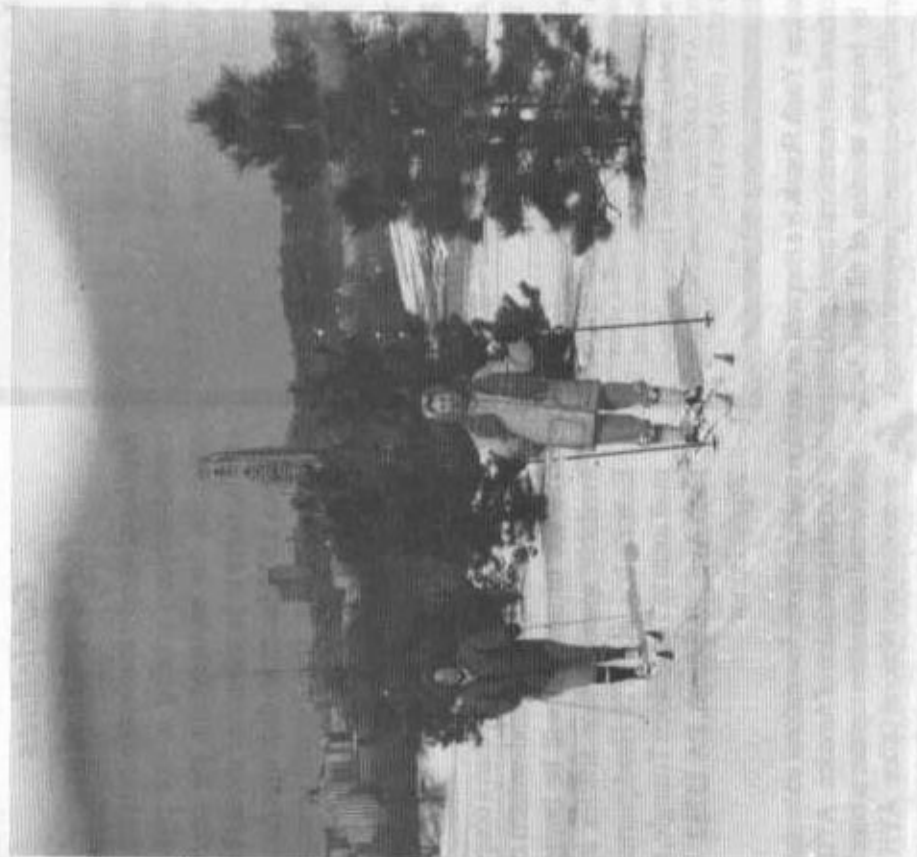
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