



Smoke Signals

Newsletter of the Big Teepee Federation

April 2011

Raingutter Regatta
April 16th, 2011
Celebration! Community Life Center
919 S. Washington St.
Naperville, IL 60540
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM



This year the Big Teepee Federation will hold a new racing event. The Raingutter Regatta gives the Guides and Princesses the opportunity to design a boat with their dad, and race it in an outside setting.

The Federation Council is very excited to bring this new event to the program and is looking for a large amount of participants.

Boats are available for purchase through The Boy Scouts of America store, The Chalkboard, or by contacting Russell at 630-585-2207 or by email at rclarke@heritageymca.org

Good luck to all who participate! BBQ following the event!

See official rules on page 2...

Longhouse Meeting

Please send a representative from your tribe to review Raingutter Regatta rules and upcoming events including the Planting Moon Campout!

Thursday, April 7th

7:30 PM

Fry YMCA Family Center

NOTE: LONGHOUSE MEETING TIME HAS CHANGED FROM 7:00 PM TO 7:30 PM

Upcoming Events

April

7th- Longhouse Meeting

16th- Rain Gutter Regatta

May

5th- Longhouse Meeting

6th- Wear your vest to school day!

14th- Planting Moon Campout

30th- Memorial Day Parade

2011 Raingutter Regatta Rules

Competition

The race involves four 10-foot lengths of gutter filled with water

The race begins when the announcer says "GO"

Guides and Princesses will blow into the sail of their boat to move them down the water. They cannot touch, push, or guide the boat down the gutter.

If the boat capsizes or is touched by the straw it must be returned to the starting position to start over.

The first boat to cross the finish line is the winner for that heat. Judges will have final say of the winner. Winners of each heat will advance until a single winner is determined. Race will be run as a double elimination format.

Rewards

Every participant will receive a Certificate and Patch

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies will be awarded to winners of the event. Other awards include most creative, best design, and workmanship.

All 1st Place winners will compete in an overall Federation race

Boat Specifications

Must be made from Boy Scouts of America Kits. Sails cannot be enlarged.

HULL: over length from bow to stern cannot exceed 7 inches, or be shorter than 6.5 inches.

MAST: Boats cannot be taller than 6.5 inches from the deck surface. The bottom edge of the sail needs to be about 1 inch above the deck of the boat

SAIL: Sail may be trimmed and shaped. The sail is not to be larger than it was originally.

Decorations: sailors, cannons, etc. may be added but must be firmly fastened to the boat.

Sportsmanship

Ungentlemanly or unsportsmanlike conduct by any participant or spectator may be grounds for expulsion from the competition and/or the race area.

Planting Moon Campout

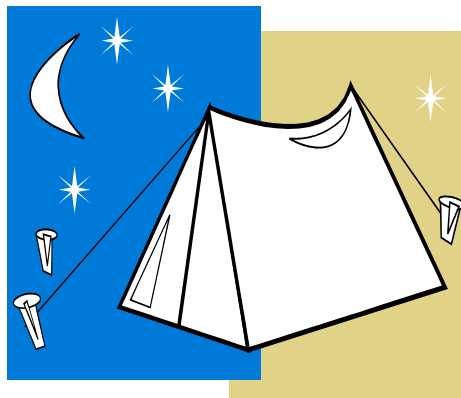
Dust off those grills, dig out that torch, and grab your flashlight for the critter hunt! It's time to start thinking about the Spring Campout. We are very excited about the fun events going on. Stronghold is an amazing campground and offers a lot of exciting activities.

This year, you can expect a lot of the old traditions such as the Critter Hunt, Golden Pouch Hunt, and the Torch Light Procession along with some new and exciting activities! Don't forget that guests at the Spring Campout are free! Let Russell at 630-585-2207 know if you would like to be a Host Tribe at this campout, it's a great way to recruit new members. Check www.bigtp.org for the official itinerary.

Graduations from the Y Guide and Princess Program will also take place during this campout, along with a Tribal Banner Competition, crafts, recognition of Honor Tribes, a cheeseburger cook-off, and the option to go canoeing, thanks to TJ's Canoe Rental. Stay tuned for the official itinerary, but in the meantime here is some information on what you need to bring and the cost for this event:

Supplies List

- Tent & Tarp
- Sleeping Bag
- Stove or Grill
- Plates, cups, glasses, silverware
- Warm clothes (check the weather!)
- Firewood (can purchase from campground)
- Food
- Air mattresses or foam pads and pillows
- Flashlights
- Chairs
- Matches/lighter
- Cooking utensils
- Bug spray
- First Aid Kit
- Personal Items
- Lantern
- Recreational items (balls, gloves, football)
- Extra socks and shoes!



Costs

Saturday, May 14^h to Sunday May 15th

\$40 per father/child and \$20 for any additional child

Check in starts at 9:00 AM

If you decide to campout Friday, May 13th you will have to pay at the campground

Contact Russell at 630-585-2207 or rclarke@heritageymca.org with any questions or fill out and return the registration form on page 5. You can fax the form to 630-585-5560 or drop it off at any Heritage YMCA Branch.

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BIG TEEPEE FEDERATION PARENT/CHILD EVENT REGISTRATION FORM



The YMCA accepts its responsibility to create an environment where models of acceptable behavior are found, and prohibits its staff, volunteers, and participants from consuming alcohol at YMCA events. The alcohol policy will be enforced at each event. Please don't risk participation in future events!

Father's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Child's First Name: _____ Child's First Name: _____

Child's First Name: _____ Child's First Name: _____

Tribe: _____ Tribe Chief's Name: _____

New Participant? Yes _____ No _____

EVENT	CODE	DEADLINE	COST	NUMBER ATTENDING	TOTAL (\$)
Raingutter Regatta	11 APR 2965		\$10 per race entry		
			\$5 per boat (boats are available at the Boy Scouts Store and The Chalkboard) available 4/1/11 at the YMCA		
Spring Campout	11 APR 2963		\$40 per father/ child and \$20 per additional child		
STRONG KIDS PATCH	Help the YMCA never turn anyone away due to an inability to pay. \$10 - Voluntary Donation				
TOTAL					

Payment Type: Master _____ Visa _____ Debit card _____ Discover _____ Draft _____ Check # _____
 Card No. _____ Exp. _____ Holder name _____

Registration Form and Waiver of Liability

Participant or guardian assumes all risks of injury arising out of his or her presence on or about the premises or at another location, use or intended use of equipment and facilities, or his or her participation in the activities of the Heritage YMCA Group, an Illinois chartered not for profit corporation and does hereby for himself, herself, heirs, executors and administrators waive, release, and agree to hold free from all claims for damages the Heritage YMCA Group, and its respective officers, directors, Trustees, Board of Directors, members, employees, or agents. I hereby allow the YMCA to take pictures (still or video) of my self and/or my children and grant permission for these images to be used in YMCA publications, presentations, publicity, or promotions. I have answered all above questions accurately, declare myself/family to be physically sound, having medical approval to engage in YMCA activities, have read the information above agreeing for myself and as a chosen representative for my family to the policies and procedures of the Heritage YMCA Group.

Employee Use:

Initials: _____

Today's Date: _____

Center: _____

Signature (Parent or Guardian) _____ Date _____

Big Teepee Federation Calendar 2010-2011

August

19th- First Longhouse

September

6th- Labor Day Parade, meet at Naperville Central at 9:45 AM

9th- New Member Information Night, bring your tribal banner and recruit some new members into your tribe!

24th- Wear your vest to school day

October

2nd- Harvest Moon Campout, White Oak Campground in Utica Illinois, make sure to register ahead of time!

7th- Longhouse Meeting, Fry Family YMCA, 7 PM

November

4th- Longhouse Meeting, Fry Family YMCA, 7:30 PM

13th- Late Night at the YMCA, Fry Family YMCA, 8:30 to 11:00 don't forget your swimsuit!

December

2nd- Longhouse Meeting, Fry Family YMCA, 7:30 PM

11th- Caroling and Crafts, meet at the Kroehler Family YMCA at 1:00 PM, songbooks, crafts, and cocoa will be provided.

January

6th- Longhouse Meeting, Fry Family YMCA, 7:30 PM

7th- Wear your vest to school day

15th- Snow Moon Campout, Camp Tecumseh, Brookston Indiana

30th- Winter Carnival, TBD

February

3rd- Longhouse Meeting, Fry Family YMCA, 7:30 PM

5th- Daddy Daughter Dance, stay tuned for details

26th- Mother Son Dance, stay tuned for details

March

3rd- Longhouse Meeting, Fry Family YMCA, 7:30 PM

11th- Dozin' with the Dinos event at the Field Museum (registration available January)

April

7th- Longhouse Meeting, Fry Family YMCA, 7:30 PM

16th- Raingutter Regatta Race, Celebration Community Life Center, 2:00 PM

May

5th- Longhouse Meeting, Fry Family YMCA, 7:30 PM

14th- Spring Campout, Stronghold Center, Oregon, IL

30th- Memorial Day Parade, Downtown Naperville, meeting spot TBD

Check www.bigtp.org for the rest of the schedule!

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