



# Golden Triangle

## Hostelling International-USA, Pittsburgh Council

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### Obituary -- American Youth Hostels - Pittsburgh Council

The end of an era - and a long era at that! The last weekly meeting of AYH was held on June 3 to a packed house, including members dating back to the 1950s. The first weekly meeting was held in the 1930s and, except for a several-year lapse during WWII, had been held weekly ever since.

The cause of death was bankruptcy caused, in turn, by its Pittsburgh hostel on the south side. It was a Black Hole for money as it turns out, pretty much like its Ohiopyle hostel. Below is a bit of history and a biopsy.

AYH's main (and sizeable) contribution to the quality of life in this area has always been its outings program - a lively mix of hiking, bicycling, flatwater canoeing, white-water canoeing, kayaking, caving, climbing, ski-touring, backpacking and a few others (kite-flying??), plus countless schools in many of these activities. AYH built the Baker Trail and the Rachel Carson Trail that could take one from Pittsburgh to Allegheny National Forest. AYH published numerous editions of numerous guides to hiking and canoeing in the region. Its extended trips in the summer took many of us on unforgettable trips such as backpacking on Mt. Rainier, the Olympic Rainforest, the Olympic Seashore, the North Cascades and Rocky Mtn. National Park, cycling hostel-to-hostel in New England, hut-hopping in the White Mountains, white-water canoeing and sail-canoeing on the streams and lakes of Wisconsin and countless others. No one will ever know how many multi-decade-long friendships came out of the delights, camaraderie, trials and tribulations of all those thousands of trips. Calamity Rock in the Cheat Narrows was named for a terrifying rafting episode on an AYH trip. White water canoe trips have been known to arrive, still cold and wet, back in Pittsburgh around 4 AM. There was a broken back on a bicycle descent off of Pittsburgh's Mt. Washington, and a nasty altercation between a bicycle and a pickup truck.

AYH always had its ups and downs. At times its weekly Thursday evening meetings saw people packed shoulder-to-shoulder watching slide shows of past adventures and listening to 8-10 trip leaders advertising the adventures they had planned for the weekend. At other times the organization was held together by 3-4 people struggling to get the club back on its feet. A lot was learned about the dynamics of "volunteer associations" (as such organizations are called). One example of many: A preoccupation with social aspects and beginner-oriented trips foretells an impending collapse. A focus on substantive outdoor-oriented adventures and pleasures means another growth spurt toward a membership size that tends to attract the purely socially oriented.

AYH was always a down-to-earth, low-budget operation that attracted people of like mind. Its headquarters/ meeting room was a former Mellon estate chicken coop built on the property line with the Marshal mansion (now Arts Center), apparently as a result of some sort of feud. Outings had always been profitable, even with trip fees of \$0.25 to \$1/day, canoe- and bicycle rentals of a few dollars per day, and sales of modestly-priced trail guides. This combination of profitability and frugality might well have been AYH's undoing. The several hundred thousand dollars in savings generated over the decades was perhaps too much of a temptation to the hostel-oriented faction of the club. (AYH always had an uneasy split personality.) They grabbed control of the club, abolished the Activities Board (that had always handled the day-to-day operations of the club) and sunk everything into a highly leveraged hostel. The rest is history.

Bruce E Sundquist



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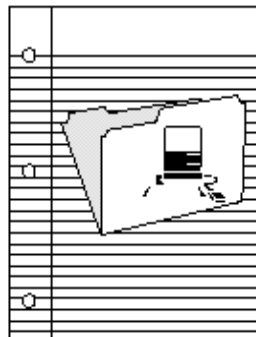
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- All trips must be approved by authorized co-chair
- Trip leader must be a council approved leader
- Trips must be submitted through co-chair, for that activity. Trip leaders, are not to submit trips directly to editor or office, any trips improperly submitted will not be listed.
- Above rules apply in addition to general rules for submission

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- Members are encouraged to write articles, about travel abroad and in the states, and about activities and outdoor sports in which the council has a program
- All Articles are to be, non-political and non-religious
- Above rules apply in addition to general rules for submission

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- No handwritten submissions
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- Please always check in advance with office, to confirm schedule.

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- ≡Lack of planning on your part, does not constitute an emergency on my part≡*

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## NOTICE

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If you find an error, please notify the editor. See the address for the *Golden Triangle* below.

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SEA-KAYAKING

Kelleys Island, Cape Henlopen and Presque Isle are just a few of the interesting and exciting places we visited last summer. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced paddler, we have a trip for you. So grab your paddle and sunscreen and we will see you on the water.

ActivityCo-Chairs            Vickie 412-344-4929  
   Russ 412-331-2073

See  
Sierra Clubs Hikes, at end.



ROCK CLIMBING

Important Notice / Rock Climbing

We regret to inform our members that the Pittsburgh Council is no longer able to sponsor any rock climbing activities for insurance reasons. Our liability insurance is provided through the National AYH organization. After lengthy discussions with National’s insurance carrier, we have been notified that a number of activities classified as “high risk” have been excluded from our coverage effective 1 April. While National was successful in negotiating the removal of several activities (such as ice-skating and cross country skiing) from the initial list of exclusions, they were ultimately unsuccessful in being able to have rock climbing covered. While we are disappointed with this exclusion, we have no choice but to stop sponsoring all rock climbing activities. Thank you to all of the volunteers who assisted in the organization and operation of the rock climbing activity over the years. It would not have been possible without you. Discussions are underway with other activities organizations that may be able to sponsor rock climbing activities. For more information, please contact Chuck Jones at charljzonz@excite.com or (412)766-4036 or Annie Jones at (412) 303-1793. Please call before 10 o'clock at night. <http://www.wpfi.org/>

While it is unfortunate that we will no longer be able to sponsor rock climbing, we would like to remind both members and non-members of the great activities that we sponsor, and encourage everyone's continued participation.

Rambles For Winter 2004-2005

NOVEMBER

- November 3        White Oak Regional Park. Bag lunch. Albert Farhy 412-521-8226.
- November 10      Wilmerding and Westinghouse Museum. Lunch at a restaurant (optional).  
Joan Roolf 412-351-2061.
- November 17      Crooked Creek National Recreational Area. Bag lunch. Maureen Kelly 412-821-5709.
- November 24      Walk the famous steps of Pittsburgh. Lunch?    Bob Tait 724-290-4141.

DECEMBER

- December 1        Harrison Hills Regional Park. Bag lunch. Blanche and Jack Asher man. 412-828-8158.
- December 8        Riverside walk, flat and easy, 3-4 miles near Oakmont. Restaurant lunch optional.  
Ed Divers 412-828-5154.
- December 15        Downtown Ramble and lunch.. We’ll go by bus, so be prompt!  
Jean Canfield. 412-661-3998.
- December 22        Whitehall area walk followed by a Holiday Celebration at Billie Woodland’s home. Let’s chip in and purchase prepared food! Reserve by Dec. 15. 412-886-1603.

JANUARY

- Jan 5                Southside Riverfront Park and Southside Trail. Lunch at a Restaurant (optional). Joan Roolf 412-351-2061.
- Jan 12                Milvale- Riverside Walk. Ed Divers 412-828-5154.
- Jan.19                Herr's Island and beyond. Lunch at DelMonte Employee Cafeteria.  
Connie Black 412-371-1062.
- Jan 26                Frick Park. Albert Farhy. 412-521-8226.

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 2                Montour Trail in Peter's Township. Sue Sebolt 412-563-6987.
- Feb. 9                Schenley Park followed by a tour of Phipps Conservatory and lunch in restaurant on Atwood Street. Teresa Honert 412-445-2491.
- Feb. 16                Oakmont. John Garvin 412-836-1141.
- Feb.23                Verona Walk and Tour of Verona Wildlife Center. Bag lunch. Mary Ruth Aull 412-795-7078.
- March 2                Green Tree City. Bill Phoennik 412-279-5411.

MARCH

- March 9                Mexican War Streets. Lunch at Greek Orthodox Church Cafeteria.  
Earl McCabe 412-761-1844
- March 16                Roaring Run Trail in Vandergrift. Lunch at Mosey Inn (optional).  
Joanne Winwood. 412-371-3167
- March 23                Townsend Park Revisited. Marian Fast 412-241-2109
- March 30                Duff Park. Nick Broskovich. 724-863-6707

**Rambles begin at 10 A.M.** Meet in Mellon Park upper parking lot at Fifth and Shady Avenues. Carpooling is encouraged. Please pay driver \$1 to \$4.00,(plus share tolls), depending on the length of trip.  
Rambles are subject to change due to weather or other circumstances. Call trip leader for more information if you plan to meet at trail head or to inquire about the difficulty of the hike. Alternate phone number or for general information call Billie Woodland 412-886-1603.



BICYCLING

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Our bicycle email list is up and running. We have been enjoying some good rides. The biggest need now is for people to announce rides.

If you would like to get on our bike email list our address is:  
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HELMETS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE PROTECTION OF ALL. YOU RIDE AT YOUR OWN RISK

Glenn Oster continues to ride and report on various trails across the USA. Visit his website at <http://www.intellweb.com/trails/oster.htm>

Questions about membership?

Use the link below to get them answered!  
<http://www.hiusa.org/membership/index.cfm>

UPCOMING SLIDE SHOWS



## HIKING/BACKPACKING/TRAILS

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### ALLEGHENY GROUP - SIERRA CLUB - OUTINGS - NOV. 13, 2004 - APR. 10, 2005

- \* Suggested carpool fee: 6 cents/ passenger-mile + a share of any tolls.
- \* (Unless stated, car-miles are one-way from Monroeville.)
- \* For more up-to-date listings, visit <http://www.alleghenysc.org/>
- \* Hardcopy subscriptions to this list are \$2.50/ year (4 issues). Make check payable to Allegheny Group, Sierra Club and mail to Bruce Sundquist, 210 College Park Dr., Monroeville PA 15146-1532
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### EVENING CONDITIONING WALKS

South Park (year-around). Thurs. evenings, 6:30 PM. Locations vary. Call Bonnie Thomas, 412-833-1068, for meeting place.

### DAY- AND WEEKEND TRIPS

**Sat. Nov. 13** - Hike a moderate 8-mile semi-loop above Ohiopyle (near Bidwell Station) to search for two Civil War cemeteries. Meet at Gateway Middle School at 9 AM. \$9.00 carpool - 65 miles. Call Ed Divers, 412-828-5154

**Sun. Nov. 14** -- Hike, about 10 miles, on the Rachel Carson Trail, from Murray Hill to Donnellsville ("the 8 hills of hell"). Strenuous. \$2.25 carpool - 18 miles from Shadyside. Call Jim Ritchie, 412-828-0210.

**Sat. Nov. 20** - Visit Lower Beaverhole Cave in Cheat Canyon (WV) for about 3 hours. \$10.50 carpool -80 miles. Call Norm Snyder, 412-351-4068

**Sun. Nov. 21** - Hike an easy intermediate 12 miles on the Laurel Highlands Trail from Rt. 653 to Rt. 31. Enjoy some nice stream valleys and great views. \$9.00 carpool - 70 miles. Call John Dern, 412-856-4642

**Sun. Nov. 21** -- Hike - strenuous and exploratory -- from Burgettstown Game Lands to Raccoon Creek State Park via the Hillman Game Lands, across the unusual and disorienting re-graded terrain of little visited lands, with planted pines, lakes and the unique model airplane field. \$3.50 carpool - 30 miles from Shadyside. Call Dick Pratt, 412-362-5567

**Sun. Nov. 28** -- Hike on the Lost Turkey Trail beginning in Blue Knob State Park and going as far as we can. The goal will be a 20-mile-total hike. Maybe we'll find that Lost Turkey. The terrain is very steep and probably rocky in spots. \$10.50 carpool - 86 miles. Call Dave Mottorn, 724-327-7582.

**Sun. Dec. 5** - Hike a moderate 7-mile loop in the West Winfield - Buffalo Creek area. This is one of the best local hikes, with great views. Meet at Harmar Ames at 10 AM. \$3.00 carpool - 24 miles. Call Ed Divers, 412-828-5154

**Sun. Dec. 12** - Hike an easy 7 miles in Laurel Hill State Park on the east slope of Laurel Ridge. Hike the lake view trail and visit a grove of huge hemlocks along Laurel Hill Creek. \$8.00 carpool - 55 miles. Call Mike Robertson, 412-678-4039

**Sat. Dec. 18** - Ski-touring, intermediate, somewhere on Laurel Ridge - wherever snow conditions are best. Call Norm Snyder, 412-351-4068

**Sun. Dec. 19** -- Hike exploring some of the new trails in Raccoon Creek State Park, also including a visit to the Mineral Springs. Perhaps strenuous, but a somewhat shorter and less ambitious hike in view of limited daylight. \$3.50 carpool - 30 miles from Shadyside. Call Dick Pratt, 412-362-5567

**Sun. Jan. 2** - Ski-touring, intermediate, wherever conditions are best. If snow conditions are not good we will do a moderate hike instead. Call Bruce Sundquist, 724-327-8737.

**Sat. Jan. 8** - Hike a moderate 7 miles from Harrison Hills Park to Little Buffalo Creek. 4 miles will be on a new bike trail. Meet at Harmar Ames at 10 AM. \$1.25 carpool - 10 miles. Call Ed Divers, 412-828-5154

**Sun. Jan. 9** - Ski-touring on the US30 area (Laurel Mountain) or Laurel Ridge State Park (Rt. 653) -- wherever snow conditions are best. (Both areas have warming huts and Rt. 653 area has rentals) \$7 or \$8.25 carpool. Call Dave Mottorn, 724-327-7582

**Sat. Jan. 15** - Ski-touring, intermediate, in the Laurel Mountain area of Laurel Ridge off US30. \$7.00 carpool - 57 miles. Call Norm Snyder, 412-351-4068

**Sun. Jan. 16** - Hike 6 easy miles from Connellsville to Pechins. Half will be on the Yough River Bike Trail. Meet at Monroeville Middle School at 11 AM. \$5.50 carpool - 40 miles. Call Ed Divers, 412-828-5154

**Sun. Jan. 23** - Hike, strenuous and exploratory, on a loop along the historic abandoned railroad grades and canal paths in the Conemaugh Reservoir area, above the submerged town of Livermore, across Bow Ridge which Charles Dickens describes going through in a canal boat (through a tunnel). \$5.00 carpool - 41 miles from Shadyside. Call Dick Pratt, 412-362-5567

**Sat. or Sun. Jan. 22 or 23** - Ski-touring, intermediate, on whichever day best suits the group and wherever conditions are best. If snow conditions are not good we will do a moderate hike instead. Call Don Stone, 412-441-2027.

**Fri. Jan. 28 - Sun. Jan. 30.** -- Ski-touring, intermediate, in Canaan Valley, Blackwater Falls State Park and on Canaan Mountain. The elevation (3200-4100') produces more snow than Laurel Ridge. Scenery in West Virginia's Highlands insures great hiking if snow conditions aren't favorable. Rental units must be reserved well in advance, so reserve soon. Depart Friday night. Limit: 24. \$22.00 carpool-150 miles. Call Monika Dalrymple, 724-863-4163.

**Sun. Jan. 30** - Hike a fast-paced 8 - 8.5 miles on Rachel Carson Trail from Hartwood Acres to North Park. Meet at Hartwood Acres. Call Judy or Don Ziegler, 412-826-0519

**Sun. Feb. 6** - Ski-touring on the US30 area (Laurel Mountain) or Laurel Ridge State Park (Rt. 653) -- wherever snow conditions are best. (Both areas have warming huts and Rt. 653 area has rentals) \$7 or \$8.25 carpool. Call Dave Mottorn, 724-327-7582

**Sun. Feb. 6** - Hike an intermediate 8 miles in McConnells Mill State Park. Hike in Slippery Rock Creek Gorge from Alpha Pass to Hells Hollow. \$3.75 carpool - 31 miles from Cranberry Mall including shuttle. Call Mike Robertson, 412-678-4039

**Sat. Feb. 12** - Ski-touring, easy intermediate, on the popular Laurel Mountain trail system on Laurel Ridge south of US30. Hike if there is no snow. \$7.00 carpool - 57 miles from Monroeville. Call Diane Neely, 724-459-3012

**Sun. Feb. 20** - Hike a fast-paced 8 miles in Harrison Hills County Park. \$1.25 carpool - 10 miles from Harmarville. Call Judy or Don Ziegler, 412-826-0519

**Sun. Feb. 20** - Ski-touring on the US30 area (Laurel Mountain) or Laurel Ridge State Park (Rt. 653) -- wherever snow conditions are best. (Both areas have warming huts and Rt. 653 area has rentals) \$7 or \$8.25 carpool. Call Dave Mottorn, 724-327-7582

**Sun. Feb. 27** - Hike or X-C ski an easy 7 miles in Keystone State Park. \$3.00 carpool - 25 miles from Monroeville. Call John Dern, 412-856-4642

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**Sun. Feb. 27** - Hike, strenuous and exploratory, in the large west side of Raccoon Creek State Park, including historic Frankfort Mineral Springs and its large icicle formations, beaver activity along Traverse Creek, perhaps the far north end lands, and the beautiful valley of Little Service Run. \$3.50 carpool - 30 miles from Shadyside. Call Dick Pratt, 412-362-5567

**Sat. Mar. 5** -- Ski-touring, easy intermediate, on the popular Laurel Mountain trail system on Laurel Ridge south of US30. Hike if there is no snow. \$7.00 carpool - 57 miles. Call Diane Neely, 724-459-3012

**Sun. Mar. 13** - Hike a fast-paced 8.5 miles in Deer Lakes County Park. Meet at Harmar Ames. Call Judy or Don Ziegler, 412-826-0519

**Sun. Mar. 13** - Ski-touring on the US30 area (Laurel Mountain) or Laurel Ridge State Park (Rt. 653) -- wherever snow conditions are best. (Both areas have warming huts and Rt. 653 area has rentals) \$7 or \$8.25 carpool. Call Dave Mottorn, 724-327-7582

**Sun. Mar. 20** - Hike, strenuous and exploratory, on a loop in Beaver Creek State Park on scenic Little Beaver Creek near Fredericktown, including sections of the North Country Trail. Well-preserved canal locks. \$6.00 carpool - 50 miles from Shadyside. Call Dick Pratt, 412-362-5567

**Sun. Apr. 3** - Hike a moderate 10-mile loop in Laurel Hill State Park on the east slope of Laurel Ridge. Hike the lake view trail and visit a grove of huge hemlocks along Laurel Hill Creek. \$8.00 carpool - 55 miles. Call Mike Robertson, 412-678-4039

**Sun. Apr. 10** - Hike 8 moderate miles on the Bagdad Loop near Freeport. Meet at Harmar Ames at 10 AM. \$1.75 carpool - 15 miles from Harmarville. Call Ed Divers, 412-828-5154

**Sun. Apr 10** - Hike, strenuous and exploratory, along the south canyon slopes of the Youghiogheny River through Laurel Ridge, in Ohiopyle State Park, between Sugar Loaf Knob and Ramcat Run (the put-in area for canoers). \$9.50 carpool - 72 miles from Shadyside. Call Dick Pratt, 412-362-5567

**NOTES:** Ask the leader for names and phone numbers of trippers for you to arrange a car pool. Reserve at least 36 hours in advance. If you leave your phone number on the leader's answering machine, give it slowly and clearly. Notify leader to cancel your reservation. Bring lunch, rain gear, water, first-aid kit, small flashlight and extra clothes for changes in weather. If you have a cell phone, bring it along. Cell phones have saved the day on several trips when accidents have required evacuation of trippers. Sierra Clubbers planning to lead outings during 04/01/05 -07/01/05 should contact Bruce Sundquist, 724-327-8737, bsundquist1@juno.com by 03/04/05.

**ALLEGHENY GROUP MONTHLY MEETINGS**

Monthly meetings of Allegheny Group are now held at Pittsburgh Civic Garden Center on Shady Avenue just south of Fifth Ave. Driving south on Shady from Fifth, turn left at the second driveway into a parking lot in front of the Scaife Unit of the Arts Center. Parking there is metered (quarters only - 25 cents per hour). Follow the cobblestone driveway back to the Garden Center. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM. The first 30 minutes is a business meeting, the main program begins around 8 PM. A social hour follows. We must vacate the building by 10 PM.

**Wed. Nov. 10** -- We'll be focusing on wildlife, either wolves or hawks. We're surrounded by insurmountable opportunities and can't make up our minds so far in advance! There's so much exciting and interesting stuff going on in both these areas.

**Wed. Dec. 8** -- Annual Member Slide Show. Bring either slides or goodies or both. We'd love to have some member-supplied music during the program, so if you'd like to do that, contact Don Gibbon at 412-362-8451. The tradition is to pick 10 of your year's best slides. We have members who've been everywhere from their back yards to Fiji and almost everywhere between. Call Don to let him know your plans.

**NON-SIERRA CLUB TRIPS**

Trips listed below are in no way connected with the Sierra Club. Sierra Club takes no responsibility, and makes no representations or warranties about the quality, safety, supervision or management of these trips.

They are published here purely as a service to our members.

**WEDNESDAY RAMBLES**

Rambles begin at 10 AM Rambles are leisurely 2-3-mile walks. Meet in Mellon Park upper parking lot on Shady Avenue just south of Fifth Ave.

\*\* means bring bag lunch. If a bag lunch is not indicated it means that it is possible time-wise to return to the meeting place and go your own way.

Often spontaneous plans to eat out are made by the group. Carpooling is encouraged. Please pay driver \$1-\$4., depending on length of trip. Rambles are subject to change due to weather or other circumstances. Call trip leader for more information if you plan to meet at trailhead or to inquire about difficulty of the hike. Alternate phone number or for general information call Billie Woodland 412-886-1603.

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**Outside Adventure Learning of Western Pennsylvania**

2004 Schedule  
Call 724-230-0237 or 412-968-0310 for information or to sign up for any event. Also visit [www .outsideadventures.org](http://www.outsideadventures.org) or email [outsideadventures@Yahoo.com](mailto:outsideadventures@Yahoo.com)

**Fri. eve. Nov. 19** - LIGHT-UP NIGHT 2004 paddle.

**OUTDOORS UNDER-YOUR-OWN-POWER EQUIPMENT FOR SALE**

Contact: Debbie Martinelli, Salute2004@adelphia.net 412-913-5548  
(11/3/04)

**MOVING SALE / OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT** (and more!)

Bicycle, Cannondale, 19-inch frame, T2000 top of the line touring, 9 speeds, cane creek headset, cad 3 touring frame, Coda expert road crank, Shimano cogs rear gearing. Rode a short distance - once. Paid \$1500, asking \$1000.

Giro bike helmet, s/m, Good condition. Paid over \$100, asking \$20.  
Double Bike Head Light: Includes 20 watt/ 60 Lux Halogen front beam 5-watt Halogen front light, rechargeable 0.6 V/3.2 ahr. Charging unit 6 V/3.2 hr specifically designed for this unit. In original box, new. Paid \$80, Asking \$60.

X-C Skis, 195 cm., Splitkein with poles, 135 cm. excellent condition. Asking \$50.

X-C Ski Boots, Karhu, size 7 1/2 (38). Little used. Asking \$20.  
Northface Backpack: holds X-C skis. Good condition. Asking \$35.  
Window-Mount Locking Ski Rack (pink). Fits all cars. Never used; in box. Asking \$25.

Tent, Eureka: 4-person, slightly used but in good condition. Asking \$50.  
Tent, Eureka: 1-person, used once. Paid \$125, asking \$70.  
Reidell Shoe Figure Skates, woman's, white leather, size 7 1/2, nearly new, with blade guards. Paid \$100, asking \$45.

Skates, In-line, Solomon Woman's Size 8, never used, still in box, plus pads for elbows and knees. Asking \$200 for skates, \$40 for pads.



Other O utdoors C lubs

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BOC runs the same sorts of trips as Allegheny Group. Contact Dave Adams, 724-453-1685 DaveEAdams@aol.com or Bob Tait, 724-287-3382  
BobTait@zbzoom.net or visit <http://www.butleroutdoorclub.com> Some trips by BOC and North Country Trails Assn. (NCTA) are listed below.

W issahickon Nature C lub

If you enjoy nature lore, look into the meetings and field trips of Wissahickon Nature Club. They meet every other Saturday at 6 PM (except June-August) at Community Presbyterian Church, 7501 Church Av., Ben Avon. Contact Chuck Tague, 412-488-8760 or 432 Olympia Rd, Pgh. 15219

Botanical Society of Western Pennsylvania

BSWP offers field trips in spring, summer and fall to look at and learn about the enormous variety of plant life that western Pa. offers. Everyone is welcome on field trips; amateurs, professionals, non-members, and anyone who is curious about the natural world. Trips are often at a leisurely pace, but may require hiking and traveling through wet/muddy areas. For information, e-mail your address for sample newsletter and membership information to yoree@sginet, or call Loree at 724-872-5232.

WPW (Western Pennsylvania Wheelmen) Bicycle Club

Home Page: <http://wpwbikeclub.org> Ride Hotline: 412-422-2234  
Various length and difficulty rides scheduled each weekend and some during the week. Monthly meeting usually the 2nd Monday at 8pm at the Frick Environmental center on Beechwood Blvd in Squirrel Hill. See homepage for details.

M oraine Sailing C lub

MSC offers sailing opportunities for new and experienced sailors at Lake Arthur in Moraine State Park. They have an active education program for all ages, numerous sailing related social events, Day Sailing at Lake Arthur, and a very active sailboat racing program. For more information see the MSC Web Page at [www.morainesailingclub.org](http://www.morainesailingclub.org) or contact Chris Newirth 412-441-5590, email to: [cmn@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:cmn@andrew.cmu.edu)

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA FIELD INSTITUTE —TRIPS

For information on WPFIE events, contact Sean Brady [sbrady@wpfi.org](mailto:sbrady@wpfi.org) 412-255-0564 or visit <http://www.wpfi.org/Alevents> open to the public.  
Fridays, Noon-12:50 PM Nature Walks starting in Market Square, Downtown Pittsburgh, Cost: Free

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Outside Adventures Sea-Kayaking Program "Sea-Kayaking Taught From Scratch"

Outside Adventure Learning of Western Pa. is a non-profit educational organization committed to introducing individuals to safe and enjoyable recreational outdoor pursuits. The sea-kayaking program specializes in teaching all levels of sea-kayaking skills and organizing trips from our evening introductory classes for new paddlers up to advanced expedition tours. Outside Adventures welcomes participation from individuals, families, youth organizations and outings clubs. Sea-kayaks, or touring kayaks are versatile, fun, human-powered watercraft that enables us to do all these things and more. They are sleek and fast, more efficient than canoes, more comfortable and stable than whitewater kayaks, have hatches to swallow loads of gear, and steerable rudders that enable even beginners to control the boat with ease.



CANOEING

Activity Co-chairs: Paul Henry (724) 347-3282  
Brian McBane (724) 443-8972



SAILING

The AYH no longer owns its own sailboats or runs trips but Bob Zavos will help coordinate sailing interests with other area organizations. The Moraine Sailing Club (MSC) is the largest local sailing group. Most activities are on Lake Arthur in Moraine State Park which is about 35 miles North of Pittsburgh. They offer education, social events and run a youth summer sail camp. They also have a large racing program and sponsor a Community Sailing Program for people without their own sailboats. They help organize/publicize Cruising Trips, but do not officially sponsor them. More information is on their website at [www.morainesailingclub.org](http://www.morainesailingclub.org). Big boat sailors may want to check out the Erie Yacht Club: [www.erieyachtclub.org](http://www.erieyachtclub.org) or the Erie Bayfront Center for Marine Studies: [www.goerie.com/bcms](http://www.goerie.com/bcms)

Moraine Preservations Fund (MPF), is looking for volunteers to help with the 50 passenger pontoon boat which they run on Lake Arthur in the Summer. It is used for scientific hands-on field trips for students and summer and fall tours for the public. They are looking for people interested in becoming volunteer mates and captains. You will need to have a boater's safety class, which you may already have taken or is easily available locally. To be a mate you must be 16 and 18 to be a captain. The boat training is given by experienced MPF captains, and you will be tested and licensed by the Fish and Boat Commission. The times and amount of time you would volunteer is completely by your choice. Even limited help is appreciated. If you have questions or would like to sign up, please contact Ruth Roperti at 724 843 7046, or email: [mmissionmorain@zoominternet.net](mailto:mmissionmorain@zoominternet.net)

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Lake Arthur Regatta is scheduled for August 14 & 15. This is one of the largest water and boating related activities in the area. Mark your calendars and look for more information later in the season on the MSC Website or the Butler County site: [www.visit-butler-county-pennsylvania-pa.com/](http://www.visit-butler-county-pennsylvania-pa.com/)



Baker Trail/Rachel Carson Trail Resources

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