

# Golden Triangle

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## AYH ACTIVITIES WITH BEN

As we approach another closing of a summer full of activities, and another AYH election of board members and officers, I would like to give a state of the activities summary.

As for canoeing, Brian (buy me another white water playboat) the canoer tells me, there was enough water this summer to float an active season. Both Steve and Jon (I'm staying single so I can go adventuring; mee tooo) were reported to have been seen with canoeing permits from their respective spouses for an occasional weekend outing on the whitecaps. All last names have of course been omitted to protect their identities.

The climbers, as reported to me by Chuck, Ann and other sources, have been active, both climbing and socializing at the Evergreen. No major trip was planned for this year; former years have included adventures out West. Well, "Maybe the Gunks".

(Anonymous quote from "C", a source who wishes to remain anonymous until further plans have been cleared. Right, councilor?)

The hiking has always included a very active program with the Ramblers on Wednesday.

The amblers, after taking time off for the summer, ( yours truly went to Utah, and yes it was hot ), are back to doing 5 or 6 miles on Sundays, starting at 10:00 AM at the HQ. Demand for hikes, good company, and keeping in shape brought forth a crossed of murmurs to my ear such as; "it's time", "when?", and " I'm getting out of shape" (the latter remark I shall leave to anonymous authorship due to fear of repercussions to my personal health and welfare- "nough said).

And then there is the Rachel Carson Trail . Jim is too cool for words. It works, it really does.

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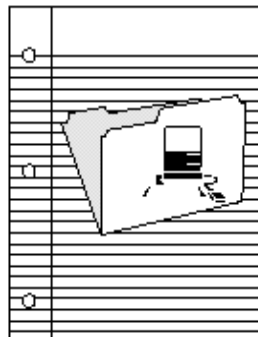
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American Youth Hostels is a non-profit organization which promotes international understanding, educational and recreational travel, good citizenship and an appreciation of America. AYH does this by bringing travelers of all ages, backgrounds and nationalities 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:  
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**Classified Ads:**

- Classified ads are free to Current members of HI-International
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- Free ads may not be for commercial gain.
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**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

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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-secular
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**General rules for submission**

- No handwritten submissions
- Submissions Can be; On computer disk (IBM), E-mail (Internet/compuserve), 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.

**Editors Golden Rule**

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

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**UPCOMING SLIDE SHOWS**

- August 31:** We show the 16 mm film "Flash, The Teenage Otter". This capricious little otter has encounters with foxes and bobcats. Produced by Disney Corporation with the Wisconsin Conservation Department.
- September 7:** Blanche and Jack Asherman, "Central Europe". Hungary, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Poland. Walking tour of Prague includes the famous bridge on the Moldau and the astronomical clock.
- September 14:** Terry Oden, "Netherlands And Berlin". Terry and his friends go hostelling in Europe. They photograph famous buildings, discover new styles of architecture in cities rebuilt after World War II.
- September 21:** Cheese, bread and apple juice party, if possible out of doors.
- September 28:** We show the 16 mm film "Fantasy In Rock". Exploration of Kapadokia in Turkey. Volcanic rocks and lava towers became chapels and living quarters for early inhabitants. Miles of subterranean catacombs leave a rich heritage of Byzantine art.
- October 5:** Annual Astro-festival: Moon craters through a telescope. The colorful double star Albireo. The Andromeda Galaxy. If cloudy, a slide show on constellations of fall and winter, and the nebulas and star clusters they contain.

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

## Pittsburgh International Hostel September Calendar of Events

- Thursday, September 7** "Spain" Cultural Dinner  
6-9p.m. \$4 RSVP by Sept 5.  
(postponed from August 3, 2000)
- Tuesday, September 12** World Travel 101 "Basics"  
7p.m. FREE RSVP by Sept. 10
- Thursday, September 21** World Travel 101 "Hostelling North America"  
7p.m. FREE RSVP by Sept. 19
- Wednesday, September 27** Potluck Dinner  
6:30p.m. BRING A DISH  
RSVP by Sept. 25
- Saturday, September 30** World Travel 101 "Solo Travel"  
2p.m. FREE RSVP by Sept 28

*Cultural Dinners are a new event to be held the first Thursday of every month! The cost is \$4 since your dinner will be provided. All food and entertainment will reflect the highlighted country. October's dinner will be Oktoberfest, to be held on October 5 from 6-9p.m.*

*Thank You to all who entered our writing contest! The winners will be announced on October 1, 2000.*

Want to be on our E NEWSLETTER list? Send an email to [hipgh@sgi.net](mailto:hipgh@sgi.net)  
And in the subject line type "Subscribe"

### Picksburg Hostel Slogan Contest!

**We need a slogan for our T-shirts! Send your slogan, in Pittsburghese, to [hipgh@sgi.net](mailto:hipgh@sgi.net) Entries in languages other than Pittsburghese will be disqualified. The winner will receive a T-shirt and the glory of having their slogan represent the hostel. Deadline: September 20, 2000**

Our Rummage Sale was a success thanks to all who contributed with donations and time! It was held on Saturday July 29 in our parking lot in the RAIN! Thanks to Larry, we had some tents to protect our goods! Brian baked delicious wild blackberry pies, mmmmm....

Thank you to the following people who generously donated items for the sale: *Sorry if we missed someone's name, our first donor list was lost! Please let us know if your name was not on the list!*

Mary Ruth Aull  
Jack Asherman  
The Mannino family  
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Lorraine Johnson  
Shirley Mc Master  
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Thanks to the following Volunteers:

Angela Slayton  
Joel Cheney  
Karen Pettet  
Sophie Lambert  
Rob Johnson  
Todd Arnold  
Terry Mannino  
Nick Mannino  
Jack Johnson  
Barb Johnson  
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Danny K's Diner- 10% discount to hostelling members; 637 Warrington Ave., phone: (412) 381-7742

The Deli Express- 10% off total check amount. 1107 East Carson St., phone: (412) 381-4247

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Mattress Factory Museum of Art- \$1.00 OFF admission, and 10% OFF merchandise in museum. 500 Sampsonia Way / phone: (412) 231-3169; email: info@mattress.org website: www.mattress.org

Monti's Studio- 10% discount store-wide; 844 E. Warrington Ave. / phone: (412) 381-3240

Paisano's Pizza- 10% OFF final bill. We have pizza, hoagies, appetizers, chicken wings, salads, calzones, wedgies, gyros and more. 823 E. Warrington Ave. / phone: (412) 381-5530

Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens- 10% OFF admission to conservatory and gardens throughout the year. Something's always blooming at Phipps - so visit today! ; One Schenley Park / phone: (412) 622-6914; email: phipps@phipps.pgh.pa.us website: www.phipps.conservatory.org

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Wind & Water Boatworks -10% discount; 455 Pittsburgh Rd, Butler, PA 16002, 724-586-2030

Zenith Antiques & Tea Room- 15% discount. 86 S. 26th Street / phone: (412) 481-4833, website: www.concentric.net/~mamarama/zenith.htm

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## 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

### JOIN THE PITTSBURGH/OHIOPYLE HOSTEL MAINTENANCE TEAM

Our two hostels in Pittsburgh and Ohio pyle need some attention and we need people to wrestle them into shape. Carpenters, plumbers and other building trade craftsmen are needed for extensive repairs and improvements to the Ohio pyle hostel. If you don't have these skills you are still most welcome to join us to learn some tricks of the trade and help with the less glamorous jobs like cleaning and painting. The Ohio pyle Hostel is in a gorgeous natural setting and we want a hostel that will complement it.

The Pittsburgh hostel in Allentown is only two years old and has been receiving rave reviews by travelers as the nicest hostel they have ever visited. The staff keeps it immaculately clean, but occasionally they need some help and small maintenance issues are beginning to pop up that we would like to nip at the bud.

As we are all so busy these days, we want to form a large corps of volunteers we can call on by phone or e-mail for work parties at the hostels.

We also hope that the work parties will degenerate into serious parties by the end of the day's labors. If you are interested in joining us contact George Schmidt.

**AYH ACTIVITIES WITH BEN**

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On the Thursday meetings, we must thank Luc profusely. He amazes me constantly with his excellence of speakers with great slide programs. C'est excellent Luc. tres extraordinaire. (translate to Anglais:good pizza, Luc, we like it). As for effort and endurance, Don for mailing the Triangle.(Besides, none of us understand how its done). For the two thumbs up category; Joel, our editor; he gets it out on time.

Finally; the elections. Coming up. Soon. Here it is; we vote.The board and officers are elected. They vote. On money mainly.

Well I'd like to do another year, mainly as representative to represent a voice for activities. Otherwise, otherwise. I believe in activities, our Thursday meetings, apple pie at Eat and Park afterwards. I would also like to continue a friendly and cooperative relationship with our co-outdoor,ecologically friendly hiking, canoeing and general parks and trails friends.

I am willing to encourage cross listing of trips, and am willing to talk to to anyone to further responsible outdoor healthy fun.

Vote for me to keep me on the board. Come to the voting meeting so you an cast your vote. Thank you. Ben



**CANOEING**

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

As the canoeing season winds down, trips are fewer, though opportunities for pick-up trips as a result of summer storms can be had. Call Brian McBane (724) 443-8972 if you are interested in getting one together. A thank-you to Brian who has been plugging away all season leading moving water schools and easy trips. Kate Fissell managed to get another Mahoning Release on July 22. A big thank-you to her and the Army Corps of Engineers for making it possible. As we anticipate autumn, we await confirmation of dates for a fall foliage camping trip and Joyce Appel's annual Hallowe'en float on the Allegheny, to be published in the October newsletter.

**Sat. and Sun., August 26,27** Joyce Appel (724) 526-5407  
The second annual regatta at Lake Arthur is sure to feature fun for the whole family. Call Joyce for more info, or if you can volunteer some time helping WPPSA introduce canoeing to the public by way of "Dead Fish Polo".

**September 1-4** A.J. Stones (412) 241-6042  
Spend the Labor Day weekend canoe camping--call for specifics.

**September 16** Eric/Shelley Nilson (412) 487-3255  
An easy Class I trip for beginners, or paddlers who just want to get on the river!

**September 23** Brian McBane (724) 443-8972  
The last moving water school of the season!!!

**October 15** Don Hoecker (412) 243-8298  
Join Don for a day trip to admire the fall colors!

**For Sale:** Mohawk tandem canoe with repairable structural damage \$150. Brian McBane(724) 443-8972.

Shelley C. Nilson shelleycn@yahoo.com

**AMERICAN CANOE ASSOCIATION**

**MIDWEST REGIONAL FREESTYLE COMPETION AND INSTRUCTIONAL CLINIC**

September 9 & 10, 2000  
Medina, Ohio

A new regional FreeStyle Canoeing competition and instructional clinic are being offered for those interested in competing or learning more about FreeStyle canoeing. This event is sponsored by the Kilted Yak and sanctioned by the American Canoe Association.

Plans call for FreeStyle instructional clinics at different skill levels from beginner to advanced. Competition and exhibition in FreeStyle Canoe paddelingwill be held Saturday. Learn from ACA certified FreeStyle instructors and watch the first Midwest Regional Competition.

Contact Elaine or Bob Mravetz (330) 239-1725, or e-mail at rmravet@uakron.edu  
FreeStyle Canoeing: Obedience training for your canoe.

**Rambles For Summer 2000**

**August**

**Aug 23** Saltsburg. Bag lunch Joan Roofl 351-2061

**Aug 30** Twin Lakes-Greensburg. Bag lunch. \$3 trip. Edmund Appleby 724-834-5077

**September**

**Sep 6** Boyce Park. Bag lunch. Marge Patterson 821-4218

**Sep 13** McConnell's Mill. \$3 all-day trip. Bag lunch. Marty Brigham 521-1913

**Sep 20** South Park. Bag lunch. Billie Woodland 886-1603

**Sep 27** Frick Park. Bag lunch. Margaret Laske 421-5219

**Fall 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.**

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

**Official Rachel Carson/Baker Trail Website**

is now live; the URL is  
<http://members.xoom.com/rachelbaker>.

Also, I discovered the following website, by accident; you may (or may not) enjoy it. I thought it was quite interesting.

**FREE NORTH CENTRAL WEST VIRGINA RAIL TRAIL MAPS**

A new map and brochure for Rail Trails of North Central West Virginia is now available.

This map includes the following trails in Monongalia, Preston and Marion counties:

- Mon River Trail - North and South / Caperton Trail
- Deckers Creek Trail
- Cheat Haven Trail
- MCTrail
- West Fork River Trail

This full color map is available at no charge from:

The Greater Morgantown Convention and Visitors Bureau  
709 Beechurst Ave.  
Morgantown WV 26505



**BICYCLING**

Everyone who likes to bicycle are welcome. We are trying to build a group of like minded cyclists who enjoy sharing the experience. So come join us. I know you are out there!

**September 8,9,10** Niagra on the Lake weekend. This is a splendid area for bicycling due to the bike path the entire length of the Niagra River. There are also many country roads among the vineyards and much to do in the area. Jim and Andrea Getsy are working out the details. They offer options of bed and breakfasts or a motel. Call them at (412)795-2607

**September 23** Mike Robertson will lead a ride on the Allegheny Highlands Trail between Markleton and Garrett. This is a part of the long trail going from Pittsburgh to Washington, DC This part of the trail follows the Casselman River and is not as heavily used. Call Mike at (412)678-4039

**Oct 1, Sun** SABRE. More information to follow.

**Oct 6th,7th&8th** Wilderness Lodge Biking Weekend. See application below!

As you can see there are other times when we need rides to be led, especially August, and October. There are many other great places to bicycle. Maybe you know of some yourself. Call Joan Roofl at (412)351-2061 to share your ideas.

**HELMETS ARE REQUIRED!**

Events and news courtesy of George Schmidt

**August 26** "King Coal Bike-a-thon", Carmichaels, Greene Co. Rides of 5, 10, 25 & 50 miles. Features the PA Bituminous Coal Show Parade at the conclusion of the ride. \$15 registration fee plus \$1/mile contribution to benefit Greene Co. Habitat for Humanity. For more information: John Morgan (724) 966-8415; email yaker@alltel.net

**September 9-10** That Dam Trip to Confluence, Fee \$45.00, Overnight trip includes rest stops, lunch, dinner, camping, gear transport, and T-shirt. For information see www.thatdamtrip.org or call 412-462-5328. Photos of last year's ride, registration forms, and a list of Confluence b&b's are included. If you plan on going, and will stay at a b&b, register early. B&b reservations will fill quickly.

**September 16** "Cool Country Covered Bridge 103", Greene Co., PA 64-mile event connects several sites featured in the Thirtieth Annual Covered Bridge Festival in Greene and Washington Counties. \$15 registration fee plus \$1/mile contribution to benefit Greene Co. Habitat for Humanity. For more information: John Morgan (724) 966-8415; email yaker@alltel.net

**September 16** Hammer The Hills for Habitat charity bike ride. 9/16/2000 at Brady's Run Park in Fallston, Pa off route 51. Registration is \$15.00 and starts at 9:00 AM. Distances are 30, 50, and 62.5 miles. Jeff Milnes, 724-775-5197, jjmilnes@usaor.net

**September 17** NEOC (North-East Ohio Century) In addition to the century we will offer 62 and 30 mile rides. Gary Bradshaw 1549 Columbiana-Lisbon Rd. Columbiana OH 44408, phone (330)482-2891 e-mail neoc27@aol.com.

**October 7** Youghtoberfest Family Fun Ride, Boston, PA. Casual ride on the Yough River Trail, with 5, 15 and 30 mile options. Food and drink support provided. Fees: \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children under 12 years of age, or \$15.00 for families (up to three children). Proceeds benefit the Yough River Trail. Ride starts at 10am. Registration opens 9am day of the event. Contact: Karl 412.767.5021; subscriptions@dirtragemag.com; Mon-Yough Trail Council, PO Box 14, McKeesport, PA 15135.

**TOUR DE GRAPE HARVEST**

**WILDERNESS LODGE**

**OCTOBER 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH**

**HAVE A PERFECT FALL WEEKEND AT THE PEAK OF THE FALL COLORS.**

**THIS YEAR DON HUTCHINSON, OUR LOCAL GUIDE WILL LEAD US ON RIDES BOTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. WE RIDE AMONG THE VINEYARDS, STOP AT THE WINERIES AND RIDE THE COUNTRY ROADS. ENJOY A HOMECOOKED MEAL SATURDAY AT WILDERNESS LODGE (IF WE HAVE AT LEAST 10 PEOPLE.)**

**THE COST IS: \$38. PER PERSON (\$48.NON-MEMBERS) FOR A DORM STYLE ROOM(3-6) \$90. PER ROOM(\$100 NON-MEMBERS)FOR A PRIVATE DOUBLE ROOM**

**SATURDAY'S DINNER IS \$11. (IT WILL BE COLLECTED THAT WEEKEND) BREAKFASTS ARE EXTRA. LUNCH WILL BE AT A RESTURANT ALONG THE ROUTE. WE WILL RESERVE THE SPACE.**

**RESERVE EARLY. SPACE IS LIMITED TO 23. PRIVATE ROOMS ARE LIMITED ALSO. SEND A CHECK AND THE APPLICATION BELOW TO :**

**HI-PITTSBURGH HOSTEL  
830 E. WARRINGTON AVE.  
PITTSBURGH, PA. 15210  
ATTENTION: TOUR DE HARVEST**

**TOUR DE GRAPE HARVEST BICYCLE TOUR  
WILDERNESS LODGE  
OCTOBER 6-7-8**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AYH PASS #** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ENCLOSED IS A CHECK FOR \$** \_\_\_\_\_

- I AM DRIVING AND CAN TAKE \_\_\_\_\_ PASSENGERS.
- I NEED HELP FINDING A RIDE.(WE WILL TRY)
- I WILL DRIVE AND MEET THE GROUP AT WILDERNESS LODGE.

**LIABILITY WAIVER**

In consideration of your acceptance of my application for participation in the cycling weekend at Wilderness Lodge, I, the undersigned, for myself and my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, waive and release any and all claims for damages for death, personal injury or loss of property I may have or which may accrue to me as a result of my participation. I the undersigned, discharge and release the Pittsburgh Council, American Youth Hostels, Inc., Wilderness Lodge, their activity leaders, and their respective agents, boards, comissions and any other involved employees, representatives, and volunteers from all liability arising out of, or connected in any way with my participation, whether or not caused by the negligence of any of the above parties.

I acknowledge that there are inherent risks and dangers which may arise at any time during the weekend. My participation is voluntary and is done at my own risk. I voluntarily assume all risks of loss, damage, or injury that may be sustained while participating. I attest that I am physically fit and sufficiently trained for participation in this event. I understand and agree that medical or other services rendered to me by or at the insistence of any of the above parties is not an admission of liability to provide or to continue to provide any such services and is not a waiver of any of the said parties of any right hereunder.

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PITTSBURGH COUNCIL JOB POSITIONS**

**INTERNSHIP/PROJECT TITLE: MARKETING COORDINATOR**

**BACKGROUND:**

The Pittsburgh Council of AYH has been in existence since the 1950's. In 1997, a youth hostel was constructed. The board of directors is interested in broadening its marketing for both activities and overnights at the youth hostel. The purpose of this position is to develop a comprehensive marketing strategy and marketing materials for the hostel.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Follow up and implement portions of the Robert Morris marketing plan prepared for the hostel
- Update and maintain hostel website
- Develop various marketing packages with local attractions
- Develop and implement a comprehensive media strategy
- Organize long term, dedicated programming on site
- Assist in hostel participation in events such as the Neighborhoods USA conference
- Other duties as assigned by Hostel Manager or the Marketing Committee

**REPORTING RELATIONSHIP:**

This position reports to the Manager and Assistant Manager of the hostel.

**EDUCATION:**

Graduate student or upperclassmen undergraduate in the following degree programs:  
Marketing, Public Relations, Business Administration, Journalism, English or a related field.

**SPECIAL SKILLS:**

- Excellent communication skills, including writing, public speaking and telephone usage. Self-motivated, detail oriented, problem solver.
- Knowledge of computers, including Microsoft Office, Desktop Publishing, Graphic Design, Web Design, HTML

**TIME COMMITMENT/HOURS:**

Flexible hours starting as soon as possible

**COMPENSATION:**

Stipend, free bus pass

**SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

Submit letter of interest, resume, and reference list to Nicole Mannino, Hostelling International- Pittsburgh, by September 1, 2000.

**Volunteer Position Title: Volunteer Coordinator**

**Purpose:**

Recruit and manage volunteers for daily hostel programs and projects.

**Major Responsibilities:**

- Recruit new volunteers through volunteer fairs, community events, and local contacts.
- Create a monthly orientation session for volunteers.
- Schedule volunteers to lead and organize programs
- Lead volunteer meetings in conjunction with hostel management.
- Organize biannual volunteer appreciation events.
- Organize and Record Volunteer Information in the office.

**Reporting Relationship:**

This position reports to manager and assistant manager of hostel.

**Experience:**

Previous volunteer, hostelling, travel, and public contact experience helpful.

**Special Skills:**

- Excellent communication skills, including writing and telephone usage. Excellent people skills.
- Self motivated, ability to work independently.
- Basic computer knowledge, including email, Internet, and word processing skills.
- Good organizational skills.

**Time Commitment/ hours:**

Requires a commitment of 10 hours per week, at least two days of office hours. Some work can be done at home.

**Benefits:**

- Complimentary membership after 3 months of service.
- Reimbursement of local travel expenses related to position. (Not including driving to office.)
- Free admission at hostel special events.

**Location:**

Local hostel office and conference room.

**Submission Requirements:**

Submit letter of interest, resume, and reference list to Nicole Mannino, assistant manager, Hostelling International, Pittsburgh by September 1, 2000.



**ROCK CLIMBING**

**Rock Out with AYH!**

The Pittsburgh 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 and Seneca Prep 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. 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.

Check the latest newsletter for the current trip schedule and leader. Call the leader listed for information about a trip or to sign up for the trip. Please call before 10 o'clock at night.

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.

**2000 - AYH ROCK CLIMBING TRIPS**

DATE	DAY	LEVEL	TRIP LEADER	PHONE
Aug 26	Sat	Seneca Prep	Pat Holtzinger	(412) 343-8379
Aug 27	Sun	Rain Date **	Chuck Jones	(412) 242-6172
Sept 8-10	F/S/S	Seneca Rocks	Chuck Jones	(412) 242-6172
Sept 24	Sun	Beginner	Jim Wojciechowski	(412) 322-4524

**\*\* Rain Date trips are make-up dates in the event a prior Beginner trip is rained out. Contact the trip leader as the date approaches to see if the trip will be run.**



**SAILING**

The Sailing Activity is looking for a new chairperson. If you have experience and interest please contact Bob Zavos at 412-241-0659. We will still offer daily rentals on the two AYH Sunfish at \$20 per boat. You must have prior Sunfish experience and be able to rig the boats yourself. Other activities:

**SAILBOAT RACING.** If you are new to sailing or want to participate in a sailboat race you can join Bob in a 19' Flying Scot Sailboat. There is usually one race in the morning around 10am and a second after lunch around 1:30pm. Races generally last around 2 hours. If you know how to sail you can also skip the races and take out one of the AYH Sunfish for the day.

I want to buy- a new or used [in very good condition] 'Super Snark' or 'Snark Sunflower' sailboat. Contact Irene Povlish at 412-422-2313 or at ipovlish@hotmail.com.



**SEA-KAYAKING**

Activity Co-Chairs: Vickie Gotaski 412-344-4929

No trips planned for September as Chairs away to Alaska!

Don't have a boat? We have kayaks available for all club events.



## HIKING/BACKPACKING/TRAILS

**August 27 Sunday Judy Woodring 412-828-9002**  
 Ramblers rejoice; our first ramble of the fall season. Weeee're back for another Sunday season of 10:00 AM hikes for keeping in shape and good company. Location to be announced, lunch at a restaurant afterwards, fun factor rating high. Call Judy for details or show at Mellon Park, lower parking lot.

**September 10 Ben Brugmans 412-361-3623**  
 Quebec Run. 6 miles. An all day outing to do a fine trout stream, hike valley and upland forest, and look for some of Pennsylvanias lungless salamanders. Bring a lunch, plan to eat dinner on the way back. Carpooling is encouraged. Meet at 10:00 AM at the Mellon Park H.Q.

**September 17 Jack Rearick 412-793-5381**  
 A Sunday Amble to get you in shape for some hearty winter Ambles this coming hiking season. 5 to 6 miles. Destination to be announced. Bring a snack, and we will all go to a restaurant of Jacks choice afterwards for lunch.

**September 24 Maynard Hanson 412-751-7615**  
 Maynard will be leading a Heritage Trail hike for BOLD; Blind Outdoor Leasure Development. We need some guides. This will be an easy, but very satisfactory continuation af AYH Bold hikes done over years past. Carry a lunch. Meet at Mellon Park at 10:00 AM.

**Sept 29-Oct 9 Norm Snyder 412-351-4068**  
 Join Norm on a private backpack trip to the Grand Canyon. We will join Herb Tailor & others who lead many trips, will see Deer Creek Falls, Kanab Creek, Indian Hollow & Colorado River. Call for more information

### ALLEGHENY GROUP--SIERRA CLUB--OUTINGS THRU SEPT 24, 2000, Courtesy Bruce Sundquist

For a more up-to-date listing, visit their Internet web site. Address: <http://www.enviroweb.org/alleggheny-sc/>

**EVENING CONDITIONING WALKS** (Call for meeting time and place):

**South Park** (year-around). Times/locations may vary. Call Bonnie Thomas, 412-833-1068

**Duff Park** (Murrysville) Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call Nick Broskovich 724-863-6707

**East End** Wednesday Evenings, 7 PM. To Frick, Schenley, or Highland Park. Call Don Stone, 412-441-2027

**Sat.Aug.26** Snorkel Trip on Yough River. Call Steve Tubbs, 412-279-4866

**Sat.Aug.26** All-Day Allegheny River Island flatwater canoe/kayak school. Try different canoes and kayaks. \$8. Limit: 8 \$1.00 carpool-10 miles. Meet at Harmarville Ames at 10 AM. Call Ed Divers, 412-828-5154

**Sat.Sept. 2** Hike an intermediate 12-mile loop in Oil Creek State Park starting at Drake Well. \$8.50 carpool-84 miles from Richland Mall. Call Alan Aliskovitz, 412-781-3482

**Sat.-Sun.Sept. 2-3** Backpacking on the southern half of North Fork Mountain Trail in Monongahela National Forest. Outside Magazine rates it the best foot trail in West Va. Countless spectacular views. Carry your own water (9#) and be able to do a steep 2300' elevation drop to Seneca Rocks. Prior backpacking experience required. For those who want to make it a full 3-day weekend, on Sunday PM a sub-group will set up a base camp in northern Dolly Sods and spend Monday (9/4/00) exploring the high, open, scenic country of northeastern Dolly Sods (an area too new to have established trails). Limit: 25. \$20 carpool-173 miles. Call Monika Vucic, 412-829-2311

**Sun.Sept.10** Bicycle on the Yough River Trail from Dead Man's Hollow to Cedar Creek Park. 35 miles round trip, but you can turn around whenever you wish. \$1.50 carpool-15 miles. Call John Dern, 412-856-4642

**Sun.Sept.17** Easy 5-mile loop, five-cave walk near Sarver. Buffalo Creek swim optional. Bring flashlight. \$2.00 carpool-20 miles. Meet at Harmarville Ames at 10 AM. Call Ed Divers, 412-828-5154

**Sun.Sept.17** Cole Run Falls, Blue Hole Creek and the Blue Hole, Gary's Run to Grindle Ridge, returning via Fall Creek and its waterfall. Strenuous and exploratory. \$6.75 carpool-60 miles. Call Dick Pratt, 412-362-5567

**Sat.Sept.23** Canoeing, easy, on the Youghioghny River. Call Steve Tubbs, 412-279-4866

**Sat.Sept.23** Bicycle on Allegheny Highlands Trail between Markleton and Garrett along the Casselman River. This is a part of the bicycle trail from Pittsburgh to Washington DC. \$8.25 carpool-73 miles. Call Mike Robertson, 412-678-4039

**Sun.Sept.24** Fast-paced, intermediate, 8.5-mile hike at McConnells Mill State Park--Alpha Pass to Hell's Hollow. \$2.75 carpool-27 miles from Cranberry Mall. Call Judy or Don Ziegler at 412-826-0519.

#### Advance Notice:

**Sat. Oct. 7** Hike an intermediate 12-mile loop in Mill Creek Park near Youngstown OH. \$5.25 carpool-52 miles from Cranberry Mall. Call Alan Aliskovitz, 412-781-3482

**NOTES:** Ask leader for names & phone numbers of trippers for you to arrange a car pool. Reserve at least 36 hours in advance. 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; they have saved the day on several trips when accidents have required evacuation of injured trippers.

**Sept. 29, 30/Oct. 1: Fri., Sat., Sun. Jim Ritchie (contact) 828-0210**

**Keystone Trails Fall Meeting (KTA):** The Keystone Trails Association meets twice a year to hike, discuss trail issues, and hike some more. KTA is the epicenter of the Pennsylvania hiking and trails community. The Fall 2000 meeting will be held at Camp Allegheny in Stoystown, PA, near Johnstown. You can come for the weekend (inexpensive food and lodging packages are available) or for the day. Accommodations include bunkbeds in modern cabins or tent camping. Meals available include Saturday breakfast, box lunch, and dinner and Sunday breakfast, and hot lunch. You can buy the package or a la carte. **Advance registration is highly recommended.**

A program of 8 hikes is available on Saturday with 4 half-day hikes on Sunday. Hike leaders include Dick Pratt (Sierra Club), Bob Tait (North Country Trail), Mark Eckler (mastermind of the Slippery Rock Gorge Trail), Joyce Appel and Paul Henry (Butler Outdoor Club), Dave Adams (Butler Outdoor Club), Bruce Sundquist (Sierra Club, author of *Laurel Highlands: A Hiking Guide*), Steve and Patty Brunner (AYH), Mary Pitzer (AYH), Hugh Downing (President, KTA), Ed & Bernie Beck (former President & current KTA Council member, respectively), and Leo Stember (AYH). Tom Thwaites (author, *50 Hikes in Western Pennsylvania*) and Mort Kurman (AYH) will give a demonstration of the use of a "skyline" for moving large rocks on Sunday.

The program on Saturday evening will be a slide presentation by Steve Howe, the Rocky Mountain Field Editor and senior writer for *Backpacker* magazine. Steve, in addition to being an adventurous backcountry backpacker, is a distinguished photographer, having written several articles for the magazine on outdoor photography. Steve will present slide accounts of the canoe trail in the Mackenzie Range of Canada, a crossing of the Tordrillo Mountains in Alaska, and a 24-day through-hike of the Absaroka Range from near Livingston, MT to Togwotee Pass E. of Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Last but not least, there will be a Saturday option for a bus tour of the historic Johnstown area, with visits to Johnstown Flood Museum, the Johnstown Flood National, the Grandview Cemetery Plot of the Unknown Flood Victims, and a ride on the Johnstown Inclined Plane, with views to the City.

For more information, call Jim at (412) 828-0210 or send him email at jimritch@aol.com. To request registration information, call Mildred Forrester at (570)322-0293 or send email to keyhike@sunlink.net.

### New Hiking Guide for the Laurel Highlands Available

The ridges of southwestern Pennsylvania – Chestnut Ridge, Laurel Ridge and Allegheny Front – contain the bulk of the scenic public lands in the region. Nowhere else in southwestern Pennsylvania can one find large expanses of nature-oriented and outdoor-recreation-oriented public lands for public enjoyment. The best way to gain access to the scenery and natural values of the region is by way of the roughly 550 miles of foot trails that blanket the 218 sq. miles of state forests, state parks and state gamelands of the "Laurel Highlands".

The Sierra Club's new guide "The Laurel Highlands: A Hiking Guide", gives you all the information you need to enjoy this major recreational and natural resource. This 288-page Guide describes opportunities for hiking, backpacking and ski-touring on 446 miles of foot trails on the public lands of these Laurel Highlands. Note: It omits the 70-mile Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail because that is described in a separate guide devoted exclusively to that trail. It also omits some trails in the Mt. Davis area of Forbes State Forest, the 26-mile Lost Turkey Trail on Gallitzin State Forest (which offers a map and brief guide), and some trails on State Gamelands #51 adjacent to Ohiopyle State Park. Covered in this guide are the foot trails of the following public lands in the Laurel Highlands:

State Parks, Area (square Miles): Ohiopyle,30; Laurel Ridge,24; Cooper's Rock,20; Blue Knob,9; Laurel Hill,6; Linn Run,1; Kooser,0.4

Forests: Forbes,86; Gallitzin,30

Public Lands: Bear Run Nature Reserve,8; Lower ICV Trail,4

Total Public Lands: 218 square miles

Peaks on ridges in the Laurel Highlands are at altitudes between 2500 and 3000 ft. Allegheny Front is the "backbone" of the Appalachian Mountains in this part of the country. It is the highest, the most rugged, and the most remote from major centers of population. Laurel Ridge is closer to population centers and contains an amazing wealth of public lands—state forests, state parks, and state gamelands. It is probably the most popular region for outdoor recreation in western Pennsylvania. Chestnut Ridge is closest to major population centers but contains less public land so it is not as popular among outdoor recreationists as Laurel Ridge. All of these ridges are heavily forested, largely because the steepness of the ridge slopes makes them poor sites for urban developments. Besides trail descriptions, this 6x9" soft-cover Guide provides 26 pages of USGS topographic maps showing trail routes. Trail routes on the maps are keyed to the descriptive text to make using this guide as easy as possible. This Guide gives other information as well: How to get to the trailheads information on ski-touring and backpacking in the Laurel Highlands 32 photographs of some of the scenery to be seen along the trails Ratings of trail scenery, condition and difficulty (hiking and skiing), Altitude changes, stream crossing and other maps Information on organizations open to the public that use foot trails foot-trail maintenance, water purification, and hiking ethics "The Laurel Highlands: A Hiking Guide" costs \$11.95 and is available at the Activities Headquarters on Thursday nights, at the Pittsburgh Hostel and Travel Center, or by calling 412-431-4910. For mail orders, send \$11.95 plus 84 cents tax and \$1.50 postage (\$14.29 total) to Pittsburgh AYH / 830 East Warrington Ave / Pittsburgh PA 15210-1560.

The Butler Chapter will be hosting an American Hiking Society Volunteer Vacation September 17-23 at he Davis Hollow Outdoor Center. The June Crew and members of the Butler Chapter built 3 miles of new trail in the Penna Gamelands 95. The plan is to work on new sections of the trail toward the goal of completing the trail. If you are interested in helping for the week or a day contact Bob Tait PA State Coordinator 724-287-3382 or nctpa@zbzoom.net If you would like to be added to the email list for trailwork days send your email address to nctpa@zbzoom.net

Backpack with detachable daypack -- 4500 cubic inches capacity, dark green. Used once - gently. \$150 firm. Cash only.  
 Eleanor Hohman, Phone # - 531-4648, ehohman@sgi.net

