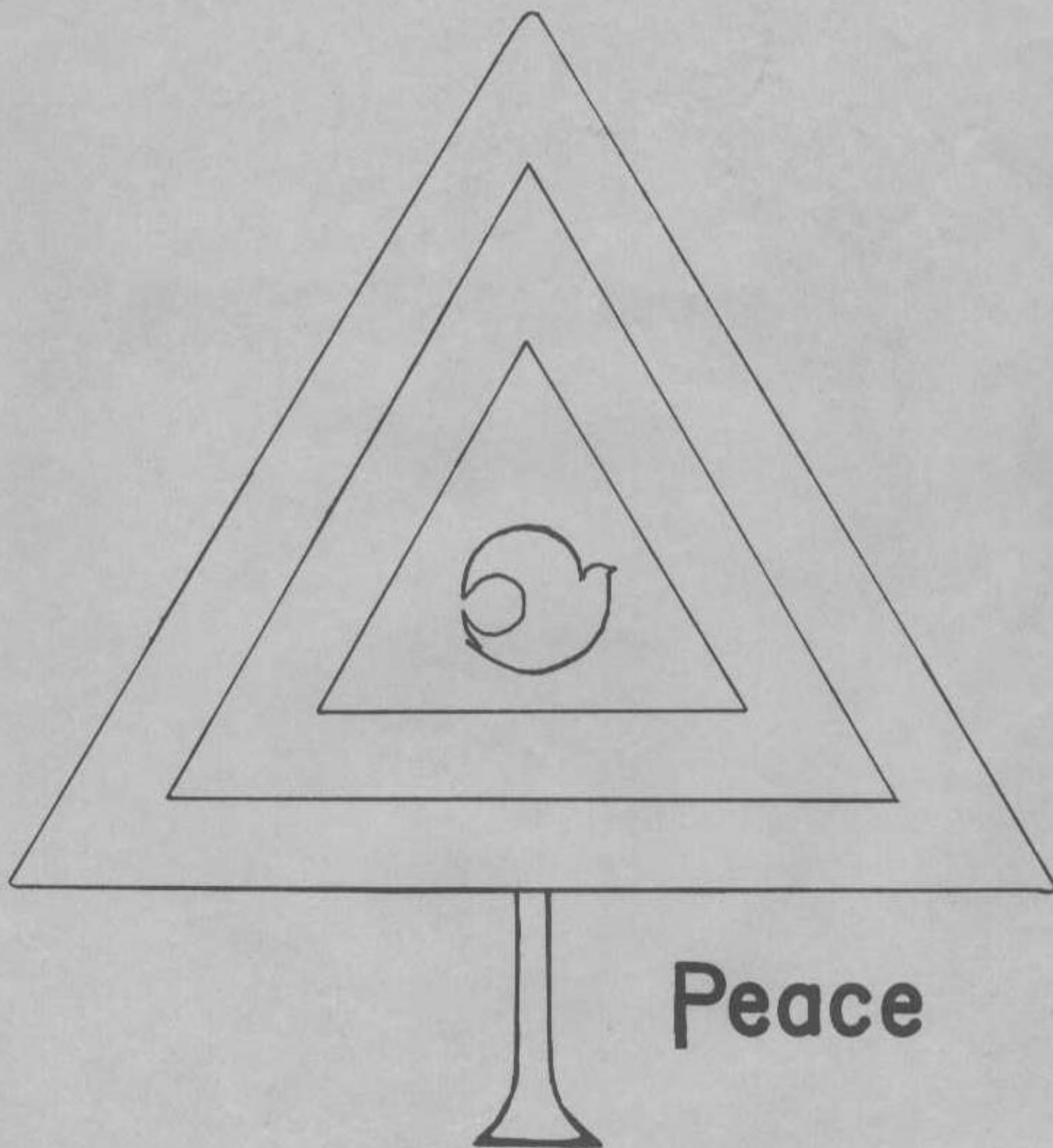


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# **GOLDEN TRIANGLE**



### Leaders Take Note!

BACKPACKERS - Do you ever rent a tent or sleeping bag from Pittsburgh AYH? Do us a favor - return them the following Thursday night rather than the Sunday night when you return to Headquarters.

Take the bag or tent home, remove it from it's stuff sack, shake it out and let it air dry until Thursday night. Then repack and return it at the open house meeting.

One result of many Ohiopyle Hostel work parties - a use for that "Generic" coffee creamer. Mixed on a 1:1 basis with water it works great for patching plaster walls. After all, that's what it looks and tastes like!

December is the last chance in 1980 for you to make a tax-deductible contribution to AYH.

So if you're a "Fat Cat" who has made too much profit on your oil or gas leases or stocks, now is the time to write some off.

You can make your checks payable to either "Pgh Council AYH" or to the "Ohiopyle Youth Hostel." Send both into Pittsburgh H.Q. to the attention of the Treasurer.

THANK YOU!

### Canadian Handbook Corrections

Contrary to what you may read about the Toronto Hostel it is open all year. This is the first year that they are keeping it open for the winter - so if you're up there stop in. Also the popular hostel in Niagara Falls (Canada) "Brock Hall Hostel" - has just been re-named: "Niagara Falls Hostel" - seems appropriate. (Still located at 4699 Zimmerman Ave.)

MISERY -- is unpacking your favorite ~~goose~~ down jacket from your hot stuffy attic - and then finding the candy bar in the pocket from last year's ski trip!

### Attention X - C Skiers!

Depending on the snow there may be "spontaneous" X-C ski weekends held this season at the Ohiopyle Youth Hostel.

Active trip leaders could call and check local conditions with the houseparents during Thursday night's open house meetings, and then announce the trip after the program is over.

Space is available there for 25 and rental skis would be available from Steve Tubbs.

If you have any questions about the Ohiopyle Hostel check with Jim Gogots or Joe Hoechner.

Need something to do this winter? Try Mapping Bike Routes!

Joe Hoechner is seeking helpers to assist in enlarging the number of printed bike routes AYH has on hand. These people should be a driver and navigator, using an efficient, compact car, who are knowledgeable cyclists that know the type of roads that are rideable.

Possibly the most needed route map is close to home - a Pgh. to Greater Pgh. Airport directions and map set. Another possible route is Pgh. to Greensburg or Ohiopyle Hostel to Grantsville Md. Hostel.

See Joe at any meeting or call 828-5399.

### Speaking of Bicycling!

Have you looked at your helmet lately? If you used it all year it might be kind of grungy by now.

Do it a favor - give it a bath!

No kidding, a bell helmet can be a great replacement for a rubber duckie in your bathtub. It floats either right side up or upside down, won't sink - but doesn't squeak when squeezed.

use your bathsoap or shampoo on it to make it sparkle!

Has anyone seen those T-Shirts that say: "GO WITH THE FLOW" ?

Wonder if they're for boaters or bicyclists???

# DOWN EAST BICYCLE TOURS

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When man invented the bicycle, he had the state of Maine in mind. Imagine sweeping down a long coastal hill, the smell of a salty wind before you, the rock-bound coast of Maine to your right and an untouched maritime village to your left. Picture yourself meandering along a country road past graveyards older than the nation itself, along lakes of crystal clear water and through villages uncluttered by the neon blight of modern urban America. On days you are not cycling, soak up the beauty of Acadia National Park, enjoy a Shakespearean play at a summer stock theatre, learn to waterski or sail, or enjoy an exhilarating raft trip down the Kennebec River.

Down East Bicycle Tours will be offering ten tours beginning in mid-May and continuing until mid-October. It features three basic routes: four tours of varying length winding up a coastline hardly changed since Maine's days as a center of maritime activity; three tours through the central lake region of Maine, offering you a chance to waterski and sail on rest days and catch some of the best summer stock theatre in America; and three tours along the Kennebec River Valley to The Forks where you will be treated to a wild raft ride down the Kennebec River through the courtesy of Maine Whitewater.

Each tour will feature comfortable lodging at a New England country inn, two meals a day at the inn, transportation for you and your bike to and from the Portland bus station, and the fee paid to Maine Whitewater for the raft trip. The tours will vary in length from six to ten days. The tentative price for the tours ranges from \$240 to \$400, depending on the length of the tour.

Down East Bicycle Tours is the creation of a former Pittsburgh AYH member, Art Greif. All Pittsburgh AYH members will be entitled to a 10% discount on the total price of the tour. If you are interested and would like to be placed on the mailing list for Down East Bicycle Tours, fill out the form below and mail it to the Portland address shown.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

Check whether you have any of the following:

bicycle \_\_\_\_\_

helmet \_\_\_\_\_

panniers \_\_\_\_\_



MINUTES OF THE ACTIVITIES BOARD  
NOVEMBER 5, 1980

The meeting was held at the home of Bob Omlor, Barry Govenor presiding.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 P.M.

The minutes of the October 7 meeting were approved as printed in the Triangle.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion on search for new headquarters(again). Joe H. reported that the Arts and Crafts Center has no definite expansion plans yet. No further building is proposed for next year.

2. Barry G. reported on Open House at Ohiopyle. The event was widely publicized and there was a good turn-out of about 15-25 people from outside the Ohiopyle area. Barry G. is pleased with the houseparents efforts to better relationships between the hostel and the community. The general feeling is that it was a success.

Further investigation into getting a city water line into the <sup>Ohiopyle</sup> hostel will be made.

HOSTEL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

1. Joe H. reported on search for a hostel location in Greensburg-some possible sites may open up in the near future.

2. Joe H. reported on Gilmary Retreat, Coraopolis, as a possible site for a hostel. The priest in charge has no qualms and looks forward to the summer business. He needs to get an O.K. from the bishop. We would use one set of dormitories. Beds, blankets, cooking utensils, and a lounge-kitchen area are available.

TRIANGLE

1. Temporary co-editors have been found. They are Carol Godfrey and Jerry Walsh. They will take on the job for at least three months.

ACTIVITIES

1. More membership committee volunteers are needed.

2. Steve Martin reported that volleyball is going pretty well. It is slowly paying for the cost of equipment.

TRAILS CO-ORDINATOR REPORT

Gerry Finger attended a Pa. State Trails Council meeting in State College. He reported that DER (Dep't. of Environmental Resources) has formed a committee to try to assess trails conditions in the state. The goals of this committee are:

1. to list trail user groups in the state
2. to evaluate the interests and needs of these groups and determine if there are any conflicting needs.

EX: between motorized and non-motorized trail users.

3. to try to facilitate communication between the trail user groups
4. to lobby to get additional land set aside for trail use.
5. to make the public more aware of land development projected for the future.

A.Y.H. can have membership on this organization as a non-motorized trail user group. If the Pittsburgh Council wants to be involved there is a \$10.00 contribution needed.

Gerry Finger also reported that a new complete inventory of trails throughout the state is to be published.

An official trail map of Pa. is also to be printed for free distribution. It will show all sorts of trails and hostel locations.

MOTION: (G.F.) that PGH. Council A.Y.H. become an active member of Pa. Trail Council when the organization is set up. Seconded (J.H.) PASSED.

Gerry Finger also reported that the Army Corps of Engineers is still planning to try and relocate part of the Baker Trail on Corps property.

### MAPS

Fred Mauk reported on the status of the file of maps currently at headquarters. More maps are needed and several are years out of date. Projected costs are:

\$71.00	- Pa. mpas
<del>\$132.00</del>	- W. Va. maps
\$12.00	- other bordering states maps
<u>\$215.00</u>	- total

If costs hit \$300.00 - a discount is available. It was decided to go ahead and begin map replacement beginning with those in highest demand first. The budget would come from the various activities requiring trail maps.

MOTION: (F.M.) to go ahead and put in a main map order and if omissions are found put in a subsidiary order even though no discount would apply to this second order. The actual A.Y.H. map order will be limited to \$260.00. Seconded (R.Y.) and PASSED  
Please bring to Fred's attention any maps which are misleading.

Joe H. reported that a brochure on Pa. hostels is now printed. The Pgh. Council is being assessed approximately \$230.00 for our share.

### 1980 TRIP SUMMARY REPORT

Joe Levine presented a report outlining the 1980 trips, including the number of trips in each activity and the number of trippers. He also asked whether insurance should be charged for travel days also - as accidents may occur.

MOTION: (J.L.) Trip leaders on extended trips charge registration fees for travel time (currently - 50¢ per day.) Seconded and PASSED

On trip forms it is often difficult to distinguish between canoe and kayak trips. Please indicate beside the tripper (K) or (C).

### TREASURER'S REPORT

a reminder to several activity groups that their budgets are not yet in. (Caving, climbing and rafting)

MOTION: (C.H.) That the Trips and Trails Chairman, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer and President may sign checks for Trips and Trails Account. Seconded and PASSED.

The Ohiopyle houseparents changed banks for the checking account at Ohiopyle to one on Rt. 40 due to checks lost in mailing to Pgh.

MOTION: (C.H.) that the two houseparents, hostel operations chairman, and Treasurer may sign checks for the new account on Rt. 40 for Ohiopyle. Seconded and PASSED

MOTION: (F.H.) that the assistant treasurer and President as well as the Treasurer may sign checks on the Equibank 'Treasurer's Account. Seconded and PASSED

### NOMINATIONS

Joe Hoechner was nominated by Jim Gogots for the office of Vice-President. Joe H. accepted. MOTION: that the nominations be closed. Seconded and PASSED.

### HOSTEL OPERATIONS REPORT

Ohiopyle: last year's budget discussed, and a proposed budget was submitted for the coming fiscal year. Estimated insulating and heating costs were discussed. The hostel is being widely publicized.

### NEW BUSINESS

The National Council meets at the end of the month in New York. At this time National Board members will be elected. Jane Toben, Barry Govenor and Cliff<sup>ham</sup> will attend.

MOTION: (C.H.) That the President and Jane Toben have travel and accomodation expenses paid for the National Board meeting Nov. 21-23. PASSED

MOTION: (S.M.) That the Activities Board meet on WEDNESDAY in December. Seconded and PASSED

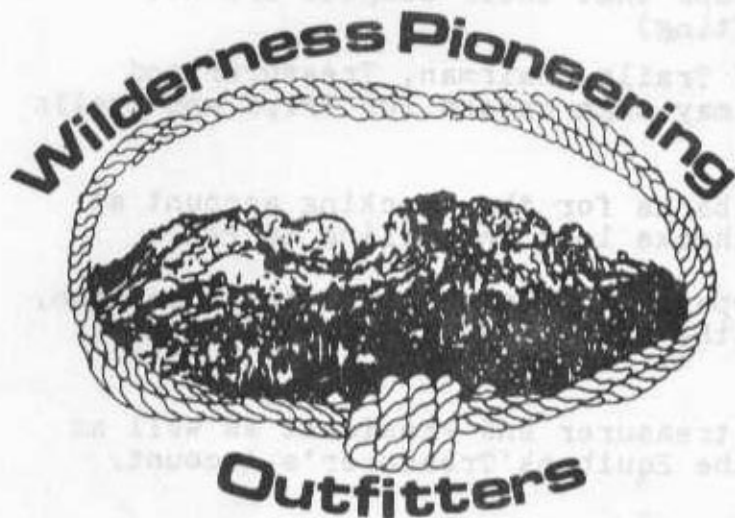
The next Activities Board meeting will be WEDNESDAY December 3 at the home of Barry Govenor.

Move to adjourn: 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan M. Killer*  
Susan M. Killer  
Secretary





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this  
holiday  
season**

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS FOR THE OUTDOOR ENTHUSIAST ON YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST!!!!!!

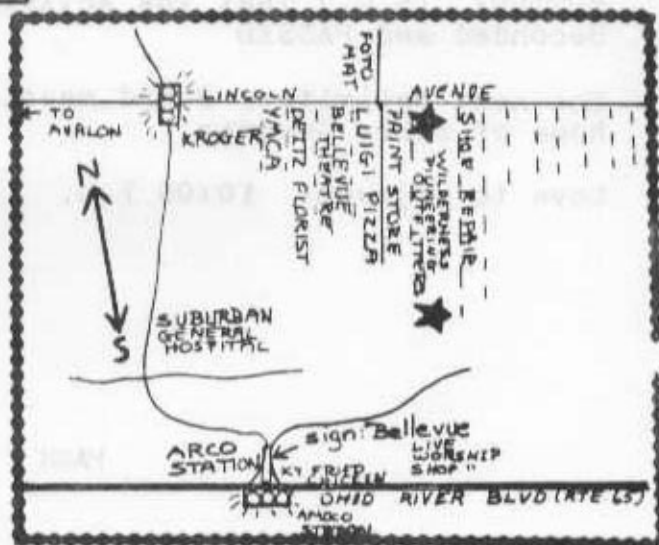
GIFT IDEAS.....think warm.....Polargard and down parkas.....sleeping bags.  
...bivvy sacks.....tents.....packs.....cross-country skis.....hiking  
and climbing boots ....rain parkas.....shirts and sweaters.....stoves  
for camping and backpacking.....

STOCKING STUFFERS.....Wool mittens and shells.....ragg socks....  
wool liner socks.....wool hats.....warm booties.....'biners.....  
candle lanterns ....Swiss Army knives.....hiking guides.....books  
on a variety of outdoor activities.....Tropical chocolate bars ..

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ave you hiked the Baker Trail lately? If you have you've just become the latest expert on the condition of that particular section.

Baker Trail Chairman Jerry Singer is seeking member input on the shape of the trail. He even has quantity of "Baker Trail" directional signs which would do more good out on the trail than in headquarters.

If you have any trail info, or would like to lead a hike, please let Jerry know - call 362-5290.

Just a reminder that the Ohiopyle Youth Hostel is open for winter business. Space is available for 5 and should include both heat and hot water! To reserve call (412) 329-4476.

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Thursday, December 18, 1980



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H 421-0672

Special trip

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT OHIOPYLE???? Anyone interested in a 2,3, or 4 day ski-hike-backpack holiday weekend at our area hostel? Space is available for about 20 people. The main group could leave Pittsburgh on Wednesday night (with party food) Cross-country skiing or day hikes are possible, with advanced winter backpacking being possible on the nearby Laurel Highlands Trail. For info/reservations call Sally Brunson at 231-6074.



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Event: Laurelville Winter Weekend, February 20-22, 1981

Transportation: We will arrive at Laurelville by carpool about 8:30 pm Friday night and leave Sunday afternoon. Transportation fees of \$4.00 will be paid directly to your driver.



Accommodations: We have reserved the lodge and three dorm cabins. Space is available for about 70 AYH members. Reservations for the lodge are on a first-come basis, with couples having priority. The cost for cabin space is \$10/person, for a 2-person room is \$19/person, for a 3-person room is \$17/person.

Food: Our meals, served by the Laurelville staff in the dining hall, will include two breakfasts and one supper. You must bring two trail lunches. A snack will be provided for Friday and Saturday nights.

Total Cost: Approximately \$35. It includes 2 nights lodging, 3 meals, trip fees and transportation. A deposit of \$20 should be paid to trip leader Joe Hoechner before February 10, 1981. Make checks payable to Pittsburgh AYH.

What to bring: Two lunches, AYH pass, sleeping bag or sheets and blanket, XC skis, hiking boots, warm clothes, personal items. If you are the type to forget your AYH pass, give it to Joe early - he'll remember to bring it.

Ski Rental: Rental of XC ski equipment handled by Steve Tubbs (751-2158). It will be handled on a one day basis.

Joe would like to remind all members to bring their musical instruments. He would also like to hear from anyone who can bring folk/square dance record, and a phonograph. There is a piano and fireplace in the lodge building. Please note that the room rate structure depend on the number of persons. Children under nine are charged half-price. If you have questions, call Joe at 828-5399. The trip is open to AYH members only -- with current passes -- so renew your membership!! Deposits are non-refundable after Feb. 15. Leave AYH Headquarters 7pm, Friday

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RESERVATION FORM FOR LAURELVILLE AYH WINTER WEEKEND

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ AYH PASS # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Lodge (2 people)  
\_\_\_\_ Lodge (3 people)  
\_\_\_\_ Dorm cabins



\_\_\_\_ I can help with snacks.  
\_\_\_\_ I need a ride.  
\_\_\_\_ I can drive (# of passengers)  
\_\_\_\_ I can play/bring  
\_\_\_\_ (folk/square dance records, instruments, phonograph)  
\_\_\_\_ I would like to lead a trip.  
\_\_\_\_ Type of trip: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_  
\$20 per person, regardless of accommodations. Make check payable to:  
Pittsburgh AYH

Bring this form to an Open House or mail to:

Joe Hoechner  
465 Freeport Rd  
Apt. 2  
Blawnox, Pa 15238



## DECEMBER 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. Trip 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 BEGINER, INTERmediate and ADVanced.

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Hiking Chair: Kathy Reilly 687-6160(home) 281-7833 (work)

Bring lunch, water, raingear and comfortable hiking shoes or boots

- sat dec 6 INTER- Hike near Mt. Davis with Stu Clark, about 10 miles WEAR ORANGE OR BRIGHT CLOTHING-ITS DEER HUNTING SEASON Call 361-2265 to reserve Leave hostel HQ at 8 am.
- sat dec 7 BEGIN-Hike with Gus Hughes Leave HQ at 8:30 am Call 421-4066
- sat dec 13 BEGIN- Hiking with John Francis in Frick Park Meet at HQ at 9 am Call 771-9562 (home) or 777-8627 (work)
- sun dec 14 BEGIN/INTER- Hiking on Baker Trail with Bill Behare Meet at HQ at 10 am Call 672-8083 (home) or 456-6684 (work)
- sun dec 14 INTER- Hike at Bear Run with Eric Bauer Leaving HQ at 8:30 am 6-8 miles Call 687-0766
- sun dec 21 BEGIN- Explore along the top of Mt Washington with Kathy Reilly Lunch in the Freight House Shops, or bring your own Four miles or less. Bring money for incline Call 687-6160 (home) or 281-7833 (work) to reserve. Trip size limited Leaving HQ at 10 am

Cross-country skiing Chair: Steve Tubbs 751-2158, Fred Parker 824-2638

Trips depend on snow conditions Typically its NO SNOW, NO GO Contact trip leaders for changes and rental information Leaders must clear all rentals through Steve Tubbs

- sat dec 6
- sun dec 7 BEGIN- Dave McMillin 262-1699
- sat dec 13 BEGIN- Debbie LaPlaca 795-4179
- sun dec 14 INTER- Sally Brunson 231-6074
- sat dec 20 INTER- Fred Parker 824-2638
- sun dec 21 BEGIN-Joe Hoechner 828-5399
- sat dec 27 INTER/ADV-Norm Snyder 351-4068
- sun dec 28 INTER-Craig Rowland 242-0107

WORKSHOP: On Wednesday, December 10, we are hosting a cross-country ski workshop at 8 pm at HQ. Meet Steve Tubbs and Fred Parker there for some helpful advice. Bring your friends--everyone is invited. For more information, call Harriet Ann Seiner at 681-1189



### Canoeing

Chair: Jane Toben 466-7885 (home) or 462-5000x6585 (work)

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 meeting. Necessary equipment includes wool and/or wet suits.

### Kayaking

Chair: Ray Yutzy 929-4443

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

Pool sessions will be sponsored by the Three Rivers Paddling Club at the times and places listed below. AYH members may attend and AYH equipment is available on a first-come, first-served reservation basis. Call Ray Yutzy.

\*\*\*West Allegheny High School- First three Mondays of December, 8-10 pm. Cost is \$15/session, to be divided among all the attending paddlers. Instruction in rolling and paddle strokes. Reserve thru Dusty Mayo (695-0231) or Doug Wall (823-4027).

\*\*\*Carnegie-Mellon University-Free instruction and practice time, Wed and/or Fri eves at 8:30 pm. Starting date: ? For info, call John Babcock at 856-8974.

\*\*\*Peters Twp. High School- Saturdays 11:30 am-1:00 pm. Cost: Adult \$1, Child 50¢. Starting date: ? Call Scott Patton at 941-9191 or Bob Sica at 941-8945.

FEB- (tentative) Informal pool slalom race at Allegheny County Community College pool. For information, call Doug Wall at 823-4027.

### Running/Jogging

Chair: Al Uhrine 741-4561

Join Al every Monday evening at 6:15 for a jog around the Highland Park reservoir. The walk around the reservoir is well-lit. You'll recognise Al--He's the only one who still wears his cut-offs in spite of the freezing weather!

### Backpacking

Chair: Steve Martin 462-5000x6185 (work)

dec 6-7 Tuscarora Trail trip. Help maintain our section of the Tuscarora Trail and enjoy a mountain view weekend. Prepare for cool weather and two days of blazing trail, clearing, etc. Leave HQ at 7am.

dec 13 INTER-Somewhere in Allegheny National Forest 15-20 miles. Leave Sat.  
14 at 6:30 am. Call Chuck Ejzak 327-5031.

Jan 1 or 2 X-C ski backpack trip to Allegheny National Forest. X-C skiing and snow  
4 camping (if there's snow). Leave HQ Thursday night or Friday morning. Returning Sunday. Call Bill Skalloos at 921-5695 from 10-11 pm or at work (928-7517) between 8:30 and 5.



# 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

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