



AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS NATIONAL MEETING

This year the annual meeting will be held on November 13, 14, and 15, in New York City, with the National 25th. Anniversary Celebration Dinner set for Saturday evening, the fourteenth.....Council meeting on Sunday.

Of course, a delegation from Pittsburgh will attend! Watch for further announcements.

TOLD YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT A.Y.H.

Bring them in

The codfish lays ten thousand eggs;
The homely hen lays one.
But the codfish never cackles
To tell you what she's done
And so we scorn the codfish
While the homely hen we prize...
Which simply goes to show you
That it pays to advertise!

(From the Milwaukee Journal)



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ANNUAL ELECTION, OCTOBER 15

PITTSBURGH COUNCIL CAN NEVER BE ANY BETTER than the individuals running it.

Self-autonomy is impossible without self-participation. A good council starts with you. It will be just as good as you, and others like you, make it. Each individual member is important.

VOTE, and support those whom you know want to serve, and will serve, hosteling best. If you fail to be elected to any of the offices, volunteer your services to any of the Activities Board chairmen. They'll be happy to have you on their committees.

OPEN HOUSE

Thursdays, at 8:15 P.M.



KEYSTONE TRAILS ASSOCIATION's fourth annual meeting will lure a number of Pittsburgh hostelers again to Camp Michaux near Gettysburg on October 2, 3, and 4, for a good-time get-together with hiking clubs from all over the State. Representing A.Y.H., Harry Rhule will report on his Baker Trail blazing project of this summer. (See his piece in this issue.) Gloria Fisher will give you all details if you care to go, too.

THE AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO OUTDOOR, RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL IN THIS COUNTRY AND ABROAD.. A.Y.H. IS SELF-SUPPORTED BY MEMBERSHIP FEES AND DONATIONS. ALL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE DEDUCTIBLE FROM INCOME TAX.

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October 3-4 ~~4~~ KEYSTONE TRAILS MEETING at Camp Michaux.
See front for more details.

Even though you may have no interest in the business end of this gathering, you'll enjoy the social fun associated with it.

October 9, 10, 11 - WEEKEND WITH BETTY BIERER AT McCONNELL'S MILL. Bring camping equipment, camera to record the unbeatable autumn beauty of the scenery in this area. There'll be opportunity for climbing practice with a graduate from a Swiss mountain climbing class; miles of good hiking. Leaving at 7:30 P.M. on Friday. Cost \$7.50. Reserve: MA 1-3741.

October 17, Saturday - HOSTEL PATCH-UP PARTY - Put the finishing touches to the partition-moving, window-painting, whitewashing, trailer-repairing... that Norman Roy, Vince Roelf, and all the other helpful hostellers have been doing this past year. Bring your lunch, a trowel, and your old clothes about 9:30 A.M. There'll be a dinner served to all willing workers.

October 24, Saturday - HIKING IN THE LAUREL MOUNTAINS - Ben Dell has found several good routes for hiking in this lovely section. If you're going along on this trip, you'll have to eat breakfast beforehand; be ready for an 8:00 A.M. start and a fairly long trek. Call Ben at Em. 2-0953.

FROM HERE ON - you'll have a new Trips and Trails Chairman. Let him know if you have some wonderful expedition to offer us.

TRIP NOTES by Bob Snelsire: -The largest trip of the year was the combined trip with the Columbus Council, 23 people (mostly theirs) -The largest Pittsburgh trips were: Camp Soles Weekend, 18; Progressive Dinner, 17; Memorial Day Weekend, 15; January 30 Baker Trail Hike, 12; Cape Cod 2-Week trip, 12.

Margaret Bark was the most active hosteler....spending 47 days on trips. Lloyd Geertz led canoe trips on almost every weekend during the spring and summer. The most active month was May with 6 trips: 2 hikes, 2 canoe trips, 2 cycle trips.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A GREAT BARGAIN: The rental bicycles will be sold at the end of the season at cost price. This is the time to pick up a real value. See the new cyclecrafts chairman.

So--

WHAT IF THE SUN
IS
SHINING?

WE HOLD ALL TRIPS
REGARDLESS OF WEATHER!

INTERNATIONAL SONG BOOK - Hostalers will be very pleased with the new International Y.H.F. song book called "Songs-Leider-Chanson." It is 96 pages; pocket size; a joy-to-see; includes music as well as English, German and French words; is intended to meet the needs of youth hostel common ((recreation) rooms around the world. Copies may be purchased through AYH National H.Q., 14 W 8th. St., New York 11, N.Y. for 50¢.

PITTSBURGH'S ELEVENTH

All Color

November 1 through November 15

EXHIBIT

1959 - International

ARTS & CRAFT CENTER - FIFTH AND SHADY
November 1 & 8 - Slides, at 8:30 PM

Harry Rhule

GOING
TO BLAZES
ON THE BAKER
TRAIL

On a blistering, late, summer afternoon we find two figures painfully making a slow, tedious ascent from the reaches of Elbow Run at the Crooked Creek Dam site. Making their way through the dense undergrowth, they are a strange combination.....in the lead is a half-doubled-over elderly man, a gallon paint bucket in one hand, and a paintbrush in the other, followed by a young lad of no more than twelve with a large pack on his back, also.

Upon reaching the top of the hill both figures collapse into one, soaked-and-panting heap of humanity. A few minutes pass.... then they take their canteens from their packs and gulp the remaining few ounces of water. They slowly rise after resting awhile and continue their journey to the Crooked Creek camping area.

At the Ranger's Cabin they are informed that the camping ground is completely filled and that they must spend the night in the cove close to the water and the mosquitoes.

They slowly trudge their way to the proposed campsite when they spy a familiar object coming towards them. Frantically, they wave their arms and shout as it comes closer and closer. It's a car with two canoes on top and inside are four Pittsburgh hostalers. They get in and are whisked away to a delightful dinner and evening at a small cabin outside of Murrysville where they spend the night in a bed for the first time in five days.

FINLAND - The Central Organization for Motor Transp. here has issued a statement denouncing "lift-beggars" hitch-hikers urging all motorists to cooperate in ensuring that no "lift-beggars" are carried.

ENGLAND & WALES - The Youth Hostels Assoc. has, since its foundation reserved its hostels strictly for visitors travelling by their own energy (bicycling, etc.) At this year's meeting it was agreed to reaffirm the rule under which membership cards are withdrawn from visitors who deliberately attempt to travel from hostel to hostel by private motor vehicle; in future no temporary document will be issued to such visitors to enable them to use hostels on their homeward journey, even if they are members of other hostel organizations.

CHICAGO, U.S.A. - Construction is progressing on the new Telemark (Wisconsin) youth hostel 450 mi. from Chicago. This 50-bed hostel is to be ready in time for the ski season 1959/60. Pittsburghers coming to the area are invited to spend the night with Bob, Dolores and Joan Lesnick at 2801 Sheridan Drive, Chicago 14, Ill.

What've You Been Doing?

Lloyd Geertz & Abbie Mudie
Chas. Richardson & Janet Rouff
Warren Young & Maryann Fermanis
Nancy McGroarty & Bruno Kersten

.....Getting Married
Fred Monks.....Flying home to Sheffield
Ramona Matthews.....Having a baby girl
The Fitzpatricks - Monroeville
The Merritts - Murrysville
The A.L. Pranses - Elida, Ohio
The Shu Kaos - Riverside & Los Angeles
Rhonda Newcomer - California, also

.....Moving to
Ronnie Benjamin.....Selling soft ice cream
to pay his way through W. & J.
Nancy Evans.....Hosteling in Penna, Dutch
with Geography Club at Hampton Hi.
Bob Snelsire.....Planning many fine trips
Peter & Jonathan Rice.....Trying to find a
vacancy on one of the canoe trips

YES, Name _____
 PLEASE _____
 SEND Mailing Address _____
 ME _____
 AN I have _____
 AMERICAN I have not _____ held a pass before. When? if so _____
 YOUTH Enclosed is \$ _____ in check or money order to cover pass checked below.
 HOSTELS (Payable to Amer. Youth Hostels, Inc., Pittsburgh Council.)
 PASS

—	Youth Pass (under 18)	Senior Youth (18 to 21)	Adult Pass (21 and over)	Family Pass No. of children
—	\$2.00	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$7.00

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