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# GOLDEN TRIANGLE



**OPEN**

**HOUSE**



## **OHIOPYLE** **YOUTH HOSTEL**

SUNDAY OCT. 26<sup>TH</sup> 1 TO 5 P.M.



**Pittsburgh Council  
American Youth Hostels, Inc.**

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PITTSBURGH, PA. 15232  
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**November Deadlines**

Articles due Oct 16

Final Deadline is Oct 23

Production Party is Oct 30

Change of Address? Contact Pittsburgh Council at the above address, attention: Don Hoecker

The next Activities Board Meeting is Tuesday, October 7, at the home of Carol Davis

**Open House**

Every Thursday Night

Doors open at 7:45

Slide Program begins at 8:45

All are welcome! It's for members as well as non-members. This is a great time to see friends, make new ones, plan trips and reminisce about good times.

Joe Hoechner suggests that we watch for possible midnight show theatre parties for the Rocky Horror Picture Show to be announced Thurs nights this month. It's better than an old Steve Reeves movie! So come up to the lab...we'll see what's on the slab! (This is not about a beginner's climbing trip.)

Are you interested in the possibilities of solar heat? The W Pa Solar Energy Assoc. is sponsoring an open house of solar homes in the Pittsburgh area on Saturday Oct 4. Do you live up in the Northern suburbs? You can attend the Solar Home Tour set for the Butler area for Sat., Oct 11.

For more information, call 282-7627 or 578-3716 or see Donna Leban Thursday nights at Open House.

Just heard that the Pittsburgh Brewing Company has just opened up a can recycling center. They will accept both steel and aluminum cans (bi-metal, too?). Call before you go - 682-7400.

Are you an "in-the-dark dummy"?

These are cyclists you see (barely) on the roads after dark who don't use lights, wear dark clothes and even remove the bike's reflectors.

Well if you're out on the roads after dark without the proper lights or reflectors, you are "fair game" to any motorist.

If you would like an AYH publication describing night riding needs, write: Bike Laws, 6300 Fifth Ave, Pgh, Pa 15232 or pick one up at an Open House.

(editors note: This summer a friend described a case where a motorist struck a biker who was wearing reflectors. In court, the motorist claimed he couldn't see the biker. Friends of the biker sought to prove him wrong by recreating the scene - following a biker who was wearing reflectors at night. During the recreation, they almost hit their own biker! The moral: If you want to be seen, wear a light, not a reflector! The reason: reflectors have too narrow an angle of visibility.)

Would you like to see litter on Pennsylvania's highways reduced? Sure you would! This could be accomplished by enacting a state "bottle bill."



FLOAT/  
LOAF/  
RAFT TRIP  
SUNDAY

AUG. 17, 1980



"EASY WHITEWATER ON THE 'YOUGH'"  
FROM CONFLUENCE TO OHIDPYLE.  
NO BUS RIDE NEEDED!



A GOOD INTRODUCTION FOR FIRST TIME RAFTEERS!

COLDEST DAY IN AUGUST - TOO COLD FOR SWIMMING - ALMOST

INNER TUBES COURTESY OF  
RAY ROSSI!



MORE OF  
NEXT YEAR?

FUN FOR FAMILIES.

JOE.  
HOE.

AYH ANNUAL FALL PICNIC  
SUNDAY OCTOBER 19, 1980  
AT RIVERVIEW PARK

COME ONE AND ALL TO THE ANNUAL FALL PICNIC AT THE PAVILION IN RIVERVIEW PARK!

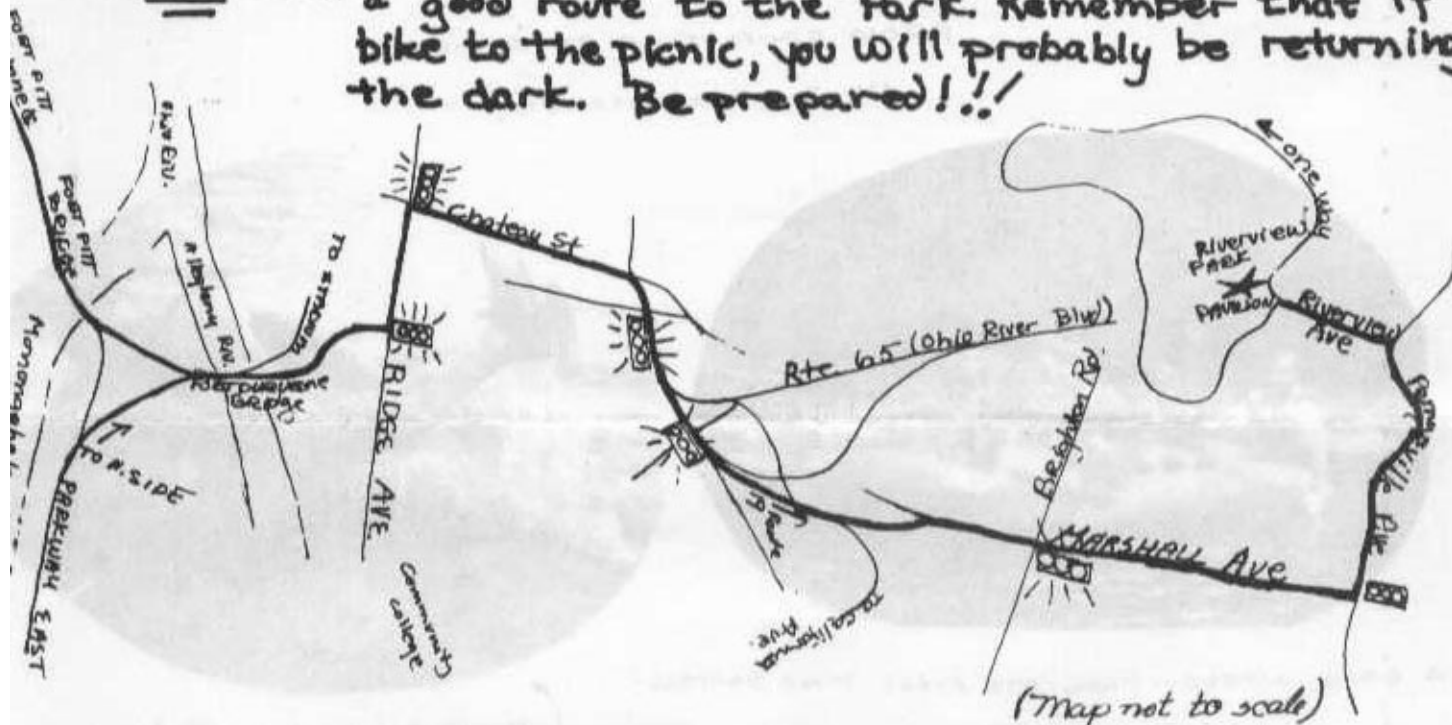
Volleyball!!!! Square dancing to live music!!!!

Hiking!!!!!!!! Games!!!!!!!!!!!! Lots of food!!!!!!!!

ALL THE ACTIVITY WILL BEGIN AT 2:00 p.m.....SEE MAP BELOW FOR DIRECTIONS  
ON WHERE THE PAVILION IS.....

SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Bikers!.. Consult your copy of "Get to the Point!" for a good route to the Park. Remember that if you bike to the picnic, you will probably be returning in the dark. Be prepared!!



DID YOU SAY YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT WITH THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL FALL PICNIC????  
If so, mark whatever area you would like to help out with on your reservation  
form below. OR.....call Jeri Walsh at 422-9686(evenings).....

## A.Y.H. ANNUAL FALL PICNIC RESERVATION

DEADLINE OCT.12!

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

GUESTS

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: Members.....4.50

Non-members...5.00

Kids 12&under.3.50

PLEASE CHECK ANY OF THE FOLLOWING  
AREAS YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT  
WITH.....

### Food Preparation

## Organizing Games

### Clean-up

Lead a hike?

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO PITTSBURGH COUNCIL, AYH, AND MAIL TO : Jeri Walsh  
(or deliver in person at any Thursday nite meeting!) 1712 Wight

1712 Wightman St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15217



Minutes of the Activities Board  
Held at the home of Roy Weil  
September 2, 1980

The meeting was called to order at 8:22 P.M. Jim Gogots presiding.

Minutes of the August meeting were approved as read.

Presidents Report:

McConnells Mills

Decision was made to notify the state that the council will stop pursuing McConnells as another hostel possibility for the time being. Camp Silverlake, in the same vicinity, is being used much more now.

Ohlopyle

Cost to fill oil tank is \$1000. It holds 1000 gallons and has been half filled at a cost of \$500. Need to have Board of Directors approve a budget item of \$500 to finish filling it.

Discussed search for new Headquarters. (again)  
No very positive leads. (again)  
It was thought that it might be a good idea to look into improving the present Headquarters as it is in a good central location.

Decision made to turn the outside light out at the hostel when everyone leaves the building. No longer necessary to leave it burning all night.

Trails Coordinator Report:

Baker Trail

A Boy Scout Troup from Apollo is interested in doing blazing and maintenance on part of the trail.

The Army Corps of Engineers wants to reroute part of the trail near Mahoning Dam - around the reservoir and develop it as a State Recreation Area. This new route would go through private property. They want the Council to ask homeowners for permission to use their land. The Council doesn't feel that they are responsible for renegotiating formal lease agreements. Our duties are basically to blaze and maintain the trail.

MOTION: (R.W.) AYH rejects the concept of formal written lease agreements for locations on the Baker Trail and wishes to continue development of the Baker Trail as in the past using informal verbal agreements. Seconded (B.G) PASSED

## Reminder from the Treasurer (in absentia)

The fiscal year ends at the end of September.  
New Budgets are needed.  
Bills need to be updated.

## Nomination Committee Report:

MOVED (R.W.) that ~~the~~ position of Hostel Operations be created and filled next election. Seconded and PASSED

Several positions are still open - a list is published in the Triangle.

Next Activities Board Meeting is October 7 at the home of Carol Davis.

Move to adjourn at 9:40 P.M. PASSED.

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### Hostel of the Month: Camp Silver Lake Hostel (Fombell/Zelienople) by Joe Hoechner

Formerly "Camp Corondowanna" and run by the YWCA of Pittsburgh the camp/hostel has recently been sold and has been renamed by its new owners, Dr and Mrs Nelson

Located about 40 miles northwest of Pittsburgh near Fombell - 3 miles west of the center of Zelienople The youth camp was originally chartered as a hostel by the Pittsburgh Council in 1977 Through the efforts of active bicycle and canoe trip leaders nearly 100 overnights were seen logged Unfortunately, the Y was forced to close the camp and put it up for sale during the 1979 season

The camp was bought and a new hostel charter was secured opening the hostel for use during the summer of 1980 Despite not being listed in the AYH handbook, about a dozen overnights have been recorded this year

Accommodations can vary from tenting on the grounds, small cabins, to the large main farm house which sleeps about 25 Hikers can trek over the hostel's 120 acre grounds or visit nearby Brush Creek Park, McConnells Mill or Moraine State Park Canoeists can visit the Connoquenessing right across the road or Slippery Rock Creek How about a weekend canoe school there?

Bicyclists can make use of a printed map set to ride up from Pittsburgh Cycling around the hostel area can vary from flat creek valleys to rolling ridge top farm roads There is a possible route to be mapped out to nearby New Middletown Ohio (about 35 miles) to connect the hostel with the trans-Ohio Bike trail

Plans will be made to keep some of the buildings operable all winter, so cross-country ski trips are possible For more info, check your "81 Handbook For reservations contact:

Camp Silver Lake Youth Hostel

RD 1 Box 810

Fombell, Pa 16123 phone: (412)452-6720

When writing, enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope

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## Nominations

It is that time of the year again for elections. AYH is a volunteer organization -- so volunteer. No one gets paid. Your reward is the satisfaction of a job well done and the look of joy as participants learn and take part in activities. Several of the individuals listed below agreed reluctantly to serve next year; they feel new blood should be inserted into their activity. Existing chairpeople would be glad to discuss their work. If you are not ready for this year, how about next year after you have had time to learn? There is also the possibility of creating a new chairmanship if there is a need for such a position and someone willing to fill it.

If you have suggestions as to good people, yourself included, to fill the slate, please feel free to come forth to the nomination committee. They will talk with the individual to convince him/her to serve. The organization is over 1000 strong and the committee cannot know everyone.

The slate of nominations is to be discussed at the Sept. Activities Board meeting and published in the October Triangle in time for the election on Thursday, October 16. Talk to the committee before September 17 to make the Triangle, but nominations will be accepted by the committee until Oct 10, and will be accepted from the floor Oct 16.

The Nomination Committee is: Roy Weil (Chairman), Carol Davis, Joe Hoechner. The following positions are available along with people who have indicated a willingness to serve next year:

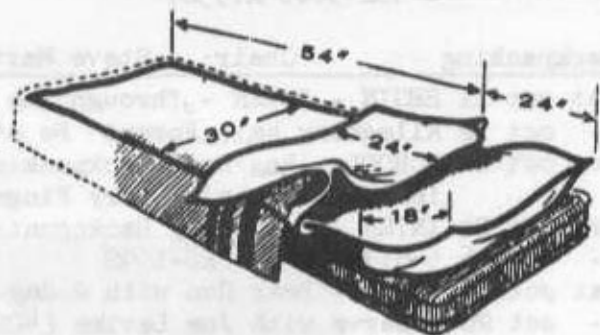
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Anyone who wants to buy their own canoe or kayak paddle - we can get a discount with a group order on Norse Paddles. These are very good paddles. They will be about \$30 for canoe paddles and about \$42 for kayak paddles. Call Lou Conley for info at 681-8321.

Anyone interested in putting an order together for Phoenix kayaks call Karen Tolin at 461-9014 or W 263-3100.

President: Barry Govenor  
Treasurer: Fred Hull  
Asst Treasurer: Joel Platt  
Secretary: Sue Miller  
Trips & Trails: Joe Levine  
Backpacking: (Steve Martin)  
Bicycling Committee: Chuck Ejzak,  
Lynn Gogots  
Canoeing: Jane Toben  
Caving: Norm Snyder  
Climbing Committee: Woj, Bill Skalloos,  
Jeri Walsh  
Cross-Country Skiing: Steve Tubbs  
Hiking: Kathy Reilly  
Kayaking:  
Trails Coordinator:  
Rafting: Paul Kammer  
Franchise: Linda Grant  
Hostel Development: Joe Hoechner  
Hostel Operations: Jim Gogots  
Headquarters: Gary Ludwig  
Leadership Development: Jane Toben  
Membership: Susan Krotec  
Program:  
Publications:  
Publicity: Donna Leban  
Service: Harriet Ann Seiner  
Special Projects:  
Triangle Editor:

There are several openings. If we don't fill them we will miss some activities next year.



### Sheet Sleeping Sack

This can be made from unbleached muslin or old sheets. The bag should measure 78 in. long x 30 in. wide with a pocket to cover the pillow 18 in. deep. A flap of 24 in. is needed to protect the upper blanket, and a gusset each side of the bag adds roominess and prevents tearing. Many AYH councils sell ready-made nylon or muslin sheet sleeping sacks. See council STOREKEEPER.  
PRICE \$7.50 EACH.



October 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. Trips costs include 50% registration and insurance (\$500 med) plus transportation and rentals. In addition, non-members are charged \$1.50/day which can be deducted from the cost of membership. Trips are classified BEGINner, INTERmediate, ADVanced.

Hiking Chair: Gus Hughes (421-4066)

- sat oct 4 INTER - Baker Trail/Cook Forest Gerry Finger (H 362-5290, W 578-8030)  
 sun oct 5 BEGIN - Rachel Carson Trail (C-2), about 5 miles Joe Levine (422-8287)  
 Leave 9 am with lunch and water  
 sat oct 11 INTER - Norm Snyder (351-4068) Leave 9 am  
 sat oct 18 To BE Announced  
 sun oct 19 AYH PICNIC' Hike around Riverview Park See Gus Hughes (421-4066)  
 sat oct 25 EXPLORATORY hike along Big Sandy in W Va. Limited trip size Reserve  
 with Dick Nugent (487-5549)  
 wed oct 29 INTER - John Saylor Trail, leave 9 am Marilyn Ham (687-4520)

Bicycling Chair: Chuck Ejzak (327-5031) and Ed Sieger (561-4790)

Bring a bike in working order, spare tube, rain gear, money, helmet - A HELMET IS REQUIRED ON ALL AYH TRIPS - Helmets and bikes can be rented

- sun oct 5 EASY 25 mile trip up to Hartwood Acres via Beechwood Farms Leave  
 HQ at 8:30 am Be back early afternoon Reserve with Joe Hoechner  
 Call 828-5399  
 fri oct 10 BEDFORD WEEKEND - Time again for our annual trip to Bedford for their  
 - oct 12 Fall Foliage Festival Trip includes cycling on scenic rural roads a  
 visit to the Canondale Factory and other surprises Leave HQ Friday at  
 6:30 pm Car camping at Shawnee State Park Call Larry Cole at  
 823-1026 to reserve a space  
 sat oct 18 INTER - Slippery Rock Area 50 miles of Fall Foliage Good weather and  
 low traffic Call Chuck Ejzak (327-5031) Leave HQ at 8 am  
 sun oct 19 INTER - A trip before the picnic Meet at Riverview Park at 9:30  
 Call Lou Conley (681-8321)  
 sat oct 25 BEGIN - Loop at Mill Creek Park near Youngstown, Ohio Bring lunch  
 Leaving HQ at 8 am Call Chuck (327-5031)  
 sun oct 26 INTER - Westmoreland County, 30-35 miles Larry Laude (H 665-9554,  
 W 462-5000 x7532)

Backpacking Chair: Steve Martin (W 462-5000 x6185)

- sat oct 11 BEGIN - INTER - Through the fall foliage on Hickory Creek Trail in  
 - oct 12 Allegheny Nat Forest Be at HQ by 7:30 am Call Bob Taylor (835-3595)  
 tue oct 14 SCHOOL - Beginner Backpacking school Meet at HQ at 7:30 pm For more  
 information call Gerry Finger at 362-5290 (W 578-8030)  
 fri oct 24 INTER - Cranberry Backcountry Leave 7:30 pm Call Judy Flowers between  
 - oct 26 5-6:30 pm at 828-1592  
 sat oct 25 BEGIN - Bear Run with 2 day hikes Group dinner on Sat Leave 8:30 am  
 - oct 26 Reserve with Joe Levine (422-8287)  
 fri oct 31 Otter Creek Call Steve Martin (W 462-5000 x6185)  
 - nov 2

Special Trips

- wed oct 1 Observatory Tour at Riverview Park from 8 to 10:30 Limit:30 Reserve w/  
 Fred Parker (824-2638) before Sep 30 Meet at Observatory at 8 or at AYH  
 before 7:30pm  
 OHIO PYLE WORK PARTIES sat oct 11 and sat, sun oct 25, 26 See story in this issue  
 To reserve call Joe Hoechner at 828-5399



## Canoeing

Chair: Jane Toben (W 462-5000x6585, H 466-7885)

BRING lunch in waterproof bag, water, knee pads, rain gear, change of clothes including shoes, wear swimsuit and wool clothing or wetsuit, tennies. Bring large sponge and strap for eyeglasses. Schools and trips meet 8am at HQ

sat oct 4 CLASS II-III Ray Yutzy (929-4443)

sat oct 4 FALL colors canoe trip on easy whitewater or flatwater CALL Cathy Lynch at 361-3707

sun oct 5 CLASS I trip Jimm Porcelli (731-9176)

sat oct 11 CLASS I Kathy Lynch (327-0529)

sun oct 12 CLASS I-II Jim Komosinski (H 371-9476, W 373-4129)

fri oct 17 American Canoe Assoc Instructor Certification Workshop

- oct 19

sat oct 18 CLASS II Bob Buck (793-1480)

sun oct 19 CLASS II Bob GEDEKOH (384-7275)

sat oct 25 FLATWATER Call Steve Tubbs

sun oct 26 CLASS II-III Ray Yutzy (929-4443)

sat nov 1 CLASS II-III Jerry Marsh (H 922-8572, W 928-1122)

sun nov 2 CLASS II-III Ray Yutzy (929-4443)

## OPEN HOUSE/WORK PARTY

Joe Hoechner

Pittsburgh Council will host it's 2nd annual open house at Ohiopyle Youth Hostel Sun Oct 26 from 1 to 5pm. Help will be needed in the form of hosts to help show visitors around the hostel, answer Q's about hosteling, rules, membership and to provide cookies for refreshments. You don't HAVE to be clean-cut and wholesome, but ----

On Saturday 11 and Sat 25 Joe Hoechner will head out from AYH AH at 8:15 am with the work party group. These brave souls will be involved in the "red up" of the hostel. This could include painting (in and out), plastering, pipe insulating, insulating and yard work. Mulch gatherers wanted - bring your own plastic bags. Firewood cutters needed with axes, chainsaws, wedges, extra fingers, etc.

Climbers are needed to help trim and thin out overhanging tree branches that are threatening the building (please bring rope).

If you have tools of your trade, please bring them. To repeat, we'll need chainsaws, axes, log splitters, rakes, shovels, hammers, saws, plaster trowels, etc. If you have any questions call Joe Joechner (828-5399) or Jim Gogots (433-6051).

What do you get in exchange for your hard work? Well, a free overnight at W Penna's most beautiful State Park Youth Hostel (first come-first serve). No day fees and a free breakfast Sunday the 26th and a dinner on Saturday night.

Please pack lunches or buy them in town. Don't forget your old clothes and your AYH pass. Old-timers or first-timers all are welcome. If you can't spend the night of the 25th, no problem. Day trippers are welcome.

We hope to be cleaned up and in good shape by the 26th when the first of thousands of invited visitors stop in to look around. Try to be there.

Again for info call Jim Gogots at 433-6051 days or 384-9149 evenings to reserve a spot on the overnight work party. Call Joe Hoe at 828-5399.



# 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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ 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 International Hostel Guide to Europe for \$5.00.)

Please Circle one or more:

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

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

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