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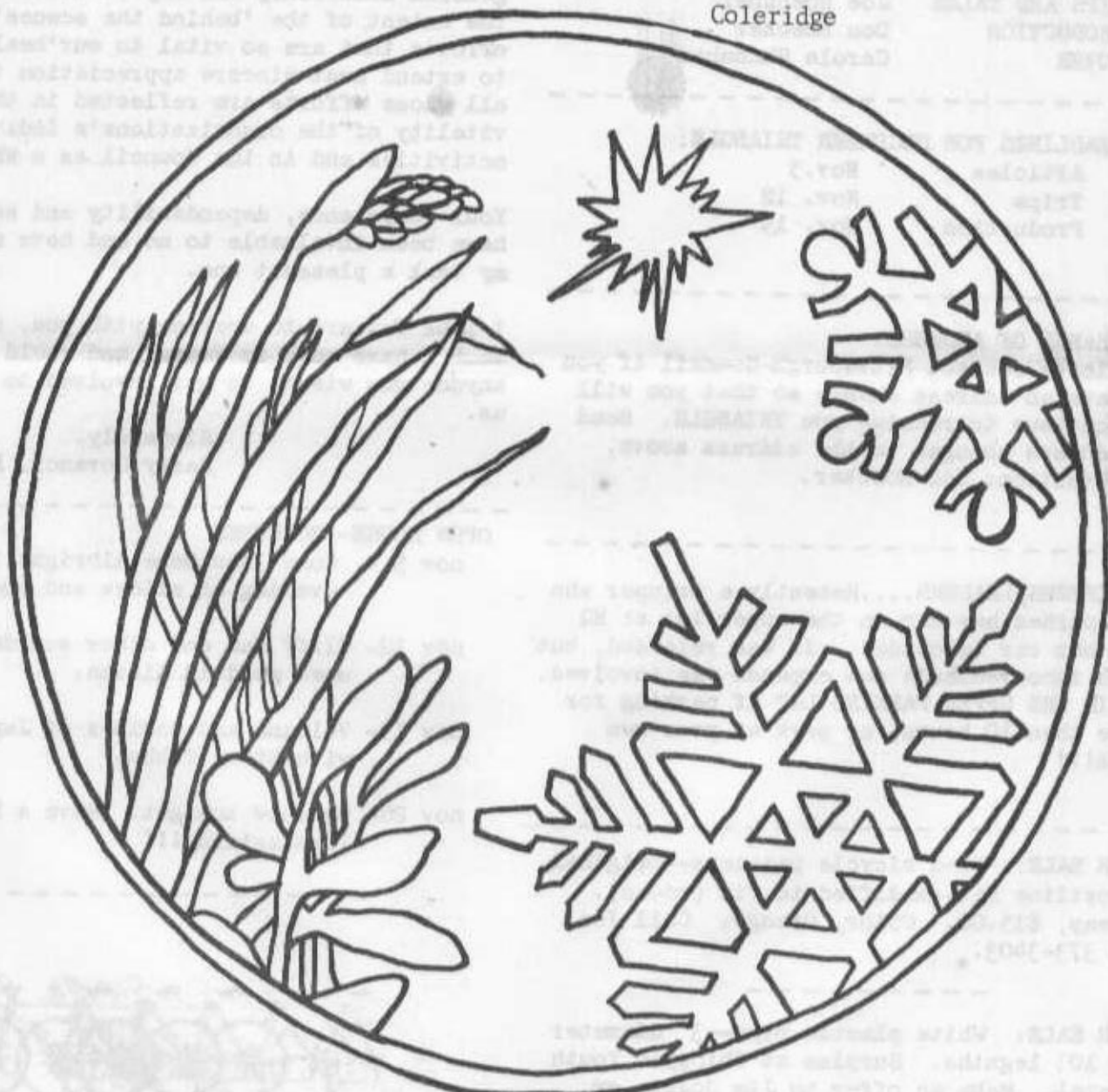
GOLDEN TRIANGLE

American Youth Hostels



Therefore all seasons shall be sweet to thee,
Whether the summer clothe the general earth With greenness, or the redbreast sit and sing
Betwixt the tufts of snow on the bare branch Of mossy apple-tree, . . .

Coleridge



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Articles Nov. 5
Trips Nov. 12
Production Nov. 19

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Please contact Pittsburgh Council if you have an address change so that you will continue to receive you TRIANGLE. Send address changes to the address above, Attention: Don Hoecker.

TRIPPERS/LEADERS....Recently a tripper who had parked her car in the upper lot at HQ had her car impounded. It was released, but much inconvenience and expense was involved. AVOID THE UPPER PARKING LOT if parking for more than 10 hours, or park at your own risk!!!

FOR SALE: Used bicycle panniers--original Frostline Kit--modified to fit (so-so). Cheap, \$15.00. Color, Orange. Call Joe at 373-3403.

FOR SALE: White plastic pipe--3" diameter by 10' lengths. Surplus at Ohlpye Youth Hostel. Make an offer to Jim Gogots or Joe Hoechner at any Open House meeting.

WHEN GIVING THANKS...

...don't forget the officers whose time and effort sacrificed on your behalf, made possible the success that we were able to experience this past year.

We all spend some time and effort on behalf of the organization and most often the benefits derived are mutually beneficial.

All too often, however, the 'thanks' go unspoken and I therefore take this opportunity on behalf of the active core of the Council and on behalf of those in the general membership who may be unaware of the extent of the 'behind the scenes' efforts that are so vital to our 'health', to extend most sincere appreciation to all whose efforts are reflected in the vitality of the organizations's individual activities and in the Council as a whole.

Your competence, dependability and advice have been invaluable to me and have made my task a pleasant one.

I look forward to working with you, upon whom I have come to depend and would welcome anyone who wishes to get involved to join us.

Sincerely,
Barry Govenor, Pres.

OPEN HOUSE--NOVEMBER

- nov 5 - Come join Gene Albright in an evening of slides and poetry
- nov 12- Cliff Ham and other sourdoughs seek gold in Alaska.
- nov 19- Volcano and shrines of Japan with Steve Tubbs.
- nov 26- No show tonight. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!!!



TIPS AND TALES

by Joe Hoeckner

--Hey Cyclists--Have you checked out the bulletin board at A.Y.H.-HQ? There is now a posted complete listing of mail order 'bike books' available from Bikecentennial in Missoula, Montana. They are acting as a central clearing house for routing books and maps describing rides in all parts of the country. Order forms are available in the brochure rack--discounts available to Bikecentennial members.

--Pittsburgh's Amtrak train service got a big boost in October with the start of the 'Capitol Limited', the new Pittsburgh to Washington, D.C. run. If you can get up early enough to be at the downtown station at 6:55 a.m., you can be in D.C. at 3:10 in the afternoon--priced at \$42 for a one way ride. Or you could take the train as far as historic Harpers Ferry(arr. 1:55 p.m.) for \$34 one way. You can leave Washington at 3:20 in the afternoon and get back to Pittsburgh at 11:30 p.m. (Note all these trains use the B&O tracks through the Yough valley and go right past the Ohiopyle Youth Hostel--no stops though--too bad...)

Say, is there anyone out there who would like to organize
a train trip???????

--A good wool cap means a warm head while bicycling. But have you ever tried to wear a knit cap over a Bell Helmet?

No, Dummy...you wear it under the helmet!!! To keep your ears toasty--use a cap and remove the sizing pads from the helmet so it fits.

(Now all you have to do is figure out how to get the cap loose from the Velcro attachments!!!)

--The City of Pittsburgh Planning Department just 'won' a \$40,000 grant to improve East End bicycle access to the Oakland college area.

A.Y.H. and the Western Pennsylvania Wheelmen will be getting involved this winter in reviewing the plans and providing design input. Watch for more details in future issues...

--Watch for sales on ski equipment and apparel early this month. Try to pick up last years models/styles to save a few bucks. The prices on new gear goes down after Christmas.

--Keep the weekend of June 4-6, 1982 open!!! If you'd like to bicycle that is. That's the weekend of the 'G.E.A.R. '82' to be held in (almost) nearby Shippensburg, Pa. The Great Eastern Area Rally is being held and hosted by the Harrisburg Bicycle Club and the League of American Wheelpersons. More info to follow.

--Bikecentennial will be doing some route scouting in Pa. next year. They've received a grant from the Huffy Corp. for a mapped bike route thru Ind., Ohio, Pa., N.Y., and into New England. The potential Pa. route will be from Northwest thru North Central areas of the state. Let's wish them luck and offer advice as they need it!!!

NEEDED: Some climbers and a cold day. Mission: Removal of a Very Large wasp nest from the 2nd floor eave of the Ohiopyle Hostel. See Joe H. for Gory Details.

(ed. note: Contrary to popular belief, Joe, most climbers have better sense than to take you up on this.)

**** SPECIAL CAVING TRIP ****

Visit Mammoth Cave National Park, Nov 25-29. See historical artifacts and cave formations on National Park guided tours. Above ground activities also available. Reserve by Nov. 19. Scott Hill 682-1270.

ADDITIONAL TIPS AND TALES.....

AVALANCHE is growing! The South Hills (near South Hills Village) outfitters has gone North to 7703 Perry Highway(formerly Wilderness Voyageurs) to open a new outpost...er..shop.

They also plan to have another store open in the Laurel Highlands soon--to be located on Rt. 31 between Donegal and Hidden Valley Ski Area. Call 833-7800 for more info.

Council thanks go to Jack Philips for his donation of assorted bike parts for use by cyclists using the Ohio-pyle Hostel and to Arv Westlund and Sam Shaw for their firewood donations also going to the Ohio-pyle Hostl. **THANKS A LOT!!!**

(any other potential donors? Contact Jim Gogots or Joe Hoechner for information on items needed.)

WANTED: BOLD AND COLD CLIMBERS--

MISSION: Remove a basketball size wasp nest from a second story eave at the Ohio-pyle Youth Hostel during a cold day in November or December.

CONTACT: Joe Hoechner.

YOGA CLASSES:

Classes will continue on Thursday night at 7:00 pm. Bring a towel, wear comfortable clothing and do not eat a heavy meal before the class. **ALL WELCOME.** If you have any questions, call Janie Kowarsky at 521-4946.

WANTED: Ladie's downhill skis. Size 9 boot, 150-160 cm skis. Call Linda: 242-3397.

WANTED: Roomate to share house in Greenfield. Call Wayne 421-0996.

-!- ALASKA BACKPACK -!-

Summer 1982: Don Levenson and daughter are starting to plan a two-week trip featuring magnificent Mt. McKinley National Park plus visits to the cities. They would like 2-4 experienced backpackers to share this experience with them. If you would like to consider this adventure, call Don H-341-6810 or W-923-1890.

POSITION AVAILABLE: Full-time Office Manager, Delaware Valley Council, AYH

Delaware Council is looking for a responsible person who can meet the challenge of organizing our office and promoting our activities and goals. Candidates must be able to meet the public and work effectively on their own. Responsibilities will include office management, supervising volunteers, and performing routine office duties. This position has the potential for advancement to a more responsible position.

Interested parties should send resumes to:
Personnel Committee, DVA/AYH
35 South 3rd Street
Philadelphia, Pa. 19106

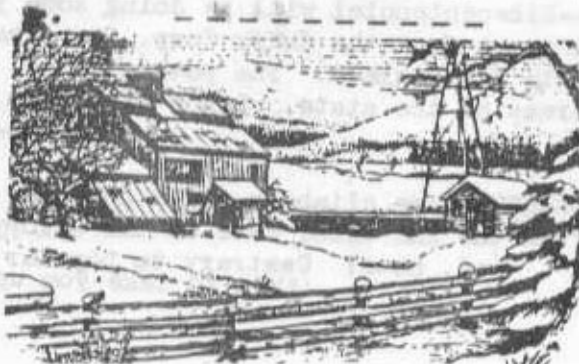
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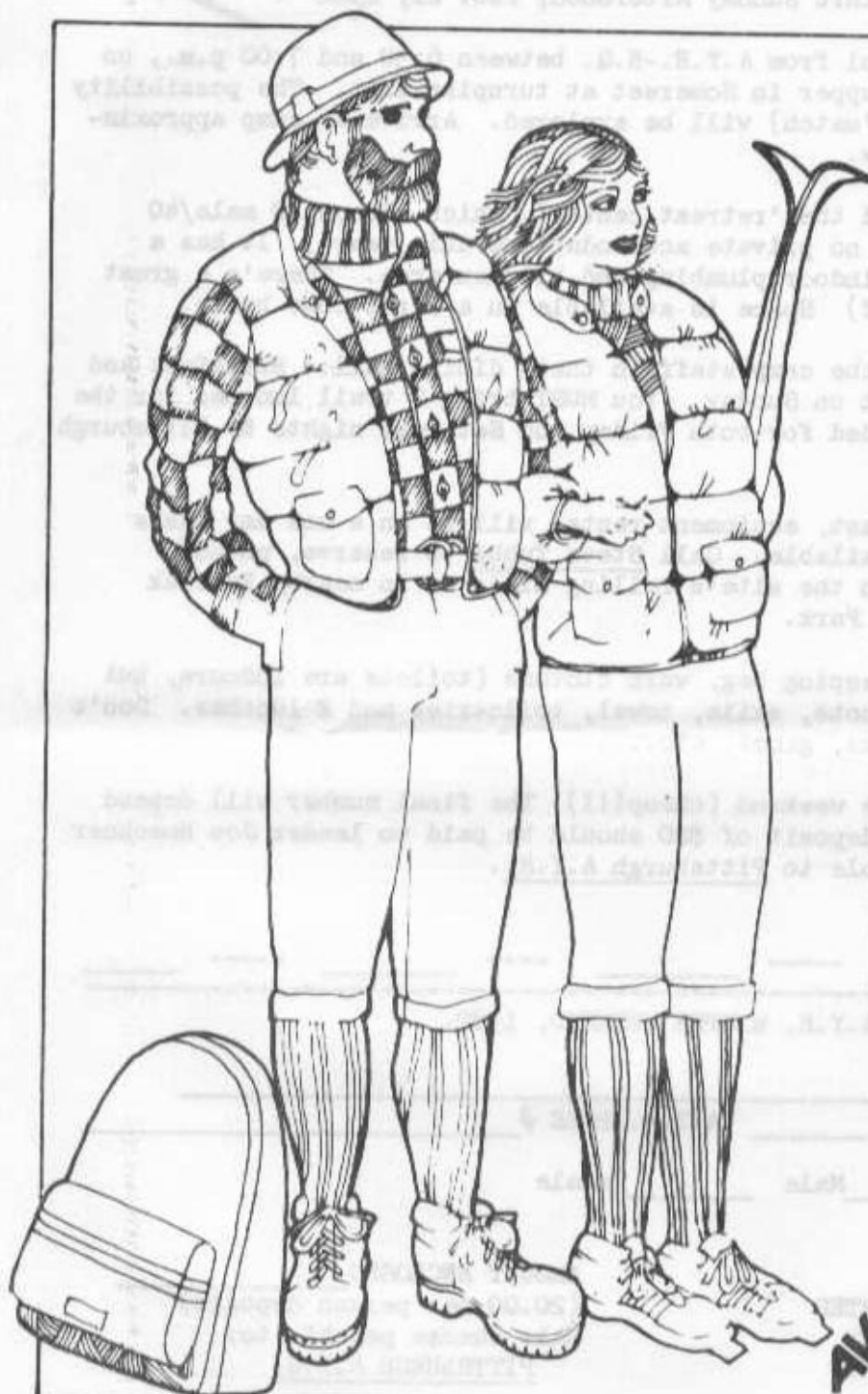
American Youth Hostels is sponsoring a one week ski trip to Aspen Colorado over the Christmas holidays. Ski trip dates are Dec. 19-26. Trip cost of \$525 includes all round trip air and ground transportation and lodging. Accomodations will be at the Highlands Inn, which is located at the base of Aspen Highlands.

Kitchen facilities are available at the Inn. The closest chair lift is a snowball throw away from the front door of the Inn.

Downhill and cross-country skiers are welcome. This trip is open primarily to singles of both sexes.

To register for the trip, contact AYH at (312) 327-8114 or write the office at 3712 North Clark Street, Chicago, Ill. 60613





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Clothing and Equipment for the Great Outdoors

Now at 3 Locations:

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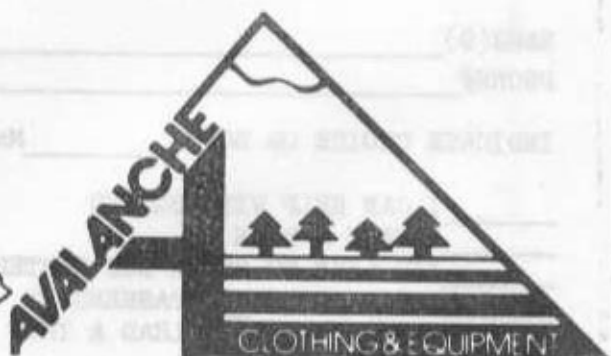
1794 North Highland Road
833-7800

NORTH HILLS

Formerly Wilderness Voyagers
7703 Perry Highway
367-4311

EAST

Rt. 31 East (Past Donegal)
593-7944



*****SAVE THIS*****
INFORMATION



SPECIAL EVENT: Annual Winter Weekend!!!

WHERE: Camp Harmony, Hooversville, Pa. (WHERE???)

WHEN: Friday night, Feb. 19th thru Sunday Afternoon, Feb. 21, 1982

TRANSPORTATION: We will car-pool from A.Y.H.-H.Q. between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m., on Friday night. Suggest having supper in Somerset at turnpike exit. The possibility of renting a bus (non-smoking, 'natch) will be explored. Arrive at camp approximately 10:30 p.m. Maps to follow.

ACCOMODATIONS: We have reserved the 'retreat center', which sleeps 40 male/40 female in 2 bunkrooms. (sorry, no private accomodations this year.) It has a large commons room, fireplace, indoor plumbing and kitchen area. There's a great frisbee field outside (in Feb.?) Space is available on a first-come basis.

FOOD: Meals will be served by the camp staff in their dining hall: Breakfast and supper on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. You MUST bring 2 trail lunches for the weekend. A snack will be provided for both Friday and Saturday nights by Pittsburgh Council, A.Y.H.

SKI RENTAL/SKIING: As in the past, equipment rental will be on a one day basis unless there is surplus gear available. Call Steve Tubbs to reserve, phone# 751-2158. Skiing can be done on the site's rolling hills or in nearby Babcock State Forest or Blue Knob State Park.

WHAT TO BRING: A.Y.H. Pass, Sleeping bag, warm clothes (toilets are indoors, but dining hall is a short walk), boots, skis, towel, toiletries and 2 lunches. Don't forget musical instruments, books, games, etc....

COST: Oh, yes, about \$35 for the weekend (cheap!!!) The final number will depend on the transportation used. A deposit of \$20 should be paid to leader Joe Hoechner by Feb. 10th. Make checks payable to Pittsburgh A.Y.H.

(clip out...)

RESERVATION FOR A.Y.H. WINTER WEEKEND, 1982.

NAME(S) _____

PHONE# _____

A.Y.H. PASS # _____

INDICATE CHOICE OR DORM: _____ Male _____ Female

_____ I CAN HELP WITH SNACKS

_____ I NEED A RIDE

_____ I'D LIKE TO SEE A BUS RENTED

_____ I CAN DRIVE _____ PASSENGERS

_____ I WOULD LIKE TO LEAD A TRIP

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

(20.00 per person deposit)

Make checks payable to:

PITTSBURGH A.Y.H.

***Bring this to any meeting in November, December or January, or mail to:

Joe Hoechner 1145 Fox Hill Drive #204 Monroeville, Pa. 15146

???QUESTIONS?????: Call (412) 373- 3403





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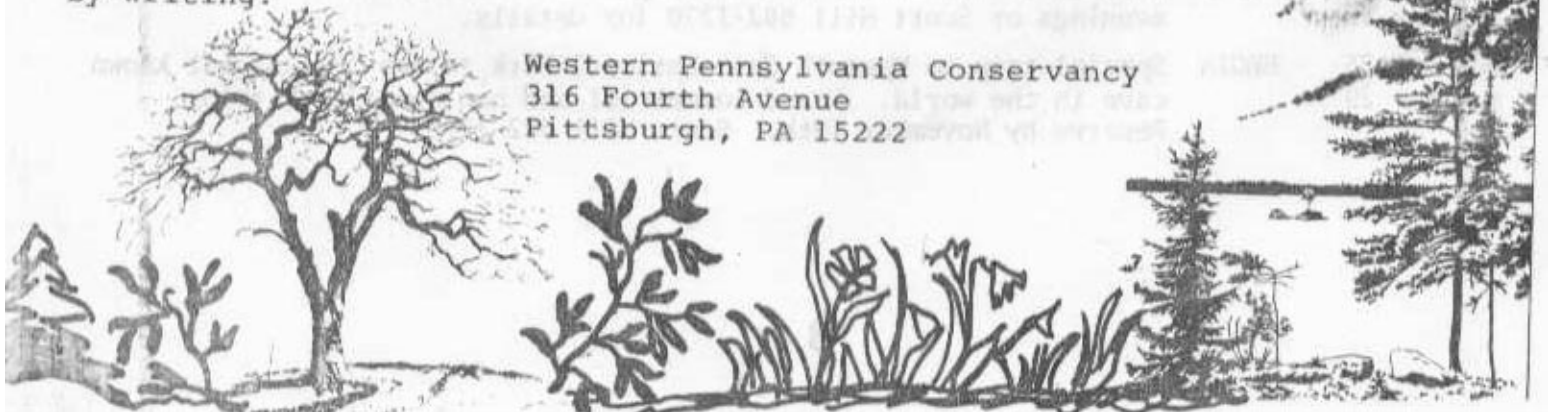
CONSERVE 82 is published by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, a private, nonprofit, land conservation organization.

This is the fourth in a series of award-winning Conservancy calendars featuring the beautiful wildflowers of esteemed watercolorist Andrey Avinoff. CONSERVE 82 has the traditional listing of hundreds of things to do, places to go, and interesting facts about our natural world. For example, CONSERVE 82 will tell you:

- who introduced the first Christmas tree to America (Dec. 12)
- what animal has eyes that weigh more than its brain (Feb. 28)
- where to find one of the best displays of spring flowers (Apr. 18)
- when to see the year's best meteor shower (Aug. 12)
- why leaves turn brilliant colors in the fall (Oct. 5)
- how long it would take a snail to go from Pittsburgh to Erie (June 10)

CONSERVE 82 is being mailed to the 8,000 members of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. But anyone interested in beautiful wildflowers and a wealth of information can order the calendar for \$5.00 by writing:

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy
316 Fourth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222



trips & trips (!?!)

The trips listed here are open to the public with the exception that AYH members are given priority when the trip is of limited size. Trip costs include 60¢ registration and insurance (\$1000 medical-\$1000 accidental death or dismemberment) plus transportation and rentals. In addition, nonmembers are charged \$2.10 per day which can be deducted from the cost of membership. Trips are classified BEGINner, INTERmediate, or ADVanced, with the exception of the water sports and bicycling.

CLIMBING

Chair: Woj 322-4525 Bill Skallos 921-5695 Jeri Walsh 422-9686

sun nov 15

A "goodwill" trip for all you folks who enjoyed scaling small walls at White Rocks this summer. We are holding a morning "clean up campaign" (bring a garbage bag) with RENTAL FREE climbing in the afternoon. Call Woj, Bill, or Jeri to reserve. Will leave HQ at 7 am for the traditional McD's breakfast. You may want to bring a ratty pair of tennis shoes, water bottle, lunch, a rain poncho (so it doesn't rain) and a funny looking hat. If you have a pair of leather work gloves, they will be useful in belaying.

VOLLEYBALL

Chair: Larry Laude H-665-9554 W-462-5000 X7532/X6287

every tues eve.

6-9 pm.....Volleyball continues on a weekly basis, on Tuesday evenings. All participants are requested to donate 35¢ toward the upkeep of equipment. All are welcome. Low-key skills drills are done until there enough folks there to begin playing.
PLACE: Alderdice High School gymnasium.

BACKPACKING

Chair: Steve Martin H-469-3153 W-462-5000 X6185

sat nov 14-
sun nov 15

INTER

Trip on the Twin Lakes Trail in Allegheny National Forest. Meet at HQ at 6:30 am on Saturday. Breakfast on the way there. Call Steve Martin at the above numbers to reserve.

fri nov 27-
sun nov 29

INTER

Join Glenn Oster on a section of the Doughnut Hole Trail. Leave HQ at 7 am on Friday. Call for information or reservations 364-2864-H or 566-3041-W.

CAVING

Chair: Norm Snyder 351-4068 Scott Hill 682-1270

sat nov 7

BEGIN

Trip to Laurel Caverns exploratory section. \$4.00 Admission. Bring flashlight (spare bulb and batteries). Meet at HQ at 9 am. Call John Francis 777-8627-W, 771-9562-H, or Shirley Sedmak 441-6538-H.

sat nov 14-
sun nov 15

BEGIN

Visit two caves near State College. Call Rich Gibson 653-4652 on evenings or Scott Hill 682-1270 for details.

wed nov 25-
sun nov 29

BEGIN

Special trip to Mammoth Cave National Park to see the largest known cave in the world. Mixed commercial and non-commercial trips. Reserve by November 19th. Scott Hill 682-1270.

HIKING

Chair: Shirley Sedmak H-441-6538 W-288-5147

Bring comfortable shoes, water and a lunch for day hikes.

- sat nov 7 INTER⁺ Hike 16 miles of the Warrior Trail with Glenn Oster. Meet at HQ at 7 am. Call for information or reservations at H-364-2864 or W-566-3041.
- sat nov 7 Bushwhack! (Off-trail hiking using compass). Good physical condition required. 12 miles. Call Steve Tubbs at 751-2158.
- sun nov 8 BEGIN Easy six to seven mile hike in the vicinity of the abandoned Penn View Mountain Scenic R.R. Leave HQ at 9 am. Call Herb Appell at W-675-6060 or H-373-0535.
- sat nov 14 BEGIN Hike on the Rachael Carson Trail. Meet at HQ at 9:30 am. Approximately 4 miles. Call Joe Levine at 241-3265.
- sun nov 15 ADV Join Harriet Ann Seiner and friends for a pre-Chataqua (Ski Marathon) warm up. 15 miles at a fast pace. Bring ski poles if you have them. 681-1189.
- sun nov 22 BEGIN Easy beginners hike with Mary Johnston, 784-0564. Ideal for the late risers. Meet at HQ at 1 pm. Approximately 4 miles.
- fri nov 27- INTER Join Norm Snyder on an intermediate hike around Dolly Sods, West Va.
sat nov 28 Call 351-4068 between 6 and 7 pm.

CANOEING

Chair: Becky Soisson 244-1151

During the cold weather months, canoe trips do go out for those paddlers equipped for (and undaunted by) the cold. These trips are usually organized at the Thursday night meetings. Necessary equipment includes wool and/or wet suits.

KAYAKING

Chair: Ray Yutzy 929-4443

Ready the above announcement for canoeing - it also applies for kayaking.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING Chair: Steve Tubbs 751-2158 Fred Parker 824-2638

Mark Wednesday, November 18, at 7:30 on your calendar for the annual cross country lecture at AYH given by Steve Tubbs and Fred Parker. Explore the new and old of equipment and clothing.

In February 1980, nine AYHers participated in the Third Annual Chautauqua Overland Ski Marathon. All were enthusiastic though a little sore and able to ski the next day. Steve tubbs, Chuck Ejzak, Cliff Ham, Craig Rowland, Steve Martin, Fred Parker, Ben Humphries, and Ed Sieger completed the 55 kilometers for a gold medallion. Susan Rafferty opted for 2/3 of the distance and a silver medallion. The Fourth Annual Marathon is on February 6, 1982. For the lowest entry fee of \$15 before November 15, obtain an application from Fred Parker on Thursday nights or call 824-2638 while they last.



AYH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Fill out the following application and bring/send it with a check payable to "Pittsburgh AYH" to: AYH Membership, 6300 Fifth Avenue, Pgh. Pa. 15232. Allow 3-4 weeks for delivery by third class mail. Enclose an additional dollar for first class mail. (Note: Membership sells International Hostel Guide to Europe for \$5.00 by mail and for \$4.00 at Headquarters.)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ New?/renewal? _____

Zip _____ Birthdate _____

Check one:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$7.00 Youth (under 18) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00 Three-year Senior |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$7.00 Senior Citizen (60+) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00 Organization (non-profit) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$14.00 Senior (18-59) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$140.00 Life |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$21.00 Family | |

Please circle one or more:

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

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