

January 1967

Golden Triangle

PITTSBURGH COUNCIL, AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS, INC.
6300 FIFTH AVENUE, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15232

OPEN HOUSE PROGRAMS

Thursday evenings, 8:30 P.M.

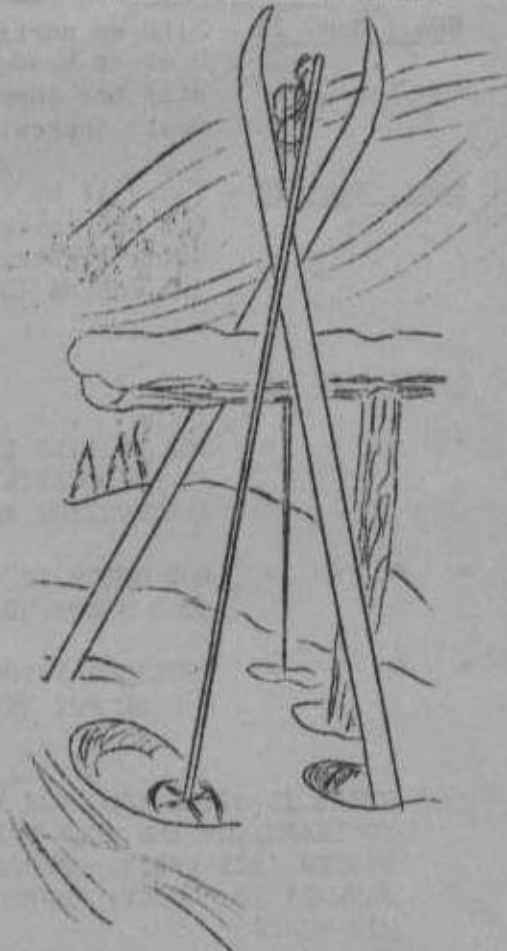
- Jan. 5 - Winnie Larson leads AYH in popular folk dances.
- Jan. 12 - Come see a ski movie and later learn the proper care and use of ski equipment demonstrated by an experienced skier.
- Jan. 19 - A lecture will be presented by the Red Cross on the subject of First Aid. We urge all members, especially current and prospective trip leaders, to attend. There will be a 35-minute question and answer period.
- Jan. 26 - Sue Alderdice shows caving-climbing slides from the N.S.S.

HELP FOR THE BOAT SHOW?

Anyone interested in helping to man the A.Y.H. booth at the Pittsburgh Boat Show, February 4-12, please contact either Sue Simler 243-8348 or Nancy Simler 793-6661. The show's hours will be Saturdays and Sundays, 1 P.M. to 10:30 P.M. and weekdays from 4:30 to 10:30 P.M. We hope enough people will volunteer so that we can have shifts of two to three hours.

EUROPE?

If there is enough interest generated, the Pittsburgh Council will conduct a tour of Switzerland and the Rhine Valley this August. It will be a 30-day tour and will include the countries of England, Holland, Germany, and Switzerland. This trip is described in further detail in National's brochure Highway to Adventure the Hostel Way. The cost will be \$675 and a \$30 emergency fund. For further information phone Sue Simler 243-8348 or Bruce Sundquist 324-1897.



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TRIPS & TRAILS

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- Sun., Jan. 8 - Bruce Sundquist (824-1897) leads Blue Knob ski trip. Leave 6:30 A.M. from headquarters. Bring lunch. Cost: approx. \$8.00 (not including equipment).
- Sat.-Sun., Jan. 14-15 - Ski Blue Knob again with Doug Etinger and Roger Stewart (768-2085). Leave 6:30 A.M. Saturday from headquarters. Bring lunch. Cost: approx. \$8.00 per day, plus equipment (not including overnight). Reserve early if you intend to stay over.
- Sat., Jan. 21 - Bob Strong (327-6267) leads trip to Hidden Valley. Leave 7:30 from headquarters. Approx. \$6.00, plus equipment. Bring lunch.
- Tues., Jan. 24 - Assemble Golden Triangle. Contact Kathy Lynch (362-1045) for time and place.
- Sat., Jan. 28 - Ski Laurel Mountain with Dick Rothrock (731-5158). Leave 7:00 A.M. from headquarters. Bring lunch. Cost: approx. \$7.00, plus equipment.
- Sun., Jan. 29 - Hike on portion of Forbes Trail near Murrys ville. Meet at headquarters by 8:30 A.M. Bring lunch and stay for supper. J. D. Myers leading (372-7599). Cost: approx. \$1.50.
- Sun., Jan. 29 - There'll be a trip to Casparis Cave (near Connells ville) for the novice caver. Meet at headquarters 10 A.M. Bring lights, warm clothes, lunch and \$1.50. Contact Mel Tobias (362-5297) or Henry Fisher (521-8992).

SPECIAL TRIPS

- * * * * ICE SKATING EVERY MONDAY NIGHT AT NORTH PARK. MEET AT HEADQUARTERS AT 7:00 P.M. OR AT THE RINK. EXPERT INSTRUCTION FROM KATHY LYNCH AND MEL TOBIAS.
- * * * * BOB OMLOR IS INTERESTED IN LEADING SNOW-SHOEING ENTHUSIASTS SOME SNOWY WEEK NIGHT. CONTACT BOB (264 4485)
- * * * * TWILIGHT TOBOGGANING WITH BOB FEWKES (828-7784). GIVE BOB A CALL FOR DETAILS.

THERE IS STILL ROOM FOR FOUR MORE CLIMBERS, OR THOSE WHO WISH TO LEARN, ON THE JULY TRIP (LAST TWO WEEKS). CONTACT HENRY FISHER (521-8992). DEPOSITS OF \$25.00 REQUIRED PRIOR TO JANUARY 30. COST: APPROX. \$150.00. TRAINING WILL START MID-MARCH.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

A.Y.H. is getting a number of bindings for cross-country skiing soon and is looking for some skis (used) on which to mount them. If anyone knows of a source of used skis, contact Dick Rothrock (521-7116). We will pay up to \$15.00 for a useable pair of skis. Anyone interested in cross-country skiing should contact Bruce Sundquist (372-1212, Ext. 224), since he will be leading the first trip. If you have your own skis, these can be adapted to cross-country use fairly well by releasing the cables from the hooks near your heel. Downhill ski boots will suffice reasonably well. Goldbergs (429 Market St., Philadelphia) has army ski boots for only \$6.99 which are excellent for cross-country (but not downhill). Our first cross-country trip will start at the top of Laurel Ridge (near Hidden Valley) and finish near the bottom of the ridge about 6 miles away. Participants should be able to do the "snowplow" quite well since the trail is much narrower than the Seven Springs variety.

BEEN CAVING YET?

In the late fall and early winter the leaves are down, there is no snow and things look pretty drab out. What better time is there to join A.Y.H.'s spelunkers in their wanderings through nearby caves? Caves keep a constant temperature (about 55°) year around. Winter caving thus offers not only more interesting scenery but a cheery warmth to those entering from the bleak, chilly world outside. Also, the water levels are at their lowest in early winter and this adds much to the fun of caving this time of year. In recent months A.Y.H. has visited Beaver Hole (several times), Upper Martha's, and Crabtree caves. Some trips have been impromptu ones organized at open-house meetings. Just ask Bob Herman or Henry Fisher to tell you when these come up. A.Y.H. has carbide lamps to lend and frequently members of the Pgh. Grotto (N.S.S.) support our caving efforts. We should be rerunning our infamous Cornwell cave trip this winter, and perhaps even Bear Cave if we can get the owner's permission.

INSURANCE COVERAGE APPLICABLE TO A.Y.H. TRIPS

Many trip leaders and trippers are unaware of the insurance that our council has to cover possible accidents on A.Y.H. trips. The following briefly describes the three types of insurance we carry.

- (1) Accident insurance on each trip participant. This policy pays up to \$200.00 per person injured for medical expenses incurred as a result of an accident on a trip and \$500.00 for each death. This is only for trips listed in Trips and Trails and on which the registration fee and insurance fee (10¢) is normally collected by the leader. Also, accidents are covered only if trip leaders report the accident to the treasurer within 48 hours after the trip. The same insurance coverage is available for trips not listed in Trips and Trails by special arrangement with the treasurer. Ski trips are not covered.
- (2) General liability insurance on trip leaders. This protects trip leaders from suits brought against them claiming negligence on his part while carrying out the duties of trip leader. The maximum coverage is \$250,000 per person bringing suit and \$500,000 per accident. Officers and members of the Board of Directors are also covered by this policy.
- (3) Equipment liability insurance protects A.Y.H. against suits brought about by persons claiming death or injuries suffered allegedly as a result of faulty equipment. The maximum coverage is the same as above. Only canoes and cycles are covered.

TRIPS AND TRAILS REPORT

Dec. 1, 1965 thru Nov. 30, 1966

Type Trip	Number	Total Participation*	Average Particip.	Largest Particip.	Total Attend.	Average Attend.	Largest Attend.
Liking	29	312	11	26	217	7.5	13
Canoeing	24	334	14	44	254	11.5	22
Cycling	11	108	10	24	96	9	15
Rafting	7	97	14	32	74	11	16
Spelunking	7	94	13	22	70	10	22
Climbing	3	47	16	18	38	13	18
Skiing	2	17	9	9	17	9	9
Extended	2	279	140	216	24	12	15
	85	1,288	15		790	9.3	

Total canceled trips 20 (not included in above)

Total Non-Hostel Overnights 525

Total Hostel Overnights 66

Total Overnights 611

*Participation=people-days

SUMMARY OF A.Y.H. FINANCIAL REPORT

12/1/65 through 11/30/66

<u>Operations</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>
Pass sales	\$850.65	- 0 -
Hiking	135.00	12.75
Canoeing	625.30	215.99
Cycling	113.15	11.60
Banquet	153.00	128.10
Interest on savings account	210.82	- 0 -
Baker Trail Guides	34.75	4.00
Baker Trail patches	48.00	- 0 -
Raft rental	239.25	239.25
Extended trips	89.90	
Miscellaneous	10.55	
Charter fees & insurance	- 0 -	66.41
President: travel	- 0 -	32.00
Secretary: postage	- 0 -	21.59
Headquarters & hostel dev.	- 0 -	2.05
Golden Triangle	- 0 -	304.41
Telephone	- 0 -	96.23
Trip insurance	- 0 -	104.80
Sales tax	- 0 -	34.64
Baker Trail shelters (2)	- 0 -	264.97
Baker Trail	- 0 -	21.21
Public relations	- 0 -	81.94
Program	- 0 -	10.03
Totals	\$2,510.37	\$1,652.57

Capital Improvements

1 bicycle	45.98
6 sailing rigs	134.73
1 raft	332.50
1 canoe	160.00
300 Baker Trail patches	96.00
	<u>769.21</u>

Net increase in liquid assets = \$88.52