

Planting Moon Campout 2010 – Activities and Promotions

- **Free Guests** – As always guests are free for this campout. If you are a guest without a sponsor please let us know and we will hook you up with a “honor tribe.”
- **Host Tribes** – All council tribes will be the host tribes.
- **Food Drive** – As in past years, we will be collecting food donations at the entrance to the campground to donate to the Loaves and Fishes food pantry in Naperville. Please bring canned or dry foods with you for this good cause and drop off as you enter or leave the camp out. We understand that diapers and baby food are especially desirable.
- **Golden Coin Pouch Hunt** - All weekend long, special Golden Pouches will be hidden throughout the campground. **Bring your Golden Coin Pouch to Russell or YMCA staff for a special prize.** (kids can keep the pouch and still get a prize). Pouch “drops” will be occurring multiple times, so that no matter when you arrive, or have the time, your kids can always be keeping their prospecting eye out for a Golden Pouch!
- **Craft Corner** – craft table setup for the kids to make small crafts (necklaces and bracelets) opens at noon.
- **Field Games** – We will have organized field games including tug-of-war, kick ball and potato sack races from 2 - 4 PM.
- **Visit With the Big Chief** - Do your princesses and guides want to see more of the big feather headdresses and federation chiefs? Bring them up to the Tower at 3PM to see and visit with the Big Chief.
- **Smores Cook-off challenge** - Get marshmallows, chocolate, and graham crackers and bring your best smores to the judging table. Get a signup sheet at the check in table. This is a tribal activity, and each tribe who wishes to participate will enter no more than two entries. YMCA staff will be judging the entries at 4:30PM in the field by the field games.
- **Tribal Flag Competition** – All tribes that participate **will be given a list of materials to bring with them to the campout** to make a Tribal Flag. Tribes should have their entries ready for judging at 5:30 PM prior to the bonfire as a council member will be going around judging them starting at this time.
- **Tribal Totem Pole Competition** – bring your tribal totem so we can judge them and give out awards.
- **Noisy Stick / Torch Light Procession** – Bring your noisy sticks from the fall campout (if you do not have any you can make some) and make as much noise as you can during the torch procession to the bon fire.
- **Honor Tribes** – Tribes receiving the Honor Tribe Patch will be announced at the bonfire ceremony.
- **Graduations** – There will be a special recognition at the bon fire for kids graduating this year. Hopefully you will have a special ceremony at your tribal campfire for your graduates as well. **There will be a special ceremony with the federation chief with all the graduating kids at 4:30pm by the tower.**
- **Strong Kids Drive** – special “wampum” collection ceremony at the bon fire to collect money for strong kids.
- **Critter Hunt** – Make sure you bring a bright flashlight for each Critter Hunter. Hint from an old timer; for the critter-hunt-challenged-child, bring a handful of critters from home, put ‘em in your pocket, and strategically throw them on the ground for your child to find during the later stages of the hunt to avoid the dreaded and sometimes tearful critter hunt “shut out”. Also prearrange a spot you will meet your child should you be separated during the hunt.
- **Area Attractions** - Oregon boasts three state parks and a state forest all within a ten-minute drive of its borders. These include:
 - White Pines Forest State Park; Castle Rock State Park, with trails to the "top of the rocks;"Lowden-Miller State Park, "The Eternal Indian," who is known throughout the Midwest as Chief Blackhawk; and Lowden-Miller State Forest, 2,225 acres offering hiking, backpacking, and birding.
 - Canoeing is available at TJ's Canoe Rental @ 815-732-4516
 - Horseback riding is available at Eagle Point, 5399 Maple Rd, Milledgeville, IL, 815-225-7473 (\$25 per person for a 1 hour ride, reservations needed). There may be age restrictions; check first.
- **No Alcohol** – Alcohol in any form is strictly forbidden at the campgrounds (and all Y events for that matter). This will be strictly enforced. DO NOT jeopardize your membership in the program or risk losing the campsite for the entire Y Guide / Princess program over a few drinks.

Planting Moon Campout Agenda

Friday, May 14th	
4 - 8 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camp the Night Before: Pay for your “early night” stay that the campground’s host station.
7 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golden Coin Drop #1 – Yakama tribe
Saturday, May 15th	
7 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golden Coin Drop #2 – Yakama tribe
10 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eagle Feather Drop #3 – ??? volunteer tribe to help
10 AM - 2 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check in: Register Guests, Pick up Patches, Pick up Tribal Flag instructions, Pick up Wampum Pouch, Purchase YMCA Strong Kids Patch • Note: Guest that do not have a Host Tribe will be assigned one from the council • Firewood: Due to the Emerald Ash Borer restriction, firewood must be purchased in the county and not brought from home. Firewood is available for purchase at the campground (\$5 per arm load) behind the campground’s host station. • Please remember the castle is off limits
12 - 4 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Time: Inflatable, Hiking, Canoeing, Golden Coin Pouch Hunt, Tribal Flag creation • Craft Table: The table will be next to the brick house. The table will be set up at noon to be used throughout the day.
1 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eagle Feather Drop #4 - ??? volunteer tribe to help
2 - 4 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field Games: In the main field, look for the white signs. Prizes will be awarded for the winning tribes and participants. One prize per child. • Tug ‘o War: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2-2:30pm ??? volunteer tribe to help ○ 3-3:30pm ??? volunteer tribe to help • Kick Ball: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2:30-3pm ??? volunteer tribe to help ○ 3-3:30pm ??? volunteer tribe to help • Potato Sack Races: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2-2:30pm ??? volunteer tribe to help ○ 3:30-4pm ??? volunteer tribe to help
3 - 4 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the Big Chief by the Tower <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3-3:30 Dan Tuskey ○ 3:30-4 David Lakin
4:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eagle Feather Drop #5 - ??? volunteer tribe to help
4:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate’s Meeting: Meet at Tower - Graduating Guides and Princesses will receive glow necklaces and make a special craft for their dads and a message from the federation chief
5:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribal Totem Pole judging - ??? volunteer tribe to help - will walk around and judge • Tribal Flag judging - ??? volunteer tribe to help - will walk around and judge
6:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit your Smores entries for judging (YMCA staff) in the main field
7:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fuel up the Torches: Meet at Brick House - (Bring your torch)
8:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procession: Let’s Make Some Noise. Shake your noisy sticks and beat your drums - (Bring your torch)
8:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonfire Ceremony: Federation Chief’s Message • Critter Hunt: Don’t forget your flashlight; Critter hunt will be across from the brick house on the east side of the road. Look for the Orange Flags! ??? volunteer tribe to help
10 - 10:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiet down time: Story telling at tribal campfires
Sunday, May 16th	
9:00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Service: “Listen for the Drums” - Meet at the Large Field - ??? volunteer tribe to help