



Smoke Signals

Newsletter of the Big Teepee Federation

November 2010

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 December 15th** 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. 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 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 December 15th to ensure you are assigned with your tribe.

Saturday, January 15th to Sunday January 16th

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

Friday, January 14th to Sunday January 16th

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

Make Payments to Heritage YMCA Group.



REMINDER

Late Night at the YMCA is THIS WEEK!

That's right! The Y is staying open just for your Guides and Princesses. This event is a tradition in this program and this year will be better than ever! The Federation Council has planned a great night that will include exciting activities, an open swim, and even food!

This year we will welcome back Master Kim and his World Champion Taekwondo staff! The kids will be breaking boards for Strong Kids again, so bring a couple extra dollars with you! Tickets for boards will be available at the front desk, and you can redeem your board break by turning your ticket into one of the World Champion Taekwondo instructors.

Get ready for the Late Night Carnival. Play the games and receive a prize and a stamp on your Late Night Passport!

This year we will be having the famous Pinewood Derby at the Late Night at the Y! Check www.bigtp.org for the official rules for the Late Night Pinewood Derby. Cars will be placed in divisions when they arrive and be given a race time!

Follow the Passport for the Late Night and visit all the exciting activities. Turn your stamped passport in on the way out for a special prize!

Details below, registration included in this issue of the *Smoke Signals*.

November 13th
Fry Family YMCA
2120 W. 95th St.
Naperville, IL 60564
8:30 PM-11:00 PM
Costs: \$15 per father/child and \$5 per additional Child
Pinewood Derby Car not included in the price

COME TO THIS EVENT AND RECEIVE AN EXCLUSIVE SPECIAL GIFT FOR THE KIDS!!!

Passport (Sample) Late Night at the YMCA

Taekwondo mini class _____

Carnival (play at least one game and get a prize) _____

Craft _____

Pinewood Derby _____

Open Swim _____

Get 5 stamps and receive a SPECIAL GIFT



Longhouse Meeting

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

Thursday, December 2nd

7:30 PM

Fry YMCA Family Center

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

Caroling and Crafts

December 11, 2010

Join us as we meet at the Kroehler YMCA for an evening of hot chocolate, cookies, holiday crafts and caroling. Meet at the YMCA at 1:00 PM. Contact Russell at 630-585-2207 for more details.

Songbooks will be provided! No charge, just remember to dress warm and don't forget your vest!

Just for Chiefs and the Wow Page

New Chiefs! Check out the "Just for Chiefs" page on www.bigtp.org. This new page will have plenty of resources for new chiefs, and outline all of your new responsibilities.

New this month, the Wow Page has been added to the website, under the Activities Tab on the main page. Navigate to this page and discover what some of the other tribes are doing for their monthly meetings!

Go to www.bigtp.org/wow.htm to check out the Sekani tribe's submarine overnight details and pictures, it looked like a great time!

The Y Trailblazers Program

This program has been reinvented! Sign up using the same registration sheet as Y Guides or Princesses and you will have access to all of the great events all year. Moreover, Trailblazers will have several Trailblazer ONLY events each year.

This leadership program provides past Guides and Princesses with the opportunity to still come to each event, with one main difference. When you're a Trailblazer, you have the chance to set up for the famous critter hunt at the Campouts, lead crafts and games at the Late Night, and judge the S'more cook-off at the Spring Campout, and much more!

Contact Russell at rclarke@heritageymca.org for more details.

UPCOMING EVENTS: CONTACT RUSSELL AT RCLARKE@HERITAGEYMCA.ORG TO RECEIVE ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE LATE NIGHT AT THE YMCA. TRAILBLAZERS ARE NEEDED FOR CHECK-IN, CRAFTS, AND THE INDOOR CARNIVAL.



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		
STRONG KIDS PATCH	Help the YMCA never turn anyone away due to an inability to pay. \$10 - Voluntary Donation				
TOTAL					

Patches-Line 300
when processing

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 _____

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 9:30 AM, 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)

Guides and Princesses
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