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.....And MORE!!!

Fourth Annual Southwestern Autumn Breeze Bicycle Ride a HUGE success.



Over 1100 Cycling enthusiasts braved the chilly weather this year, to have the chance of lining up for Hot Apple Cider!



Ben Thompson, age 6, Of Pittsburgh, was the youngest rider on this years tour. Ben rode on the 15 mile "Family" ride with his Dad, Mark Thompson. Ben shown here, stands with pride and a free T-shirt, after a hardy handshake and congratulations presented to him by the tour director for being the youngest rider.

Little Danielle wishes all a safe ride and invites the Cyclists to join us for the Fifth Annual Southwestern Autumn Breeze Bicycle Tour scheduled for October 1, 1995. Plans are already underway for a show stopping Fifth Anniversary Tour.



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Annual Meeting

Pittsburgh Council American Youth Hostels November 10, 1994

This is the official call to the Annual meeting and elections of the Pittsburgh Council of American Youth Hostels. The meeting and elections will be held Thursday evening November 10, 1994 at the Pittsburgh Council activities headquarters. The activities headquarters is located in Mellon Park in the Shadyside section of Pittsburgh next to the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts at 6300 Fifth Avenue. The report of the nominating committee and a ballot is on page 3 of this newsletter. The meeting will consist of reports from the officers and committee chairs, the report from the nominating committee, the election of officers and board members and any other business which may properly come before the membership. At this time, there are no issues requiring a vote of the membership. Members may vote in person or by mailing the ballot in this newsletter to the Council office: AYH / 5604 Solway St Room 202 / Pittsburgh PA 15217. The meeting will start at 8:30 pm. Snacks and soft drinks will be served.

Larry Laude, Secretary

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Larry Laude at 665-9554.

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JAN / FEB All copy, Dec 1 Binding/Mailing, Dec 15

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If your work is on computer, Please contact Bill Eberle @ 833-9732 or Larry Laude @ 665-9554 or; 73467,3201 on CompuServe

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About AYH

American Youth Hostels is a non-profit organization which promotes international understanding, educational and recreational travel, good citizenship and an appreciation of America. AYH does this by bringing travelers of all ages, backgrounds and nationalities together in hostels and by providing low-cost travel programs. AYH is the US affiliate of Hostelling International (HI), {Formerly named International Youth Hostel Federation(IYHF)}, which coordinates more than 5,400 hostels worldwide-the largest network of accommodations in the world.

Submissions Policy: Golden Triangle



Cla	ssified Adds:
 <u> </u>	Classified adds are free to Current members of HI-International
•	All requests for classifieds must be made in writing via the Council
	Office. Request Must include full Name, address, phone number and
	Membership number of member. Members are not permitted to
	place adds for non-members.
-	Free adds may not be for commercial gain.
	Above rules apply in addition to general rules for submission

Trips

All trips must be approved by authorized co-chair

Trip leader must be a council approved leader
 Trips must be submitted through co-chair, for that activity. Trip leaders, are not to submit trips directly to editor or office, any trips improperly submitted will not be listed.

Above rules apply in addition to general rules for submission

Articles

Members are encouraged to write articles, about travel abroad and

in the states, and about activities and outdoor sports in which the council has a program

All Articles are to be, non-political and non-secular

Above rules apply in addition to general rules for submission.

No handwritten submissions
 Submissions Can be;
 On computer disk (IBM / MAC), E-mail (Internet/compuserve), Direct Modem, Type written material double

spaced, faxed
 Before the deadline of the issue that submission needs to be run in.
 (See Editors Golden Rule)
 All Submissions are on a first come first serve basis, The GT makes

no promises to print material received and all material received becomes the property of the GT.

Standing Deadline; Deadline for the GT, has always been, and will continue to be the First Thursday of the month, prior to the month of

the issue (See Editors Golden Rule)

Please always check in advance with office, to confirm schedule.

Editors Golden Rule

Nov

17th

General rules for submission

"Lack of planning on your part, does not constitute an emergency on my part"

November Slide Shows

Nov 3rd "Wildflowers Through the Seasons" by Luc Berger

Nov 10th Annual Meeting. This is it! Your Last chance to direct the course of the AYH "ship" through 1995. Refreshments & more! See Cover Story.

Socialize & Slide Show, followed by a drink

Slide Show to be announced.

Nov 24th Closed. Happy Thanksgiving! Enjoy!

or meal at a local restaurant.

Doors open: 8PM. Slide Shows: 8.30PM
Share your Slide Show trip!

Share your Slide Show trip!
To Schedule a show or have a show idea call
TOM RODGERS 621-6310

Pittsburgh Council Hostels

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AYH Holiday Party Thursday December 15, 1994

Once again the Pittsburgh Council AYH Annual Holiday Party will be held at the home of Barbara Hanusa, 6966 Edgerton Avenue in Point Breeze. This year it will be held on Thursday December 15, 1994. As in previous years all members are encouraged to bring baked goods, drinks, or some other snack food to the party. We will be meeting at headquarters starting at approx. 6:30 PM to do newsletter production (addressing the Jan/Feb issue and ready them for mailing). After Triangle production is complete we will form a group of Christmas' "Carolers" to walk over to Barbara's home departing HQ at approx. 8:00 PM. Volunteers are needed to lead the caroling, transport food from headquarters to Barbara's home, and carpool people back to headquarters at the end of the party. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please call Jacky Eberle at 833-9732.

		December Slide Shows
Dec	1st	Africa: Climbing Mt. Kilamanjaro, Canoeing the Zambezi River and Land Safari by Joyce Appel / Paul Henry
Dec	8th	Washington State: Low and High. Backpacking the Pacific Northwest by Glenn Oster
Dec	15th	Annual Christmas Party, See Article Above.
Dec	22th	Open House. Pre-Christmas Socializing. Slide Show to be announced.
Dec	- 29th	Closed. Here's Wishing Your Highest for '95!!!
		Doors open: 8PM. Slide Shows: 8.30PM Share your Slide Show trip! Schedule a show or have a show idea call TOM RODGERS 621-6310

Pittsburgh AYH is accepting pledges and donations for the Pittsburgh Hostel.

Our Fundraising efforts are escalating to foundations and will include corporations as well. If any member is involved or knows of someone involved with these groups we would appreciate it if you would take a few minutes to let us know. Having a contact person really helps to get some attention. We need to raise a ton of money for this building and we need all the help that we can get

Thanks for your interest and help.
Clip out the coupon below and make your pledge today.

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REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee, consisting of Bill Eberle, Larry Laude, Marianne Kasica, Joe Hoechner, and Maribeth Hook, makes the following nominations:

President: Marianne Kasica Vice President: Maribeth Ĥook Treasurer: Roy Weil Secretary: Larry Laude

Board of Directors:

Lou Conley, Bill Eberle, Joe Hoechner, Terri Lorince, Mark Reisman & Bob Zavos

The officers serve for a one year term. The Directors normally serve for a three year term. However, two directors are being elected to fill the remainder of vacant terms. One director will be elected for one year, and one director will be elected for a two year term.

As of October 15, 1994, no other nominations were received for publication on the ballot.

Wm R Eberle, Chair Nominating Committee

The following brief biographies are based on information provided by the candidates.

William Eberle Member of AYH since 1970; Cycling Chairlast 7 years; Newsletter editor March 93- present, Committee Member of National Risk Management Subcommittee, Operator of WcRE Management, Special events and Sports Management; Member of Bethel Park PTA, Resident of Bethel Park; Current Board Member.

Joeseph Hoechner Member of AYH since 1973; Former Vice President, Chair of Hostelling Development Committee; Former Cycling Chair; Chair of Communications Committee.. Tennant Coordinator of a major mall complex. Current Board Member. Resident of Swissville.

Marianne Kasica Member of AYH since 1984; Secretary 1986-1992; President 1992-; Eastern Region Vice President, AYH National Board of Directors 1987-1992. Library faculty, University of Pittsburgh. Resident of Pittsburgh. Current president and board member.

Lawrence Laude Member of AYH since 1977; Volleyball Chair 1981-1983; Secretary 1983-1985, 1992-; President 1985-1992; Eastern Region Treasurer 1990-. Principal engineer, Westinghouse Electric, Bettis Laboratory. Member, American Nuclear Society. Resident of Pittsburgh. Current secretary and board member.

Terri Lorince Member of AYH since 1988. Capital budget supervisor in City of Pittsburgh Office of Management and Budget; M.S. in Management and Public Policy from Carnegie Mellon University. Current board member.

Mark Reisman...Attorney at Law with the Law firm of Gelman & Reisman, On the Board of Directors of The Western Pennsyvania Wheelmen, and on the BOD of Pittsburgh Area Cycling Coalition.

Roy Weil Member of AYH since 1968; Treasurer 1989-; past President and Eastern Region Vice President. Engineer, Research and Development Computer Graphics, Michael Baker Corp. Resident of Pittsburgh. Current board member and treasurer.

Bob Zavos Member of AYH since 1988 but also a member in the sixties, when he hostelled extensively in Europe. Sailing chair since 1990. Senior computer consultant with Cutler-Hammer. Resident of Wilkinsburg.

Lou Conley Member of AYH since 1980. Kayaking chair for 7 years. Mechanical engineer for Redzone Robotics. Resident of Pittsburgh. Current board member

Maribeth Hook Member of AYH since 1992. Architect with the Urban Redevelopment Authority. Resident of Pittsburgh. Current board member.

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The annual meeting and elections will be held on Thursday evening November 10, 1994 at 8:30 pm at the AYH Activities Headquarters; 6:00 Fifth Avenue Pittsburgh PA 15232. If you cannot attend the meeting and wish to vote, mail this ballot in an envelope with your name and membership number on the outside (either your pass number or the member number on the mailing label on this newsletter) to the address above. Envelopes will be opened and counted separately to preserve confidentiality.

BOROPH(O

by Cliff Ham; 10-10-1994.

In September of this year Marilyn and Cliff Ham journeyed to Europe primarily to take a canal boat/bike trip in the Netherlands. They had learned of the trip through a U S company but the tour was offered by Cycletours of Amsterdam.

The canal boat offered food and lodging each night. Each morning about nine the group of twenty-four folks from seven different countries would ride off on the provided three-speed bikes. Led by a very capable guide, we then cycled from twenty to seventy kilometers each day, meeting the boat about four p.m. each afternoon.

Saturday was the beginning of our canal boat/biking trip. Despite light rain, most of the 24 participants rode from Breukelen to Utrecht. My notes say: "Too much to photo". At the end the boat was waiting, and Dorothy, our well-experienced cook had hot drinks and then a great dinner of chicken cordon bleu, fancy desserts, etc. It was delightful to stop bicycling and have a shower, a warm cabin, dry clothes and food awaiting you.

The cabins were comfortable, fairly small, with two bunks; very clean and well appointed. The porthole was high and offered little view. The upper bunk was quite high, and not easy to climb into. We could not hear other members of the party.

Sunday was our longest day, and as we rode into Utrecht early on, we added to the mileage. Utrecht was quite modern, and the group managed to have a third flat tire there. All along our routes, each day, we were seeing windmills, farms, dikes, flowers, homes, and touristic attractions, so the ride was fun and did not seem so long. We ended up at Schoonhoven. Dorothy had another great meal, this time of roast pork, vegetables, and desserts.

The third day, Monday, we had a short bicycle ride but then much of the day we rode the boat because we were traveling through the modern city of Rotterdam. The day started with a short ferry ride, then we biked to Groot-Ammers, where a small number of the famous dutch storks still exists, and is being replenished (hopefully).

Rotterdam was almost totally destroyed early in World War II, and the reconstruction is amazing. One of the sites is the Eurotower, almost exactly where the pilgrims departed from in 1620; then it was known as Delfthaven.

As we traveled our guide, Hein, explained a lot about the country, the windmills, the polder system, and so on. I believe he is an environmental lawyer, so very knowledgeable. It seems a polder is not just reclaimed land; a polder is the whole system including the pumps, the dikes, the land, and all.

We arrived in Delft too late to visit the porcelain factory, so we put

that off until morning.

After the Delft procelain demonstration we cycled into The Hague. Traffic was heavy and then we learned this was the day the Parliament opened, and Queen Beatrix would parade to the opening. We all hoped to see the Queen, but only Marilyn, a doctor and I stood in rain long enough. After hanging around till mid-afternoon, the group wanted to ride back to the boat by the quickest route. Marilyn and I spun off, and followed the planned dunes route. This was different, certainly not flat, and where we could see the ocean. We arrived in Leiden, finding our way, almost as soon as the guide and the others.

The next day, Wednesday, was a layover day, so we visited the center of Leiden, seeing the market, the Pilgrims church, a memorial to John Robinson, their pastor, and the University. It was graduation day, and many of the women had bouquets of flowers. We visited the botanical gardens, then picked up a snack at a local bakery. In the afternoon Cliff led a group of six back to the dunes, where they cycled about five miles further north. This was the first of four sunny days, ending the rain which had bothered us the first four days.

Thursday we cycled from Leiden in fog, and continued in low-lying polder country the whole day, using a variety of bike paths, lanes, and even backyards. For several kilometers we rode in a bird sanctuary. Our last stop was at one of the early steam pumping stations, with the largest steam engine in the world. Our stop of the night was in Haarlem; as usual we walked a lot in the city, seeing more of the features of the town.

Friday morning we spent two hours with the group touring Haarlem by bike, visiting an old church, a meat union hall, the town hall, the Frans Hals museum and an old mint. Then again we biked through a variety of paths to a village of Zaanse Schans, where many old buildings had been moved and where they demonstrated cheese-making, klompen or wooden shoe making, and various other arts. We were fascinated by the old bakery. Then we started to cycle to Amsterdam, with most of us dreading the ride through a big city. Surprise; the route was well planned and we rode almost ely through nature reserves and trails alongside a river, paralleling the highway. All of a sudden, we were on a free ferry which took us directly to the Central Station, and about one half mile from our boat.

After a farewell dinner, and awards for everyone, some of us walked into Amsterdam, seeing the nightlife and the red light district.

Saturday morning we ate a hearty breakfast, put up our lunches. said our goodbyes, and by ten o'clock had departed. We spent much of the day in the nearby maritime museum, touring a 1700's frigate that was used in the East India Trade.

Altogether we had four days of rain and cloudy weather, four days of sunny and partly cloudy weather. The 25 who cycled were from seven countries: Italy, Spain, France, Germany, Netherlands, United States and Canada, We ranged in age from 26 to 70, with 12 men and 12 women plus Hein the guide. Most did cycle 250 km on the provided three-speed bikes. While we had five flats among us (one was usual) we had no serious accidents (people did falloff the bikes). Few were really cyclists, but all seemed to have a good time and made the trip. One woman rode the boat every other day, and some of the younger girls also rode the boat. Only Marilyn and Cliff wore helmets.

I did not think that I, Cliff, would enjoy riding a three-speed bike, but I did. The upright handlebars made it easy to view the countryside, and we did not need gears for the land was so flat.

It was a well-organized and well-planned trip. We saw more than we

see EUROPE, page 7

CROSS-COUNTRY SKI WEEKENDS WILDERNESS LODGE

January 27-28-29 1995 February 3-4-5 1995 February 17-18-19 1995

If you like your lodging intimate and rustic, and your ski trails tracked and groomed, these weekends in the Erie snow belt near the New York border are for you. Nansi Janes' Wilderness Lodge has been a perennial favorite of AYH cross-country skiers who enjoy the miles of groomed trails. Peek'n Peak is also nearby (within skiing distance!) for the enjoyment



of the down-hill skiers or for those cross-country skiers who want to try the slopes. After skiing, come back to the lodge to warm up by the fire with a glass of your favorite beverage.

The cost of the weekend includes Friday and Saturday night lodging

_and a delicious family-style dinner Saturday evening. A limited number of vegetarian meals is available upon request. Breakfasts and lunches are available at the lodge at an additional but reasonable cost. The rooms are mostly hostel style accommoda-

tions with 3 to 6 people in a room, but there are also three double rooms available. Space is limited to 36 persons per weekend. We will reserve entire rooms for you and your friends if you wish. The cost of the weekend does not include transportation, but we will try to assist with car pooling.

The cost: \$55 per person for the weekend for AYH members (\$65 for non-members). Three private rooms with a double bed are expected to be available for \$130 per room for the weekend for AYH members (\$150 for nonmembers). Trail use is \$5 per day. Please be prepared to purchase trail tickets at the lodge.

How to reserve: Call Helen Coyne at the AYH office at 412-422-2282 to make reservations for the weekend you want, then send a check made payable to Pittsburgh AYH for the full amount. Please reserve early. These trips fill up fast! We will also keep a waiting list in case there are any cancellations.

Please note: There will be no refunds after 21 days before each trip unless we can get a replacement for you. All weekend fees include a nonrefundable \$10 deposit per person.

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SKI TOURING COURSE TO BENEFIT PITTSBURGH'S FRICK ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER



A two evening course on ski-touring (cross-country skiing) basics will be held on Tuesday, November 29 and Tuesday December 6 from 8 to 10 pm at the Frick Environmental Center. The Center is on Beechwood Foulevard two blocks south of Forbes Avenue in Squirrel Hill. Sponsored by Citiparks, the course will be conducted by Allegheny Group of the Sie ra Club, Pittsburgh Council of Hostelling International/American Youth Hestels and the Explorer's Club of Pittsburgh, three organizations that run shi-touring trips that are open to the public. The cost will be \$10 per person including lecture notes, and all proceeds go to support Citiparks'Frick Environmental Center programs. The course will cover about everything one can learn without putting on skis: where to go, trail maps, phone numbers for ski conditions, buying and renting equipment, what to wear, temperature control, dealing with what to wear, temperature control and dealing with snow conditions, ice and hills. Class size is limited to 75 people. For reservations, call Bruce at 412-327-8737. A lecture that falls on the night of a travelers advisory will be postponed one week. The above organizations offer free lessons throughout the winter, during beginner trips, to those who have successfully completed the course.

HOSTELLING IN THE YORKSHIRE DALES

By: Amy. Pfeiffenberger

(Reprinted from the Washington State Council's newsletter)



When I got off the train in Dent, I instantly knew I was seeing a part of England that attracts few college-age backpackers or tour bus groups. The fact that I was the only person to get off at this stop was my first clue. The boarded up, abandoned train station that came into sight as the train chugged away was my second.

After slightly more than a moment of panic, I realized I was standing alone on what felt like the top of the world, a lush green hill in the Yorkshire Dales. Sheep pastures bordered by stone fences surrounded me in this desolate spot. I was overwhelmed by the absence of human noise and could hear only the bleating of hundreds of sheep.

I gathered up my things and walked to the nearest farmhouse. I

asked how to get to the hostel. They heard this question many times. Soon I was walking four miles down a lesstraveled road with my back pack. How had I arrived here, in the middle of nowhere, in England? What adventures awaited me four miles down that road?

A few summers ago, I set out to see England and Scotland on my own. I liked traveling alone and still do. It frees you to talk to people, to stretch, to have adventures. But Britain gets busy in the summer and there is a certain pattern most American tourists follow, certain sights and cities they are told not to miss. I was tired of running into them in those places and so I decided to get off the beaten path. According to the British hostel map, Dent had a hostel so there must be

something there worth seeing. My trip to Britain marked my introduction to the world of hostelling. I had a limited budget, so hostels seemed like the places to stay. They were clean, safe, and

cheap. In a short while, hostels became far more than a place to sleep, they became part of a total travel experience. Most importantly I met people I will never forget, People with whom I shared food and inter-

esting conversation.

Hostels made me and others I met alter elaborate itineraries in order to stay longer at those places we liked. Ultimately, I found myself letting hostel locations (not museums and great cathedrals) help determine many of my travel destinations.

What I discovered is that hostels are often found in some of the most beautiful, unique, and outof-the way locations in the world. I slept in castles in Scotland and farmhouses in Wales. I stayed in two of the three hostels on the Isle of Skye, a magical place where on can walk over craggy rocks to reach the ocean I saw the sights of London and Edinburgh with newly found friends and I soon realized that my whole trip was shaped by the places I chose

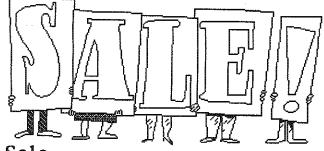
So by the time I ended up in Dent, I had fair amount of faith amount of faith in were hostels would take me. After a four mile walk down a deserted countryland, that faith was a little shaken. But then I arrived at the Dentdale Hostel, an idyllic farmhouse that had been converted for the comfort and convenience of hostellers.

I was the only non-British traveler and this made for and interesting cultural exchange. Most of the hostellers were walking the Yorkshire Dales trail, a path that rambled for miles through sheep pastures and farmers' backyards. Dentdale, I learned, was one in a series of hostels established for these walkers. Walking part of the trail was an experience I'll never forget.

Hostels are convenient. In big cities they often offer the best deal around, allowing one to spend money on sight-seeing ,restaurants, presents, etc. In the country, they warmly welcome hikers, bikers and hikers interested in being outdoors. More than convenient, they are destinations in themselves that will create lifetime memories.

After hostelling in Britain, I came home to discover that the United States has its own thriving hostel network. So far, I have visited hostels network. So far, I have visited hostels Arizona, New Mexico, California, Colorado and in Washington state I hope you will visit them too.

Need A special Gift for that AYH'er on your Christmas List? Need a stocking stuffer for that outdoor trekker? Then Look no farther than the AYH Outdoor Store! See Back Page For Store Hours and additional Info or Call 412-422-2282! Hurry, Christmas is Only a Sleigh Ride Away!!!



T-Shirt Sale

94 MVC T-Shirt \$6

94 SABRE T-Shirt \$6

93 MVC T-Shirt \$3

The Pittsburgh Council "I'd Rather Be Hiking... etc." T-Shirt is also available in vibrant yellow or coral and also in purple and heather gray for a special holiday price of \$7 each.

Add \$2 postage for one T-Shirt or \$3 for two or more T-Shirts

Also, water bottles from 93 MVC and 94 SABRE — \$2 including postage

Remember, all T-Shirt sales help support Pittsburgh Council projects, including the new Pittsburgh hostel!

GIFT MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE!

Buy a gift membership for that student travelling to Europe for the holidays or for the spring semester abroad. Don't forget to include an international hostel directory, a Let's Go book and perhaps a Eurail or BritRail pass. See the back page for details or call the office for suggestions.

Everything listed here, plus Much, Much MORE!!! Call the Office for Holiday Gift Ideas!

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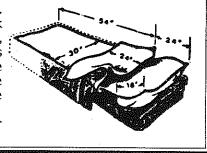


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Pittsburgh, PA. . . The Pittsburgh Council, American Youth Hostel's popular Canoeing Guide to Western Pennsylvania and Northern West Virginia is now available for your holiday gift giving. The 8th edition has 480 pages (compared to 300 in the last edition) with many new trips and updated information on old trips. The Guide reflects the canoeing experiences collected over the past 10 years by skilled AYH leaders. AYH's canoeing program has been active for over 40 years, and is one of the most active canoeing programs in the Western Pennsylvania area.

Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia offer an abundance of boating opportunities for all skill levels —from flowing rivers to high-class whitewater. The AYH Guide describes locations and covers all types of canoe and kayak trips possible in these ares. Laid end to end, the 270 trips on the rivers and streams in the book would extend over 3,00 miles!

The 8th edition is a handy 6"x9" glossy paperback priced at only \$13.95. Please add \$1.50 postage for the first copy (\$0.50 each additional) and 7% sales tax if applicable. Please inquire for dealer wholesale rates. See the back page of this Golden Triangle for an order form.

Ihree New **Publications** Available from Hostelling International-Pittsburgh Council

See back page for these and many more! (1992) ... \$5.00

Canoeing and Kayaking Ohio's Streams - An access guide for paddlers and anglers. Maps, hazards, portages, shuttles, history and game fish information for 45 Ohio Rivers. 194 pages. (1994) ...\$17.00

Appalachian Trail in Fennsylvania, Ninth Edition (1904). A revised edition of the official guide to the 232 miles of the AT in Pennsylvania. 200 pages, pack size (4.5 x 6.5 inches) ... \$7.00

Appalachian Trail Maps (PA). Set of 12 monochrome topo maps covering the AT in Pennsylvania. Published by the KTA. Maps and elevations on six sheets of Polyart.

HIKING / BACKPACKING

November 4-6 Fri.-Sun. Glenn Oster Otter Creek Wilderness Backpacking Trip. This will be a hike through an area dear to the hearts of AYHers over the years. Many routes are available, and trail selection will be based on the ability levels of those who are interested; so, even if you are a novice backpacker, get in touch. You may be the one who sets the tone for this hike. Call for information and reservations.

November 6 Maynard Hansen 751-7615 Sunday Linn Run State Park: Grove Run Trail and Wolf Rocks Trail. Join Maynard as he treks along two of the nicest trails in the Linn Run State Park area. Highlights include the Hiker's Register at the top of the Grove Run Trail (be sure to stop and read it awhile), fox grapes on the way back down, vistas over the valley of Linn Run from Wolf Rocks, the Edie-Rector road (great for mountain biking), and Spruce Flats Bog. 8-10 miles of hiking; intermediate skills required (one hill, steep and rocky, up and back down; otherwise rocky terrain). Meets 8:15 am at the Burger King at the intersection of Route 48 and Route 30.

November 6 Sunday Joyce Appel 526-5407 Paul Henry

Armstrong Trail @ Upper Hillville. Intermediate hike on part of the new Armstrong Trail near Upper Hillville or East Brady in Armstrong County. This is part of the new 52-mile "rails-to-trails" conversion. 8-10 miles. Call Joyce or Paul for details and a reservation.

November 11-13 Fri.-Sun. Joyce Appel 526-5407 Paul Henry 962-1511

Ricketts Glen State Park: Hiking and Car-Camping. Intermediate day-hiking throughout Ricketts Glen; there are perhaps 23 waterfalls in the area; intermediate skills required. We will camp in the campground or rent a cabin, depending on the group's desire. Call Paul or Joyce EARLY to vote for accommodations and make a reservation.

November 19 Saturday Glenn Oster 364-2864 Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail. Hike the cadillac of western Pennsylvania trails. Hike from US Route 30 to PA Route 271 - a distance of eleven miles. Intermediate. Call for information and reservations.

November 25 Friday Veronique Schreurs 733-1741 Duff Park, Murraysville. Easy 4-5 mile hike, but some steep hills. Meet at the School Road entrance to Duff Park at 1:00 pm to lose some of the pounds gained at Thanksgiving! Call for registration and directions.

November 26 Saturday Tom Kaveney 276-8044 Quebec Run. Go with Tom to the Quebec Run Wild Area in Forbes State Forest; look for exciting crossings of Quebec Run and Mill Run and answers to questions like "why is there a 'gold mine' at Quebec Run?" and "how did 'Mud Pike' get its name?". Intermediate skills required. Meets at HQ in Mellon Park at 8:00 am. Call Tom for information and reservations.

December 17 Saturday Tom Kaveney 276-8044 Somewhere on Laurel Ridge (probably). Tom will show you what a thrill it is to hike in December, providing the snow isn't too deep. Meeting at 8:30 am at HQ in Mellon Park. Intermediate skills required. Give Tom a call for information, reservations and to make sure conditions are good.

December 18 Sunday Joyce Appel 526-5407 Paul Henry 962-1511

Shenango Trail. Enjoy an intermediate winter hike on the Shenango Trail, the remains of the old Erie Extension Canal Towpath along the Shenango River. 6-8 miles. Mostly flat, smooth walking surface. Call Paul or Joyce for details and a reservation.

December 28 Wed Veronique Schreurs 733-1741 Janna Zuroski

Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail. This is an easy 6 mile hike from Route 422-3406 30 to Beam Rocks. It is mostly flat, but the path is rocky. We can do it even if there is snow (last year there were 8-10 inches!!). Meet at HQ in Mellon Park at 9:30 am. Call Veronique or Janna for registration and a reservation.

January 2 Mon Joyce Appel

Paul Henry 962-1511 Baker Trail, Dayton, PA: Cross-country Ski or Hike—depending on conditions; there is a long four miles to ski along the banks of Little Mahoning Creek with additional possibilities near the Milton Loop Campground. Call Joyce or Paul to ask about surface conditions and their current plans.

NOTICE TO HIKE LEADERS: IF YOU WANT TO LEAD A TRIP IN JANUARY OR FEBRU-ARY, CALL JIM RITCHIE, 828-0210, BEFORE DECEMBER 1ST.

The current co-chair for AYH Hiking/Backpacking will retire from that position as of January 1, 1995. If you would have an interest in coordinating AYH hiking and backpacking activities, volunteering to serve as the Activity Chairperson please call Marianne Kasica at 665-9554 or send e-mail to marianne@vax.cis.pitt.edu. Primary activities will be preparation of hiking/backpacking listings for monthly newsletter and conducting Annual Meeting for hiking/backpacking trip leaders.

SEA-KAYAKING

A lot of us outdoor users started going into parks and wilderness areas to get away from it all; to find a quiet bit of nature or scenery. Others became interested because it was simple and free-maybe a few hikes along a local trail or by joining a friend on an afternoon canoe trip, and then developing an interest in the outdoors from the experience. Together, though, I think we have a common problem. More and more in our increasing service-oriented society, we're asked to pay for what we get, and now the outdoor community is being told it's our turn too. Last year recreational users of some of our lakes and rivers, state parks and Army Corps of Engineers' land began to be charged user fees for access onto public land, trails, and waterways. For the most part, incredibly, few people thought twice about it or complained.

A river flowing naturally down it's course doesn't cost anything to run or maintain. Nor do forests require funding to grow>Often times natural area are developed to enhance their usefulness. The Army Corps of engineers does build dams for navigation, Irrigation, land reclamation, flood control and the like. They don't do it for the outdoor recreation community, and hence nearly every lake and river we may enjoy is really a consequence of some other need and would be there regardless of whether it's ever enjoyed recreationally. (And besides, building a lake commonly destroys a white water stream or river that outdoor recreation users were using for years) Almost all of our hiking trails, even two thousand mile corridors like the Appalachian trail, were planned, created, and originally maintained by volunteers, who did because they wanted the trail, and many never cost anything to create. The current phenomenal development of our Rails to Trails projects occurred with community interest and personal contributions, not by the

anticipated revenue of user fees.

So here's the problem: Small groups of people volunteer their efforts to enhance the accessibility of some small pocket of wilderness area, by laying out trails, publishing guidebooks., building huts or lodges and such. As the area's potential becomes generally appreciated, the users try to protect the land by creating a State Or National Park, or designating it a protected Wilderness Area. Then you hire a small staff to maintain and protect it. That's fine. But then somebody gets the idea to build a interpretive center, develop lookout towers, parking lots and boat ramps. Consider that there are some things that we should resist improving- and I've never seen any Wilderness Area or Public land enhanced by development. But whenever it occurs, operating costs spiral. Now that almost everyone using the area gets concentrated into a small heavily used areas (as happens in most of our National Parks and Seashores), trash, human waste, and graffiti removal become problems. Liability concerns force the volunteers out, and nowyou have to pay "professionals" to maintain old trails and lay new ones. Finally, some Bureaucrat draws a link between a potential cash cow (out most popular recreation areas), and some problem that requires a financial solution That's what happened at the lower Yough when user fees generated by recreational boaters went into a Pennsylvania general highway fund.

Before that pay-for-everything attitude became so prevalent in our new service-oriented society, traditional thinking suggested, that public land was set aside for the enjoyment of the people, and that meant everyone, as a sort of birth right to being and American Citizen. It was up to people to elect representatives to protect out interests. Many outdoor advocates, like the Sierra Club and publications like "Backpacker" claim that money talks, and that Wilderness Uses can only protect public lands by competing against commercial interests finally. Now, if we can't see clearly enough to protect our own self interests as a people, both regionally and nationally, and care enough to vote accordingly, then maybe "Backpacker" is right. And some day, you may be asking yourself whether you can afford it.

Tue Mark Mistrik 344-8665 Monthly sea-kayaker's (and everybody else) dinner. Try some New Orleans style food at James Street Restaurant on the north side. Casual dinner discussions have included planning new sea-kayaking and backpacking trips, clothing and outfitting, menu planning and food preparation on trips and past recollections. The only cost is the food and carpooling if you do. Carpooling will be set up from the AYH Headquarters if necessary. MEETS: 6:15 at restaurant.

Anytime throughout November Mark Mistrik 344-8665 Join us for impromptu sea-kayaking trips or light hiking as we try to take advantage of late Indian Summer or any nice weather we might get. If the weather allows, we'll paddle on the Allegheny River around Donelly Island (Kittanning area) with a Saturday camping overnight, warm campfire, hunt for arrowheads, and great food kayak cookery contest. We'll also organize a daytrip, either Saturday or Sunday, to some local lake or river. Finally, there is the possibility of a long Thanksgiving Holiday trip, the last "epic voyage" of the season to either Coastal North Carolina or Cumberland Lake, Kentucky. Call TO GET ONTO A SIGN-UP LIST as we're going to optimize trips around the weather.

Fri Vicki Gotaski 344-4929 Christmas Dinner in Ligioner. Join us for dinner at the quaint old colonial Ligioner Tavern Restaurant followed by a walking tour of the Ligioner Festival of Lights and shops decorated for the holidays, Call for more information. Everyone welcome. Please note, in order to guarantee reservations, you must sign up by December 1st. Meets: 8:00 PM at the restaurant

Dec 20 Tue Mark Mistrik 344-8665 Annual sea-kayaker's (and everybody else) dinner and Christmas celebration. Now-traditional evening trips meets at Station Square for dinner followed by an optional urban hike through downtown Pittsburgh to see the decorum and windows. Survivors can finish off the evening with chocolate fondues at the Cheese Cellar before retiring to those "long winter naps". EVERYONE WELCOME (you don't even have to be a member) Call for info and to make reservations one week in advance (by 12/13) to guarantee enough seating No scrooges, please. Meets at 6:15 at station Square.

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We would experience this adventure in the winter. We don't know if there are many people who would enjoy leaving the cold and slush of Pittsburgh for the sun and surf of Florida? But if you are one of these people, give us a call Alan M ALISOVITZ 781-3482 or MARK MISTRIK 344-3665

MID-WEEK RAMBLES

November 2 Wed Cliff Ham 687-4520 Walk in the heart of McKeesport, with new Rambler Walter Patton.

November 9 Wed Cliff Ham 687-4520 Visit one of the older sections of Pittsburgh, SOHO. Attend Duquesne University.

November 16 Wed Cliff Ham 687-4520 Explore the great slag heap east of the Squirrel Hill tunnels.

November 23 Wed Thanksgiving: NO RAMBLE.

November 30 Wed Cliff Ham 687-4520 Visit White Oak Park and the Angora Gardens. With Cynthia Lambert

December 7 Wed Cliff Ham 687-4520. Ramble in Allegheny Cemetery, with a guide, Joeseph B.C. White

December 14 Wed Cliff Ham . 687-4520. Look for Christmas Decorations in Shadyside.

December 21 Wed Christmas Break: NO RAMBLE.

December 28 Wed Christmas Break: NO RAMBLE.



Notes for all trips:

* Meet in upper parking lot, Fifth and Shady Avenues, by 10 a.m.

* Trips are subject to change because of weather, conflicts of schedule, and choice of group. We will plan a walk in all kinds of weather; be prepared. * We try to carpool, to save energy and to enjoy each other. Please share expenses of transportation when trips exceed 10 miles. Suggested: one dollar per passenger.

* Call the leader for further information about a trip or to inform the leader that you plan to attend. Call Cliff or Marilyn Ham at 687-4520 for

information. Please do not call after 10 p.m.

PROGRAMMING PHENOMENA

Hi-Nantucket: The hostel, a former 1873 lifesaving station, recently hosted a successful program. A National Park Service interpreter, dressed in period costume, told stories of the lifesaving service and famous shipwrecks. A drawing was held for memberships and a weekend at the hostel.

Hi-Pigeon Point Lighthouse: The hostel presented a summer concert series for hostellers and the surrounding community. The performances were an eclectic sampling of acoustic music-an-idea which grew out of last summer's informal concerts held at the lighthouse.

Hi-Portland (Maine) Summer Hostel: This summer the hostel went on a programming rampage. They hosted a weekly guest presenter series, a weekly coffeehouse, and a day of outdoor activities.

Potomac Area Council: This summer the council started its Global Learning Project. It's a four-year program that uses the lessons of international understanding to expose youth-at-risk to a world beyond their immediate environment. The project's goal is to motivate them to apply themselves academically today and provide them with the skills to complete in tomorrow's economy. The project's curriculum will be a combination of weekly meetings, quarterly retreats, an international study tour and subsequent-year participation opportunities.

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For SALE: Car Top Bike Carrier - holds 2 bikes (upside down) for full size car with gutters, \$10.; Ski Carrier - Barrecrafter type rack for full size cars, \$10.; Bike Porter Four Bike Rack (two available) for car top or trunk lid \$10.; Call Wm Eberle 833-9732.

For SALE: Schwinn Le Tour 10 speed bicycle, red, 20" frame, \$60. Thule roof rack 1060 with 1061 short roof line adapter used on s10 Blazer, \$70. Ted 733-7802.

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*Typing articles for the newsletter into a computer; Bill Eberle, 833-9732

*Hostel development and fundraising; Marianne Kasica, 665-9554

*Ohiopyle hostel support and work parties; Bob Utz, 329-4476 *Travel and Hostel Editor for

*Office help answering phones and assisting hostellers; Larry Laude,

*Leading Pittsburgh Council trips; Wm Eberle, 833-9732

*Scouting trails for the next Hiking Guide Joe Hoechner, 422-2282 *Slide shows at the Thurs-

day Open House; office, 422-2282 "Trail Maintenance, Baker Trail and Rachel Carson Trail; Jim Ritchie, 828-0210

*HQMaintenance, minor routine maintenance on a regular basis.. 1-2 people are also needed to coordinate the work, track of volunteer time and to report on HQ to the board and to identify any problems or required major repairs. If you can help as little as one hour a month, please call Larry Laude at 665-9554.

A legend passes on ...

Bob Buck, AYH member and canoeist, died in his sleep Friday October 7th, while on a canoe camping trip to the Pine Barrens. Our sympathies go out to Bob's wife Adele and his daughters.

CANOEING



November 5 Sat
Joyce Appel 526-5407
Paul Henry 962-1511
Allegheny River. Join Joyce and
Paul for the last canoe trip of the
year, on the Allegheny River—Easy

Paul for the last canoe trip of the year, on the Allegheny River—Easy Class I day trip. Call for more details and reservations.

EUROPE, from 4

anticipated and learned much about the country. The food was not appropriate for our diet, but we enjoyed it, and did not gain any weight. We had loads of opportunities to walk, late in the afternoons, evenings, or during stops on the bike trip. We took ten rolls of films or 370 slides; hope they turn out okay.

The remainder of the time we were in Europe we visited Iceland and England, staying in Youth Hostels at each city we visited. The Youth Hostels were generally very modern, including the large hostel in Amsterdam with 360 beds. We had room on the fifth floor, but an elevator right to our door. Most rooms had toilets and lavatories, some had a shower. In London we stayed at the Oxford Street Hostel, which consists of three stories above a three storied office building. In Reykjav'k we also stayed in a fairly new hos el.

Yes, we would be glad to do it again, or do another similar trip, perhaps to the north of Amsterdam. It was strenuous but do-able.

HI-AYH Products and Membership Application

Outdoor Recreation Books

Allegheny National Forest Hiking Guide describes more than 250 miles of trails for hiking, backpacking and ski touring in the 800-square mile Allegheny National Forest. It also describes ski touring opportunities and points of scenic interest. Published by the Allegheny Group of the Sierra Club. 192 pages, 49 maps, 33 photos. Third Edition (1990) \$8.00

Baker Trail Guide describes the 141 miles of the Baker Trail from Allegheny National Forest to Freeport PA. 38 pages with complete topographic maps. Published by AYH. 35th Anniversary Edition (1987) \$4.00

Fifty Hikes in Western Pennsylvania by Tom Thwaites describes 50 of his favorite hiking trails in western Pennsylvania. Fifty Hikes contains lots of interesting background material on the history and geology of each area. 206 pages, 60 pages of maps, 48 photos. 2nd Edition (1992)..........\$11.95

Hikers Guide to Laurel Highlands Trail describes the 70 miles of the trail from Ohiopyle park to Conemaugh Gore atop Laurel Ridge. Published by the Allegheny Group of the Sierra Club and the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. 128 pages, 24 pages of maps. New 4th Edition (1992).......\$5.00

Pennsylvania Hiking Trails describes more than 290 trails and hiking areas throughout Pennsylvania. Published by Keystone Trails Association. 224 - pages, 94 maps. 11th edition (1993).....\$7.00

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