



100 YEARS OF  
HOSTELLING  
WORLDWIDE  
2009  
75 YEARS OF  
AMERICAN  
YOUTH HOSTELS

# Hostelling Along



**Closing On April 30th, 2010**  
**HI Iron Master's Mansion in**  
**Pine Grove Furnace State Park, PA**

This hostel has served the East Coast for 26 years, hosting community youth groups, hikers, schools, scouts, families, countless individuals and memorable events. We were unable to reach a sustainable lease agreement with the Pennsylvania Bureau of State Parks, which would make continuing operations at this facility feasible. We have enjoyed a wonderful and illustrious relationship with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and would like to thank them for allowing us to share our mission and the beauty of this great state with millions of guest over the past 30 years.

The hostel will be operational during the month of April and Underground Railroad tours are available. April is our big environmental education month at the hostel, for youth groups and schools. If you have never visited this hostel or would like to visit for the last time, space is available and to make a reservation please call 717.486.7575 or [Online](#). If you would like to assist us with closing up the hostel, please contact us.

Did you know when you make a donation directly to our Council, 100% of your donation is used in our region and your donations are 100% tax deductible?

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## Visit Pennsylvania Youth Hostels

Groups, Families & Individuals Can Enjoy Year Round Activities

- HI Iron Master's Mansion, Pine Grove Furnace State Park, PA—**  
717-486-7575 [hironmaster@hiosa.org](mailto:hironmaster@hiosa.org) Price: \$25 (Closing 4/30/10)  
Operated By: The Delaware Valley Council of American Youth Hostels, Inc.
- HI Weisel Hostel, Lake Nockamixon State Park Quakertown, PA**  
[WeiselHostel@hiosa.org](mailto:WeiselHostel@hiosa.org) 215-536-8749 Price: \$15  
Operated By: Bucks County Parks & Recreation
- HI Chamounix, Philadelphia - 80 Beds, located in Fairmount Park on Chamounix Dr.**  
[chamounix@hiosa.org](mailto:chamounix@hiosa.org) 215-878-3676 Price: \$20  
Operated By: Friends of Chamounix
- HI Apple Hostel, Philadelphia - 70 beds, located in Old City Philadelphia**  
215-922-0222 Price: \$22 Privately Owned

**For this season's Cultural and Green Education Programs visit us on the web or contact us: 215-925-6005 [ayh@hi-dvc.org](mailto:ayh@hi-dvc.org)**

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## You Are Invited to the Annual Meeting & Board Elections

Dear Members & Friends,

Please join us for our Annual Meeting and Board Elections, on Tuesday March 30th, 2009 at 6:00 pm, The Restaurant School Atrium at Walnut Hill College, 4207 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA. Come enjoy fabulous hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Free on site parking!

R.S.V.P. Council: 215.925.6005 or Email: [ayh@hi-dvc.org](mailto:ayh@hi-dvc.org)

If you have a potential nominee for the board of directors, you may leave a message for or email Tim McDonnell, Secretary at the Council office.

## Delivering Our Program's Mission in Today's World

As a nonprofit mission driven organization, we are increasingly looking for opportunities to expand our network for program mission delivery. Therefore, we have developed a list of criteria and quality standards that must be adhered to, in order to insure the safety, feasibility and the success of our youth hostels.

We have been fortunate to have great youth hostel real estate partnerships and opportunities, since our founding in 1934. However, we have recognized that ownership of our hostel's real estate provides greater security for their longevity, viability and success. While this may seem to limit our network and access, we still do seek lease opportunities that are secure enough to allow us to reap the rewards of our capital investments into such properties. As the demands for commercial real estate grows, lease opportunities in urban and rural areas are becoming more difficult to find on sustainable realistic terms. We have closed HI Iron Master's Mansion in Pennsylvania for this reason; HI Redwoods in California was closed for similar reasons this year and the former HI Seattle was closed due to a lease termination, because the land became more valuable than the building. HI Seattle has since found a new location and reopened.

As times change, hostel expenditures increase and competition for grants and funding is tight, we must strive to have hostels that are as self sustaining as possible, especially during times of economic uncertainty and National crises. In the last decade, our hostel's operational expenses and insurances increased by 100% to 500%, which made sustaining some of our smaller youth hostels next to impossible. For future hostel projects, we must make sure that we are acting responsibly, by investing our resources and funding into projects we own or have secure leases, which will allow us to reap the benefits of our investments.

While the hostels we have had to close will be dearly missed by those we serve, we will continue to support our mission by fundraising and seeking grants for the following: the development of new hostels that are feasible and sustainable; Cultural and Green Education programs, which we provide to the general public and youth groups. Please consider volunteering to assist us with hostel development, educational programs or make a donation. Contact us today: [ayh@hi-dvc.org](mailto:ayh@hi-dvc.org) or 215-925-6005.

Thank you!

## Cultural and Green Education Programs

This Spring we have scheduled programs with the Girls Scouts, Schools and Community Organizations. If you have group that may be interested in our Programs please visit [Cultural and Green Education](#) on our Web-Site We offer Budget Travel 101 Seminars, Cultural Kitchens and More....

## The Many Ways You Can Support Our Mission

- Volunteer
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- Give through E-Bay on Mission Fish
- Make a secure donation today online at [WWW.HI-DVC.ORG](http://WWW.HI-DVC.ORG)

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