



# Smoke Signals

Newsletter of the Big Teepee Federation

January 2010

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# HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

## Longhouse Meeting

We would like tribes to send a representative (preferably the new Chief) to the December Longhouse meeting to recap Caroling and Crafts, and discuss the Winter Campout, Dozin' with the Dinos, and the dances. Join us and have a say in this year's program!

Thursday, January 6th

**7:30 PM**

Fry YMCA Family Center

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



## December Events

### Caroling and Crafts, December 11

What a great time! Nearly 50 people came out, and caroled in downtown Naperville. Also, a special thank you to Anderson's Bookstore for giving the Y Guides and Princess families a special discount on books that day, which in turn were given back to Andersons and donated to need families.

When the group returned to the YMCA, hot chocolate and cookies were waiting for them, along with a special take home gift, gingerbread houses donated by Todd Scott, of the Ogalala Tribe!

And a BIG thank you to John Kreamer and the Sioux tribe for organizing and facilitating this event, it wouldn't have been as great without you!

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# The Snow Moon Campout

The Snow Moon Campout at YMCA Camp Tecumseh is a guaranteed great time! Camp Tecumseh, located in Brookston, Indiana has plenty to offer the Y Guides and Princesses Program. The program area includes basketball and tennis courts, an outdoor obstacle course, and hiking trails to the Wolves Den and the Ghost Cabin.

The staffed program areas will be open on Saturday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. These include the bullet and black hole sledding tubes, climbing walls, .22 rifle range, horse trail rides, archery and a nature center. The rifle range is \$.75 per ticket (10 shots) and can be purchased at the Trading Post (camp store). The horse trail rides are \$8.00 each and can be purchased at the Trading Post as well. All other activities are included in the cost. There is an early sign up for the Horse Trail rides on Friday so make sure to book your space by Saturday morning before breakfast at the Trading Post.

The earliest you can arrive is Friday at 4:30 pm. The Trading Post will be open for checking people in until 9:00 pm, and be mindful that Brookston, Indiana is one hour ahead of Illinois. Cabin assignments for guests arriving after 9:00 pm will be posted on the Trading Post front door. Remember to check in after Saturday Breakfast. Meals included in the cost are breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday and are served family style. Meals included in the one night option are lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday.

Make sure to **register before the end of the year** so that you are guaranteed to receive a cabin assignment with your tribe! Pricing details are below and the registration form needed is located in this issue of Smoke Signals as well as at [www.bigtp.org](http://www.bigtp.org). These forms must be faxed in or dropped off at one of the Heritage YMCA Group branches, online registration is not available for this event. See you there!!

Contact Russell at 630-585-2207 or [rclarke@heritageymca.org](mailto:rclarke@heritageymca.org) with any questions. Complete and return the registration form included in this issue of the Smoke Signal. You can fax the form to 630-585-5560 or drop it off at any Heritage YMCA Branch.

## Costs

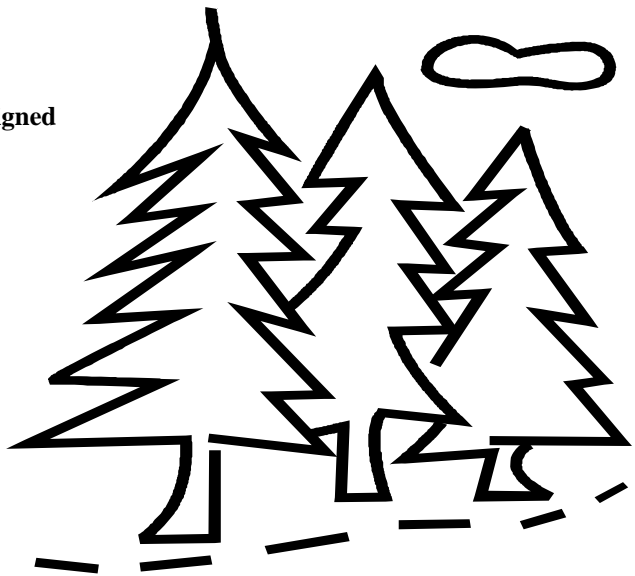
**Register before the end of the year to ensure you are assigned with your tribe.**

Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday January 16<sup>th</sup>

\$140 per father/child and \$45 for any additional child  
Check in starts at 9:00 AM

Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday January 16<sup>th</sup>

\$170 per father/child and \$60 for any additional child  
Check in is from 4:30 to 9:00 PM



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## Crafts

How are the craft ideas flowing for your meetings? Need a little assistance? You can now order your crafts through the YMCA.

Take a look at this web site [www.ssw.com](http://www.ssw.com) and type in Native American crafts. Many fun projects will pop up. There are plenty of craft sites out there but the advantage to ordering thru the Y will be a 10% discount and free shipping. The pickup will be at the YMCA Field House, unless other arrangements are made.

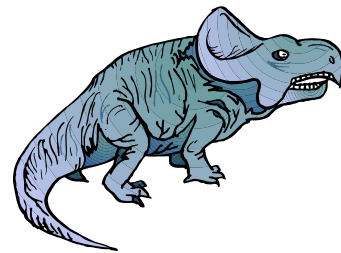
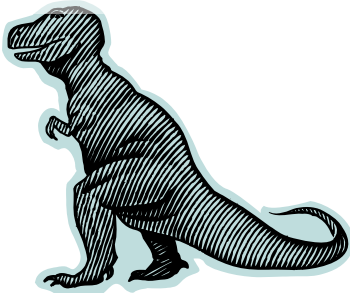
I place an order at the first (or so) of every month. You e-mail the item numbers of the craft you would like, the quantity that you need and the date you need them by to [rclarke@heritageymca.org](mailto:rclarke@heritageymca.org). I will send an e-mail back with the cost and estimated delivery date. You will than stop by the Field house and trade me a check/cash for your order and your set to go. You can order all of the items you would like at one time or order month by month.

Hope to be hearing from you soon!

## Dozin' with the Dinos March 11, 2011

The Dozin' with the Dinos Program was a tremendous success last year! We are opening up registration. If you would like to attend please fill out the permission slip found at [www.bigtp.org](http://www.bigtp.org) and fax it to 630-585-5560. The link to the current event page is on the homepage of [www.bigtp.org](http://www.bigtp.org), entitled Dozin' with the Dinos.

Payments are due before January 31<sup>st</sup> to hold your spot. Invoices for all those registered will be sent out after the first of the year. No payments will be accepted before January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.



[www.bigtp.org](http://www.bigtp.org)



## 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 (\$)
Late Night at the YMCA	10OCT2964		\$15 per father/child \$5 per additional child		
Winter Campout-one night	11JAN2962		\$140 per father/child \$45 per additional child		
Winter Campout-two nights	11JAN2962A		\$170 per father/child \$60 per additional child		
<b>STRONG KIDS PATCH</b>	Help the YMCA never turn anyone away due to an inability to pay. <b>\$10 - Voluntary Donation</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>					

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 myself 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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# Big Teepee Federation Calendar 2010-2011

## August

19<sup>th</sup>- First Longhouse

## September

6<sup>th</sup>- Labor Day Parade, meet at Naperville Central at 9:45 AM

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

24<sup>th</sup>- Wear your vest to school day

## October

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

7<sup>th</sup>- Longhouse Meeting, Fry Family YMCA, 7 PM

## November

4<sup>th</sup>- Longhouse Meeting, Fry Family YMCA, 7:30 PM

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

## December

2<sup>nd</sup>- Longhouse Meeting, Fry Family YMCA, 7:30 PM

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

## January

6<sup>th</sup>- Longhouse Meeting, Fry Family YMCA, 7:30 PM

7<sup>th</sup>- Wear your vest to school day

15<sup>th</sup>- Snow Moon Campout, Camp Tecumseh, Brookston Indiana

30<sup>th</sup>- Winter Carnival, TBD

## February

3<sup>rd</sup>- Longhouse Meeting, Fry Family YMCA, 7:30 PM

5<sup>th</sup>- Daddy Daughter Dance, stay tuned for details

26<sup>th</sup>- Mother Son Dance, stay tuned for details

## March

3<sup>rd</sup>- Longhouse Meeting, Fry Family YMCA, 7:30 PM

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

Check [www.bigtp.org](http://www.bigtp.org) for the rest of the schedule!

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