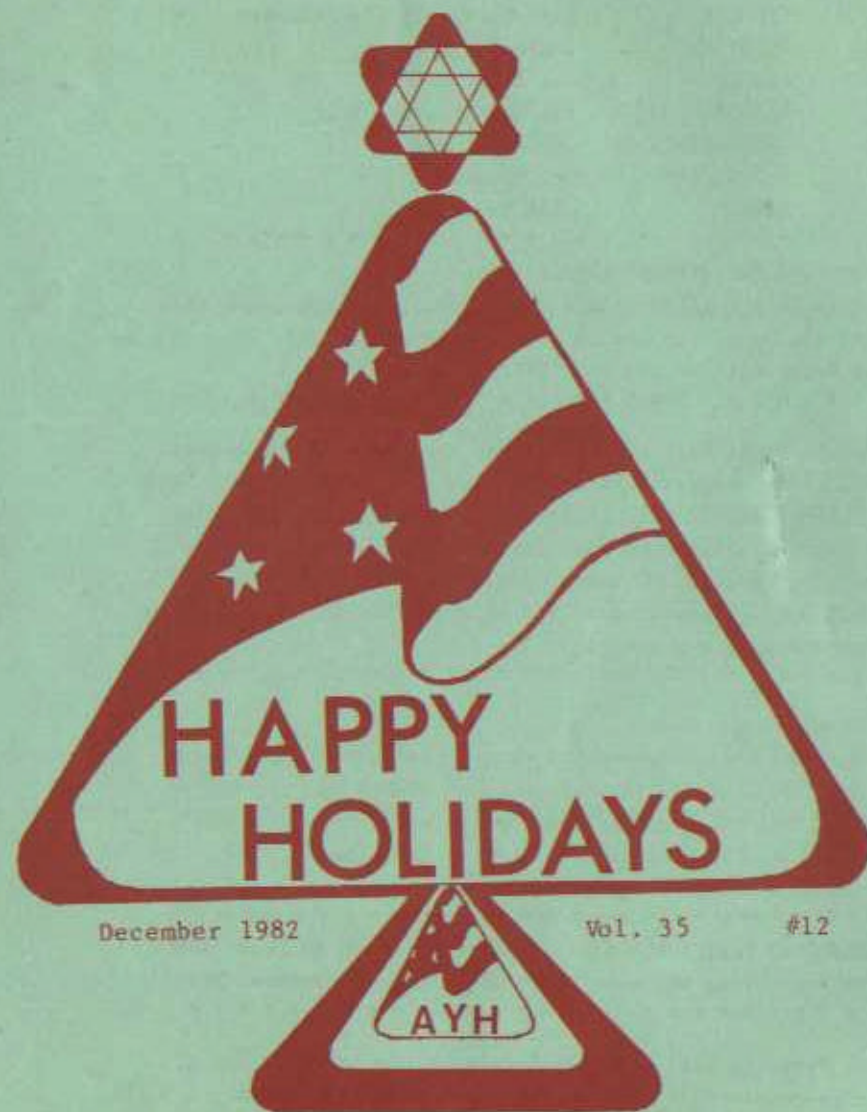


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HEADLINES FOR JANUARY ISSUE:

Due to the Holidays and the Production Party associated with the Carolling and Christmas Party (Dec. 16), ALL articles and trips will be due DEC. 21!!!!

OPEN HOUSE is held every Thursday evening at Headquarters, 6300 Fifth Avenue in Shadyside (next to the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts) in the winter months there is cross-country skiing in Mellon Park starting at 6:30, when there is snow. Otherwise, HQ doors open about 8:00. Slide show starts about 8:45. Come on over and bring a friend...or come over and make some new ones!!!

DECEMBER SLIDE SHOWS

- DEC. 2- Cross Country Skiing by Fred Parker and Friends.
- DEC. 9- Climbing the Volcanoes of Mexico by Fred Gunter.
- DEC. 16- AYH Carolling and Christmas Party at the Haa's.
- DEC. 23- Close enough for a Merry Christmas!...
- DEC. 30- ..and a Happy New Year!

THANKS TO ELAINE ROSENTHAL, FRED PARKER AND SHELLEY WERNER for organizing the very enjoyable picnic on October 24!!!

Pat Rossi is looking for companion(s) to join her for a cross-country ski week in the Laurentians in February (8-12) Lodging at Parker's Lodge in Lac Paquin. The lodge is family run and features an amiable atmosphere, home style cooking and reasonable rates. Call Pat if interested at 335-5067.

A Y H MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

AYH memberships are available at any Open House meeting. If you are unable to attend a meeting, you may want to fill out the application found at the bottom of this page and send it, along with your check, made payable to 'Pittsburgh Council, AYH' to:

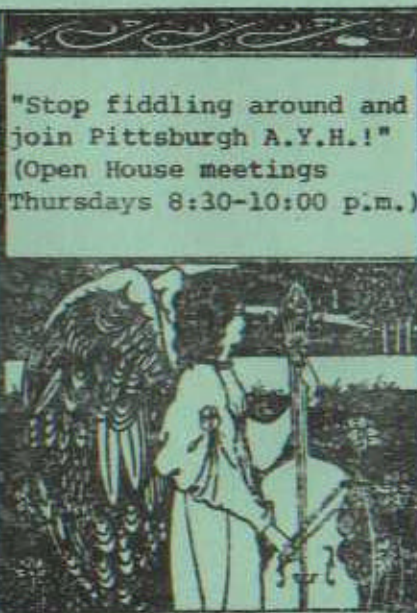
AYH Membership
6300 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15232

Allow 3-4 weeks for delivery of your hostelling pass. NOTE: Membership also sells International Hostel Guide to Europe for \$5.00 by mail and \$4.00 at Headquarters.

CHECK ONE:

- ☐ \$7.00 YOUTH
- ☐ \$7.00 SENIOR CITIZEN (60+)
- ☐ \$14.00 SENIOR (18-59)
- ☐ \$35.00 ORGANIZATION (non-profit)
- ☐ \$35.00 THREE YEAR SENIOR
- ☐ \$140.00 LIFE
- ☐ \$_____ TAX DEDUCTABLE DONATION

OUR COUNCIL is a volunteer organization. There is always need for leaders and people willing to donate their time and skills for the purpose of maintaining and improving our Council. If you are interested in contributing your efforts to any of the activities or service-oriented areas, please contact a member of the Activities Board, or attend a Board Meeting.



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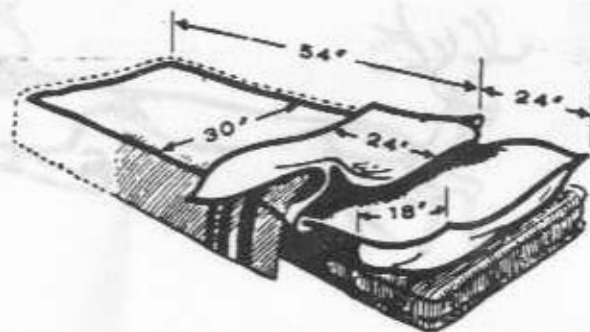
Join American Youth Hostels and experience the world for yourself. Use your AYH Pass as your key to inexpensive travel accommodations around the world — over 5000 hostels in 50 countries.

For membership, send \$14.00 (\$7.00 if under 18) with your name, address, and date of birth to the address below. Or, for FREE details on AYH, just send us your name and address.



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(412) 362-8181



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. Available at Thursday meetings for \$8.75, or add \$2.00 for mail orders.

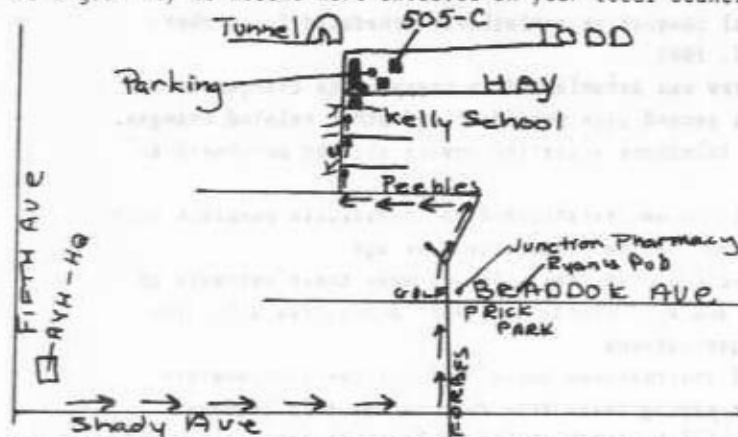
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DECEMBER ACTIVITIES BOARD MEETING

The December Activities Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, December 1 at the home of Shirley Sedmak, 505 C Todd St. in Wilkensburg. See map below. Meeting will begin promptly at 8 pm.

MEMBERS ARE WELCOME to attend the monthly Activities Board meetings. This is a good way to become more involved in your local Council!



NEW HEADQUARTERS IN 1983?

If you've been to an 'Open House' meeting lately, you can tell Pittsburgh AYH is growing. Not only are there new faces at each meeting, but extra equipment which needs more space. A new and larger building, well laid out, will help attract new members and would help provide a more efficient Council operation. An ideal Headquarters would include:

- *Seating for 100-125 for slide programs
- *A lounge area for 'social' members.
- *A membership sales office.
- *A newsletter office for files and paper storage.
- *A Council Store.
- *Storage space for boats, bikes, skis, sails, cabers, P.F.D's, etc....
- *Off-street parking and loading for trippers cars.
- *Low rent and utilities.
- *Restrooms!!!

Sounds good—but can we afford it? There would have to be a lot of research done to a NUMBER of sites before a selection is made.

IF YOU HAVE A POTENTIAL SITE, somewhere in the East End area of Pittsburgh, please let Joe Hoechner or Cliff Ham know about it.

MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES BOARD MEETING Larry Laude, Council Secretary

NEW OFFICERS: The new officers and committee chairpersons assumed office at this meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT: Joe Hoechner was elected Vice President.

TRAILS: The Trails Coordinator was authorized to proceed with planning a winter meeting on Western Pennsylvania Trails to be co-sponsored with the Pennsylvania Trails Council.

HOUSE: The annual banquet is tentatively scheduled for either March 26 or April 9, 1983.

Y-LAWS: A committee was established to investigate changes to the Y-Laws to permit a second vice president and other related changes.

PHONE RATE: A new telephone answering device will be purchased as soon as possible.

INSURANCE: A committee was established to investigate possible alternatives to the present general insurance coverage.

TRAVEL: The bicycling committee will increase their emphasis on leisure time wear and will coordinate their activities with other local bicycling organizations.

TRIP FEES: Several chairpersons noted difficulties with summer trip fees. Several chairpersons noted difficulties with summer trip fees.

OFFICER MEETING: will be held at Shirley Sedak's home on December 1st.

SECTION RESULTS:

The following officers and chairmen were elected at the October 21 annual Council elections. In accordance with the Y-Laws, the Vice President was elected at the November Activities Board Meeting.

President: Chuck Egan

Vice President: Joe Hoechner

Treasurer: Fred Hull

Assistant Treasurer: Bill Johnston

Secretary: Larry Laude

Committee Chairpersons:

Headquarters: Gary Ludwig

Triangle Editors: Jeri Walsh

Hostel Development: Joe Hoechner

Hostel Operations: Jim Gogot

Programs: Bob Goff

Environmental Services: Pat Olsen

Franchises: Peggy Vanderbeck

Services: Harriet Ann Seiner

Trips and Trails: Joe Levine

Leadership Development: Jane Toben

Backpacking: Steve Martin

Jack Peth

Canoeing: Penny Smith

Caving: John Popp, Gene Snyder

Wicki Linbeck

Climbing: Karl Horner, Barry

Governor, Jim Wojciechowski

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PARK YOUR REINDEER AT HQ

** THURSDAY DECEMBER 16, 1982 **

AND JOIN IN THE ANNUAL A.Y.H CHRISTMAS PARTY

A QUICK PRODUCTION PARTY WILL BE FOLLOWED

BY A MUSICAL STROLL (CAROLLING) THROUGH

SHADYSIDE TO CLIFF AND MARILYN HAM'S

WHERE REFRESHMENTS AND GOOD COMPANY

WILL BE PLENTIFUL.

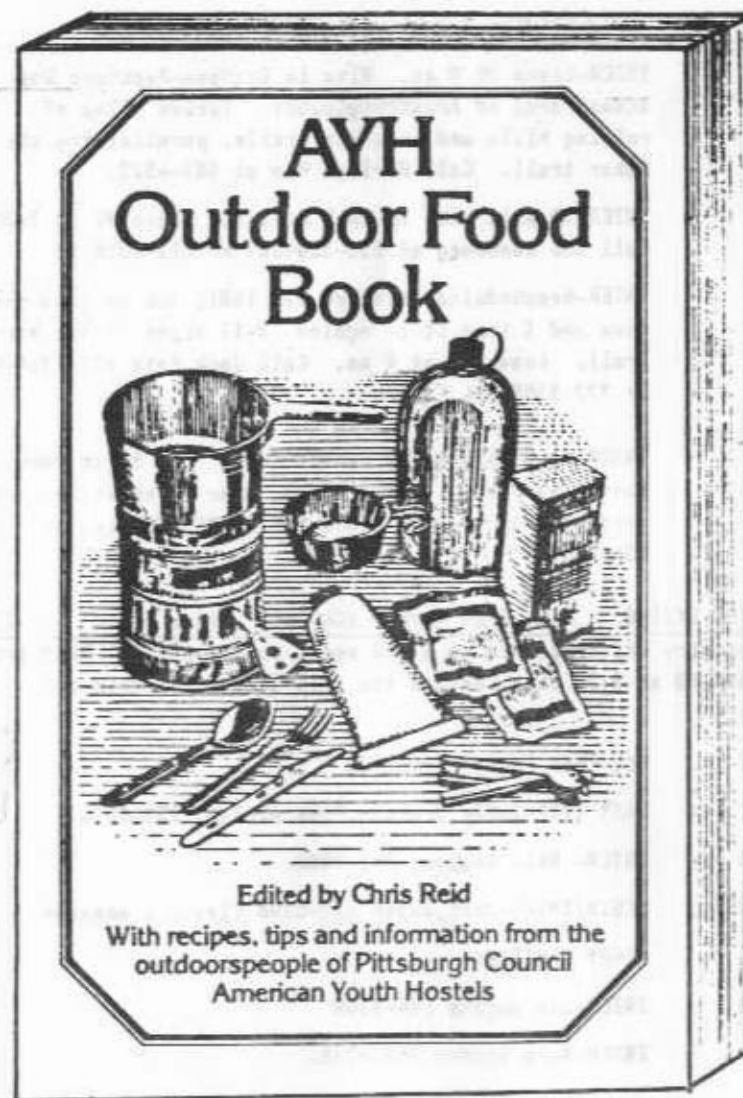
TIME: ARRIVE AT HQ AT 6 OR 6:30. WE WILL

LEAVE FOR CAROLLING ONCE THE TRIANGLE

(JANUARY EDITION) IS COLLATED AND

STAPLED, AND LABELLED.

MANNA HELP??? WE ALWAYS NEED LOTS OF REFRESHMENTS FOR HUNGRY CAROLLERS. SEE MAYNE ALBRIGHT FOR DETAILS OR ASK CLIFF OR MARILYN AT ANY OPEN HOUSE MEETING. OR, JUST BRING SOME GOODIES--WE'LL MAKE SURE THEY GET TRANSPORTED TO THE PARTY AHEAD OF US.



A NEW OUTDOOR COOKBOOK BY AND FOR ACTIVE OUTDOOR PEOPLE
 THE AYH OUTDOOR FOOD BOOK, edited by Chris Reid, published
 by Pittsburgh Council, American Youth Hostels, 1981, 144
 pages, 6"x9" softcover, \$3.00/individual copy. Individual
 mail orders, please add 72¢ postage per book. PA. state
 residents please add 18¢ sales tax. Contact AYH Publica-
 tions, c/o Bruce Sundquist, 210 College Park Drive, Mon-
 roeville, Pa. 15146.

Cross-Country Skiing: Fred Parker
 Steve Tubbs

Cycling: Lynn Ejzak
 Bob Schwartz

Hiking: Shirley Sedmak

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Gordon Bugby, Barry Govenor

Kayaking: Ray Yutzy
 Lou Conley

Rafting: Gus Hughes

Open House Activities: Jeff Marsh
 Harriet Ann Seiner

1982 TRIP SUMMARY

Joe Levine, Trips and Trails

At the end of each Fiscal Year, the Trips and Trails Chairman makes a statistical summary of the year's activities and a comparison with summaries of the previous two years. This is presented to the Activities Board at November meeting. The following is an abbreviated summary:

ACTIVITY	1982		1981	
	TRIPS	TRIPPERS	TRIPS	TRIPPERS
Backpack	14	82	20	135
Bicycle	32	251	53	317
Canoe	34	308	48	466
Cave	22	227	8	86
Climb	13	142	16	200
Hike	48	406	43	348
Kayak	33	189	30	163
Raft	15	216	16	216
Ski	18	228	21	198
Snorkle	3	15	—	—
Open House	41	529	32	378
Special Events	3	131	3	239
TOTALS:	276	2724	291	2766

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE to help out the Pittsburgh Council for 1982. That is if you itemize your deductions and would like to reflect a charitable donation to your favorite non-profit organization. Pittsburgh AYH may be faced with finding a new headquarters in 1983—That'll take some big bucks. The Youth Hostel at Ohiopyle will need some refurbishment after this winter. Also, who knows what potential hostels are right around the corner... So if you can spare some cash, please use the form below. Many thanks, and Happy Holidays.

YES I WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT PITTSBURGH AYH...ATTACHED PLEASE FIND MY DONATION OF: \$10.00 ☐, \$20.00 ☐, \$50.00 ☐, \$75.00 ☐, \$100.00 ☐ or \$. I would like my donation to go to the following:(check one) General Fund ☐, Hostel Development ☐, Ohiopyle Hostel Operations ☐ Make checks payable to Pittsburgh AYH and mail to: Treasurer, AYH, 6300 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15232. If you wish to remain anonymous.

DECEMBER TRIPS AND TRAILS

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 a 60¢ registration fee and insurance (\$1000 medical/\$1000 accidental death or dismemberment) plus transportation and rentals. In addition, nonmembers are charged \$1.50 per day which is deducted from the cost of membership. Trips are classified BEGINner, INTERmediate and ADVanced, with the exception of cycling and water sports.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

SHOW AND TELL by Steve and Fred about Cross Country Ski equipment, clothing and related potpourri. Thursday, December 2 at 6:30-8 pm. X-C ski slide show after.

December 9, 6:30-8 pm. X-C ski waxing as presented by Chuck Ejzak. Iron available to prepare your skis. Bring wax. Epoxy provided for tightening binding screws.

VOLLEYBALL Jeff Rans 631-9450(h) 462-5000 x6501(w)
Harriet Ann Seiner 681-1185(h)

Indoor volleyball is played at Alderdice High School in Squirrel Hill every Tuesday night from 8-9 pm. Please wear soft-soled shoes. Knee pads are nice, but not necessary. The Alderdice swimming pool is also open for use by the public.

KAYAKING Ray Yutzy 561-3764
Lou Conley 681-8321

The AYH will be placing a group order for Horse Canoe and Kayak paddles. We can get a significant discount with a large order (more than 4). Anyone who is interested should contact Lou Conley (phone # above) for information. If there is enough interest, we may also place group orders for throw line safety bags and life jackets.

An AYH kayaking committee is being formed. The purpose of the committee will be to provide guidance and input to the Kayaking program and how it may be improved in the future. The committee will be very informal and any interested party is welcome to join. Previous participation in the kayaking program is NOT a requirement for involvement on the committee. The first meeting of the committee will take place in January of 1983. Anyone who is interested can contact Lou Conley at above # for further information.

HIKING Shirley Sedmak 242-1573(h) 288-5147(w)

- sat dec 4 INTER-Leave HQ 8 am. Hike in Gastown-Keystone Dam-Atwood area of Armstrong County. Twelve miles of rolling hills and unmarked trails, paralleling the Baker trail. Call Marilyn Ham at 687-4520.
- sun dec 5 INTER-10 mile hike in Cook Forest. Leave HQ at 7:30 am. Call Bob Kenneweg at 553-3394(w) or 521-2356(h)
- sat dec 11 INTER-Rescheduled from Dec 12, 1981, due to good skiing snow and I hope it is again! 8-12 miles on the Warrior Trail. Leave HQ at 8 am. Call Jack Petr 921-7214(h) or 777-5365(w).
- sat dec 18 INTER-Hike the Rachel Carson Trail from North Park to Russellton Road. Twelve miles. For information and reservations, call Glenn Oster at 566-3042(w) or 364-2864(h).

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING Fred Parker 824-2633 Steve Tubbs 751-2151

All cross country ski trips are on a 'no snow, no go' basis. Most trips leave the AYH-HQ at 8:30 am. Contact the trip leader for trip details and ski rentals.

- sat dec. 11 ALL-Fred Parker 824-2638
- sun dec. 12 EASY TRIP-Sally Brunson. Plus dinner. 231-6074.
- sat dec. 18 INTER- Bill Keating 751-4693.
- sun dec. 19 BEGIN/INTER-Jeri Walsh 422-0295 (leave a message)
- sat dec 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS
- sun dec. 26 INTER-Jim Gogots 354-9149
- sat jan. 1 INTER-Norm Snyder 351-4068.
- sun jan. 2 Rick Ulaky 734-3845.

BACKPACKING Steve Martin 469-3153(h) 462-5000 x6185(w)
Jack Peth 921-7214(h) 777-5365(w)

- dec 11-12 INTER-Hike the Rimrock-Morrison Trail in Allegheny National Forest (10 miles). For information and reservations call Glen Oster 566-3042(w) or 364-2864(h).

CAVING John Popp 653-8026 Vicki Lineback 682-4087
Norm Snyder 351-4068

- sun dec 12 BEGINner trip to Casparis Cave. Nice formations after a bit of water. Call Vicki Lineback 682-4087(h) 624-2290(w)