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Pittsburgh Council of American Youth Hostels is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to hostelling, outdoor education and self-powered recreation. We have many activities. The council has some rental equipment available for use on council trips. A full range of skill levels are offered, and we also offer courses in our activities so that everyone may upgrade their skills. Pittsburgh Council AYH maintains about 200 miles of trail in western Pennsylvania, writes and publishes several guides for people interested in outdoor activities and maintains the Ohiopyle State Park Youth Hostel.

Our headquarters is located near the corner of Fifth and Shady Avenues in Mellon Park. We are nestled between the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts and the Pittsburgh Civic Garden Center. Meetings are held every Thursday evening. The building opens at about 8 pm and the program starts around 8:15. Weekly trip announcements are made immediately following the program. Thursday evenings are the only time when you can be sure that a real person will answer the phone. A machine will answer at all other times; leave your name and address and you will receive a response to your message.

Pittsburgh Council AYH trips are listed in the center of this issue. 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 notes, where you may find more information. After you have 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 get back? What is all this going to cost you? 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).

Trips listed are open to the public; AYH members are given priority. Trip costs include transportation, rentals, and a 75¢ registration fee. 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 also covers insurance (\$1000 medical/\$1000 accidental death or dismemberment).



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OFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Amount and Membership Types Available:

- ☐ \$ 10.00 Youth (17 years and under).
 - ☐ \$ 20.00 Adult (18 years to 54).
 - ☐ \$ 10.00 Senior Citizen (55 years and over).
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 - ☐ \$ 30.00 Family (Includes children under 18 years).
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 - ☐ \$ 1.00 Postage (for each Membership or International Handbook ordered)
- (You can save postage by purchasing these items at our Open House Meetings)

NOTE: International Hostel Handbooks are available for \$ 8.00 each at Pittsburgh Council Headquarters (Thursday nights 8-10 PM) Volume I (Europe and the Mediterranean) and Volume II (Africa, America, Asia and Australia). Make all checks payable to "Pittsburgh AYH"

NAME: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)
STREET: _____
(Permanent Address Only)
CITY: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
BIRTHDATE: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ Phone # _____

Were you a member of AYH this past year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
When do you need card? _____ (Signature of Applicant)

If you wish Membership Card sent to a temporary address, give same below:

CARE OF: _____ STREET _____
CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

AYH MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

International Hostel Membership Card plus Council I.D. Card good for discounts at local bike shops and outfitters.

U.S.A. Hostel Handbook.

"The Knapsack", National A.Y.H. Travel Newsletter.

"The Golden Triangle", Pittsburgh Council's Newsletter of Trips and Activities.

Open House Thursday nights 8:00 p.m. at Council Headquarters.

Access to National travel programs and Leadership Training Courses.

(NOTE: Memberships valid from Sept. 1 to Dec. 31 of the following year.)

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ACTIVITIES MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Amount and Membership Types Available: (not for access to youth hostels)

- _____ \$ 5.00 Youth (17 years and under)
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- _____ \$ 10.00 Adult (18 years to 54)
- _____ \$ 15.00 Family (includes children under 18 years)
- XX \$ 1.00 Postage and Handling (for each membership ordered)

NOTE: U.S. Hostel Handbooks are available for \$5.00 each or are FREE with a full AYH membership. International Hostel Handbooks are available for \$8.00 each at Pittsburgh Council Headquarters (Thursday nights 8 - 10 pm) Volume I (Europe and the Mediterranean) and Volume II (Africa, America, Asia and Australia).

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO "PITTSBURGH AYH" (include \$1.00 postage).

NAME _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

STREET _____
(Permanent Address Only)

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

BIRTHDATE: Month _____ DAY _____ Year _____ PHONE: _____

Were you a full member of AYH this past year? _____

SIGNATURE: _____

AYH PROGRAMS FOR DECEMBER

- December 3 Caribbean Adventure Under Water by Tom Ogden
- December 10 Forests, Glaciers and Wildlife of the Olympic Wilderness by Walter Vaux
- December 17 The Annual AYH Christmas Party. Meet at headquarters at 6:00 pm to assemble the newsletter and then carol through Shadyside to Larry Laude's house!
- December 24 and 31 Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Meetings will resume January 7, 1988.



1987 CHRISTMAS PARTY!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17th

Join us at Headquarters at 6 pm for production of the January newsletter, then stroll and carol through Shadyside to Larry Laude's house, 210 South Atlantic, for refreshments.

Bring:
Musical Instruments
A Warm Holiday Spirit
Warm Clothes
Warm Shoes
Goodies to Share

Beverages and refreshments will be transported ahead to the party. For details call Carla Steele, 921-2069, or Larry Laude, 665-9554.

WQED PLEDGE DRIVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Pittsburgh Council will again participate in the WQED December Pledge Drive. We need 16 people from 7:30 to 11:30 pm on December 7 to man the phones for the drive. If you want to help promote AYH and WQED then give Kathy Pacacha a call at 363-2228(home) or 687-2234 (work). Let the folks catch you on TV!!

Deadlines for the January issue: December 3- all submissions
December 17 Production

The Golden Triangle is the monthly publication of the Pittsburgh Council of American Youth Hostels. Contents are at the discretion of the editor.

EDITOR Joy Layton, 1048 Mirror St. #2, Pgh., PA 15217 (412) 421-3975
PRODUCTION Don Hoecker
MAILING Roy Weil
ADVERTISING Sandi DeMatteo
HOSTEL REPORTER Cheryl Arnold



WILDERNESS LODGE SKI WEEKENDS

January 30-31

February 6-7



If you like your lodging intimate and rustic, and your ski trails tracked and groomed, this is the weekend for you! In the Erie snowbelt near the New York border.

Cost is \$40.00 and includes lodging Friday and Saturday nights and one dinner (meat or vegetarian) including pie and beverage. Cash bar. Trail fees are \$5.00 per day.

Three to six persons in a room with assorted doubles, singles and bunks. Limited to 33 persons per weekend. Possibly already sold out so check with Bill Johnston before sending a check made payable to Pittsburgh AYH for the full amount. No refunds will be available after January 15 unless your spot can be sold to someone else.

Send checks to:

Bill Johnston (Phone 243-1945)

540 Crocus Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Pittsburgh, PA 15235

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

Phone: _____ AYH Member? _____

Member cost: \$40.00 Non-Members: \$45.00

Two private rooms with one double bed each are available for \$50.00/member, \$55.00/non-member

CIRCLE WEEKEND: January 30-31 February 6-7

CIRCLE DINNER: Meat Vegetarian

____ Can drive. ____ Can't drive.

Can take ____ other riders.

____ Will supply own ride.

PITTSBURGH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES MEMBERSHIP

Pittsburgh Council is introducing a new "Activities Membership" this year for those who wish to take part only in the activities and social events of the Council and who do not expect to be staying at hostels. Here's how it works: the Activities Membership costs one-half the regular AYH hostel membership (for example, \$10 for an adult activities membership vs \$20 for the adult hostel membership). You pay member fees on trips and other events, and you will receive the Golden Triangle monthly. What you will not get is a hostel pass, the US hostel handbook, the quarterly national AYH magazine Knapsack, or voting privileges in Council elections. If you want to stay at a hostel, you will need to buy an AYH hostel membership or a one-night guest membership. However, you can use your activities membership as a credit towards the purchase of a hostel membership. Activities memberships purchased this year will expire on December 31st, 1988, the same as the hostel memberships.

Why are we doing this? We want to see if we can increase Council membership by offering a lower cost membership to those who do not use hostels. Frankly, we would prefer to sell hostel memberships but recognize that not everyone wants to use them. We intend to offer this as an experiment for a year or two and will then evaluate whether this is something that should continue on a permanent basis.

If you are interested in the new Activities Membership, check out the rates on the application form on the back page. However, you may want to consider buying the two-year hostel membership for \$30, which is a 25% discount from the \$20 adult hostel membership.

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SKI-TOURING GUIDE NEEDS INPUT

The Sierra Club's "Ski Touring Guide to Southwestern Pennsylvania" is nearly out of print. Next Spring a second edition will be compiled from input contributed by cross-country skiers in the area. Present plans call for a 6x9" paperback with a full-color cover and more photos and maps. About 3000 copies will be printed -- twice the printing of Edition I.

Contributions of material are being sought from the ski-touring community. Contributions could take the form of:

- descriptions of new trails and areas;
- additions, corrections and updates of material already in Edition I;
- the loan of black and white prints or color slides relevant to ski-touring in southwestern Pennsylvania.

Edition I contained input from about a dozen people -- a tiny fraction of the ski-touring community in southwestern Pennsylvania. Profits from the sale of these guides support the Pennsylvania Sierra Club's environmental lobbying office in Harrisburg -- the only full time voice for the environment in Harrisburg. Hopefully Edition II will reflect the experiences of a far larger fraction of the ski-touring community in Pennsylvania. Contributions and requests for further information should be addressed to Bruce Sundquist, 210 College Park Dr., Monroeville PA 15146-1532, Tel. 327-8737.

If AYHers provide 25% or more of the contents of Edition II, the new edition will be published as a joint publication of AYH and the Sierra Club.

If you own a copy of Edition I, send a stamped #10 envelope to Bruce Sundquist at the above address for a free 5-page update.



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1988 ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

The results of the elections at the Annual Council Meeting on Oct. 15th are shown below. The Vice Presidents were elected at the October Activities Board meeting and Kathy Pacacha was appointed Chair of the Service Committee. The names of the Activity Chairpeople are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

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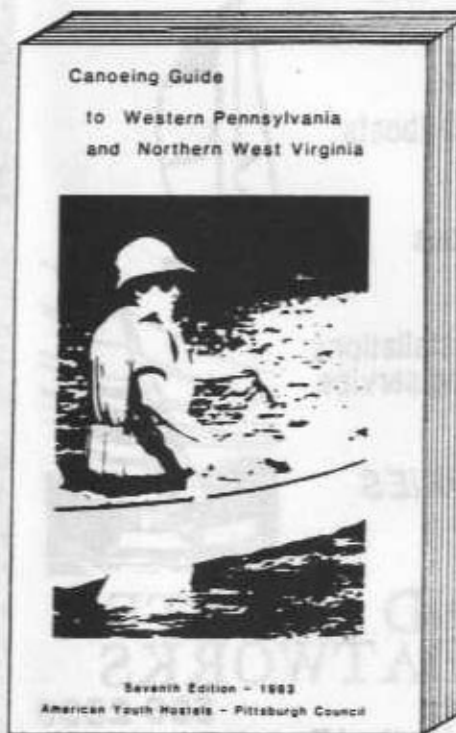
A NEW CANOEING GUIDE TO WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA & NORTHERN WEST VA.

EDITED BY MARY SHAW AND ROY WEIL, PUBLISHED BY PITTSBURGH COUNCIL, AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS, 1983, 290 PAGES, 6" x 9" SOFT COVER, \$5.00/INDIVIDUAL COPY - A BARGAIN!



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THANK YOU,

LOCAL VOLUNTEER COLLEGE REPS NEEDED!

If you're back in college now (as a student or teacher), you can help spread the word about Pittsburgh AYH and hosteling by distributing brochures on campus.

Now, we don't mean standing around forcing brochures on passing students (creates litter). What we mean is checking out the information center in the student union to restock brochure racks or hang a mini-poster on their bulletin boards.

We need reps not only in Pittsburgh, but also for schools in Erie, Johnstown, Altoona, State College, Meadville, Wheeling, Morgantown, etc. If you'd like to help out, please send your name, address and school name with a description of the information site to: Joe - AYH, 6300 Fifth Ave., Pgh., PA 15232. We'll send you a sample set of our brochures so as to get an OK to place some of these around. Questions? Drop me a line! Thanks. Joe Hoechner, V.P.

PITTSBURGH COUNCIL CHRISTMAS LIST

In case you were thinking of giving to the Council this year and just had no idea of what to get...

- [] A year-round hosteling spirit.
- [] A new headquarters.
- [] A hosteler's refrigerator at the Chiopyle hostel.
- [] Four hours of your time at the Chiopyle hostel.
- [] Window fans for the Chiopyle hostel.
- [] A commitment to work on hostel development.
- [] A slide show for a Thursday Open House.
- [] A desktop computer.

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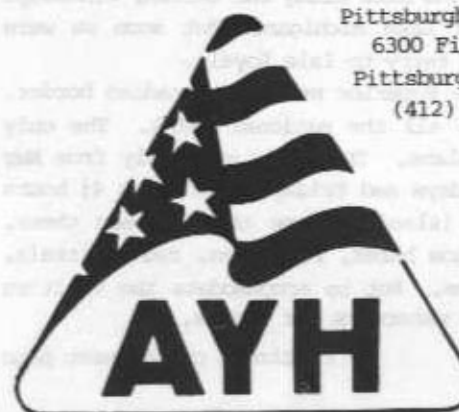
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by Cheryl Arnold

Now that the December winds are upon us, I'd like to tell a story of spring rains. It began as a challenge. I'd been backpacking twice and I heard stories floating around headquarters of Glenn Oster's wonderful, but hard, weeklong backpacking trips. I knew Glenn to be an exceptional leader and decided to ask him if there'd be any chance that I could try a backpacking vacation with him. That was last December. He said he had planned an easier-than-usual trip to Isle Royale National Park in May that he thought I could manage. I planned to go.

Well the trip plans started to materialize and soon the trippers numbered five: Glenn, me, Ben Brugnans, Blanche Asherman and Royanne Mac. Since Royanne and I were relatively new to backpacking, Glenn felt we should do two weekend trips to prepare for Isle Royale. I missed the first trip due to illness, went on a hike shortly afterwards and got cold feet. After talking to Glenn, I pulled off the trip and Fred Skinner took my place. But I guess I was destined to go because, just three weeks before the trip, Ben had to cancel. Blanche and Royanne strongly encouraged me to go. Hestitatingly, I agreed.

The preparations for the trip were extensive. I had never planned food for a weeklong trip before. But I got lots of help from Blanche Royanne, Glenn and Ben. Finally I was packed.

I fell into an unsettling sleep the night before we left. I was worried about being strong enough for the trip, worried about my feet that had blistered and my toenail that had blackened breaking in my boots and worried about my almost 50 pound pack.

The next morning we left Glenn's about 7:30 and drove 500 miles to White Cloud, Michigan, where Glenn was to attend his North Country Trail Association (NCTA) meetings. I enjoyed the ambience of the group during the long drive and had only minor reservations about going during the jokes about Glenn's "death marches"!

The next day we did some hiking in the Manistee National Forest and returned in time to greet the new VP or the NCTA - Glenn Oster! That afternoon we drove to Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, where we got a chance to do the "dune climb" and hike along the barren, windswept dunes and enjoy spectacular views of Lake Michigan. But soon we were off to Copper Harbor, the site of the ferry to Isle Royale.

Isle Royale is an island in Lake Superior near the Canadian border. It is reportedly the most "wild" of all the national parks. The only way to get there is by ferry or seaplane. The ferry runs only from May to October and even then only on Mondays and Fridays. It takes 4½ hours across Lake Superior to get to the island. There are no roads there. The permanent inhabitants, the snowshoe hares, red foxes, red squirrels, moose and wolves have no use for them. But to accommodate the visitors there are hiking trails and extensive waterways for canoes.

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CROSS-COUNTRY AND MOUNTAIN BIKE RENTAL CENTER AT LAUREL MOUNTAIN

After several years of renting skis from the small octagonal building near the parking lot at Laurel Mountain (off Route 30), Shadyside Ski Shop now has a bigger and better facility only a few feet away; the Cross-Country and Mountain Bike Rental Center. The Center will stock about 100 pairs of rental x-c skis and lessons are available (Call for prices). The hours will be 9:00 to 5:00, Friday through Sunday, but if you want to rent skis during the week, just call ahead to reserve them. The Center features a deck with picnic tables and grills for hungry skiers to use, and inside the pot-belly stove keeps out the cold. There are also a few benches inside. Conditions will be posted and maps are available, as well as snacks and beverages. Be sure to mention that you're an AYH member when you shop at the ski shop; you'll receive a 10% discount! For directions and rental fees, call the Center at 238-2050, or call the Shadyside Ski Shop at 683-9600. Conditions at Laurel Mountain can be obtained by calling either number.

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ISLE ROYALE Continued

We couldn't even see the island from Copper Harbor. It was very misty with some rain at times. Despite the weather, we set up our tents, repacked our gear for the 5-day backpack and finally fell asleep to the tolling of the lighthouse bell.

The next morning, Monday, it was pouring and cold. We put on our raingear, ate, packed our gear and got to the ferry by 7:30 am. Glenn and I sat outside on the deck to get fresh air. Blanche, Royanne and Fred went inside. Now I was very excited and eagerly anticipated the arrival at Isle Royale. I had remembered to take Dramamine for seasickness. The packs were stored in the hull of the ferry, protected from rain, and so I was armed with only my camera, my walking stick, and my lunch.

We pulled out of Copper Harbor by 8:15 into a very rough Lake Superior. The waves were about 6 feet as they tossed the small ferry in all directions. About 1/2 hour into the ride, Fred and Glenn joined many other passengers hanging over the side of the boat. I had no time to feel bad for them because minutes later I found a spot there myself. We got dry heaves for the next four hours! So much for Dramamine!

I was too sick to notice our approach to Isle Royale. But when we arrived I was quite startled. Not only had the rain stopped, but the sun was shining brilliantly making the water sparkle and the island look magical! We registered with the park ranger and selected our campsites for the week. Then we picked up our packs and tottered on unsteady legs towards Daisy Farm Campground, seven miles away.

...To Be Continued...

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

First of all, let me thank all of you who helped with the running of the Council over the past year and to those who are going to continue for yet another year. In particular I'd like to mention Barry Govenor, who recently resigned from the Board of Directors. Barry has put a lot of work into the Council in various capacities, including two years as president and also served a term on the National Board of Directors.

At the November activities Board meeting, Bill Johnston and Joe Hoechner were elected Vice Presidents and the 1988 budget was approved for referral to the Board of Directors. I'll have a summary of the final budget in the January newsletter, which will also include a report on the National Council meeting being held in Boston the weekend before Thanksgiving.

...Larry Laude, Pittsburgh Council AYH President



HELP YOUR COUNCIL

Just what you need, another end-of-year fund raising appeal! Well, if you're a life member you should have already received the National AYH 1987 appeal letter. Unfortunately for Pittsburgh, none of these donations ever filters directly back to the Council.

If you're not a "lifer" you don't get direct mail letters from the National office or from the Pittsburgh Council - just this simple request for funds in your December newsletter.

The Pittsburgh Council is in the slow process of entering the age of computers - not the way we've been "borrowing" time at members' work locations, but actually owning a real "AYH" computer. We need a wide range of hardware and software to use this for our membership processing, newsletter production and with a "desktop publishing" package we can speed up new editions to our famous guide books. To do it right we need at least \$3000 to put this together.

Please take this opportunity to make a tax-deductible contribution to "Pittsburgh Council AYH". Thank you!

Yes, I'd like to help out with a donation for:

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_____ \$150 Modem	_____ \$500 Hard Disk	_____ Publishing
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or _____ other misc. software

Name _____

Address _____

Mail to: AYH Treasurer
6300 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15232

May we thank you in our newsletter? _____



Explorer Post 294 is now planning its winter activities. In December we will have only one meeting, which will be Wednesday, the 9th at 7:30 at HQ. The meeting topic will be cross-country skiing, including technique, waxing and equipment. AYH has some rental equipment. We will plan trips for both cross-country as well as downhill skiing. If we can get 20 people together we can get a big discount at Hidden Valley or Seven Springs. Other planned activities coming include Winterfest at Heritage Reservation, January 29-31. This popular weekend will include cross-country skiing and a dance on Saturday night. February features the Explorer cruise on the Gateway Clipper Majestic. To find out more about these come to the January meetings on the 13th and 27th.

Explorer Post 294 is a co-ed activity for high school age youth affiliated with Boy Scouts of America and sponsored by Pittsburgh Council of AYH. New members are always welcome. For more information, call advisors Mark Chance, 421-0435 or Vicki Windisch, 741-8970.

AYH MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

Classified ads are printed free of charge for AYH members.

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This year, once again, you've been invited to a gala Christmas Party at a mansion! If you haven't made plans yet for December 5, keep it free because Bob and Joan Beard, the houseparents at the Ironmaster's Mansion Youth Hostel in Pine Grove Furnace State Park are giving the party to "thank everyone for the whole year". They're inviting everyone (AYH members as well as activities members and non-members) to help them celebrate!

The mansion will be decorated with wreaths, holly, candles in the fireplace and a 6-foot Advent Wreath in the large dining room. There will be a Christmas tree freshly cut for the occasion for which you are asked to bring a homemade decoration. Joan and Bob will be providing plenty of refreshments. Joan explains that it's not a sit-down dinner, but you won't leave hungry because there'll be plenty of punch, hot apple cider, dips, vegetables, crackers and other snacks available.

The party will be from 2 pm to 5 pm and it'll be organized as an open house. There's plenty of room to stay overnight Saturday (for the \$7 overnight fee). And I've been told you can even snuggle up in your sleeping bag next to the tree and sleep to the music of sugar plums dancing in your head!

If you stay overnight, there'll be lots to do on Sunday. There are beautiful wooded trails where you can see plenty of wildlife, including deer. And while Bob and Joan cannot promise snow for the weekend, it's always a possibility at this time of year.

If you'd like to come with a group, you need to make reservations, but if you want to come with just a "small" carload of people, you don't. Help Joan and Bob usher in the Christmas Season! Take them up on their wonderful invitation - you owe it to yourself!

... Cheryl Arnold, Hostel Reporter

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6	Sun	Cave	Begin	John Popp	885-2126		Bear Cave - entrance maze, suicide pass, and the infamous keyhole passage.
6	Sun	Hike	Easy	Joe Levine	421-9706	10:00	Meet Joe at HQ and join him on a stroll in Frick Park.
6	Sun	Hike	Int	Glenn Oster	364-2864h 234-3967w	7:00	Hike one of the most beautiful sections of Baker Trail in the Mill Creek area. Approximately 11 miles. Call for info and reservations.
12-13	SS	Backpack	Int	Glenn Oster	see above	8:00	Hike Baker Trail in the Little Mahoning Creek section. call for info and reservations.
12	Sat	Hike	Int	Cliff Ham	687-4520	8:30	Destination to be announced. This trip skis if it can!
19	Sat	Ski	Int	Norm Snyder	351-4068	8:30	This trip is on a "no-snow, no-go" basis.
20	Sun	Ski	Klutz	Joe Hoechner	242-0781	8:30	"no-snow, no-go"
20	Sun	Hike	Easy	Jack Peth	921-7214	9:00	Pre-Holiday leg stretch in Settlers Cabin Park.
26	Sat	Ski	All	Jack Peth	921-7214	8:30	"no-snow, no-go"
27	Sun	Ski	All	Fred Parker	856-4713	8:30	ditto above
Jan 2	Sat	Ski	All	Judy Menosky	242-1573	8:30	No snow, no go!
Jan 3	Sun	Ski	Int	Cliff Ham	687-4520	8:30	No snow, no go!

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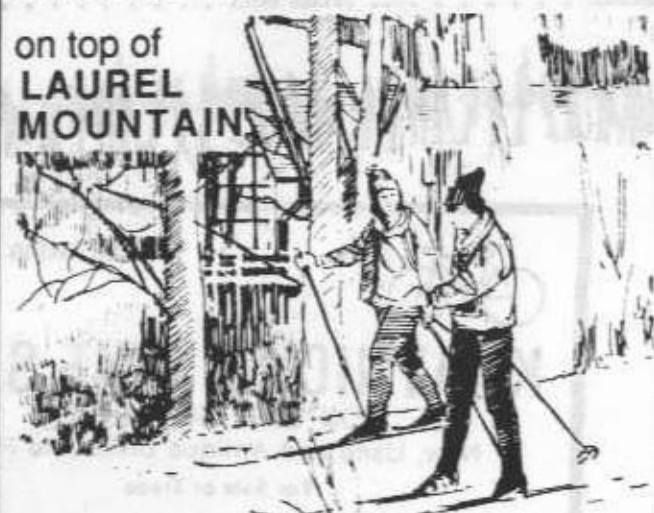
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