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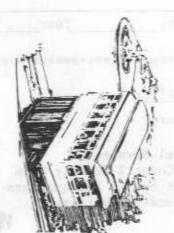
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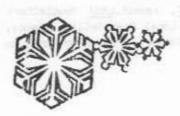
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THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE PITTSBURGH COUNCIL

AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS

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AYH HEADQUARTERS is located at 6300 Fifth Avenue next to the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts. Open House is held every Thursday evening. The building opens at 8 pm and the slide show starts at 8:15. Weekly trip announcements are made immediatly following the slide show. The Golden Triangle is assembled for mailing at monthly Production Parties at the meeting. Come out and join us!

JANUARY OPEN HOUSE PROGRAMS

January 2 Socialize and celebrate the New Year! No program, announcements at 8:30 or thereshouts

January 9 "Alpinist En Suisse" - Mountaineering in Switzerland by Javier Guzman

January 16 Visit Odessa, USSR (Pittsburgh's sister city) with Don Gibbon

January 23 "My Favorite Business Trips" by Lee Brownston

January 30 Sea-Kayaking and Canoeing in the Alaska Wilderness with Michelle Bertini

YOU MAY ALREADY BE A LOSER!

That's right, if your mailing label reads "DEC 85" you are losing your AYH membership!

Gone forever will be your membership card; your key to 5,000 hostels in 60 countries worldwide. Gone will be your new U.S. Hostel handbook providing details on your old favorites like Martha's Wineyard to new hostels such as Gettysburg, PA. Don't forget the 1986 World Adventure Trips: your adventure on a shoestring from National AYH Headquarters.

Don't forget access to AYH Leadership Training Courses. Also, there is the extra benefit of the <u>GOLDEN TRIANGLE</u> newsletter, which lists all the local AYH happenings and trips.

So hurry, this is your <u>LAST</u>, repeat, <u>LAST</u> newsletter! Renew through the National office, at a local Pass Selling Agency, or use the form at the back of this newsletter. Please do renew or you'll be blue!

AYH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

AYH memberships are available at Open House meetings on Thursday nights. If you cannot attend a meeting fill out the application below and send it along with \$1.00 to cover postage for each membership ordered and your check made payable to Pittsburgh Council, AYH, to:

AYH Membership 6300 Fifth Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15232

Allow 3-4 weeks for delivery of your hosteling pass. Membership also sells <u>International Hostel Guide</u> to Europe for \$8.00 by mail or \$7.00 at Headquarters.

Note: Memberships run from Oct. 1st to Dec. 31st of the following calendar year.

Amount and Membership Types Available (check one):

\$10.00 Junior (17 years and under).
\$10.00 Senior Citizen (60 years and over).
\$20.00 Senior (18 years and over).
\$50.00 3 year Senior (18 and over).
\$30.00 Family (includes children under 18 yrs.)
\$200.00 Life (Individual lifetime membership).
\$10.00 Foreign Nationals (including Canadians).
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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

International Hostel Membership Card

USA Hostel Handbook
"The Knapsack", National AYH Travel Newsletter
"The Golden Triangle" Pittsburgh Council Monthly News
Open House every Thursday night at 8pm at Headquarters
Access to national programs and leadership training

THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE

FEBRUARY ISSUE DEADLINES: January 9 ads, trips, and articles

January 23 Production Party

The <u>Golden triangle is</u> the monthly publication of the Pittsburgh Council of American Youth Hostels. Contents are the responsibility of the editor.

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THE EDITOR'S USUAL FEISTY NOTE

I believe that a few of you have misjudged me. Just because a person is feisty, that doesn't mean that she is cruel. For shame Joe Hoechner! Did you really think that I would be so cruel and unthinking as to use that snide clip art that you sent to me? Right after our esteemed President, Larry Laude, celebrates his birthday you expect me to stab him in the back? I would never print such a thing at the top of "The President's Corner"! However, I would print it in my feisty editor column....

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You realize that we're only kidding, don't you Larry? Larry? After all, what would I do without you? Thanks for typing your own stuff this month, it helped a lot.

A question has been running through my mind lately: Does anybody read the activity writeups? I thought about creating a new activity like bushwhacking, or birdwatching, or maybe nude sunbathing.... And then randomly designating a person as chairman, but I thought better of it (Actually, the only way to be <u>sure</u> that I didn't use your name is to go back and read the activity writeups.).

WORLD ADVENTURE 1986 CATALOGS ARE HERE!!!

In addition to old favorites like Salty Dog, a popular New England cycling trip, and Bay Stroller, a San Francisco area hiking trip, this year's catalog highlights a new program called "Europe on a Shoestring." Priced very reasonably, these trips (four cycling, two hiking, one train and one van) offer a two week introduction to selected locations in Ireland, England and the continent. Another first this year, Oregon Odyssey, provides a chance to hike near Mount Saint Helen's, to go llama packing around the beautiful Bend area and to try summer snow skiing on Mt. Bachelor.

For full descriptions of these new and popular trips, obtain a World Adventure catalog at headquarters or send 88¢ in stamps to cover postage to: Pittsburgh Council AYH, 6300 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh PA 15232. Marilyn Ham 687-4520 and Bill Johnston 687-4893 are the Extended Trips chairpeople.

NEW LIFE MEMBER

Welcome to our newest Pittsburgh Council Life Member, Cheryl Arnold. Happy Hosteling Cheryl!

T.D.S.R.V. '86 (ALREADY?)

If you are the hard-core, steel kneed cyclist, you may have already sent in your application request for this year's 210 mile ride through central Ohio.

Or, if you're a first timer, planning to be "in shape" by the second week of May, and know some of the above types who can take you under their wing, you can give it a try.

A third possibility is the "TOSRV widow (or Groupie)". Thanks to the Columbus AYH there is now an official hostel in Columbus which Pittsburgh AYH'er Joe Hoechner will make reservations at for a small group for both nights of that weekend. This trip was scouted last year and included leisurely Saturday rides through Columbus' campuses, parks and bikeway system, dinner at the German Village and a ride south Sunday into the path of 4500 returning riders!

If you'd like to spend a weekend cycling in the middle of one of those square, flat mid-western states, call Joe at 373-3403 (6-11 pm) or to do TOSRV, request an application from:

T.D.S.R.V. Communications P.D. Box 23111 Columbus, DH 43223

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John Popp 885-2126 Paul Herre 653-7934 Roy "The Maverick" Provins 784-9127

An invigorating hike through scenic Chestnut Ridge takes us to mysterious, legendary Bear Cave. After choosing one of the many entrances, the adventure begins. As we weave our way through the maze, we are reminded that suicide pass looms before us. We surpass this obstacle, but another challenge awaits — Larime's Tunnel. The exciting conclusion, the Keyhole, lies before you and only the adventuresome need heed the call. Hope to see you there!

As always, please call the trip leader for more trip details and information so that you can be properly prepared to enjoy the exciting sport of caving!

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Fred Parker 824-2638 Steve Tubbs 751-2158

All cross-country ski trips are on a "no snow - no go" basis. Most trips leave AYH HQ at 8:30 am. Contact your trip leader for details and ski rentals.

Attention all Thursday evening skiers: Your ski leader may only be able to unlock the back door of HQ, walk around. Later on, please bring your dripping wet skis in through the back door, don't drip them all over our carpets.

Attention all ski leaders: There are first aid kits stored in the X-C boot cabinet.

If you need to rent skis for the Blackwater Falls weekend, call Fred Parker. Rental is \$8.50/weekend.

CANADIAN SKI WEEK Enjoy a week's skiing in Gatineau Park, Quebec. A group of AYHers will ski at Chataqua Feb. 1st, then drive to Ottawa. Stay at the Gaol Hostel; ski (and skate) all week. Some will partake of the Canadian Ski Marathon Feb. 8-9, 100 miles. Return to Pittsburgh on Feb. 10. See Cliff Ham or Fred Parker.

IKING

Wayne Hennemuth 654-2630 Tom Kaveney 276-8044

VOLLEYBALL

Jeff Marsh 476-5320w 466-7841h



Barbara Hanusa 441-7205

ICE SKATING AND POTLUCK SUPPER JANUARY 18, 1986

For skaters and non-skaters alike The budget alternative to Blackwater Falls

Join a group of AYHers young and old, novice to advanced, in an outing at the Schenley Park ice rink. Singles, couples, families. etc. are invited. This is a good opportunity to try skating or to renew your old skills. We have reserved the meeting room with kitchen facilities at Schenley Park. Contact person is Bill Van Diver(sp.)

371-9260. (You can join in the potluck supper without skating)

Schedule: 4:00 Ice Skating

6:00 Potluck Supper

8:00 end

This leaves time for exciting evening on the town, or to get the kids into the bathtub.

Costs: (We are enquiring about group rates but aren't certain yet.)

Skating: Admission \$1.50 Adult city resident \$1.75 non city resident

\$1.00 teens (13-18 years old)

75¢ children

\$1.00 Senior Citizen

Rental: 75¢

Potluck Supper -- Bring something to share

AYH registration fee: \$1.00/member or member family

\$2.25/ non-member or non-member family

Room use fee: \$3.00 family

\$1.00 individual (no charge for under 2's)

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November and December have been keeping us busy with the budget and audit, the National Council meeting, and the annual council report to National AYH.

The budget was approved at the November Activity Board and Board of Director meetings with no major differences from previous years. Two items worth mentioning, however, are the addition of two new sea kayaks and the planned publication of new editions of the Hiking Guide and the Baker Trail guide in February or March.

At the National meeting, the strategic plan was endorsed with comments on the need to reevaluate the goals for supplemental accommodations (hostels that don't quite meet all the requirements for hostels) and to rethink the targeted age distribution of AYH members over the next 15 years. The name change that has been discussed was voted down almost unanimously. Pittsburgh Council was among the best represented Councils at the meeting. by the way, with 12 of us attending one part or another of the various meetings and workshops. Tony Pranses, one of the founders of Pittsburgh Council, was there and received an award for lifetime service to AYH. Bill and Ruth Nelson were there to present the houseparent award to Joan and Bob Beard, houseparents at the Ironmaster's Mansion hostel near Gettysburg. (You should stop there if you can -- the hostel is beautiful, and Bob and Joan are great people.) The speakers at the banquets included Denny Lewis, President of the International Youth Hostel Federation, and William Penn Mott, head of the National Park Service. On the down side, as they say, we were disappointed when Bill Johnston was not elected to the National Board of Directors and Joe Hoechner was not reelected as Eastern Region vice president. By the way, for those of you who like to plan ahead, the 1986 meeting will be in Orlando, Florida and the 1987 meeting will be in Boston, Massachusetts.



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DECEMBER TRIPS AND TRAILS

Trips listed are open to the public, AYH members are given priority. Trips costs include transportation, rentals, and a 75¢ registration fee (50¢ per half day or evening). IN ADDITION non-members are charged \$1.50 per day, which may be deducted from the cost of membership when joining AYH. The registration fee covers insurance (\$1000 medical/\$1000 accidental death or dismemberment).

AYH trips are led by competent people who volunteer their time and receive no financial reimbursement. If you'd like to go on an AYH trip, carefully peruse the trip calendar, then look under the activity write-up, where you may find more information. After you've read over everything, call the trip leader to reserve space on a trip.

Talk things over with the trip leader. Find out what you need to bring. Ask where you'll be going. How late will you arrive home? What is all this going to cost you? Remember, AYH trip registration runs 75¢ per day for members, \$2.25 for non-members. You are expected to bring enough money with you to cover carpool, registration, equipment rental, and any other expenses (we often stop at a restaurant on the way home).

AYH trips are geared toward individuals who independently sign up for trips. If you have a group that wishes to go, it is important for the leader to contact the trip leader early, and it may be necessary for the trip leader to speak with every tripper.

BACKPACKING

Jack Peth 921-7214h 777-5365w

Harriet Ann Seiner

Backpacking Vacation 1986 Plan ahead. Reserve vacation time now to join Glenn Oster on an extended backpack trip to the Sawtooth Mountains in Idaho. High country. Rugged mountains. Great scenery. Intermediate hiking level.

Leave Friday evening July 18 and return Saturday, August 2nd. More details next month. Last year's trip filled up quickly (total eight hikers); so sign up early. For information and reservations call Glenn at home 364-2864 or at work 234-3967.

HELPWANTED: Volunteer trail maintainers and assistant maintainers are needed for sections of the Link Trail. No experience necessary. Work schedule extremely flexible. For more information, send postcard to: Bob Olsen, 249 Bradley Avenue, State College, PA 16801.

Getting back to local business, at the December Activities Board meeting, plans were reviewed for the Spring banquet (March 15) and the Spring Eastern Region meeting, which will be held in Pittsburgh the first weekend of April. A proposed lease for the headquarters building was received from the City of Pittsburgh; this will be reviewed in more detail at the January Board of Directors meeting. This is a slow time for the Activities, with only the Family Activities having much of anything to report. The board voted to support an AYH ice skating party at Schenley Park on January 19th and also to donate \$100 to the West Virginia victims of the recent floods. Membership sales at the Council were down this year somewhat, with our current membership consisting of 1566 individuals (including 237 life members) and 81 organizations.

Hostels and the hosteling experience are the essence of the hosteling movement. Sometimes, though, we don't hear as much about them as we do about our local activity trips. Well...let's do something about this. I'd like to hear more about your experiences with hostels and hosteling, both here and abroad. A short note or a longer article for the Triangle would be a great way for the rest of us to share your experiences hosteling in England or Japan, for example, or to recommend or "disrecommend?" hostels here in the States. This includes hostel managers and houseparents, too; feel free to tell us about your hostel and what makes it special. Finally, I need slides of hostels for Thursday programs and for other slide shows. I'd appreciate any of your extras.

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Pittsburgh AYH and Pittsburgh Citiparks Frick Nature Center are offering a short course in cross-country skiing for teens age 12 to 18. Previous participants of the Outdoor Challenge Pittsburgh. Backpacking program won't want to miss this outing, neither will any other teens. We will learn basic cross-country ski techniques and use them on a tour through the Laurel Highlands.

Meet at Frick Nature Center on January 18 at 8:30 am. We plan on returning at 5 pm. Registration is required. Call the Nature Center at 421-5366. Fee is \$5.00, which includes registration, transit does not include equipment rental portation and instruction: or lunch.

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A NOTE FROM THE TRIP COORDINATOR

All of you that have enjoyed the many trips Pittsburgh Council offers might be interested in knowing our year's totals.

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Activity	Trippers	Trips	Trippers	Trips
Backpacking	111	24	142	25
Bicycling	174	24	294	40
Canceing	358	39	328	36
Caveing	171	18	228	24
Climbing	225	12	499	20
Hiking	337	47	332	40
Kayaking	38	5	63	8
Rafting	212	15	208	15
Sea-Kayaking	97	18		
X-C Skiing	305	22	247	20
Volleyball	720	42	566	33
Family	40	2	a mulicipa	
Totals	2788	268	2907	262

These, of course, are only the trips that have been reported to me. Let's get those reports in so we can have even more next year! Pat Tieman, Trips Coordinator



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NEW ROUTE FOR APPALACHIAN TRAIL

The National Park Service has decided to go with the "ridge route" for the Cumberland Valley section of the Appalachian Trail southwest of Harrisburg. The new route will be in a 750-foot wide corridor generally following higher land as opposed to the alternative plan, which would have put the trail on a 30 inch wide footpath along roads in the valley. The ridge route is going to cost more (\$6.6 million vs \$1.2 million) but will provide for safer and certainly more scenic hiking. The Park Service will begin to purchase easement rights for the Trail shortly but hasn't announced when the new route will be opened.



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DATE	DAY	ACTIVITY	LEVEL	LEADER	PHONE	TIME	DESCRIPTION
4	Sat	Hike	Inter	Glenn Oster	364-2864h 234-3967w	8:00	Hike an interesting section of the Baker Trail in the Crooked Creek area.
4	Sat	Ski	All	Fred Parker	824-2638	8:30	N SH H H . galerier
5	Sun	Ski	A11	Fred Parker	824-2638	8:30	
10-12	FSS	Backpack	Inter	Glenn Oster	364-2864h 234-3967w	7:30pm	Leave Friday evening to join Glenn on a 20 mile sector of the Oil Creek Hiking Trail.
11	Sat	Ski	Novice	Bob Goff	761-2837	8:30	A ZA A A ACCURATION
12	Sun	Ski	A11	Terry Gossard	321-2382	8:30	112 15 206 AN 110
16	Thurs	Ski	All	Fred Parker	824-2638	6:30pm	Thursday evening ski in Mellon Park.
18	Sat	Ice Skate	All solutions	Bill Van Diver (sp?)	371-9260	4pm	Ice skating and potluck supper at Schenley Park. See more infunder the family activities writeup.
18	Sat	Hike	Inter	Wayne Hennemuth	654-2630	8am	Hike in the Laurel Highlands area.
18	Sat	Ski far Teens	Novice	Joy Layton Rupert Friday	421-5366	8:30	Ski outing to teens 12 to 18. See article in this issue.
18	Sat	Ski	All	Rick Ulaky	422-0849	8:30	
19	Sun	Ski	All	Mike & Marta Hurwitz	422-9204	8:30	
23	Thurs	Ski	All	Cathy Lynch	361-3707	6:30pm	Evening ski in Mellon Park.
25	Sat	Cave	Begin	Roy Provins	784-9127	8:30	An interesting cave with a wide variety of passages. Dare to peep through the keyhole. See Caving writeup for more details
25	Sat	5ki	All	Tom Trump	284-7331w	8:30	120 SUNT TO THE BUILDING TO THE BOOK TO T
26	Sun	Hike	Inter	Tom Kaveney	276-8044	8:00	
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