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Obituary -- American Youth Hostels - Pittsburgh Council

The end of an era - and a long era at that! The last weekly meeting of AYH was held on June 3, 2004 to a packed house, including members dating back to the 1950s. The first weekly meeting was held in the 1930s and, except for a several-year lapse during WWII, had been held weekly ever since.

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

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

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

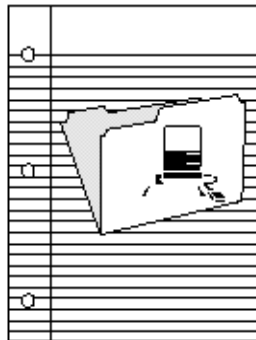
AYH was always a down-to-earth, low-budget operation that attracted people of like mind. Its headquarters/ meeting room was a former Mellon estate chicken coop built on the property line with the Marshal mansion (now Arts Center), apparently as a result of some sort of feud. Outings had always been profitable,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

Bruce E Sundquist



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- ? 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.

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- ? All trips must be approved by authorized co-chair
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- ? Above rules apply in addition to general rules for submission

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

General rules for submission

- ? No handwritten submissions
- ? Submissions Can be;
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- ? 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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SEA-KAYAKING

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

ActivityCo-Chairs Vickie 412-344-4929
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See
Sierra Clubs Hikes, at end.



ROCK CLIMBING

Important Notice / Rock Climbing

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

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

Rambles For Spring 2010

April

- April 7** Harrison Hills Park. We will go to the environmental learning center where a guide will meet us for about a 3 mile walk. We can also eat there after the walk - bag lunch. - Janet Hartz-412-889-7561
- April 14** Tour of Nine Mile Run by guide Frick Park-412-795-7078
- April 21** Braddock's Trail for late spring wild flowers-Judy Stark-412-363-0462
- April 28** Trillium Trail Squaw, Run Road Fox Chapel-Marian Fast-412-241-2109

May

- May 5** Beechwood Farms-Hilly and may be muddy-pay driver \$2.00-Margaret Laske-412-421-5219.
- May 12** Boyce Mayview Park on the walking trails sometime adjacent to some of the Chartiers Creek wetlands. Bring a bag lunch which will be eaten along one of the trail and binoculars for birding. Doug Ettinger 412-341-9077 412-302-1993 cell
- May 19** TBA-Ed and Pat Appleby- Bag Lunch-724-834-5077.
- May 26** Pittsburgh Zoo-Sue and Dan Sebolt-412-563-6987

June

- June 2** Seton Hill University- Tour of campus, visit to library and chapel-Martha was a dean at Seton Hill-Martha Raak-412-802-7266
- June 9** TBA-AI and Mara Berztiss- 412-781-3572
- June 16** Sugar Hill-walk around reservoir-3 mile walk. Can park at 210 Tenneyson or PAA-Caddy Harper- Phone: Home: 412 621-1230 Cell: 412 389-1118
- June 23** Fort Ligonier- Joan Roof-412-496-4925.
- June 30** Pontoon Boat-Morraine State Park-Earl McCabe-412-761-1844.

Rambles begin at 10:00 AM . Meet at the parking lot of Phipps Garden Center on Shady Avenue at the corner of 5th Avenue. Carpooling is encouraged. Please pay driver about .07/mile. Picnic lunch if weather permits, otherwise go to a restaurant. Call leader if you plan to meet at trailhead. For information call Mark Le Schack at 412-271-7950 or Coordinator Billie Woodland 412-886-1603, cell phone 412-889-7048.

Trip changes will also be noted at hipittsburgh.org



BICYCLING

IMPROMPTU BICYCLE RIDES EMAIL LIST

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

If you would like to get on our bike email list our address is:
letsbikenow-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

HELMETS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE PROTECTION OF ALL. YOU RIDE AT YOUR OWN RISK

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

UPCOMING SLIDE SHOWS



HIKING/BACKPACKING/TRAILS

ALLEGHENY GROUP ~ SIERRA CLUB ~ OUTINGS ~ April 10, 2010 – June 12, 2010

* Suggested carpool fee: 7 cents/ passenger-mile + a share of tolls.

* All trips begin and end at the trailhead. Carpooling is your choice - not part of the trip.

* (Unless stated, car-miles are one-way from Monroeville.)

* For more up-to-date listings and revisions, visit <http://www.alleghenysc.org/>

* E-mail subscriptions are free. Contact Dianne Ciccarelli at Dianne.ciccarelli@hotmail.com

* All participants on Sierra Club outings must sign a standard liability waiver form at the trailhead. If you wish to read it well before you are asked to sign the form at the trailhead, go to: <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/>, or contact the Outings Department at 415-977-5528 for a hardcopy.

Sat. April 10 ~ Moderate 9-mile loop hike from Connellsville to Dawson. Study coke ovens. Return on the bike trail. Meet at Monroeville Middle School at 10 AM. \$6.75 carpool – 40 miles. Call Ed Divers, 412-828-5154.

Sat. April 11 ~ Hike a fast-paced 6 miles in Harrison Hills County Park. \$2.75 carpool – 20 miles from Harmarville. Call Judy or Don Ziegler, 412-826-0519.

Sun. April 18 ~ Hike an intermediate 9 miles along the North Park perimeter. We will use bridal trails and parts of the Rachel Carson Trail. \$2.50 carpool – 18 miles from Shadyside. Call John Dern, 412-856-4642.

Sat. Apr. 24 ~ “Discover the Baker Trail” Spring Peeper Hike.

This 8-mile shuttle hike along the shores of Crooked Creek Lake in Armstrong County will introduce you to the historical Baker Trail, a 132-mile backpacking trail that extends from Freeport in Allegheny County to the Allegheny National Forest in Forest County. Our hike will start near the visitor center at Crooked Creek Lake, an Army Corps of Engineers flood control facility, and finish at Cochran's Mill, the birthplace and home turf of Nelly Bly, arguably the most famous woman to come from western Pennsylvania in the 19th century. The route takes us through Little Germany, across Elbow Run, past Sedwick's haunted cabin, over a covered foot-bridge installed by American Youth Hostels in the 1950's, and across Pine Run, finishing up just past Coal Mine Spring. At the start, we will drive to set up a shuttle so we can get back to our cars. This section of the Baker Trail is ideal for viewing ephemeral spring wildflowers – there is a lot of boggy lowlands tucked among the wooded hillsides of Armstrong County. This is a moderately-paced hike with frequent one-minute stops, not a race; we will stop to visualize Nelly on the one hand wading in the creek with her bare feet and later circling the globe in 76 days as perhaps the world's most sophisticated woman. Rated as intermediate difficulty for several rock-hopping (or maybe not if the water's too high) stream crossings and long, steep hills. Plan to stay together as a group, "no hikers left behind". We will meet in Harmarville in the Target lot directly next to the Giant Eagle Express. A carpool contribution of 7 cents per mile is suggested. One-way distance from Harmarville to the trailhead is about 35 miles (\$2.45 each way). That's in the neighborhood of \$5, round trip. So, if you ride with someone else, please offer to help out with gas. Please call Jim at 412.576.0849 for further details and to let him know you will be there.

Sun. Apr. 25 ~ Easy 1.5-mile hike (2 hours) in Seldom Seen Greenway (Beechview Area). Meet at the far end of Brashear High School's parking lot at 590 Crane Ave. in Beechview at 1:30 PM. Call John or Kathy Murphy, 412-341-9367, or Bill Lawrence, 412-922-3951.

Sun. May 2 ~ Hike a fast-paced 8-mile loop through the woods of North Park. \$4 carpool – 29 miles from Shadyside. Call Judy or Don Ziegler, 412-826-0519

Sat. May 15 ~ Easy new 6 mile loop hike in the Buffalo Creek area near the Slate Lick exit of the Rt.28 Expressway. Visit an abandoned limestone mine. Bring a wildflower book. Meet at Bob Evans Restaurant in Harmarville at 10 AM. \$3. carpool – 20 miles from Harmarville. Call Ed Divers, 412-828-5154.

Sat. May 22 ~ Mill Creek Park (Youngstown, OH) is only 43 miles from Cranberry (same distance as Monroeville to Donegal). Mill Creek cuts a neat gorge into the underlying soft sandstone of the Ohio plateau. There are rocks, lakes, waterfalls, dirt trails, boardwalks, wetlands, islands, abandoned blacktop, and many historic sites like Lanterman's Mill and Covered Bridge, a photo-worthy suspension bridge along the trail, and a collection of old boathouses and pavilions dating back to the CCC. A wilderness hike it's not. A blood-and-guts boot-buster it's not. A pleasant, relaxed, sunny spring excursion it may be. Plan to stay together as a group, "no hikers left behind". We will meet at 9 AM at Cranberry Mall, in the parking lot behind King's Restaurant. A carpool contribution of 7 cents per mile is suggested. One-way distance from Cranberry to the trailhead is about 43 miles (\$3.01 each way). Turnpike toll from Cranberry to the Ohio line is an astonishing \$3.75. Splitting the toll 3 ways puts you in the neighborhood of \$8.50 round trip. So, if you ride with someone else, please offer to help out with gas and tolls. Please call Jim at 412.576.0849 for further details and to let him know you will be there.

Sun. May 23 ~ Hike an intermediate 10 miles in the Roaring Run area of Forbes State Forest on Laurel Ridge. The loop will include the South Loop Trail, Painter Rock Trail and McKenna Trail. \$8 carpool, 45 miles. Call John Dern, 412-856-4642

Sun. June 6 ~ Cycle the Ghost Town Trail from Dilltown to Blacklick and return. (about 24 miles). There's an old iron furnace on that section of trail. Ghost Town Trail is being extended in both directions. \$7.00 carpool + \$2/ bike carried, 50 miles. Call Donna Allen, 412-372-2993.

Sat. June 12 ~ Laurel Mountain/ Beam Rocks. Hike an 8-mile loop on the cross-country ski trails at Laurel Mountain, starting near the warming hut on Laurel Summit Road. We'll head across the road and wander around the Laurel Mountain Ski Area and explore some of the cross country ski trails and then cross the road to Beam Rocks and the Spruce Run Trail. Plan to stay together as a group, "no hikers left behind". Intermediate difficulty, not too hilly, pleasant temperatures, not too muddy. There are no major hills on this hike, but it is rocky and rough, so this is not an "easy" hike, nor is it a "boot-buster". However, this should not be the first time you've hiked 8 miles on a hiking trail. We will meet at 9 AM at Gateway Middle School in Monroeville. A carpool contribution of 7 cents per mile is suggested but negotiable. One-way trip distance from Gateway Middle School to the warming hut is 49 miles (\$3.43 + your share of the 95 cent turnpike toll, one way). So, if you ride with someone else, please offer to help out with gas and tolls. Call Jim to let him know you're coming or for further information at 412-576-0849.

NOTES: Ask the leader for names and phone numbers of trippers for you to arrange a car pool. Reserve at least 36 hours in advance. If you leave your phone number on the leader's answering machine, give it slowly and clearly. Notify leader to cancel your reservation. Bring lunch, rain gear, water, first-aid kit, small flashlight and extra clothes for changes in weather. If you have a cell phone, bring it along. Cell phones have saved the day on several trips when accidents have required evacuation of trippers. Sierra Clubbers planning to lead outings during 1/1/10 - 3/31/10 should contact Bruce Sundquist at 724-327-8737 or sundquist1@windstream.net by 12/15/10.

Other Outdoors Clubs

Butler Outdoors Club

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

WISSAHICKON NATURE CLUB: If you enjoy nature lore, look into the meetings and field trips of Wissahickon Nature Club. They meet every other Thursday at 7 PM (except June-August) at Fern Hollow Nature Center, 1901 Glen Mitchell Road, Sewickley, PA 15143 (412)741-6136 <http://www.fernhollownaturecenter.org> Contact Chuck Tague, 412-488-8760 or 432 Olympia Road, Pittsburgh 15219

Botanical Society of Western Pennsylvania

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

WPW (Western Pennsylvania Wheelmen) Bicycle Club

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

Moraine Sailing Club

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

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA FIELD INSTITUTE -- TRIPS

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

Outside Adventure Learning of Western Pennsylvania

Outside Adventures 2002 Paddling Schedule Call 724-230-0237 or 412-968-0310 for information or to sign up for any event. www.outsideadventures.org or www.outsideadventures@Yahoo.com More outings continuously offered. Call for Updates: 724-230-0237 or 412-968-0310. Outside Adventures Sea-Kayaking Program "Sea-Kayaking Taught From Scratch" Outside Adventure Learning of Western Pa. is a non-profit educational organization committed to introducing individuals to safe and enjoyable recreational outdoor pursuits. The sea-kayaking program specializes in teaching all levels of sea-kayaking skills and organizing trips from our evening introductory classes for new paddlers up to advanced expedition tours. Outside Adventures welcomes participation from individuals, families, youth organizations and outings clubs. Sea-kayaks, or touring kayaks are versatile, fun, human-powered watercraft that enables us to do all these things and more. They are sleek and fast, more efficient than canoes, more comfortable and stable than whitewater kayaks, have hatches to swallow loads of gear, and steerable rudders that enable even beginners to control the boat with ease.



CANOEING

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



SAILING

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

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

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

**Baker Trail and Rachel Carson Trail
Trail Maintenance Opportunities for 2006**

The Pittsburgh Council, American Youth Hostels, conceived and built the Baker Trail in the late 1940's and dedicated the Trail in 1950. It was built by returning war veterans who envisioned a network of "youth hostels" along the Trail where the youth of the world could find safe, inexpensive shelter while touring rural America on foot. Today the Trail is 141 miles long and extends from Freeport, PA to the Allegheny National Forest, and traverses Cook Forest State Park, several State Game Lands, Kittanning State Forest, the Mahoning and Crooked Creek Army Corps of Engineers projects, and several local recreation facilities. All AYH members are asked to spend one day a year helping us maintain the Trail. The Baker Trail is 100% volunteer-supported. We use no Federal, State, or Local government funding.

Right now the trail needs AYH members who would like to participate in trail crew maintenance activities. Please contact Steve Mentzer SGMentzer@TrueCommerce.com

Adopt-a-Trail Volunteers needed. We also need volunteers to become trail stewards who are willing to adopt a 3-5 mile long section of the Baker Trail. Trail stewards will be independently responsible to work on their section of the trail on their own schedule. Responsibilities include painting yellow blazes on the trail once a year, picking up debris and trash off the treadway, and trimming vegetation away from blazes. Optional skills include chain saw work, shelter repair (we have 10 overnight shelters on the trail that require yearly maintenance—adopt a shelter as your own personal project) and/or you can build bridges, sidehill supports, benches, and other trail amenities. Regardless of the level of your effort, you would be expected to walk your trail section twice a year, preferably once in the spring (April, May) and once in the fall (September, October). All expenses for supplies—paint, brushes, etc.—are reimbursed.

Pennsylvania State Parks
Reservations & Information

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1-888-PA-PARKS

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Baker Trail/Rachel Carson Trail Resources

- Rachel Carson Trail website:** www.rachelcarsontrail.org; **this website has information about the Rachel Carson Trail, the Baker Trail, and the Rachel Carson Trail Challenge.**
- Baker Trail website:** www.geocities.com/bakertrailpa; **this website has some abbreviated information concerning the Baker Trail.**
- Hostelling International website:** <http://trfn.clpgh.org/ayh/>; **general information about the BT/RCT sponsor organization.**
- Keystone Trails Association:** <http://www.kta-hike.org/>; **has information about all Pennsylvania hiking trails**
- "Guide to the Rachel Carson Trail";** this is a trail guide, with topographic maps, and some interpretive information about the 34-mile long trail, available from HI-Pittsburgh for under \$10, including postage and handling. Call 412-431-4910 to order.
- "Baker Trail Guide Book";** a trail guide with topographic maps, and interpretive information about the 141-mile long Baker Trail. Available from HI-Pittsburgh for under \$10, including postage and handling. Call 412-431-4910 to order.

*******HIKER ALERTS*******Current hiker alerts for both the Rachel Carson Trail and the Baker Trail may be found at www.rachelcarsontrail.com.

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