



Smoke Signals

Newsletter of the Big Teepee Federation

August 2010

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Letter from the Chief...

It is that time of year again ... time to kick off the YMCA Guide and Princess programs. We have been hard at work this summer getting the schedule ready for your little Princess and/or Guide. Of course we will be starting things off with the traditional Harvest Moon Campout in our usual autumn location. This year's fall campout will again feature the golden nugget hunt with a few twists and turns added. We will also have carnival games in the front field, pumpkin decorating contest, a cook off challenge, and much more.

We will return to the late night at the YMCA, except this year we will feature Rain Gutter Regatta boat race instead of the pine wood derby cars. This race is a ton of fun for the kids, has much more child participation, and there is almost no construction needed on the boat kits ... just decoration. Unlike the pine wood derby cars, your boat decorating can be a tribal meeting craft, it will not take weeks to complete ... and the best part is ... there is no way for a dad who knows more than you to "beef up" the boat as the fastest boats are the simple kits assembled without modification. It will be fun for all ages.

Santa will be joining us this year for our downtown Naperville caroling and cocoa event in December. January will take us back to Indiana for our Snow Moon camp out. We will be bringing back the chant contest for the girls and a cheer contest for the boys. This event will be at the winter camp out, and will also serve as our evening entertainment. It will be fun for everyone. (continued on page 3)...

Labor Day Parade!

The Labor Day parade is on September 6th, meet the group by the YMCA bus at Naperville North High school at 10:00 AM. The exact location is yet to be determined by parade officials, but will be posted on the front page of www.bigtp.org as soon as those details are delivered.

Last year we had a great turnout, we're hoping for an even bigger gathering this year! Rsvp to Russell at rclarke@heritageymca.org and let him know your coming, candy will be supplied for the Guides and Princesses to pass out!

See you there!

First Longhouse Meeting

We would like tribes to send a representative (preferably the new Chief) to an early Longhouse meeting this summer to discuss participation in the Labor Day parade (see page 3), help with final event planning this year, and learn of our plans to have all our tribes contribute to improving and running events this season. Please join us.

Thursday, August 19

7:00 PM

Fry YMCA Family Center

All Member Information Night

Thursday, September 9th 2010
Celebration! Community Life Center
919 S. Washington St.
Naperville, IL 60540

This is a chance for all new members and existing to get oriented to this year's program. We will have special crafts and games for the children to do as well as information on upcoming events. There are also a few **GREAT** changes to the program this year. Please come on out and represent your tribe!! For new members this is a great opportunity to see what this program is all about, we will have program registration details and a YMCA representative there to take registrations.

Current tribes! This is a chance for you to showcase your tribal crafts and recruit new members, there will be a lot of dads and children looking to join the program, come to this program to recruit some new members and build your tribe!

Refreshments included!

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Wear Your Vest to School Day

To help kick off the 2010-2011 season we are asking the children to wear their vests on **Friday, September 24th**. We want our kids to share their excitement about the program with their friends and we hope the vests will stir interest and conversation about the program. There is nothing better than word of mouth from the kids in our program to their peers to recruit new members. To receive stickers to give to potential guides and princesses, please contact Russell Clarke at 630-585-2207 for more details.

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Details on this event at our longhouse meetings so make sure you have a representative from your tribe at every monthly longhouse. February will bring the Daddy Daughter dance and Mother Son dance too. The theme for this year's dances will be Formal. This means suits and ties with pretty dresses, or even black tie for the adventurous. There will be a red carpet reception when you arrive, so look your best! March and April events will be determined at our longhouse meetings, so make sure you have a representative at every meeting. It does not have to be the same person every month, anyone from your tribe can represent you at these meetings. In May we will cap the year with our Planting Moon camp out in our usual spring location. Details on this camp out are still in the works, but it will be bigger and better than ever.

This is my second term as Chief of the Big Teepee Federation, and my 10th year overall in the program. It is also, sadly, my final year in the program too. I assure you all that we will have a fantastic season and that the chief to follow in my footsteps will be ready to produce a fantastic year to follow me. The YMCA has supplied us with Chief Russell (we need to find him a good native name) and our program could not be in better hands. One of our YMCA Chief's best projects is the web site. Check out www.bigtp.org often for updated information on the season.

I look forward to seeing you all at the "Meet the Chiefs" tents this year ... I will have some great short native American stories to tell the kids this camp out.

Stay safe, and stay strong,

Chief Big Bear
of the Big Teepee Federation

Harvest Moon Campout

October 2nd

White Oak Campground in Utica, IL



QUESTS ARE FREE!!
So bring your friends and neighbors!

The Harvest Moon Campout has a rich history with this YMCA's Guides and Princesses Program. Join us on October 3rd for this event. Events will include b.b. gun shooting, pumpkin decorating, arts and crafts, late night critter hunt, an induction ceremony and much more!!

The Registration for this event is included on page 4 of this issue. IF you campout on Friday, you must come after 5, and pay the campground for the evening.



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 (\$)
Fall Campout			\$38 per father/child \$14 per additional child		
			prices include overnight stay, activities, crafts, and patches		
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 _____



PARENT/CHILD REGISTRATION FORM 2010/2011 Guide, Princess and Trailblazer



2960 Guides (father/son, grades K-4)
 2970 Princesses (father/daughter, grades K-4)
 2980 Trailblazers (father/child, grades 5 and up)

Cost: (Guides/Princesses – grades k-4)		
Community Participants	\$70. per father/child	\$40. each additional child
YMCA Member Discount	\$35. per father/child	\$20. each additional child
Cost: (Trailblazers – grades 5 and up)		
Community Participants	\$45. per father/child	\$20. each additional child
YMCA Member Discount	\$25. per father/child	\$15. each additional child
Weekend events will be a separate charge. Please make checks payable to: Heritage YMCA Group		

Please list all children that will be participating.
Please fill out with complete information to better enable us to inform you on program updates.

Family Name: _____

Child's First Name: _____ Child's Birthdate: _____ Grade (Fall of 2010): _____

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School: _____

Father's First Name: _____

Address/City/Zip : _____ Subdivision: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Primary e-mail Address: _____

RETURNING PARTICIPANTS	
Tribe Name: _____	Year child joined: _____
Nation: _____	Tribe Chief: _____

NEW PARTICIPANTS

1. Is there a specific tribe or other children with whom you wish to join? Yes No

If yes, please list names: _____

If you do not specify, the YMCA and a group of volunteer dads will carefully assign you to a tribe in your age bracket, and as close as possible to your home.

2. How did you learn about this program? _____

If you would like a second copy of the monthly newsletter mailed to a separate address, please list that address here: _____

For questions, e-mail rclarke@heritageymca.org or call Russell Clarke at 630.585.2207.

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

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Heritage YMCA Group
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Naperville, IL 60564

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Planting Moon Campout May 15 th -16 th	10APR 2990	\$35 per father/child \$15 per additional child
Cougars Overnight	10JUN 2990	\$60 per father/child \$25 per additional child

Caring

Honesty

Respect

Responsibility

The YMCA Four Core Values

Our Mission

To enhance the quality of life for families through programs reflecting Christian principles to build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.