



Heritage YMCA Group

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Newsletter of the Big Teepee Federation
Y Guides & Princesses



April 2008

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www.bigtp.org

IMAX Movie Event

April 19th

IMAX Theater

Seven Bridges at rt. 53 in Woodridge

Come enjoy a movie with your tribe at the IMAX. This will be an event that will be planned and coordinated through each tribe. The listings for the movies will come out on Monday April 14th to choose from. We are going to try to get a movie around 1:00 that everyone can go to. The updates will be on our website with the movie and the time. If you attend this event Shane will have a patch for you at the Spring Campout.

Spring Campout

May 17-18th

Stronghold Campground, Oregon, IL

If you attended last year's campout you know what a great time this is! There will be games, crafts, hiking, canoeing, and the glorious bonfire. This is the final event to kick off the summer and for some of you, to graduate your child from the program.

The Spring Campout will be held at the Stronghold Campground in Oregon, IL. Please check our website for directions to the campgrounds and general info.

You can arrive Friday night if desired (extra fee that is paid directly to the campground)

Saturday May 17

- Games and Activities: Saturday 12:00-4:00
- Graduation Ceremony: 4:00pm
- Free Time, Dinner: 5:00pm-7:30pm
- Fuel up torches: 7:30pm
- Procession: 8:00pm
- Bon Fire Ceremony: 8:30pm
- Story telling and tribal campfires: 10:30p-11:00p

Sunday May 18

- Sunday Service : 9:00am

REMEMBER!

**At the Spring Campout
Guests Come For Free!**

If you know of someone who may be interested in the program, invite them to come to the spring campout. This is the best way to really show someone what our program is about. Also, if you are willing to be a host tribe to guests please email or call Shane, or talk to your Nation Chief. We always have dads that want to join the program but don't know a tribe, even if they're not in your area it's still nice to make new friends and welcome the guests in our event.



2007 - 2008 Schedule of Events

Fri, Aug 31	Wear Your Vest to School Day!		
Mon, Sept 3	Labor Day Parade	see www.bigtp.org	see www.bigtp.org
Sept 29-30	Harvest Pow Wow	11am to 10pm on Sat. 12pm to 5pm on Sun.	Naper Settlement
Sat-Sun, Oct 6-7	Harvest Moon Campout	Lake, Forest, and Prairie Nations	White Oak Campground Utica, IL
Sat-Sun, Oct 13-14	Harvest Moon Campout	Desert, Mesa, and Plains Nations	White Oak Campground Utica, IL
Sat, Nov 10 & 17	Late Night	8:00pm-11:00pm	Fry Family YMCA
Sat, Dec 15th	Water Park		Grand Bear Lodge, Utica IL
Tues, Jan 8	Wear Your Vest to School Day!		
Sat-Sun, Jan 12-13	Snow Moon Campout		Camp Tecumseh YMCA Brookston, IN
Sat, Feb 9th	Rock Climbing, Pinewood Derby, Late Night	8:30pm-10:30pm	Field House Family YMCA
Sat, Feb 16th	Daddy Daughter Dance	7:00pm-9:00pm	Washington Junior High
Thur, Mar 6	Longhouse Meeting	8:00 - 9:00 PM	Kroehler Family YMCA
Fri-Sat, Mar 14-15	Museum Overnight	5:30 PM	Cantigny 1 st Division Museum
Sat, Apr 19th	Movie Night	TBD	IMAX or Field House
Thur, May 1	Longhouse Meeting	8:00 - 9:00 PM	Kroehler Family YMCA
Thur, May 1	Wear Your Vest to School Day!		
Sat-Sun, May 17-19	Planting Moon Campout	All Nations	Stronghold Campground, Oregon, IL

2007 - 2008 Federation Council

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Event Registration



Return this form and fees to your local Heritage YMCA Group facility or fax to Shane Loy at 630.585.5560.

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 future participation in events!

Father/Child Name: _____	Tribe: _____
Phone # _____	Tribe Chief Name _____
New Member: Yes No	

Event	Code	Deadline	# Attending	Cost	Total (\$)
Spring Campout May 17-18	2990 08APR			\$16 per person	
Strong Kids Patch	Help the YMCA never turn down someone for a program due to the inability to pay.			\$10 - voluntary donation	
Total (\$)					

Payment Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Cash	Total Paid: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card # _____	VISA-MC-Discover Exp Date _____

Participants 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 damaged the Heritage YMCA Group, and its representative 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.

Signature of Participant (18 and over) or Guardian

Employee Use:	
Initials:	_____
Today's Date:	_____
Center:	_____

Our Mission

To enhance the quality of life for families through programs reflecting Christian principles to build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.
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Update on Daddy/Daughter Dance

Thank you all for a great turn out and a wonderful time spent at the dance. With the great number of people attending, we unfortunately ran out of patches. The patches have been reordered and are being made. All of the patches will be mailed no later than April 23rd. Patches will be mailed directly to the father or as a bunch to the tribal chief.

Pictures!! Your pictures from the dance are in! All pictures are at the Kroehler Family YMCA downtown Naperville. They are being held at the front desk. Please pick them up at the YMCA. Any left over pictures by May 12th will be picked up and kept in Shane's office at the Field House YMCA.

Spring Campout Games and Activities

This year instead of an inflatable we will be running various scheduled games and activities. Some will be for fun and others will be a friendly competition. We will be asking for tribes to step up and help run some games, so if you have an interest please call Shane. Here is a list of some of the games and activities, please grab a schedule at check-in for start times.

- * Tug 'o War
- * Kick Ball
- * Craft Table
- * Scavenger Hunt
- * Three Leg Race
- * Potato Sack Race
- * Wheel Barrel Race

Prizes will be awarded for each event

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Tribes: We need volunteers! If you have an interest please sign your tribe up for one of the games below.

All games and activities will need a tribe or tribes to help run the event. All supplies and instructions will be waiting for you upon arrival. We need volunteers for one hour blocks and the games will be conducted in the big field on the campgrounds. If you have an interest please email or call Shane at sloy@heritageymca.org , 630.585.2347 with the game or activity that you would like to help with. We will need volunteers for the following: tug 'o war, kick ball, three leg race, potato sack race, and wheel barrel race.

Also, if you have an idea for a game or activity that your tribe would like to substitute please contact Shane to go over the details. Here is the tentative schedule:

- 12:00p-2:00p - Tug 'o War
- Kick Ball

- 2:00p-4:00p - Three Leg Race
- Potato Sack Race
- Wheel Barrel Race

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