

# GOLDEN TRIANGLE

MARCH 1967

PITTSBURGH COUNCIL AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS, INC., 6300 FIFTH AVE., PITTSBURGH, PA. 15232

## OPEN HOUSE PROGRAMS

Thursday evenings, 8:30 P.M.

- March 2 - Learn Polk and Social dances with WINNIE LARSON and TESS HENRY.
- March 9 - BOB FEWKES shows slides of AYH activities this PAST year.
- March 16 - LLOYD GEERTZ gives instruction via movies on white water canoeing techniques. This program is a must for aspiring canoeists!
- March 23 - Beautiful color movie of some of America's greatest rivers: "Wild Rivers".
- March 30 - SOMETHING NEW! Through the courtesy of SUE ALDARDICE we are going to tour WTAE TV-Channel 4. Leave the hostel at 8 P.M.; transportation provided. Have a short meeting in a conference room at the station. Then tour the studio.

## TRIPS AND TRAILS NOTES

Starting this month, the Golden Triangle will carry both the regular Trips and Trails list for the current month, plus a preview of the tentative schedule for the following month. Hopefully this might be extended to a quarterly trip schedule eventually - if it works out. We hope to plan weekend trips which include a variety of activities and would draw a fairly large attendance, probably every month or six weeks. The first of these will be the Petersburg-Seneca Rocks trip on April 1 and 2. Other future possibilities are Presque Isle Park at Lake Erie and the Chestnut Ridge Hostel. Other ideas will be welcomed by the Trips and Trails Chairman.

## EUROPE?

If you know of anyone interested in going to Europe for the month of August, tell them of the "Special Group" which the Pittsburgh Council is sponsoring. The group will leave New York on August 1 and return on August 30. The cost is \$620.00 everything included (except the rental of a bicycle-about \$20.00). For more information contact SUE SIMLER, 243-3343.

## PEOPLE OF THE EAST

The rate of membership of the Pittsburgh Council is growing by leaps and bounds in the Latrobe, Somerset, Johnstown area. Would you "People of the East" like to form your own hostel club with activities centered around your geographic area? Let the Hostel Development Director know your views. They are important! Write to TOM BRYSON, Hostel Development Director, 6300 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15232.

\*\*\*DEADLINE FOR GOLDEN TRIANGLE ARTICLES THURSDAY, MARCH 16. ASSEMBLY DATE, TUESDAY, MARCH 21.

## MARCH TRIPS AND TRAILS

- 3/5 - Ski Laurel Mtn. with Doug Ettinger. Laurel has the highest vertical drop this side of Blue Knob and has a nice variety of slopes and trails for novice through expert skiers. Leave HQ at 7:30 A.M. Estimated cost \$8.00 plus equipment or rental fee.
- 3/5 - Hike in the Lemont Furnace-Mt. Braddock vicinity (near Uniontown) with Fran Czapiewski. This is about a 10-mile hike with interesting scenery. Bring sturdy shoes. Estimated cost about \$2.00. Meet at AYH at 9: A.M.
- 3/11- Ski trip to Hidden Valley, led by John Henry. Leave HQ 7:30 A.M. Estimated cost \$7.00 plus equipment or rental fee.
- 3/12- The official AYH canoeing season gets underway with an easy trip on the Clarion and Allegheny Rivers from Callensburg to Parker. This trip offers some beautiful scenery, swift water and easy rapids. Wear woolen clothing. Bring lunch, a change of dry clothes, and about \$4.00. Call Howard King (264-1386) for reservations. Leave hostel at 8 A.M.
- 3/18- White water canoeing on the Casselman River from Garrett to Casselman. Several easy rapids and a challenging stretch the last three miles to Casselman. For about intermediate level canoeists. Wear warm woolen clothes. Bring lunch, a change of dry clothes, and about \$4.30. Contact Bruce Sundquist (824-1927) for further details or reservations. Leave from hostel at 8 A.M.
- 3/19- Climbing practice and caving trip near Uniontown. This will be the first climbing instruction and practice session for the Tetons (others are welcome too), to be held Sunday morning at White Rocks. After lunch hike two miles cross country (test your compass ability) to a local cave. Bring lunch, clothes change, caving lamps and about \$1.60. Leave AYH at 8 A.M. Henry Fisher leads.
- 3/24- Ice skating at South Park. Start off the Easter weekend with the late skating session. Leave AYH HQ at 9:45 P.M. Help and sympathy will be available for beginning skaters. Trip led by Bob Omlor (264-4485).
- 3/25- Annual AYH kite-flying trip to be held at Boyce Park. This is always an enjoyable trip and well attended and this year will be combined with an Easter Egg Hunt. A community lunch is included in the trip fee of \$2.00. Kitemaster is Cathy Lynch. Leave AYH at 9:30 A.M. and bring your kite.
- 3/26- The spring and summer cycling season begins with a short cycle trip in Pittsburgh Easter Sunday afternoon, led by Bob Omlor (264-4485). Meet at AYH 2 P.M. Cost is \$0.40 plus cycle rent if needed.

### TENTATIVE TRIPS PLANNED FOR APRIL

- 4/1-2 Annual Petersburg (W.Va.) white water canoe races on the North Fork. Pittsburgh AYH will go down to watch the races Saturday and raft and canoe Sunday, camping overnight near Seneca Rocks. Howard King will lead canoeing and rafting Sunday and there will also be climbing and caving trips (easier routes on Seneca Rocks) led by Henry Fisher. Individual camping equipment will be needed plus lunches for Saturday and Sunday. Community food will probably be arranged for Saturday evening and Sunday breakfast. There will be groups leaving from HQ Friday evening and early (6 A.M.) Saturday morning. Estimated cost about \$6.00 plus equipment rental. Contact Dick Rothrock for further information and reservations (521-7116).
- 4/2- Cycle trip to North Hills area.
- 4/8 - Cycle trip in Washington County.
- 4/8 - Caving trip to newly found cave near Masontown, W. Va.
- 4/8 - White water canoeing, Conemaugh Rvr.
- 4/9 - AYH canoeing instruction.
- 4/15-16 Advanced white water canoeing and rafting on the Cheat River. Lv. Pgh. Friday night. Camp in W. Va.
- 4/15- Cycle trip from North Park into Butler County and back.
- 4/16 - Possible 50 mile cycle trip for sturdy cyclists.
- 4/22 - Climbing trip, including instruction, in near-Pgh. area.
- 4/22-23 Weekend hiking and work trip on Baker Trail. Camp overnight shelter.
- 4/29 - White water canoe trip on Laurel Hill Creek.
- 4/30 - Rafting trip on the lower Yough.
- 4/30 - Cycle trip from South Park into Washington County.



### SOME DAY WE JUST GOTTA GET ORGANIZED

So says many a cartoon on office walls - and A.Y.H. is no exception. It's nice to have an informal organization that gets things done without a lot of red tape, fuss and bother. But informality can be carried too far. With spring trips coming up, now is a good time to establish some simple precedents that shouldn't cost too much in terms of fuss and bother but which should make our trips more fun for all.

(1) Advance Registration - Trips are hard enough to plan (especially two-day trips with community cooking) without ten people signing up on Friday night before the trip. Let's set a deadline for signing up for trips as follows:

(a) One-day trips: Deadline Thursday evening prior to the trip.

(b) Two-day trips: Deadline Tuesday evening prior to the trip.

(2) Deposits - should be required whenever there is community cooking or when there is limited space on a trip (e.g. canoe and raft trips). Let's set a standard \$2.00 deposit for all such trips refundable only if cancellation is made before the food is purchased or in time to get someone else to fill the position on the canoe or raft. Needless to say, it is hard to arrange payment of deposits prior to the trip so let's make deposits payable on (or within one week after) the trip. To enforce this let's say that those who don't get their deposits to the trip leader within one week after the trip will be asked to arrange payment in advance on future trips.

(3) Multiple-Activity Trips - There should be one trip leader for each activity and participants should sign up for the activity that interests them prior to the trip, changeable only if agreeable to the whim of the trip leaders involved. (One tripper changed her mind three times before breakfast once, turning the trip leaders' job of planning car shuttle, equipment useage, etc. into a nightmare.)

(4) Non-Members - It's not fair to exclude members from trips of limited participation because non-members have signed up first. Let's require that non-members be asked to sign up after the deadline for members (See (1) above) on such trips.

(5) Community Cooking - One tripper cannot and should not "handle the food". If the trip leader cannot get at least three people to handle the various aspects of community cooking, it means that the trippers aren't interested in it and the trip leader should act accordingly.

All these ideas are just that - ideas. If trip leaders choose not to enforce them, nothing will happen and the same complaints will be heard again this year. Let's set one standard policy for all trip leaders to follow and avoid confusion. If anyone desires to make modifications or additions to the above-suggested policy, see Bruce Sundquist as soon as possible.

### LOST AND FOUND

Because of the large volume of equipment, clothing, etc. which get left in cars and in headquarters after almost every trip, a new system has been devised to get lost items back to their original owners. Finders of lost items are asked to list the item found, their name, and the trip on which the item was found on a sheet posted on one of the plywood panels in headquarters. Those who have lost items should post a similar entry on the opposite side of this same sheet. Items not claimed in 60 days may be kept by the finder or donated to A.Y.H.

### FUN IN COOK FOREST -

Nineteen A.Y.H.ers enjoyed a full weekend of hiking, skiing, and tobogganing in Cook Forest February 4 and 5. The three hikes proved to be some of the best winter hiking A.Y.H. has seen for many years. The ground and the giant hemlock and spruce that Cook Forest is famous for were all snow-covered and still, providing an atmosphere all should experience at least once in their lives. Saturday evening featured Barb Rothrock's lasagne, a snowball fight and a party for Janice Woodward who left the following week for two years in Germany. On Sunday morning Tony Cook and his two sons opened the Cook Forest rope tow to A.Y.H. for skiing and tobogganing (a very upsetting sport we find). Dick and Barb Rothrock deserve credit for a trip well-led. Let's make this an annual event.

## WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA WHITE WATER CANOE SCHOOL - 1967

An intensive weekend course in river canoeing, sponsored by the Greater Pittsburgh YWCA in cooperation with the Pittsburgh Council, A.Y.H., the American Red Cross, the Sylvan Canoe Club, the Columbus Council, A.Y.H., and the Kishacoquillas Canoeing and Rafting club will be held Friday, May 5, 1967, 8 P.M. through Sunday, May 7, 1967, 8 P.M. at Camp Carondowanna and the Connoquenessing Creek.

The course is designed for persons having canoeing experience and an interest in white water canoeing. Preference will be given to holders of the Red Cross Basic Canoeing Certificate or equivalent experience and to those intending to instruct others and lead canoe trips. Class is limited to 43 students. Instructors are competent and well-versed in white water teaching techniques.

Cost is \$16.50 which includes food, lodging and literature. Applications may be obtained at A.Y.H. headquarters and must be received by the YWCA by March 15, 1967. Other details on the trip will be mentioned in future issue of The Golden Triangle.

### BOAT SHOW

Pittsburgh's annual boat show again was a big success and AYH shared some of the limelight. A big thanks is due to all those who volunteered their services throughout the week to man the booth. We are hopeful that the display and distribution of literature will boost our fast-growing membership. Your comments on the AYH display are welcome, critical or otherwise, and may be directed to Ann Fisher, 5473 Kipling Road, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15217.

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