

# Golden Triangle

American Youth Hostels, Pittsburgh Council

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....And MORE!!!

**On Thursday, July 8, 7PM, at the Headquarters, there will be a chairs meeting.**



## THE IDAHO SHELTER IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Boy Scout Troop #91 spent a day doing trail maintenance and got a little, well a lot, wet at the end. (If following a Baker Trail Guide, check out section 4.) The first crew blazed a side trail from the right of the industrial complex up to the Idaho Shelter with white, round blazes. They opened a path through the downed trees and years of plant growth. They assembled a new picnic table and cleared up the area in general. They made a fire pit and built a fire in it in the rain! I was impressed! The second crew pulled an old rotting Baker Trail Sign from the Route 210 crossing and replanted a new signpost thanks to Walter Tereskiewicz, AYH's official sign designer and maker. They blazed the stand of pines and cleared the debris for an easier route; weed whacked as necessary and then continued blazing and lopping along the tree farm. The third crew planted a new double blazed signpost, again thanks to Walter, on Pine Hill Road directing hikers from the road left into the woods. They weed whacked, lopped and cleared the trail as necessary, and a couple of Dad's cleared many downed trees along the way! Their efforts and spirits were tremendous among the raindrops! They were a great crew consisting of Frank Russo, Anthony Russo, Mike Cass, Jonathon Chastek, Mike Cornell, Joshua Gaston, Bob Kuntz, Chris McCutcheon, Ian Neumann, Joshua Wing. They were accompanied by a fellow Eagle Scout, Bryan Cass and were led by a great group of dad's consisting of Paul Cass, Bob Kuntz, Bud McCutcheon, Jeff Neumann. They were all given a Service Award from the American Youth Hostels for their efforts!

That night we hiked up to the Keystone Power Plant where a fellow Scout Leader from Indiana PA, Roy Craft, gave us an in-depth tour. Quite Impressive!

MANY THANKS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS!!

A special thanks goes to the landowner Joe Kaczor of West Penn Diesel where the shelter resides, for his continued support of the Baker Trail and Mitch who lives near and watches over the shelter.

If anyone is interested in an easy one night Backpacking trip (about 6 miles) starting at Rt. 422 and finishing at the Idaho Shelter, call Patty Brunner 724-325-3224.

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Andy Warhol Museum: \$1.00 off admission. (THIS DISCOUNT WAS NOT PUBLISHED IN THE 1999 HANDBOOK DUE TO A PRINTING ERROR, BUT IS AVAILABLE.)

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*1999 North American Hostel Handbooks can be picked up at the Travel Center, the Pittsburgh International Hostel, and the Activities Headquarters. Copies are free when picked up in person.*

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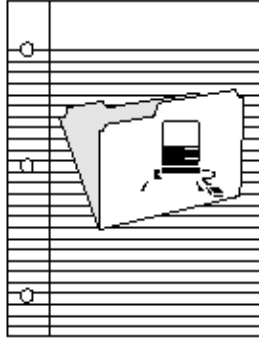
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American Youth Hostels is a non-profit organization which promotes international understanding, educational and recreational travel, good citizenship and an appreciation of America. AYH does this by bringing travelers of all ages, backgrounds and nationalities together in hostels and by providing low-cost travel programs. AYH is the US affiliate of Hostelling International (HI), (formerly named International Youth Hostel Federation (IYHF), which coordinates more than 5,400 hostels worldwide- the largest network of accommodations in the world.



**Submissions Policy:  
Golden Triangle**

**Classified Ads:**

- Classified ads are free to Current members of HI-International
- All requests for classifieds must be made in writing via the Council Office. Request must include full name, address, phone number and membership number of member. Members are not permitted to place ads for non-members.
- Free ads may not be for commercial gain.
- Above rules apply in addition to general rules for submission

**Trips**

- 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

**Articles**

- 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-secular
- Above rules apply in addition to general rules for submission

**General rules for submission**

- No handwritten submissions
- Submissions Can be:  
On computer disk (IBM / MAC), E-mail (Internet/compuserve), Direct Modem, Type written material double spaced, faxed. NO EXCEPTIONS. Call if you have questions.
- Submitted before the deadline of the issue that submission needs to be run in. (See Editors Golden Rule)
- All Submissions are on a first come first serve basis, The GT makes no promises to print material received and all material received becomes the property of the GT.
- Standing Deadline; Deadline for the GT, has always been, and will continue to be the First Thursday of the month, prior to the month of the issue.(See Editors Golden Rule)
- 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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**Upcoming Slide Shows**

- July 1:** We show the 16 mm film ""Elsa And Her Cubs". Unique relationship between game warden and lioness cub Elsa. How she grew and mated, birth of cubs, and death.
- July 8:** Carl Katz, "India Camel Safari". From Delhi to Jaisalmer.
- July 15:** Ron Boone, "Western England". Castles and thatched roofs. The moors of Devon and the cornish coast.
- July 22:** Pizza and juice party, if possible out of doors.
- July 29:** We show the 16 mm film "Elie Wiesel's Jerusalem". Pilgrimage through legends, myths, historic sights, by Nobel Prize winner.
- August 5:** Carl Katz, "China Wakes, Part II". Includes Xian and Beijing.

**Slide shows start at 8:30 PM, at AYH Headquarters, Shady Avenue at Fifth Avenue. Doors open at 8:00 PM. If you want to give a show, call Luc Berger at 412-683-3131.**

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## HOSTEL HAPPENINGS

### PLANNING A HOSTELLING TRIP THIS YEAR?

Here's some information to help plan your trip - no matter where you're going this travel season.

1999 Travelers' Resource Guide and Other Trip-Planning Help Is Available Free 31-page Traveler's Resource Guide includes the topics: Hostelling in North America (you don't have to go overseas to plan a spring or summer hostelling trip!); Making Hostel Reservations (in North America and overseas); Getting Ready to Go; Planning Your Itinerary; Getting There; About Your Money; and Packing.

Pick up a copy of this publication, as well as the 1999 North American Hostel Handbooks, USA Hostel Map, and lots of other helpful information available for free when you pick them up in person at the Pittsburgh International Hostel during open hours. We also sell Volume 1: European Hostel Guide and Volume 2: Americas, Africa, Asia & the Pacific Hostel Guide for \$10.95 each plus tax. Members receive a 10% discount when you present your card at the time of purchase. Membership cards are available on the spot.

Mail order is available by calling the Council Office and Travel Center, located in the same building as the hostel, but with different office hours and telephone number which is: 412-431-4910. A postage and handling charge may apply to mail orders.

### STAYING IN TOWN THIS SUMMER?

Meet international visitors at the Pittsburgh International Hostel and get to know our neighbors in the community by getting involved this summer. How?

How about a part-time job or an internship? Perhaps you have a volunteering idea? We'd love to hear it and have lots of our own ideas of how to keep you busy this summer! Some are listed below. Because we are a non profit organization, by prior arrangement we might even be able to help YOU out with community service hours or academic credit for your volunteer time.

### VOLUNTEERING

Like last year we have a double dose of fun on the weekend of July 24-25 and we need your help getting ready for it. The Hostelling Spirit will be alive and well on that weekend. Come and join the fun!

#### Allentown Community Day - Saturday, July 24, 1999

Talk about HI-AYH with neighbors, friends and guests. Tentatively scheduled from 10-6. Volunteers are needed to give tours of the Hostel, staff an information table and talk about your HI-AYH and hostelling experience. This year we'd like to make the hostel "the place to be." Ideas for creating some "street fun" in front of the Hostel include: international costumed acoustic musicians, vendors, information about travelling and outdoor adventures provided by other non profit organizations. Interested people should call the Hostel.

#### Great Ride - Sunday, July 25, 1999

Remember that YOU CAN STAY at the Pittsburgh International Hostel too! We're encouraging you to do so this year by offering a Great Ride Rate of \$20.00 per night including a meal! Stay with us the night before the Great Ride (Saturday, July 24) and we'll provide dinner that night and breakfast the next morning (the day of the Ride!) After you've completed the Great Ride on Sunday, July 25, stay overnight and we'll provide dinner and an opportunity to share your stories from the Ride.

Whether you live in Pittsburgh and have friends coming to town to join the Great Ride (but you don't have room at your place), if you're coming to Pittsburgh to join the Ride and need a place to stay, or if you just want to join the fun! - The Pittsburgh International Hostel is the place to be on Great Ride Weekend!

Not riding? Volunteers are needed for course marshalling on the Mount Washington Loop past the Hostel (where tours will be given and refreshments served.) Volunteers are needed through out Pittsburgh on the day of the ride for water stops, registration tables, course marshalling, and lots of other help. Let's see a great turn out of riders and people to cheer them on this year! Call 412-431-4910 for information on how to register for the Great Ride or to volunteer. To make a reservation at the Pittsburgh International Hostel call 412-431-1267.

### SUMMER MARKETING INTERNSHIP

We are seeking university juniors or seniors in marketing or public relations, journalism or English or graduate students in international business for a summer Marketing and Community Outreach Intern. We have sought funding from the HI-AYH National Office to provide a stipend for this full-time, 12-week internship lasting from approximately May-August. Approval of this funding is expected in the next month or so, at which time accommodation at Hostelling International - Pittsburgh, \$200 travel allowance/relocation assistance, hostel overnights, membership and travel store discounts can also be offered. To receive an internship description, please contact Brian Funk at the Pittsburgh International Hostel.

### SEE YOU AT THE HOSTEL!

The Pittsburgh International Hostel is opened seven days a week from 8 - 10 a.m. and from 5 - 10 p.m. every day except December 23-26, 1999. We are closed during the day. We're located at 830 East Warrington Avenue (at the corner of Arlington - in the Allentown neighborhood). We're 2 miles south of downtown, above the Southside, between Mt. Washington and Mt. Oliver. Excellent public transportation and free parking are available whether you are coming to stay overnight, attend a workshop, volunteer, or attend one of our other upcoming events. We look forward to seeing you here!

### Weekends at Ohioyle

Marjorie Pasqualle, our Ohioyle manager, needs a break! If you can volunteer to keep an eye on the hostel one or two days on summer weekends Marjorie would be a happier manager and you will have a fun time. The council will reimburse your travel and meal expenses. You only need to be at the hostel from evening till morning and then have the rest of the day to play. If you can give Marjorie a hand, please give her a call at: 724-329-4476.

## ACTIVITIES CHAIRS MEETING

On Thursday, July 8, 7PM, at the HeadQuarters, there will be a chairs meeting.

## CLASSIFIED

All trips and products listed here are private and are not **sponsored or endorsed** by American Youth Hostels. Non-commercial ads are free for members. Contact the Editor for more info on Ads for Members and Non-members.

**For Sale:** Skis, K2/610 FO, 200cm, Tyrolia 260 bindings, Nordica 940 boots size 10, poles, \$150. (412) 563-6672

**For Sale:** Ultras-rest Seat \$28, In-step Crampons \$25, Perception Harmony Paddle \$55, Gerber Clip-lock River Knife \$35, River Rescue Throw Bag \$15, Thermarest Sleeping Pad \$50, Courier Bag \$35, Life jacket \$10, Women's Ski Gloves \$30, Fleece Jacket \$15. Call Emilie (412) 521-1350 for details.

**Wanted:** Older marathon C1 such as Jensen 17, Jensen C1F, Sawyer Shockwave, Wabash Valley DYNA C, Meadows Special (517) 739-0196

**Wanted:** 15' USGS topographic quadrangle maps (1:62,500) for western and northern Pennsylvania (517) 739-0196

### REMINDER TO TRIP LEADERS

All trips and equipment usage must be approved by the appropriate activity chair or co-chair. Trip reports and fees should be turned in by the end of each month at either the AYH Activities Building or AYH Office or mailed to Pittsburgh Council, 830 Warrington Ave., Pittsburgh PA 15210

### AYH Sheet Sleeping Sack DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT ONE!

Required in all youth hostels, the sleeping sack serves as your top & bottom sheets, with a built-in pillowcase. Regular sleeping bags are not allowed at hostels due to public health regulations. Our nylon sleep sack is especially light, compact, and dries extremely quickly (handy on trips). The cotton/polyester sleep sack is a little heavier and bulkier, but feels just like your bed-sheets.

Order one today! See the order form on the back page for prices.

## AYH ACTIVITIES WITH BEN

I'm pleased to see that the activities are showing renewed energy. Climbing has new blood.

When I saw Ray Yutsy at a Thursday meeting, he took out some time to discuss "Ray's master plan for improvements". I liked it. We would use our space more efficiently, store our canoes, sea kayaks and white water boats better. So. I would like to do some renovations over the coming cool season, starting in September. Given some occasional help from our boating beneficiaries (note,note, hint, hint), we could improve our H.Q. the Ray way. A design that's fine.

And our hats off to Luc Berger. He has consistently, persistently and sometimes insistently produced Thursday night slide shows, movies and pizza parties. Quite an achievement. Keeps Pittsburgh's unique weekly meetings going. Tres Bien Luc.

Ben

## SUNDAY HUNTING

From: "Kate St. John" <KStJohn@WQED.Org>

Dear Pittsburgh Council of AYH and Maribeth Hook, Marianne Kasia, etc. The timing of this email may be all wrong because it's summer and everyone's busy. However, I'm contacting outdoors clubs in PA to let them know about a proposal before the PA State Legislature to allow deer hunting on Sundays. (I found your Website in my search for PA outdoor clubs.) If you could possibly pass this on to your membership (or write/call the legislators or attend a public hearing) it would surely help stop this proposed law which would overrule the Game Commission. If you have questions, please feel free to email me. My interest in this is purely personal: I hike every Sunday and I am a bird watcher.

### SUNDAY HUNTING, PUBLIC HEARING

No matter how you feel about hunting you probably try to plan your outdoor time for Sundays during hunting season -- especially during Antlered Deer Season. This could change!

On 4/13/99 Representative Dan Surra introduced House Bill 1237 to amend game laws and allow Sunday hunting in PA during Antlered Deer Season. When members of the hiking community expressed dismay, Rep. Surra called the President of the Susquehanna Appalachian Trail Council (I quote from her e-mail)

"to see if I had any questions, and to assure me that he is both open minded about the issue and committed to allowing Sunday hunting. He [Rep. Surra] admits that the current bill, which calls for only two Sundays for antlered deer season, is the beginning of a strategy which could lead to hunting being allowed on Sundays for all game."

Some of those in favor of Sunday hunting have offered to substitute a weekday as a no-hunt day. If Rep. Surra's strategy succeeds, this would leave \*no\* hunt-free weekends for six months per year. (There are variety of game seasons in effect from October through February, plus May Spring Gobbler season. This doesn't even count the unlimited hunting of Foxes, Crows, etc.)

If you like to be outdoors on Sundays (I certainly do!), I urge you to write to members of the Game & Fisheries Committee, to which the bill has been referred (see below for names and addresses). I also urge you to attend one of the two public hearings that the Game and Fisheries Committee will have on this issue. The first was June 10 in Crawford County.

The other will be in the Harrisburg area; no details are available yet. Rep. Smith's Harrisburg office number is 717-783-8783.

Contact information for the PA House Game & Fisheries Committee:  
Representative Mailing address when legislature is in session:  
c/o House Box 202020, Harrisburg, PA. 17120-2020

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## THE 1999 GREAT RIDE

The 1999 Great Ride will be held this year on July 25<sup>th</sup>. The ride will be similar to last year's Great Ride and will start at the same great location, with some new features this year. Check out the Great Ride web site for the latest information. You can find the link to the web site through the Pittsburgh Council home page at <http://trfn.clpgh.org/ayh>.

### Applications

The applications will have been mailed out to everyone who has ridden in the Great Ride, the Mon Valley Century, or SABRE in the last few years by the time you read this. If you haven't gotten an application and would like one, stop by at the Activities Headquarters or at the Pittsburgh Hostel. You can also call Citiparks at 412-255-2391.

### Volunteers

As you know, while the Great Ride is a Citiparks event, the Pittsburgh Hostel receives part of the proceeds of the Great Ride each year. This has been a great assistance for the hostel operations. In return, Pittsburgh Council provides volunteers for the course in general and for an additional rest stop on Mount Washington for the part of the ride that passes the hostel.

Last year, everyone had great fun cheering on the riders, and we had a lot of comments from the riders about how much they enjoyed meeting us on the course. Last year, we had twenty members, volunteers, hostellers, and neighbors on the Mount Washington loop and need your help in doing that again.

In addition, we need to provide volunteers throughout the course to help the riders keep on course, and to man an information booth at the starting point.

**We need your help!** Please call the council office at 412-431-4910, e-mail us at [ayh@trfn.clpgh.org](mailto:ayh@trfn.clpgh.org), or contact Larry Laude directly at 412-665-554 ([larry.laude@usa.net](mailto:larry.laude@usa.net)). Bring a friend with you, too. It's a lot more fun with some with you.

Larry Laude

## Rambles For Spring-1999

### July

**July 7** Youghigheny Trail - West Newton/Dawson Bag Lunch  
Alex Federowicz 421-0922

**July 14** Shadyside walk and Rodef Shalom Biblical Garden. Dick Fisher 421-9215

**July 21** South Park. Bag lunch. Helen Brownhill. 279-3672

**July 28** North Park. Bag lunch. Earl McCabe. 761-1844

### August

**August 4** CCAC South Campus Nature Trail. Bad Lunch.  
Billie Woodland. 886-1603

**August 11** Schenley Park. Marilyn Ham. 687-4520

**August 18** Peters Boror Park and Bike Trail. Bill Phoennik.

**August 25** North Braddock/Cemetary and Golf Course. Lunch at the restaurant with a view. Joan Roof. 351-2061

**September 1** Bear Run Nature reserve. (All day trip). Bag lunch.  
Earl McCabe. 761-1844

**September 8** Mt. Lebanon Cemetary. Billie Woodland. 886-1603

**September 15** Point Breeze Ramble. Optional lunch at Food Co-op.  
Sid and Helen Sclarsky. 421-2692

**September 22** Raccoon Creek Park. Bag lunch. Marilyn Ham  
687-4520

**September 29** North Side Heritage Trail from Carnegie Science Center to the Heinz Plant. Optional lunch in Heinz Cafeteria.  
Dick Fisher. 421-9235

**Spring rambles begin at 10:00 AM. Meet in Mellon Park, upper parking lot at Fifth and Shady Avenues. Carpooling is encouraged. For trips over 10 miles, please pay driver \$2.00.**

**Call trip leader for more information, especially if you plan to meet us at the trail head.**



## BICYCLING

### Touring Bike Rides

The bicycling program is up and running. On April 13th, 9 people met to set some goals and a schedule of rides. Our bicycling goals include:

1. Bicycle travel by people of all ages for fun and enjoyment.
2. A "see the world" focus, exploring new areas with a relaxed, non-competitive attitude.
3. A diversity of trips on trails and roads, including both day and overnights.
4. To educate people in effective cycling, safety and bike maintenance

**July 18, Sunday** George's 33 Mile Easy Plus Ride starting in the Crafton Ingram Shopping Center (at front of Giant Eagle). Led by George Nowak. He knows this area well. Call (412) 921-0653

**July 23 through July 25, Friday to Sunday** Pine Creek  
The Pine Creek bike path, winding its way through the Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania along a former railroad bed, will be one of the most scenic bike rides you will find anywhere!

We will be staying at the Colton Point Motel, located in Ansonia, and is located 13 miles west of Wellsboro on Route 6. Colton Point Motel is situated on 50 acres bordered by state game land and within easy walking distance to Pine Creek. There is a 2-acre pond stocked for the fisherperson, 2 paddleboats for cruising, and a beach area for swimming. Activities at the motel include volleyball, badminton, croquet, and horseshoes. There is also a picnic area and play yard for children. You can make your reservation by calling 1-800-829-4122. Rates are \$30 for 1 person/1bed; \$40 for 2 people/1 bed; and \$45 for 2 people/2 beds.

There is also camping nearby at Kears Campground, which is approximately 7 miles west of Colton Point on Route 6. The phone number is 814 435-2550. There are two fishing lakes; a 6-acre lake and a 1-acre lake. Swimming is at Pine Creek Watrous Beach. They have shower houses with plenty of hot water and firewood. The rate for a tent site is \$10/night; and an RV site is \$14/night.

Our plan for Saturday is to meet in the motel lobby and take a leisurely ride, stopping to enjoy scenery and picnicking, from Ansonia to Blackwell. Ambitious riders can return to Ansonia via bike. Riders who prefer a one way trip can call Pine Creek Outfitters @ 570-724-3003 and make arrangements to be shuttled back to Ansonia. Riders traveling with children on their own bike may choose a shorter round trip ride.

On Sunday, we can ride again or take a scenic train ride on the Tioaga Central Railroad from Wellsboro Junction north to Hammond Lake. The fares for this 1 1/2 hour train ride are \$10/ adult; \$9/senior (60 and over); and \$5/child (6-12). Children under 6 are free when accompanied by an adult.

We will be riding a tandem with a 6-year-old on a tag along and hope that other families will be joining us.

For more information or to confirm your participation, call Terry or Kevin Craig @ 724-940-2637 or email us [tcraig@fyi.net](mailto:tcraig@fyi.net).

**AUGUST 6,7,8 Originally scheduled to be a bicycle touring weekend**, it is now a mountain biking and hiking weekend. Blanch and Jack Asherman have generously offered us the use of their 2 condos at Snowshoe for a great weekend in this beautiful area of West Virginia. The Greenbrier Trail, Cranberry wilderness, Allegheny Trail, Cass Scenic Railroad and the National Radio Astronomy Observatory are only a few of the interesting places in the area. I am sure we can find some good places to swim also. Blanch and Jack are our guides. The cost will be the cost of your meals and possible car pooling expenses plus the AYH fee of 1\$ per day for members, or 3\$ per day for non-members. Space is limited. Call Joan Roofl at (412)351-2061

**August 15, Sunday** George Nowak is leading another ride in his area. More to follow from George. Call (412)921-0653

**August 21, Saturday** Ghost Town Trail in Indiana County. This trail is well maintained and runs from Dilltown to Nanty Glo following Black Lick Creek. It is a 32 mile ride. Joan Roofl (412)351-2061

**September 11, Sunday** Sunday morning is a great time to ride through the city, when the traffic is low. We include several trails, where possible. Joan Roofl (412)351-2061

**October 2, Saturday** Shenango Reservoir area. Jim Ritchie (412)828-0210

**October 8, 9 and 10th** Wilderness Lodge Weekend A favorite place for a beautiful Fall weekend. Ride among the vineyards and apple orchards, and along the shores of Lake Erie and Findley Lake. Joan Roofl (412)351-2061

It promises to be a "cool" place to be in the "heat" of summer!

**All bike riders MUST wear a helmet.**

## CYCLE across MARYLAND XI

### WHO:

Carrollton Bank Cycle Across Maryland

### WHAT:

Discover the adventure side of western Maryland and the southern side of Pennsylvania during the Carrollton Bank Cycle Across Maryland, **July 24-30**. The tour offers 300 glorious miles, two hub sites and routes of varying lengths. The route combines challenging climbs along with gentler terrain. With Rocky Gap State Park as one hub, you'll first explore the beauty of the Appalachian countryside before heading east along the National Road, the first transportation link to the western frontier. With Williamsport as a second hub, you'll explore Ft. Frederick, Antietam Battlefield, and ride along the C&O towpath before celebrating the conclusion at Greenbrier State Park. Registration: \$220. Special family rates available. Three-day option. Alternative activities for on-riders. Limit: 1500. Proceeds support distribution of free helmets. In Baltimore: 410-653-8288. Toll free: 888-CAM-RIDE(226-7433), email: [info@cyclexmd.org](mailto:info@cyclexmd.org);

Web: [cyclexmd.org](http://cyclexmd.org)

### WHERE:

Western Maryland

### WHEN:

Saturday, July 24 through Friday, July 30

### COST:

Early registration: \$220. Family rate available

Mini-CAM option from 7/24-7/27 \$170. Family rate available

**For information or an application, call 410-653-8288 or Toll free 1-888-CAM-RIDE(226-7433), or visit Web Site:**

<http://cyclexmd.org>

*Cam Corporation is a non-profit organization which uses proceeds from sporting events to distribute free helmets, to educate the public on helmet use and to support CAM Teen Challenge, a cycling mentor program for students at risk of not completing school. CAM also produces the Great Cookie Bike Rally and the Maryland In-Line Skate Festivals.*

**All bike riders MUST wear a helmet!**

### Additional Area Bicycle Rides, courtesy George Schmidt

**October 2-3** YOUGHTOBERFEST, Boston, PA. Festival featuring biking and hiking the Yough River Trail. Mon/Yough Trail Council. Regional Trail Corp. 724-872-5586.

**June 27-30** Post-Conference Rail-Trail Tour

Following the Rails-to-Trails (RTC) International Conference in Pittsburgh, June 23-26, 1999, RTC, in partnership with Pedal Pennsylvania, will offer a fully supported four-day Bike Tour, Sunday, June 27 through Wednesday, June 30, exploring several exceptional western PA Rail-Trails and on-road routes.

The Tour is open both to Conference attendees and to friends of RTC not necessarily attending the Conference. Phone:(215) 561-9679, E-Mail: [BobI@Pedal-PA.com](mailto:BobI@Pedal-PA.com) WEB: <http://www.Pedal-PA.com>

### NEWS ADVISORY

#### CITY TO CLOSE CIRCUIT ROAD IN SCHENLEY PARK

The City of Pittsburgh Department of City Planning advises that a portion of Circuit Road, located in Schenley Park, between Serpentine Drive and Schenley Drive, will be closed on weekends beginning May 7, 1999. The road will remain open to non-motorized recreational uses such as bicycling, in-line skating, and walking. This is a continuation of the city's response to park users' requests for an automobile-free area to participate in these activities. The closure will prohibit motorized vehicle traffic from 6:00 PM Friday to 6:00 AM Monday. Circuit Road will close each weekend through November 1999. Automobile parking in the closed section of Circuit Road is prohibited on weekends.



## SEA-KAYAKING

Activity Co-Chairs: Vickie Gotaski 412-344-4929  
Fran Fleming 412.363.1221

Paddler's Dinners are held at various local restaurants on the second Tuesday of the month. Throughout the summer we will also be having an "Introduction to Sea Kayaking" at various local lakes on the Thursday of the week following the Paddler's Dinners. Everyone is welcome to attend both.

**Jun 25 thru Jun 28** Cape Henlopin, Delaware (Intermediate)  
The salt air is calling. Paddle in the ocean, the bay, explore a wildlife refuge or just lay on the beach.  
(Vickie 412.344.4929)

**Jul 3** Middle Yough (Intermediate)  
Celebrate your independence by joining us for some Class 2 white water on Pennsylvania's best known white water river.  
(Vickie 412.344.4929)

**Jul 10** Presque Isle, Lake Erie (Intermediate)  
Enjoy the lagoons and lake and paddle over to Sunset Beach for a picnic.  
(Vickie 412.344.4929)

**Jul 10** Kiski River (Beginners)  
Visit one of Western PA's best kept secrets  
(Barb 412.371.2506)

**Jul 13** July Paddler's Dinner (Everyone welcome)  
The Foundry in the Strip (call for directions)  
(Frank Kocevar 412.362.1614)

**Jul 17** Nicholson Island (Beginners welcome)  
The summer's not complete without a visit to Nicholson.  
(Vickie 412.344.4929)

**Jul 22** Introduction to Sea Kayaking (Everyone welcome)  
Come out and give it a try. Meet at North Park Lake at 6:30 P.M.  
(Russ 412.331.2073)

**Jul 24 thru Jul 25** Kinzua to Tionesta, kayak camping (Intermediate)  
44 beautiful miles on another leg of the Allegheny River paddle.  
(Russ 412.331.2073)

**Jul 31** Letterkenny Reservoir (Intermediate)  
Discover this hidden jewel atop Blue Mountain, with an optional second day paddle at Shawnee State Park.  
(Vickie 412.344.4929 or Frank 412.362.1614)

**Aug 7 thru Aug 8** Lake Erie, North Eastern PA (Intermediate)  
Paddle along the shore of Lake Erie through the heart of wine country.  
(Russ 412.331.2073 or Vickie 412.344.4929)

**Aug 10** August Paddler's Dinner (Everyone welcome)  
Potluck at Jeannie's Call Early  
(Jeannie 412.854.1248)

**Aug 14 thru Aug 15** Summerville Lake (Intermediate)  
Car camping in West Virginia. Swim, snorkel and paddle secluded areas of the lake.  
Call Early  
(Vickie 412.344.4929)

**Aug 19** Introduction to Sea-kayaking at North Park Lake (Everyone welcome)  
Don't let the summer pass you by.  
(Russ 412.331.2073)

**Aug 27 thru Aug 31** Georgian Bay, Ontario (Intermediate)  
Paddle along the coast with possible camping on Flowerpot Island. Try snorkeling and enjoy the cliffs and caves. Call Early  
(Vickie 412.344.4929)

**Sep 11 thru Sep 20** Mingan Island, Quebec (Intermediate)  
We will be staying 2 nights at two different youth hostels and kayak camping the rest of the time. See puffins, whales, rock formations and who knows what else. Call Early  
(Vickie 412.344.4929)

**Sep 18** Keystone Power Dam  
Call for more details  
(Barb 412.371.2506)

**Oct 9 thru Oct 10** Allegheny Reservoir (Intermediate)  
Kayak camping. Fall foliage is in full swing.  
(Fran 412.363.1221)

Don't have a kayak? That's okay, we have extras. Call your trip leader to reserve one. Also, canoes are welcome on most trips.



## CANOEING

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

**July 2-5** Fri.-Mon. Jon/Becky Maiman (412) 242-7179 (H)  
Class II Canoe Camp on the Upper New River. Call early for reservations and details.

**July 10** Saturday Jim Porcelli (412) 271-4776 (H)  
Moving Water School on the Yough. Call for details.

**July 24** Saturday Brian McBane (724)443-8972(H)  
Easy Class I trip. Call for details.

**July 28** Wednesday Eric/Shelley Nilson (412) 487-3255 (H)  
Thunder Moon early evening paddle through a lock on the Allegheny.  
Picnic supper on a near-by island. Call for details.

**Aug. 14** Saturday Joyce Appel (724)526-5407(H)  
Canoe/Kayak Yellow Creek State Park. Flat water paddling and hiking during the day, stargazing from canoes in the evening with optional overnight camping. Call for details.

**Aug 21** Saturday Jon Maiman (412)242-7179(H)  
Whitewater Rescue Clinic. Call for details.

**Aug. 28** Saturday Rich Gemeinhart (412)462-1876  
Moving Water School. Call for details.



## SAILING

### SAILING LEADERS NEEDED

The AYH Sailing Activity is looking for experienced sailors who would like to help with our sailing program this year. Our sailing fleet will emphasize Sunfish this year as we have sold the Flying Junior sailboats we used the past ten years. We are also planning joint activities with the Moraine Sailing Club including sailboat racing and joint hikes/day sails at Moraine State Park. Please call Bob Zavos at 412-241-0659 for more information.

**Jun 26** Sat. Lake Arthur Sara Zavos 241-0659  
WOMEN'S SUNFISH REGATTA. In conjunction with the Moraine Sailing Club's weekly races women will have a separate start in Sunfish. We have a total of four Sunfish for AYH participants. Last year there were about 14 participants including two from AYH. MSC will also have open racing and we will place other AYH members in Flying Scots or they may participate in race administration on the committee boat.

**June 26-27** Sat. Lake Arthur Joe Shields 412-367-3697 \*\*\*Not an AYH activity\*\*\*  
GO SAIL A national event sponsored by U.S. Sailing, participants are provided with an introduction to sailing for a \$10 donation to benefit Leukemia Research. Moraine Sailing Club is teaming up with Wind & Water, and Crescent Bay Boat Rental.

**July 3-4-5** Fri., Sat., Sun. Toronto, Canada Bob Zavos. 241-0659  
TORONTO EXCURSION Take a trip to one of North America's most exciting cities. We will stay at the AYH Hostel or a Bed & Breakfast and take in some great sites, culture, and restaurants. Day sailing in rented boats at Toronto harbor. Toronto accommodations get tight in the Summer and we will need reservation and deposits by June 12th.

**Aug 21** Sat. Lake Arthur Becky Jarold 412-931-0905  
\*\*\*Not an AYH activity\*\*\*  
HIKE, BIKE, SAIL and PICNIC. The Sierra Club will lead a hike at Moraine State Park and the Western PA Wheelman's will lead a bike ride in the area of the park. These groups will then join the Moraine Sailing Club for a sail after the days sailboat races. Many of the people will join MSC for a Corn Roast picnic at the Davis Hollow Marina restaurant. A great opportunity to meet new people and exchange information about each other's clubs.

**Aug. 28-29** Sat, Sun Lake Arthur Bob Zavos 412-241-0659  
REGATTA AT LAKE ARTHUR. The Butler County Tourist Promotion Agency will sponsor a major event at Lake Arthur, Moraine State Park. There will be many different outdoor activities including entertainment, fireworks, kites, hot air balloons, and most types of boats. AYH will participate in sailing. If you would like to view the activities from a Sunfish or go out for a ride in a Flying Scot sailboat call Bob Zavos.



## ROCK CLIMBING

Rock Out with AYH!

### Rock climbing trips from Pittsburgh Council of American Youth Hostels

The AYH Rock Climbing program is a great way to experience the thrill of rock climbing. Our Beginner trips are focused on teaching "never evers" the basics of rock climbing. AYH supplies the climbing gear plus a group of experienced climbers to set up the climbs and teach the course. All you need to bring is a bag lunch, water, and a sunny disposition. Wear loose-fitting, comfortable clothes (shorts and T-shirts in the summer) and tennis shoes. It's not a bad idea to pack raingear in the event of a late-afternoon thunderstorm.

Beginner trips are held at Coopers Rocks State Forest, Exit 15 on Rt 68, east of Morgantown, WV. Trips leave from AYH headquarters at 7:30 am. We arrive at Coopers Rocks around 9:30 am, followed by a short walk to the climbing area. We are back at the cars by 4:30 or so. Many climbers stop at a local restaurant for dinner before driving back to Pittsburgh. We typically arrive back at AYH headquarters by 8 pm. Cost is \$10 for AYH members (\$12 for non-members). Gas money (\$5/person, if you car pool from AYH Headquarters) and dinner are NOT included in the trip fees.

Beginner trip fees break down as follows:

- \$3 activity fee (for first-timers only)
- \$3 harness/helmet rental (if you don't own your own)
- \$3 rope fee (for periodic rope replacements)
- \$1 AYH registration fee (\$3 for non members)

Experienced climbers are welcome on our "Beginner" trips since we top-rope climbs of varying difficulty (through 5.10). Seneca Prep trips teach seconding skills in preparation for a multi-pitch climbing trip to Seneca Rocks. The AYH climbers also make frequent "unofficial" trips to Seneca Rocks, New River Gorge, the Gunks, and local climbing areas. Several AYH climbers can be found hanging out (pun intended) at The Climbing Wall, located in The Factory on Penn Avenue, on Thursday nights from 7 to 9:30 pm. Then we retire to the Evergreen pub (also on Penn Avenue) for a few cold ones and to make plans for the coming weekend.

To find out more about the AYH climbing program, call Chuck Jones at (412) 242-6172. To sign up for a specific trip, call the Trip Leader listed in the table below.

Trip size is limited. Call the Trip Leader (not the climbing chairmen) to sign up.

#### 1999 AYH ROCK CLIMBING TRIPS

**DATE DAY LEVEL TRIP LEADER PHONE**

**June 26 Sat** Rain Date\*\* Barb Homistek (412) 687-7328

**June 27 Sun** Seneca Prep Pat Holtzinger (412) 343-8379

**July 17/18 Sat/Sun** Seneca Rocks Chuck Jones (412) 242-6172

**July 31 Sat** Beginner Dave Hartman (412) 821-3796

**August 15 Sun** Beginner Dave Hartman (412) 821-3796

**August 28 Sat** Seneca Prep Pat Holtzinger (412) 343-8379

**August 29 Sun** Rain Date\*\* Barb Homistek (412) 687-7328

**September 11/12 Sat/Sun** Seneca Rocks Chuck Jones  
(412) 242-6172

**September 26 Sun** Beginner Ann Minard (412) 381-1309

\*\* - Rain Date trips are only needed if a prior Beginner trip was rained out.



## HIKING/BACKPACKING/TRAILS

**June 27 Sunday Veronique Schuers 422-0358**  
Laurel Ridge Hiking Trail off Rte 30. Laurels as far as you can see. 6 miles. HQ at 10am. Bring lunch

**July 7 Wednesday Ben Brugmans 361-3623**  
**Hiking & Backpacking Meeting** for tripleaders and anyone interested. Meet at HQ at 7pm. Come and discuss your plans & hopes for hiking.

**July 11 Sunday Veronique Schuers 422-0358**  
Ohiopyle, 4 mile hike & swimming in the waterslide. Bring lunch. Meet at HQ at 9am.

**July 17 Saturday Jim Ritchie 828-0210**  
Baker Trail, Maintenance Hike: Cherry Run to the Tree Farm

**July 18 Sunday Ben Brugmans 361-3623**  
Laurel Ridge Hiking Trail. Meet at HQ at 9am. 6 miles. Bring lunch.

**July 25 Sunday Bruce Sundquist 724-327-8737**  
Umteenths annual innertube trip on the Youghiogheny River from Johnson Run to Camp Carmel. 3 miles of hiking plus 3 miles of tubing. Limit: 18.

**August 7 Saturday Jim Ritchie 828-0210**  
Baker Trail/North Country Trail, Maintenance Hike: Allegheny National Forest/Kittanning

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Keystone Trails Association will be spending the weekend of Sept. 11, 12, and 13 doing trail maintenance and re-routing in the Quebec Run Natural Area. Local volunteers are needed to help out. There will be something to do for every level of worker. Wear sturdy shoes and bring work gloves. Come for the weekend or just for the day. For more information or to sign up, call Mary Pitzer at (412) 279-7154 or e-mail at pitz99@stargate.net

The following month, Oct. 15, 16, and 17, KTA will be doing trail work at Ohiopyle State Park. Camp out for the weekend or come down just for the day. For more information, call Mary Pitzer.

**The Center Hiking Club of the Washington DC** area is doing a fair number of Pa. hikes this summer. You'all are welcome. Hikes are:

Sat 7/10 8 miles in Caledonia SP

Sat 7/24 10 miles Tumbling Run/ Sunset Rocks

Sat 7/31 10 miles Pole Steeple/Pine Grove

Sat 8/14 10 miles Cowans Gap SP

also a few hikes in the Gunpowder area of northern Baltimore County.

Please E-mail me for details on any of these or other hikes in the Shenandoahs, etc. or check [www.smart.net/~dmaidt/chc\\_home.html](http://www.smart.net/~dmaidt/chc_home.html)

### HELP US MAINTAIN THE BAKER TRAIL

Do you have an interest in hiking and hiking trails? Could you help us take care of the Baker Trail doing a one-time trail maintenance project??? If you love hiking and the outdoors and you can assume responsibility for blazing a section of the Baker Trail on your own time, please give me a call. I will provide a brief training session and turn you loose on your own project. AYH will provide or reimburse you for paint and brushes. This year, our greatest need is for volunteers who will blaze along several miles of country roads in Armstrong, Indiana, Jefferson, and Clarion counties.

Reply to Jim Ritchie, (412) 828-0210, or send email to [jlrbudget.ba.pitt.edu](mailto:jlrbudget.ba.pitt.edu)

