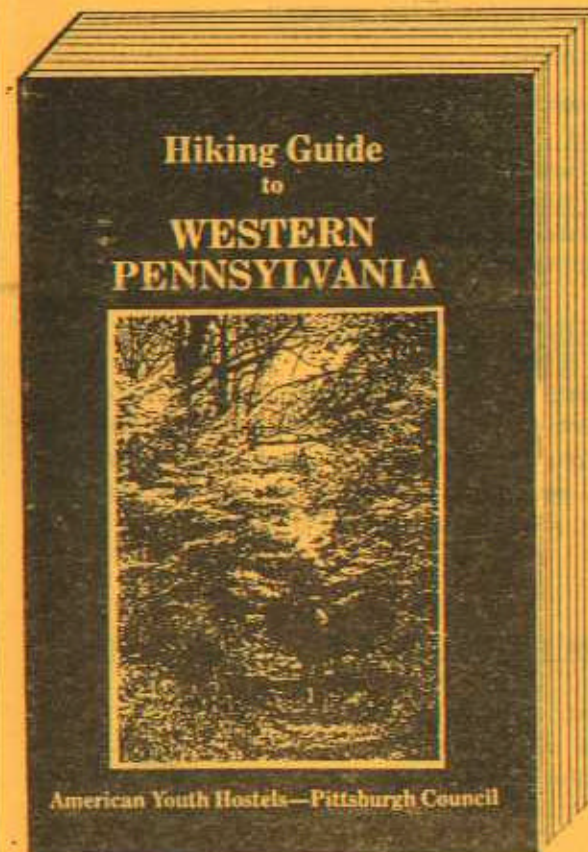


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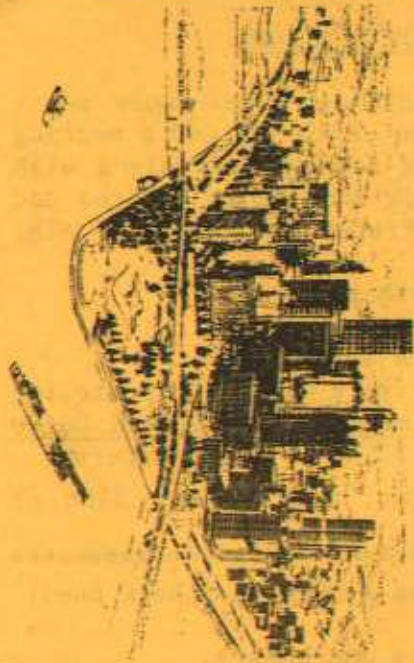
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FEISTY NOTES...

** Carol Burt has become our new ~~booker~~ advertising person for the Triangle. Carol is taking over the reins from Lucy Hofmann, who did a wonderful job last year. If you'd like to advertise in the Triangle write to Carol c/o Pittsburgh AYH.

** Thanks to Marianne Kasica for a terrific Fall Picnic in October. Good job Marianne!

** The feisty editor has moved to a new (well, not really new) apartment in Greenfield.

** Remember that the Triangle comes out early in November and December because of the holidays. If you want to lead a trip in December or January, get it to the activity chairperson NOW! This means everybody!

** Don't give the feisty editor any grief over the early deadlines in November and December. She's heard the same gripes for several years now and has not yet developed a thick enough skin. She may snap or better yet, she may get feisty!

** Look forward to the annual AYH Christmas Party on December 18!

** I think Cheryl Arnold is gonna make a terrific Hostel Reporter, if this month's column is anything to go by. Of course, I'll like just about anything that comes in already typed!

** Have you turned in your December and January trips yet?!

Joy

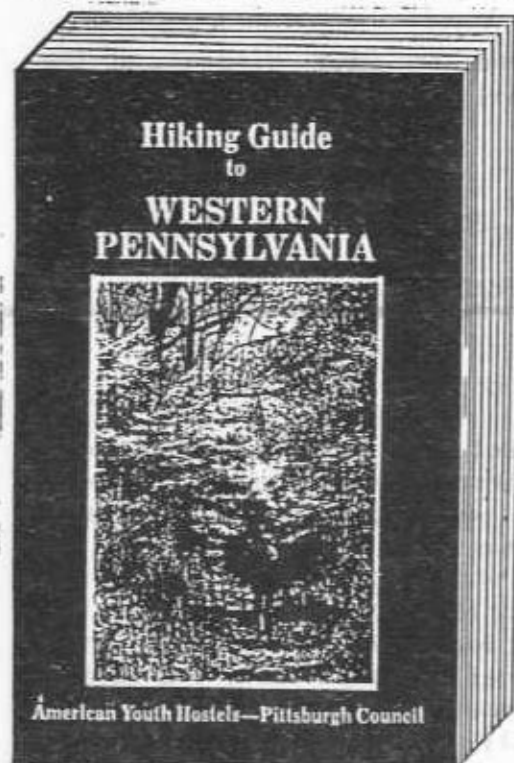
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Cross country ski trips and hiking trips are informally arranged and lead by AYH members. There are usually several small groups covering various ability levels and distances, going out both Saturday and Sunday. Additionally, there is a limited amount of AYH cross country ski equipment available for rent (you must reserve equipment with the cross country chairperson).

For additional information, please call:

Elaine Morner, (412) 521-6404

-or-

Bill Johnston, (412) 687-4893

TRIPS & TRAILS

Trips listed are open to the public, AYH members are given priority. Trip 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).

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Contact the chairmen about the Thanksgiving weekend caving trip.

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Climbing during the winter tends toward unofficial pickup style trips since the weather (and the climbers) are unpredictable.

Climbers start to go into hibernation right about now and are likely to be found in their favorite cave, the Evergreen Bar (on Penn Avenue near South Braddock), after the regular Thursday night meeting.

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We have a total of 47 rooms available. You may pay by either the room, or for yourself only. If you reserve only for yourself, you will be assigned a roommate to share a two person, two single bed room.

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The Jagged Sawtooth Mountains continued

I think he just discovered that his legs were numb. We all took pictures of Fern Falls in heavy overcast, but by the time we reached Smith Falls, Bill Johnston and I couldn't go further until we'd explored and photographed it from every angle -- we even had sunshine by then. We made our destination, Hidden Lake, well enough, but we were surely "tuckered out." To provide a bit of rest, we prepared dinner on the trail but Tom Kaveney, John Dern, and Rick Feryok pressed on to the campsite. We knew the elevations and stream crossings before we left home, but we surely didn't know about the avalanche slides. Also on the second day we had fallen short of our plan to climb 750' of altitude and to cover two extra miles. We had to make up that shortfall.

The fourth day on the trail was one of our favorites. Admittedly we had a heavy frost with ice on the tents, but it didn't seem that cold. Clear, crisp and sparkling. Up we climbed -- through a large snowfield -- 1,000' to Cramer Divide. This point was breathtaking! The view back to Hidden Lake was something special. To our right extends a sharp spine of sawteeth -- not hard to see how the area got its name. The spine curved over to 10,700' Mt. Cramer and continued North at well over 10,000'. The height of the elevations in the Sawtooth Wilderness is not all that impressive but the sharpness of the peaks and ridges certainly is.

After an enjoyable rest stop there above the timberline, we started down a long series of switchbacks. They took us into another snowfield about the size of two football fields, then a forest and an even larger snowfield where we lost the trail briefly. However, we found a cliff overlooking Upper Cramer Lake which made a perfect setting for lunch -- which the chipmunks and the mosquitos tried to steal from us, that is, the chippies wanted our food and you know what the mosquitos wanted - us - especially Blanche.

On to Middle Cramer Lake and another surprise. This lake was fed by a sizeable waterfall -- beautiful, but not even hinted at on the topo maps. The weather had clouded over and our pictures have very little sparkle, but we'll remember that spot forever.

We will continue this narrative in the December and January issues of the Golden Triangle.



(Ed. note: This will be the first in a three-part narrative by Glenn Oster of this summer's backpacking trip to the far West.)

If remote rugged mountains are your thing, this is where it's at — the Sawtooth Wilderness deep into the state of Idaho. A group of us from the Pittsburgh Council of AYH experienced them this summer and found them to be a real backpacking challenge.

Accompanying me were Blanche Asherman, John Dern, Rick Feryok, Bill Johnston, Tom Kaveney, Tom and David Ruppel, Pat Tieman, and Tom Ruppel's suitcase. It was so large I considered putting on wheels and towing it. This year, as in past trips, we drove making stops in places like Flint Hills in Kansas (I'll never live that one down), Rocky Mountain National Park, Dinosaur National Monument, Craters of the Moon National Monument and Sun Valley.

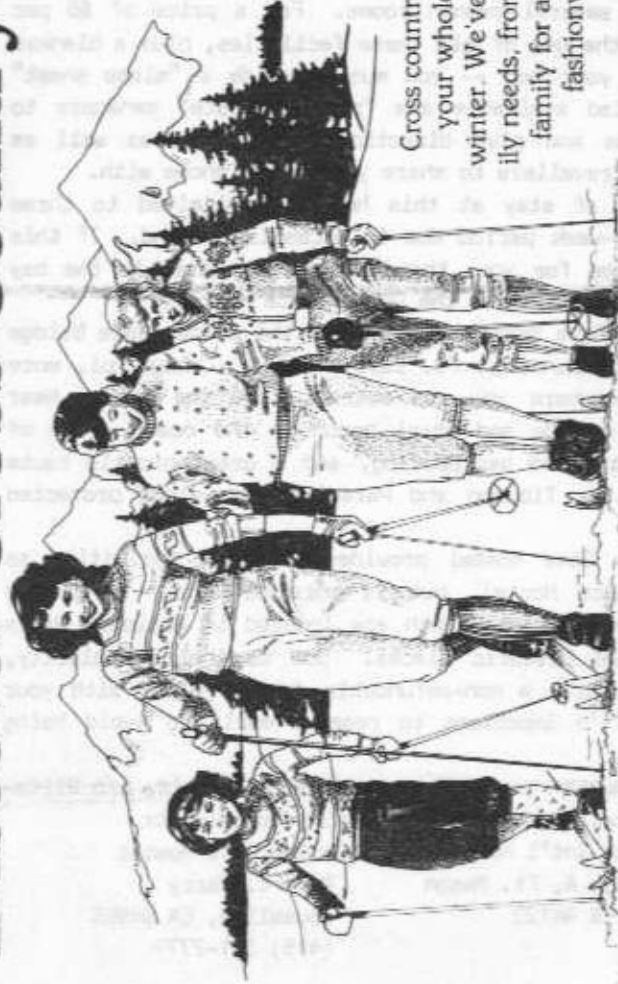
We entered the Wilderness from Stanley Lake (elevation 6,500') on a magnificent sunny morning and the scenery was great right now — those mountain peaks are something else, especially McGovern Peak (elevation 9,860'). Hiking was easy for the first few miles through beautiful meadows along the meandering Stanley Lake Creek amid lots of wildflowers. But as the mountains became closer, so did the climbs and stream crossings. At the crest of the pass (8,032') we crossed our first snow field — some 9' deep but only 150' or so long. Pat Tieman found some made to order snow balls when it came her turn to cross. We hiked about a mile down the trail for a total of nine miles for the day and then camped for the night.

Our next day called for a hike down Trail Creek to the South Fork of the Payette River, a drop of 2,300'. Again wildflowers, small waterfalls along the trail and towering mountains on both sides. Here we encountered the first of three avalanche slides which we had to cross to stay on the trail. The effect is much like a tornado, except that the downed trees are all lined parallel — sometimes as much as two football fields in size — and we had to crawl over them to remain on the trail. But at the bottom, along the South Fork of the Payette River, the walking was great and the campsite was superb. I understand that during a period when Blanche, Pat and I were away from camp, frigid dips were made in the river and certain pictures were taken which should be worth a fortune as black-mail. This turned out to be an easy day, eleven miles and no climbs.

We paid the piper the next day, however, thirteen miles distance, 3,100' of climbs, four stream crossings (boots off and tennis shoes on) and one super avalanche slide. We have pictures of John Dern and Tom Kaveney crossing streams but you should have seen the expression on Tom Ruppel's face in the picture taken of him.

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In order to accomodate travellers better, the hostel is open all day except from 2pm to 4pm. On the premises are laundry facilities, a large fully-equipped kitchen, soda and snack machines, lockers for small valuables, locked pack and bike rooms and several common rooms. For a price of \$8 per night, you get the use of all these facilities, plus a blanket and pillow for your bed — you must provide a "sleep sheet" and towels. Also available are friendly hostel managers to answer questions and give directions or advice, as well as lots of fellow travellers to share your experiences with.

The length of stay at this hostel is limited to three days in any two-week period due to excessive demand. If this isn't enough time for you, there's another hostel in the bay area that's worth a visit: the Golden Gate Hostel.

The Golden Gate Hostel lies across the Golden Gate Bridge in the Marin-Haylands at Ft. Barry. It's a beautiful, more isolated hostel where you can retreat from the city. Near the hostel is a jade and coral beach on the ocean, lots of trails for hiking and backpacking, and a great bicycle route through Sausalito, Tiburon and Paradise Loop along protected bay beaches.

The Golden Gate Hostel provides the same facilities as the San Francisco Hostel, but is more difficult to get to by public transportation. Both are located in National Parks and are national historic places. Due to their popularity, both hostels require a non-refundable deposit along with your reservation. It's important to reserve early to avoid being disappointed.

For more information you can contact Cheryl Arnold, c/o Pittsburgh AYH, or call or write the hostels directly at:

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Contributed by Hostel Reporter Cheryl Arnold.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We have returned from the Eastern Region meeting in New York City and will soon be off to the annual National Council meeting in Orlando. At the Eastern Region meeting, first of all, Marianne Kasica, our local Recording Secretary, was elected to the position of Eastern Region secretary. Congratulations Marianne! Other business at the meeting included extending the experimental Two-night Guest Membership through the end of the year and recommending to the National Council that this be implemented nationwide on a permanent basis. A workshop on marketing was presented; the current ("green") draft of the Strategic plan was reviewed; proposed changes in hostel customs were presented; the priorities of the Councils and of the Region were reviewed; and the impact of the changes in the hostel charter and recharter agreements were discussed. With regard to the last item, we proposed to roll back the charter and recharter fees back to the 1986 levels; however, this was not accepted by the Region. On to the National Meeting: We expect to have more discussion on the strategic plan, on the charter agreements, and on the guest member proposal. (Other regions charge an additional non-member fee for overnights instead of having the guest membership; the goal of the National Board is to emphasize the nature of AYH as a membership based organization.) I'll have a report for you in the January Triangle.

On the local level, the Annual Council Meeting and Elections were held on October 16th. The results of the elections will be available in the December Triangle. At the October Activities Board Meeting we started on the 1987 budget process; the final budget will be reviewed at the November meeting and approved at the November Board of Directors meeting. A new furnace for the Ohiopyle hostel and a videotape of the kayaking school are among the new items being proposed. At an October Board of Directors meeting several clarifying amendments to the Council By-Laws were approved based on the recommendations of the By-Laws Committee. In addition, the minimum non-budgeted expenditure requiring the Board's approval was raised from \$100 to \$250. Other changes to revise the structure of the Council to improve our ability to handle expanded membership and member services will be reviewed at a future meeting; among these is a proposal to permit mail-in ballots for the annual council elections and a proposal to include the Council officers on the Board of Directors ex-officio.

...Larry Laude, President (412) 665-9554

DATE	DAY	ACTIVITY	LEVEL	LEADER	PHONE	TIME	DESCRIPTION
1	Sat	Hike	Easy/Int	Tom Kaveney	276-8044	8:00	To be announced.
8	Sat	Hike	Easy/Int	Rick & Shirley Ulaky	422-0849	8:30	
8	Sat	Sea-Kayak	Easy	Ted Self	795-6286		Easy trip on Mosquito Creek Lake.
9	Sun	Hike	Easy	Joe Levine	241-3265	10:00	Explore the boundary trail around Frick Park. Return 3:00.
16	Sun	Hike	Easy/Int	Ben Brugmans	736-2751	8:00	Ohiopyle area.
16	Sun	Sea-Kayak	All	Cathy Lynch	361-3707		If there's snow we'll ski. If it is nice, we'll sea-kayak. Call Cathy to find out.
21-22	F5	Hike	Int/Adv	Norm Snyder	351-4068		Otter Creek area. Leave Fri. night return late Saturday.

1987 HOSTEL HANDBOOKS NEWS

The 1987 Handbook is getting ready to go to print and is expected to be published in December. The Handbook will show eight new hostels and eleven new home hostels, plus several long-awaited key hostels proposed to open next year in Seattle and Washington, D.C. Bob Johnson, the Executive Director in the National AYH Office, tells us that "In a continuing focus on quality over quantity in hostel services, 1987 shows an overall reduction in the number of AYH facilities, primarily a reduction in the number of Supplemental Accommodations, along with an overall increase in the number of full-service hostels". Work is progressing nicely on the New York City hostel project, while the Westside (Los Angeles) Hostel Project is experiencing some local opposition.



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