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"Faces change, but the names stay the same."  
Enjoy the New Year



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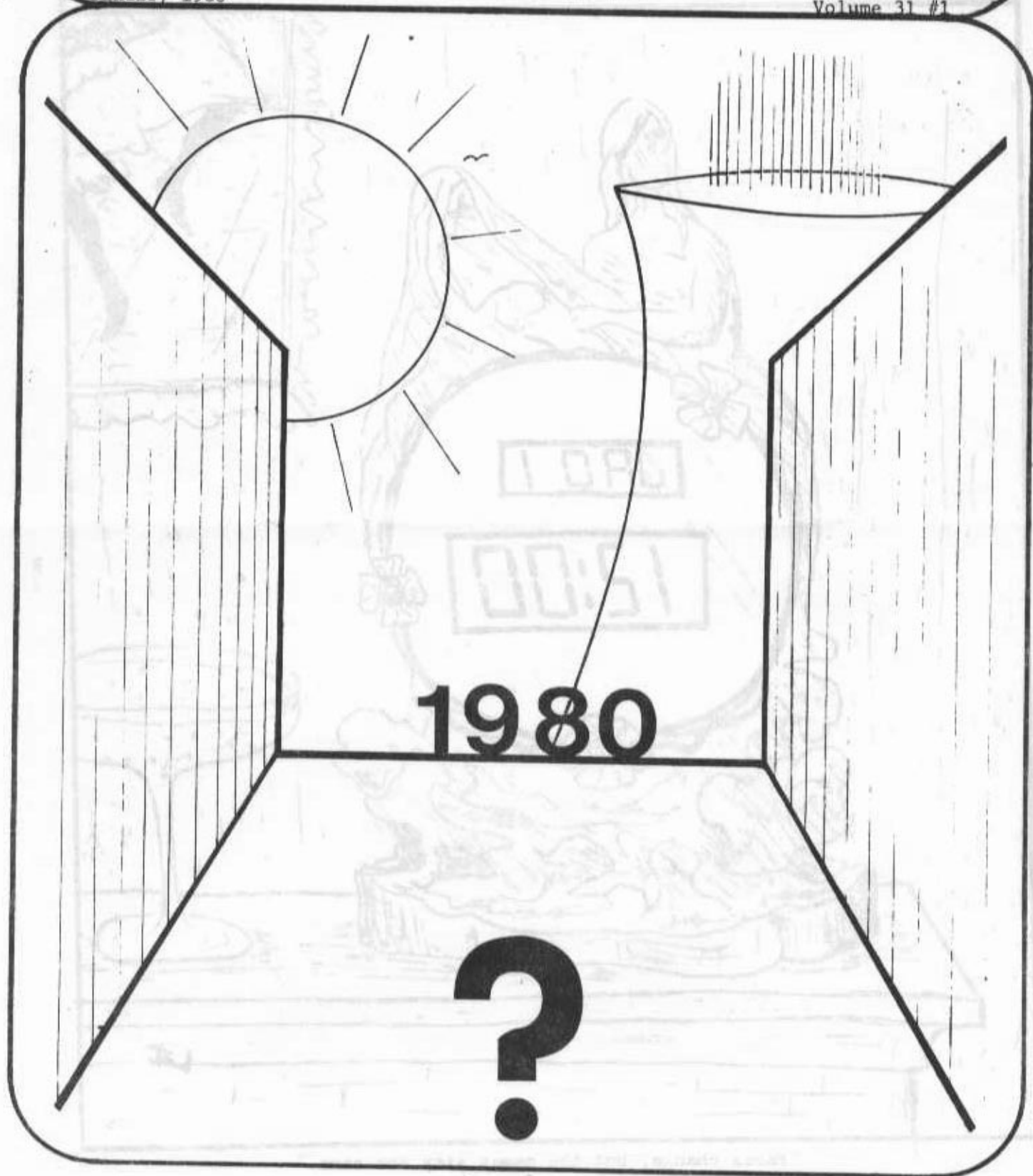
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AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS, INC.

PITTSBURGH COUNCIL



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## OPEN HOUSE

Every Thursday Night  
Doors Open: 7:45  
Slide Program 8:45

Our Thursday Night Open House is for members as well as non-members. This is a great time to see friends, make new ones, reminisce about good times, plan new trips, and get a ride to the Evergreen.

### SLIDE PROGRAMS FOR JANUARY

Host: Bob Goff

Jan 3 "Review of 1979" with your host, Bob Goff.

Jan 10 "Train Ride into the Past" with Richard Heck as Engineer.

Jan 17 "Vacation to California" With Fred & Eileen Hull

Jan 24 "First Climbing Trip of 1980" by Woj

Jan 31 A Downhill Ski movie from Jack Kowalski

### ABOUT OUR COVERS...

As you have noticed, this month's newsletter features two cover illustrations - no mean feat when it's usually hard to find one.

On page one we have our typical cover.

And then there is the other...

The anonymous artist had hoped to be able to bring us face to face with the choices of a new decade. These could be called the "soft path" vs. "hard path."

The hard path includes fossil fuels, nuclear energy and syn-fuels produced from coal & oil shales. The soft path could include energy conservation, biomass, solar & wind energy and geo-thermal power - so called exotic techs (1970 term)

With two covers, you have the choice of using either one as the front page. During the new decade you may be able to influence which path we, as a nation, take

Remember - the choice is yours.



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### DEADLINES FOR FEBRUARY

Articles to be typed: January 10

Everything else: January 17

Production Party: January 24

CHANGE OF ADDRESS - Please notify Pittsburgh Council as soon as possible if you change your address. Otherwise, you miss "The Golden Triangle" and we get billed 25¢. Don Hoecker takes care of address changes, so bring it to his attention.

### ACTIVITIES BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 8, 1980, 8:00 pm

Place: ??

Give a friendly Board Meeting a home. House-broken; doesn't eat much. Call Pres. Jim Gogots or Sect Mitzi Pieta.

### READ ON.....

In this issue you'll find information on:  
A First Aid class being formed for AYHers  
Info on Laurellville Weekend  
Goals for AYH for 1980  
Addresses of AYHers who have relocated  
Tips, Trips, etc.

## New Year's Resolutions - Goals for 1980 (and beyond!)

In an effort to start the New Year (and the new decade) out right, a couple of AYH chairpeople put their heads together and developed a "wish list." Jane Toben (Leadership Development) and Joe Hoechner (Hostel Development) realize that not all the items listed may be attainable in 1980 and that some may already be in effect now. The goals listed are generally within the policies of Pittsburgh Council, but they may not reflect the current thinking of the Activities Board or the Board of Directors. Your comments are welcome. Send them to: Pgh Council, AYH; Editor; 6300 Fifth Ave; Pittsburgh, Pa 15232.


- 1) Establish an in-town Pittsburgh Youth Hostel.
- 2) Relocate Headquarters to a larger, more functional building.
- 3) Publish: a cycling guide to Western Pa., a Leadership Manual, an AYH cookbook
- 4) Encourage the use of the Baker Trail; publicize it with a brochure and guide-book.
- 5) Work with our Eastern counterparts, Delaware Valley Council, to develop a state-wide hostel development plan.
- 6) Promote the establishment of hostel clubs, working towards the start of new Pa. Councils ( i.e., Erie, State College, Harrisburg, etc)
- 7) Develop a chain of hostels across Pa, linking the east and west.
- 8) Work with local government agencies to promote bicycling as an every day saving means of transportation. Publish a cycle-commuters map to Pittsburgh.
- 9) Expand our in-town bicycling program to introduce more beginners to cycling activities during the oil-short 80's
- 10) Improve the condition of AYH rental equipment and hold additional repair clinics.
- 11) Increase membership by 20%.
- 12) Increase youth and family trips/activities
- 13) Increase minority membership.
- 14) Promote organizational memberships.
- 15) Start a leadership training program for activities
- 16) Develop a topo guide to W.Pa. waters to be used with the Canoeing Guide.
- 17) Compile an Info Book to be used at the membership table.
- 18) Encourage First Aid courses geared towards wilderness situations.
- 19) Develop a kayaking program.
- 20) Continue the Winter Coffee Houses.
- 21) Publish the minutes of meetings of the Activities Board & Board of Directors in the Golden Triangle.
- 22) Follow more closely the AYH by-laws.
- 23) Reprint the current revised Constitution & Bylaws for all Board members.
- 24) Revise the general info passout for the membership committee.
- 25) Promote Canoe and Bike Camping trips.
- 26) Improve current HQ, inside & out, if new HQ is not found soon.
- 27) Have Fun!!

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AYHers: Here's your chance to personally help fulfil Goal Number 18: Take a First Aid Course. Chris is an Instructor who will set up a Red Cross First Aid Course as soon as there is enough interest. So Call Her Now! She is an AYHer, so she can gear the course towards problems that might arise on AYH trips.  
CALL: Chris Gareis H/766-7320, W/237-2755.



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4 PM - 9 PM MON. - FRI.  
 12 PM - 9 PM SAT.

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 Phone: 412/766-2126

#### ALUMINUM RECYCLING

(from A.C. League of Women Voters)

Alcoa's new Recycling Center is now open at 3321 Liberty Avenue, Bloomfield. The hours are 8am-4pm, closed Sun & Tue. It will pay 23¢/lb. (about a penny a can) for aluminum beverage cans. This may be used as a fund-raising effort by groups. Any can which will not stick to a magnet is usually aluminum. They will also take consumer household aluminum products (washed).

In Pittsburgh, these are among the brands normally available in aluminum cans: Big K Soft Drinks, Blatz, Colt 45, Country Club, Hamm's, Heineken, Miller, Old Milwaukee, Olympia, Pearl, Rolling Rock, Schlitz, Shasta, Stroh's, Tuborg Gold, Weideman. It almost limits the opportunity to beer drinkers.

#### FOR SALE:

##### Cross-Country Skills:

Asnes, size 190-waxable  
 Fischer, size 180-waxless  
 Padded backpacking belt-medium  
 Fabiano hiking boots, 6½ medium  
 If interested, call Val (461-3830)

#### SOME NEW ADDRESSES:

Rob McEachern  
 24 Fifth St.  
 Frenchtown, N.J. 08825

Jack Batchelor  
 1317 Pearl St  
 Apt 20  
 Denver, CO 80203

Jon Barnard  
 5 SW Normandy Place  
 Werton, OR 97005



#### ...PYLE HOSTEL NEWS

Would you believe that there are still a few items needed in our new hostel? Could you spare a couple of can openers (the tin can variety)?

House painters can sign up now for springtime exterior painting work. Of course, you can keep in shape by painting some of the interior walls up in the dorms. Thanks go to PPG and Sherwin-Williams for donating a total of 20 gallons of white paint.

The hostel has 3 new bunks (6 beds) donated by Pittsburgh Public Theatre, who used them in "Mr. Roberts." Joe Hoechner tracked them down, Fred Parker picked them up, and JOe, Jim Gogots and Dave Simpson installed them.

Additional metal frame bunks were donated by Laurelville Church Camp Hostel - these still need to be sanded/painted/assembled.

Want to help? Call:

Joe Hoechner (322-6114)

Jim Gogots (384-9149)

#### WELCOME NORTH HILLS HIGH

We are happy to announce the formation of another hostel club in Pittsburgh. Congratulations to Greg Madzelonka, advisor, and John Rutherford, club president and to all 80 of the club members.

If you are connected with a group of people who want to participate in hosteling activities, why don't you talk to Jim Gogots or Jane Toben about forming a hostel club?

Activities Board Meeting, Dec. 4, 1979

*4 new members*

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Gogots with 16 present. The minutes of the November meeting were approved.

- 1) Cliff Ham and Jim Gogots reported on the National AYH Council Meeting which they recently attended: a) A board of directors with one new member was elected. b) The board of directors now has the authority to change the by-laws and retains the authority to set membership fees. c) Discussed move of national headquarters to Washington D.C. and possibility of buying a hotel in New York City. d) Joe Hoechner received a distinguished service award. e) Pgh. Council AYH received an award for having the 3rd largest membership increase - up 27% from previous year. f) Last year was best year ever for national membership - up 12%. g) The national board of directors will meet in Pgh. on May 17-18.
- 2) Jim Gogots reported that Point Park College might be interested in establishing a hostel in one of the downtown hotels which they own. Jim will also meet with a regional park superintendent regarding possible hostels in western Pa.
- 3) Jim Gogots reported that a fire escape was built at the Ohiopyle hostel.
- 4) Cliff Ham reported on trails: Beginning of Baker Trail needs to be re-routed, trees need to be cleared from section 4, and two of the shelters are in need of repair. The Keystone Trails Association sent us a letter of appreciation for our work on the Tuscarora Trail. A Pennsylvania trails advisory is being set up which coordinate trail use by various users-snowmobiles, hikers, etc.
- 5) Joe Hoechner asked why a social security number is required on membership forms. Jane Toben explained that this number was optional but was used by the National Council for improved record-keeping.
- 6) A letter from the Triangle editor, Rick Caplan, was read which expressed Rick's belief that the activity board should not make decisions regarding Triangle editorial policy - specifically, the recent motion that activity board minutes be included in the Triangle. The matter was discussed and Fred Mauk suggested that perhaps we could include the minutes by buying advertisement space.
- 7) Joe Hoechner showed a cover which he proposed for the January Triangle which compared solar and nuclear power. The board then discussed the appropriateness of the cover and appropriateness of AYH getting involved in political issues such as energy and land conservation policy.
- 8) Harriet Seiner reported on her attendance at the organizational meeting of a group called the East End Focus on Youth. She will report further on possible AYH involvement with this group.

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Respectfully submitted,  
*Steve Martin*  
Steve Martin

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (from C. Lynch)

The BoD, AYH's incorporating body, met Nov 14 at the home of Joe Hoechner.

The 1980 budget, presented by Council Pres. Jim Gogots and Treas Fred Hull, was approved with only minor revisions.

The Board approved putting money held in bank savings certificates into the Delaware Cash Fund Reserve, a money market fund.

The Board discussed the fine progress at Ohiopyle Hostel and unanimously

approved the 3-year rechartering of the Council with National AYH. We extended an invitation to National to hold one of their 1980 meetings in Pittsburgh.

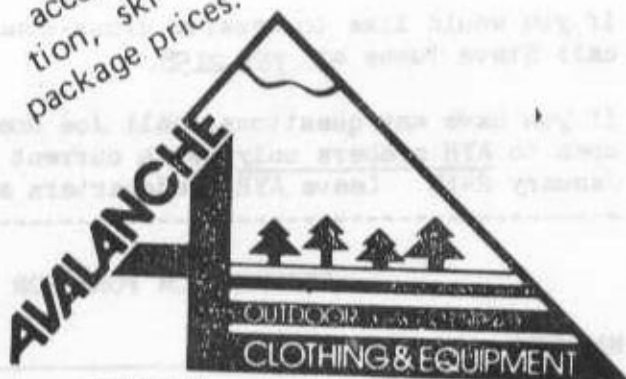
strongly urged the Activities Board fill the office of Baker Trail Chair as soon as possible.

Marilyn Ham was welcomed as the new member. Continuing members are Don Hoecker, Gordon Bugby, Bob Omlor, Roy Weil, Cathy Lynch, and Claudette Faulkenham.



# CROSS COUNTRY

You don't need to know everything about cross country skiing if you know the people that do. See the folks at Avalanche for expert advice and the widest selection of wood and fiberglass, waxable and waxless skis, boots, clothing and accessories. Not to mention free instruction, ski holidays and special discount package prices.



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Weekdays 12 - 9 Saturdays 9 - 5





Once again Pittsburgh Council is planning its annual winter weekend get-together at the nearby Laurelville Youth Hostel. This season the date is February 8-10.

We will arrive at Laurelville by carpool about 8:30 p.m. Friday night, Feb. 8, and leave on the afternoon of Sunday, Feb. 10. We have reservations for the lodge and three dorm cabins. Space is available for about 70 AYH members. Reservations for the lodge are on a first come, first serve basis, with couples having priority. The cost for cabin space is about \$5.00 less than a space at the main lodge.

## LAURELVILLE WINTER WEEKEND FEBRUARY 8-10, 1980

Our meals will be served by the Laurelville staff in the dining hall and will include two breakfasts and one supper. You'll have to bring two 'trail' lunches. A snack will be provided for Friday and Saturday nights. Transportation fees will be \$5.00 and will be paid directly to the driver. Total cost of the weekend (two nights lodging, three meals, trip fees and transportation) should be approximately \$35. A deposit of \$15 should be paid to trip leader Joe Hoechner before January 24, 1980. (Make checks payable to Pittsburgh AYH).

Joe would like to remind all members to bring their musical instruments. He would also like to hear from anyone who can bring folk/square dance records, and a phonograph. There is a piano and a fireplace in the lodge building. Please note the room rate structure depending on the number of persons. Children under nine are half price.

What should you bring? As previously mentioned, bring two lunches, your AYH pass, a sleeping bag or sheets and blanket, cross-country skis, hiking boots, warm clothes and personal items. If you're the type who forgets their AYH pass, turn it in to Joe Hoechner, and he'll worry about bringing all the passes along.

If you would like to reserve cross-country ski equipment (one day rental basis), call Steve Tubbs at 751-2158.

If you have any questions, call Joe Hoechner at 322-6114. Reminder: The trip is open to AYH members only--with current passes!!! Deposits are non-refundable after January 24th. Leave AYH headquarters at 7:00 p.m., February 8th.

### RESERVATION FORM FOR LAURELVILLE AYH WINTER WEEKEND

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_ AYH PASS # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Lodge (2 persons at 17.50/person)  
\_\_\_\_ Lodge (3 persons at 15.00/person)  
\_\_\_\_ Dorm cabins (10.00/person)

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_ (15.00/person)  
Make checks payable to Pittsburgh AYH

\_\_\_\_ I CAN HELP WITH SNACKS  
\_\_\_\_ I NEED A RIDE  
\_\_\_\_ I CAN DRIVE (no. of passengers) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ I CAN PLAY/BRING \_\_\_\_\_  
(folk/square dance records, instruments, phonograph)  
\_\_\_\_ I WOULD LIKE TO LEAD A TRIP \_\_\_\_\_  
(SKI, HIKE, OTHER.....)

Bring this form to deposit at meeting or mail to:

Joe Hoechner  
1240 Resaca Place  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15212



### Trips and Trails

The trips listed below are open to the public with the exception that AYH members are given priority when the trip is of limited size. Trip costs include 50% registration and insurance (\$500 med) plus transportation and rental. In addition, non-members are charged \$1.50/day, which can be deducted from the cost of membership. Trips are classified as BEGINner, INTERmediate or ADVanced.



### Cross-Country Skiing

Chair: Steve Tubbs (751-2158)

Trips depend on snow conditions. Typically, it's NO SNOW, NO GO. Contact trip leader for changes and for rental info. Leaders: Clear ALL rentals through Steve Tubbs. Bob Rudland will dispense downhill info

- sat jan 5 BEGIN - Kerry Duffy (244-9792)  
sun jan 6 INTER - Jim Gogots (384-9149)  
sat jan 12 EVERYONE - Joe Curlee (422-9672)  
sun jan 13 INTER - Bill Skallos (921-5695)  
sat jan 19 ADV - Steve Tubbs (751-2158)  
sun jan 20 INTER - Becky Soisson (244-1826)  
sat jan 26 INTER - Ed Seiger (561-4790)  
sun jan 27 INTER - John Orndorff (363-5140)

1980		JANUARY						1980
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27	28	29	30	31				

Thursday Evening Ski in Mellon Park, mini-trips with instruction for beginners will be led outside of the hostel from 6:30 to 8:30 before Thurs Open House, All are welcome. Contact trip leaders for rental reservations.

- thu jan 3 Maureen Risacher (521-2519)  
thu jan 10 Rick Caplan (521-4420)  
thu jan 17 Bill Friedrich (244-1151)  
thu jan 24 John Orndorff (363-5140)  
thu jan 31 Steve Schomer (824-5352)



And some special ski events....

Wednesday evenings, join Fred Parker to X-C in Boyce Park. Meet at 6:30pm at the Boyce Park ski lodge or call Fred at 824-2638.

sun jan 6 RACE - Ligonier Mt Outfitters is having their 5th annual "Kindahard" X-C ski race at 2pm. No snow?, it will be held Jan 13. Call 238-6246

sun feb 3 RACE - 55km marathon. write: Overland, PO Box 216, Westfield, NY 14787

## Hiking



Chair: Bob Rudland (421-2227, 462-5000x6284)

May change to ski or snowshoe trips depending on weather.  
City hikes, etc will be announced on Thursdays.

Sierra and Audubon hikes available; call Bob Rudland.

Jogging at Highland Park Reservoir (near steps) every Wednesday at 6:15pm all winter long.

sun jan 6 BEGIN - at 9 am, Bob Rudland (421-2227)

sun jan 13 BEGIN - at 9am, Chuck Ejzak (327-5031)

sat jan 19 BEGIN - at 9 am, Gus Hughes (751-4775)



## Backpacking

Chair: Steve Martin (462-5000x6185)

Basics: Sleeping bag, food+water, shelter, backpack, raingear

Rentals: Sleeping bag, shelter, backpack

sat jan 12 INTER - Quebec Run. Leave AYH 9:30am. Limited size. Call Judy Flowers  
- jan 13 at 828-1592 after 6pm.

sat jan 19 INTER - X-C backpack. Bob Rudland (421-2227)  
- jan 20

fri jan 25 INTER - to Dolly Sods. Leave AYH 7:30pm. Jack Leahy (935-4188)  
- jan 27

sat jan 26 INTER - X-C overnight. Either Allegheny Nt For or the wilds of W.Va.  
- jan 27 Bill Skalloos (921-5695, 5:30-7 pm)

sat feb 2 INTER - X-C in Buzzard Swamp Area. Meet at AYH at 6:30 am; eat breakfast  
- feb 3 on the way. Steve Martin (462-5000x6185 or 469-3153)

## Climbing

Chair: Wojie (322-4524)

Basics: Craziiness Rentals: available.

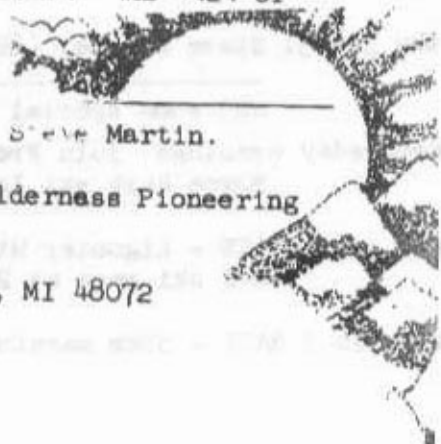
fri jan 4 SCHOOL - on Ice Climbing at AYH at 7:30 pm. Ice clim: be held on weekends, weather permitting. Call Woj if interested 322-4524 or 766-2126)

## Special Events

sat jan 19 Coffee House at AYH at 9 pm. Call Jane Toben or Steve Martin.

Feb, I don't know when. Movie: "Free Climb" presented by Wilderness Pioneering Outfitters. Talk to Woj or to Tim Campbell.

Feb+ Florida vacations. Write AYH, 3024 Coolidge, Berkley, MI 48072



## Camping

Chair: Dave Marschik (327-2778, W-256-3443)  
Jane Toben (466-7885, W-462-5000 x6585)

Tips will be announced at Thurs meetings; there should be some good ones. Dress: lots of wool or wet suit, hat, gloves, warm footwear. Have dry change of clothes in a waterproof bag. Leaders - make sure everyone is prepared; be prepared to provide warmth in the form of fire, blanket or hot food. Contact Dave or Jane to be placed on the Camping Hot Line, which will be posted on bulletin board. Then, you will be contacted when the weather permits a good river flow.

## LAURELVILLE WEEKEND UPDATE

If you are planning to go, turn in your reservation and deposit. All of the double rooms in the lodge may be gone by now. Children under 9 get half price meals and free lodging.

Drivers will receive \$5/person for round trip fees. There will be additional fees collected by the day trip leaders. Joe Hoechner will prepare a map & directions. Please bring spare ping-pong supplies. We are not supplied with sheets, so bring sleeping bags. Cross-country rentals are handled by Steve Tubbs (751-2158).

We will be car pooling from AYH HQ at 7:15 pm Friday, Feb 8. Driving time is about 1 hr, 15 min. A snack will be available Friday night, so eat dinner first or at New Stanton.

If you have questions, call Joe Hoechner at 322-6114.



## PGH CYCLE-COMMUTING GUIDE

The Pgh Council & W.Pa. Wheelmen are joining forces this winter to scout roads for a cycle commuters map set. The area covered initially is the city limits of Pgh, with the scope being to identify low traffic roads running from the city's borders to both downtown and the campus area of Oak.

The basic format is still in the planning stage, but if you would like to start scouting roads & mark up maps, call Joe Hoechner (322-6114) for info.

This project is being made possible thru the cooperation of the local Regional Planning Commission.

## AYH COFFEE HOUSE

Last year was the first time for AYH Coffee Houses; everyone who participated enjoyed them. So, we'll try to have a monthly Coffee House this year.



Time and date:

9 pm, Saturday, Jan 19

Place:

Hostel Headquarters

If you would like to help, if you want to play music, if you have slides that you would like to show, call Jane Toben at 4-466-7885 or W-462-5000 x6585, or Steve Martin at W-462-500, x615.

Pgh Council would like to thank the Ohio-pyle workparty that put up the long-discussed fire escape over Thanksgiving. Jim Gogots & Gordon Bugby were there with engineering expertise, Jim Roberts provided muscle and military discipline, Joe Hoechner supervised.



Fill out the following membership application and bring or send it with a check payable to "Pittsburgh Council, AYH" to:

Membership, AYH, 6300 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., 15232

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (zip code) \_\_\_\_\_ New/Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

\_\_\_\_ \$7.00 Youth (under 18)

\_\_\_\_ \$35.00 Three-year Senior

\_\_\_ \$7.00 Senior Citizen (60+)

\_\_\_\_ \$35.00 Organization (non-profit)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$14.00 Senior (18 - 59)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$140.00 Life

— \$21.00 Family (not valid abroad,  
includes youths under 18)

Note: Membership sells Inter. Youth Hostel Guide to Europe for \$5.00

Please Circle:

Service Interests: Newsletter, Hostel Development, Bicycling, Publicity,  
Trail Maintenance, Equipment Repair, Auditor Service, Typing, Art Work

Leadership: Backpacking, Bicycling, Canoeing, Caving, Climbing, Hiking, Cross-country Skiing, Rafting.

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