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TDSRVART-GREG SIPLE

Open House

Thursday Evenings
8:30 pm

with Marta Hurwitz

November 4

Jack Kowalski presents tips on winter survival. He also has a movie to strengthen his position.

November 11

Hal VanZoeren displays his slides of his trip to East Africa this past summer. He climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro (all 18,700 ft.). His sights include lions, elephants, zebras, gnus, etc., etc...

November 18

June and Greg Siple were co-leaders on a National AYH cycle trip through the Delmarva Peninsula area. Read their article on page 3 and come see the slide show.

November 25

For those who can't eat any more turkey this evening, come have a happy Thanksgiving with us and see the movie.

It Was a Short Season,
Harvey Shapiro
or
Canoeing in January Can
Be Fun!!

by A. Canoeist

The season isn't over, but if you haven't started canoeing yet it is probably too late for this year. Unless, of course, you have a few common household items such as wetsuit, crampons, ice ax, etc. However, the diehards are still canoeing and will be at it until at least the end of Nov. In the fall, the water is often up making the smaller streams runnable. The scenery is certainly attractive. No doubt, there will be a trip to the Middle Yough to watch the leaves changing color. Also there will probably be a trip to the Slippery Rock Creek to watch the park rangers changing colors as they smile at us through their gnashing teeth.

Earlier this year Guy Estes lead one and Kathy Spindt two canoe schools #1. These were especially for people who don't know which end of a paddle is up. Jim Hurst lead a rip-snorter #2 canoe school on the Middle Yough (in very high water) and almost wiped out some of the canoe school #1 graduates. Gene Cone lead a milder version on the Loyalhanna.

Howard King lead an interesting canoe-camping trip to Canada. The locals told him about the bad rapids at the beginning and end of the trip and about the miles of pleasant canoeing along the entire middle section. In following their advice, Howard almost had to make a choice between growing wings or growing wings when he came upon an easy, pleasant Class 2 rapid which lead into an easy, pleasant Class 5 rapids which (quickly) lead into an easy, pleasant 50 foot water fall (the old water-fall-at-the-end-of-the-rapid trick). Howard wound up perched on a rock about fifty feet upstream from the falls. Luckily, he was rescued from his perch (throwlines do have their uses) and his boat eddied out by itself before the falls. Too bad the New River trip was cancelled this year or there would be some real stories to tell. But you get the idea -- and it all starts again next spring!!!

WILL YOU BE THERE?? WHERE?? ON THE WATER!!!

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Greg and June Siple Lead National Cycle Trip
by Greg Siple

This past year the travel department of the National Office of American Youth Hostels had 75 groups of 10 people each on extended hosteling trips both here and abroad. Most of the trippers on these trips are students ranging in age from 14 to 18. The leaders are adults who have attended the National AYH Leadership Course that is held annually. Leaders have all expenses paid on their trips and also receive some spending money.

One of this year's trips was co-lead by Pittsburgh Council members, Greg and June Siple of TOSRV. Their trip, on Atlantic Seafarer, lasted one month during which they bicycled about 700 miles. The trippers, six boys and three girls, came from various locations in the New England area.

The group met in Philadelphia at the Chamonieux Youth Hostel. Though youth hostels and other indoor facilities were used, it was primarily a cycle-camping trip with tents provided for the group by AYH.

From Philadelphia the group cycled south toward Atlantic City and the New Jersey coast. From Cape May, a ferry crossing allowed the group to continue south along the Delaware coast with stops at the Assateague and Chincateague Islands.

The best cycling was in the interior of the Delmarva Peninsula, where decreasing population has left abandoned homes and quiet roads. From Virginia Beach they turned inland and spent several days at the reconstructed village of Williamsburg. On the ride from Williamsburg to Richmond the trippers earned 50 in 5 patches.

A train ride and a three day stay in the Washington, D.C. Youth Hostel ended the trip. Though it was a first time experience for most of the trippers, all planned to purchase better bikes and to register for a hosteling trip next summer.

National always has a need for leaders for extended trips. As on Council trips, leaders go for free.

Greg Siple will present a slide show on the trip on November 18. See the Open House Column.

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A TRAIL REPORT by Eb Moll

It is really a success story, and this makes all that work worthwhile and enjoyable. Much has been done on the Baker Trail in 1971 and the year is not over yet.

Dave Porterfield and I, as Baker Trail Chairman and Co-Chairman, agreed at a meeting with neighboring trail clubs to extend the trail about 15 miles into Allegheny National Forest. After negotiating with four governmental agencies and several private landowners, the route was established, scouted, cleared and partly blazed.

The trail from the Clarion River to Corsica was rerouted for about 16 miles back into the woods. After selecting the route and scouting the trail, the trick is to find the landowners and get their permission to walk over their property. So far nobody has turned us down. We got a lot of help from Bill Hearst in Clarion. He even got an OK to build the Fisher Shelter on McNoughton Hill, the highest point in Clarion County with a beautiful view. We got right into the act and in July the shelter went up. It was almost completed, including outhouse and picnic table. The Clarion Boy Scouts promised to put on the missing boards and shingles.

After taking a break for vacation we found a fine spot for the Corsica Shelter. That one will be built on November 13 and 14, 1971.

This leaves one shelter to be built near Summerville to complete the chain of 11 shelters up to Cook Forest.

The shelter design, based on Don Woodland's Idaho Shelter was refined and worked out in great detail. This enables a crew of six to build one shelter on a weekend (the cooking crew not included!).

The rest of the trail is in pretty good shape, but should be rerouted in several spots away from roads and populated areas.

Walter Tereszkiewicz added several unique bridges in Section 3 near Crooked Creek. Besides that he took pity on the section below Summerville and did a great job with blazes, wooden signs and little benches along the way. For all his donation of time and expenses over many years, Walter was awarded Honorary Life Membership in AYH.

Among the many helpers with the trailwork, the efforts of Don Woodland, J.D. Meyers and his wife Eleanor, and Bob McGoff should be mentioned.

With 7½ minute maps now available for the entire trail, a new guide book is in preparation.

We will continue to improve the trail in 1972. It extends now from Freeport into Allegheny National Forest and is over 130 miles long.

If you haven't hiked yet on the trail and camped at one of the shelters, try it once, you will enjoy it!!

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➤ TRIPS + TRAILS

- Fri. Nov.5 ICE SKATING-- Adult Session at North Park Skating Rink 10:30 to 1
Meet in upper parking lot at 9:30 pm or at North Park.
All Welcome.
- Fri. Nov.5 HIKING on the Baker Trail...Sections 12 and 13 (Camp Tionesta
to Cook Forest). A 2-day hike for a total of 22 miles.
- Sun. Nov.7 No backpacking. Hike Saturday from Camp Tionesta in Allegheny
National Forest to the boundary of the State Game Land and
continue on Sunday on the Baker Trail Extension to the fire
tower in Cook Forest. Stay 2 nights in cabins. Fee \$11.00
includes two breakfasts and one dinner. Meet Friday evening
at 6:45 pm, leave at 7 pm. Reserve with Jim Hurst(276-0447).
- Sat. Nov.6 CYCLING--Mike LaMark leads an intermediate trip around
Washington County. Meet at headquarters at 8:00 am. and
bring a lunch. No beginners. Reserve with Mike(381-3563).
Cost \$2.00 plus rental.
- Sat. Nov.6 CANOEING--Easy canoe-camping trip on the Potomac River from
to Oldtown to Little Orleans, Md., paralleling the C&O Canal.
- Sun. Nov.7 Bring food, (four meals), water, camping gear, clothing and
\$9.50. Leave Hostel at 8:00 am Saturday. Reserve with
Howard King (264-1386).
- Sun. Nov.7 HIKING--Beginners hike along the Old Pennsylvania Canal
(Saltzburg to the Conemaugh Dam). Bring a light lunch,
comfortable hiking shoes and a canteen. Reserve with John
or Alice Bentley (521-8756). Leave AYH at 8:30 am with
\$2.50 in hand!
- Fri. Nov.12 ICE SKATING--North Park, Adult Session 10:30 to 1:00 am.
Meet in the upper parking lot at 9:30 or at North Park.
- Sat. Nov.13 CAVING--Beginners cave trip to Casparis Cave near Connells-
ville. Meet at AYH at 8:00 am. Reserve with George
Robertson (363-2050).
- Sat. Nov.13 HIKING--Bushwhacking hike in an indeterminate area. Hike
will be moderately strenuous. Leave AYH at 8:30 am with
good hiking boots. Contact Bill Williams (687-7610) for
details.
- Fri. Nov.12 HIKING--Help build a shelter near Corsica, Pa. or blaze
to rerouted parts of the Baker Trail. Leave AYH Friday at
Sun. Nov.14 6:30 pm or Saturday morning. Food will be provided free.
Camp out or stay at Fisher Shelter. Call Eb Moll(441-0226).
- Sun. Nov.14 CYCLING--This is the final cycle trip of the year!! It will
be in the Mingo Creek Park. Meet at AYH at 8:00 am, bring
lunch. No bikes available for rental (sorry). Contact
Jack Batchelar (963-7868). Cost \$2.00.
- Fri. Nov.19 ICE SKATING--North Park, Adult Session, 10:30 pm to 1:00 am.
Meet in the upper parking lot at 9:30 or at North Park.
- Fri. Nov.19 HIKING--Hike and maintenance trip on Tuscorz Trail.
to Larry Giventer (422-9282) recommends a warm sleeping bag
Sun. Nov.21 and good hiking boots for this trip. Leave AYH at 7:00 pm
with food for the weekend and about \$2.00.
- Sun. Nov.21 CAVING--Beginners cave trip to Barton's Cave. Call
Mike LaMark for details (381-3565).

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- Fri. Nov.26 ICE SKATING--North Park, Adult Session, 10:30 pm to 1:00 am. Meet in the upper parking lot at 9:30 or at North Park.
- Thr. Nov.25 BACKPACKING--Thanksgiving trip in Shenandoah National Park. Backpacking and hiking on the Ridge and Saddle Trails of
to
Sun. Nov.28 "Old Rag Mountain", and hiking on the Appalachian Trail highlight this trip. Bring your own backpack gear, individual food and about \$10.00. Leave AYH at 8:00 am Thursday. Reserve with Morie Oberg (279-5774).

EXTRAS -- UNCLASSIFIED TRIPS

- Nov. 13 and Dec. 4 WHITE WATER CANOE CLINICS--To be held at the Wilmerding YMCA. Paddling, rolling techniques demonstrated. Get a chance to paddle even if you do not have your own equipment. Registration \$1.50. Call Doug Ettinger (371-4802 or home 828-2540).

COME SKI WITH US--Day Ski Clinic for beginners to be held this month at the Hostel. Contact Jack Kowalski (681-1661).
6 week (one night a week) ski lessons which include lift ticket and equipment rental will again be held for us at Boyce Park. A sign-up poster will be in the rear of the Hostel.

Anyone wishing to go to Canada for a Learn-to-Ski-Week during the first week of December, contact Jack Kowalski.

Back from retirement, Henry Pollack leads a MYSTERY HIKE. Come to the meetings for details about this hike sometime in November!!!

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- * Articles for the GOLDEN TRIANGLE
- * are due on the 10th of each month.
- * If you have any contributions,
- * please mail them to Kathy Spindt,
- * 135 Buckhill Rd., Pgh. 15237, or
- * put them in the publications
- * mailbox at the Hostel headquarters.

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This is the space reserved
for greetings from your
new editor.

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Back Country Travel in the National Park System

by Rich Bartoo

That's the title of a new National Park Service booklet, available for 35¢ from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 20402. It outlines the basic features of some 41 recreation areas available for traveling on your own, "...out of sound and sight...of the machine age."

Restrictions on back country travel vary among park units, but all the areas listed have the following general conditions: The park is open all year. Cross-country travel on foot (and in many cases by horse back) is permitted, but check with a ranger first. A permit is usually required, but back-country camping is permitted. Fire permits are also required. Vehicles, including trail bikes, are not allowed on the trails or cross-country. Hunting is not permitted.

The booklet outlines briefly the restrictions to travel and camping, access points, established trails, whether horses are permitted or not, boating (especially hand propelled) availability and permits, fishing, and whether snowmobiles are permitted or not. Wildlife and special points of scenic interest are also reviewed.

Here are a few of the lesser known areas that have unlimited back-country availability:

1. Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, Kentucky.
Historic wilderness area with some established trails, some horse riding and a hiking guide available.
2. Glacier Bay National Monument, Alaska.
Immense glacial and forested wilderness, with some trails established. No restriction on back-country travel and no access by land.
3. Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Nevada.
Large lakes and desert canyons; no trails, but unlimited cross-country travel by foot or horse back.
4. North Cascades--Lake Chelton--Ross Lake National Park and Recreation Areas, Washington.
Alpine forests and glaciers; unlimited back-country opportunities, many miles of trail for hiking or horse riding, canoeing excellent.
5. Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park, North Dakota.
Historic prairie and river area; some trails, some horse riding, un-restricted cross-country travel.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Morie Oberg and Sandy Slife wish to announce to their friends of AYH their engagement.


We certainly wish them well.

PLEASE NOTE

Falling Water, the Frank L. Wright house on the Kaufman Conservation on Bear Run is now open to individuals to tour. Call for an appointment.

Falling Water, R.D. 1 Mill Run
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