



# Smoke Signals

Newsletter of the Big Teepee Federation  
Y Guides & Princesses

August 2009

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

## A New Season Is Approaching

How How,

The Big Teepee Federation welcomes you to a new season. The Federation Council has worked hard during the summer to create a 2009/2010 event calendar that will be even better than last year's already impressive program. More to that, the Federation Council has also worked on a new registration process that will allow you to register yourself and your children with ease. Check out [www.bigtp.org](http://www.bigtp.org) for more details and registration.

We are excited to be your new Federation Chief and YMCA Native American Agent, and look forward to meeting each and every one of you this fall starting with the first Longhouse meeting August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you once again for being a part of this great tradition, Y Guides and Indian Princesses will make memories that last a lifetime!!

Sincerely,

Chris Bachmann  
Night Hawk of Yakama/ Federation Chief

Russell Clarke  
Native American Agent

### 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 27**

**7:00 PM**

**Fry YMCA Family Center**

### 2009-2010 Federation Council

Federation Chief	Chris Bachmann
Assistant Chief	Dan Tusky
Prairie Nation Chief	Drew Bruozis
Forest Nation Chief	Marc Poulos
Plains Nation Chief	David Larkin
Lake Nation Chief	<b>OPEN</b>
Desert Nation Chief	Leo Gustas
Mesa Nation Chief	Todd Scott
Scout	<b>OPEN</b>
Sand Painter	<b>OPEN</b>
Medicine Man	Bill Blount
Web Spinner	Mark Wright
Sachem	Jim Fillar
Native American Agent	Russell Clarke

If you're interested in the **OPEN** positions, please contact Russell at 630-585-2207.

# All Member Information Night

Tuesday, September 15 2009  
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.

Stop by the Open Door Café in Celebration! Community Life Center for a coffee, a smoothie, or one of their specialty drinks!!



 **Big Teepee Federation**  
Y-Guides, Y-Princesses and Trailblazers

Sponsored by the Heritage YMCA Group



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## Naperville Labor Day Parade



For the third year the Y-Guides and Princesses will be marching in the Labor Day parade. We had a successful turn out last year and are looking for a return performance. This year we are teaming up with **Midwest SOARRING Foundation** who is planning to have a group of **champion Native American dancers** traveling the parade route with us in full Native American dress. For those of you who've never marched, this can be a lot of fun. Let's get together and show the dads and kids of Naperville that the Y-Guides & Princesses is as strong and vibrant as always. Please make sure to wear your vests. Please e-mail Russell Clarke at [rclarke@heritageymca.org](mailto:rclarke@heritageymca.org) regarding your plans on attending. We'd like to know if we're looking at 80 or 800 marchers. Hope to see you at the parade. For more detailed parade information, see [www.bigtp.org](http://www.bigtp.org).

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## Wear Your Vest to School Day

To help kick off the 2009-2010 season we are asking the children to wear their vests on **Friday, September 25th**. 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.



## 2009/2010 Schedule of Events

Date	Event	Location	Notes / Time / Sponsor
Thu, Aug 27	Longhouse Chiefs meeting	Fry YMCA	7PM - Tribal Chiefs or rep. should attend.
Thu, Aug 27	Federation Council meeting	Fry YMCA	8PM - Fed. Council members or rep. should attend.
Mon, Sep 07	Labor Day Parade	Naperville	10 AM meeting in the Naperville North HS parking lot
Tue, Sep 15	All Membership Information Night	Naperville	Celebration Center at 919 S. Washington St. at 7:00pm
Thu, Sep 10	Longhouse Chiefs meeting	Fry YMCA	7PM - Tribal Chiefs or rep. should attend.
Thu, Sep 10	Federation Council meeting	Fry YMCA	8PM - Fed. Council members or rep. should attend.
Fri, Sep 25	Wear Your Vest to School	Your School	Wear your vest to school to promote the program.
Sat, Sep 26	Harvest Pow Wow	Naperville	Family event at Naper Settlement
Thu, Oct 01	Longhouse Chiefs meeting	Fry YMCA	7PM - Tribal Chiefs or rep. should attend.
Thu, Oct 01	Federation Council meeting	Fry YMCA	8PM - Fed. Council members or rep. should attend.
Sat, Oct 03	Harvest Moon Campout	White Oak	White Oak Campground, Utica, IL
Sat, Oct 24	Morton Arboretum	Lisle, IL	<b>Special Event:</b> Fall Festival Focus
Thu, Nov 05	Longhouse Chiefs meeting	Fry YMCA	7PM - Tribal Chiefs or rep. should attend.
Thu, Nov 05	Federation Council meeting	Fry YMCA	8PM - Fed. Council members or rep. should attend.
Sat, Nov 14	Late Night at the YMCA	Fry YMCA	Fry Family Y on 95th Street- 8-11PM
Thu, Dec 03	Longhouse Chiefs meeting	Fry YMCA	7PM - Tribal Chiefs or rep. should attend.
Thu, Dec 03	Federation Council meeting	Fry YMCA	8PM - Fed. Council members or rep. should attend.
Sat, Dec 19	Caroling and Crafts	Kroehler Y	1PM - Singing, Crafts, snacks
Thu, Jan 07	Longhouse Chiefs meeting	Fry YMCA	7PM - Tribal Chiefs or rep. should attend.
Thu, Jan 07	Federation Council meeting	Fry YMCA	8PM - Fed. Council members or rep. should attend.
Fri, Jan 08	Wear Your Vest to School	Your School	Wear your vest to school to promote the program.
Sat, Jan 16	Snow Moon Campout	Tecumseh	Camp Tecumseh, Brookston IN ( <a href="http://www.camptecumseh.org">www.camptecumseh.org</a> )
Sat, Jan 30	"Go to the Snow" Campout	TBD	TBD
Thu, Feb 04	Longhouse Chiefs meeting	Fry YMCA	7PM - Tribal Chiefs or rep. should attend.
Thu, Feb 04	Federation Council meeting	Fry YMCA	8PM - Fed. Council members or rep. should attend.
Sat, Feb 06	Father/Daughter Dance	Naperville	919 S. Washington St. Celebration Community Life Center
Fri, Feb 19	Field Museum Overnight	Chicago	Special Event: Doz'n w/Dinos (register at the longhouse meeting)
Sat, Feb 27	Mother/Son Dance	Kroehler Y	919 S. Washington St. Celebration Community Life Center
Thu, Mar 04	Longhouse Chiefs meeting	Fry YMCA	7PM - Tribal Chiefs or rep. should attend.
Thu, Mar 04	Federation Council meeting	Fry YMCA	8PM - Fed. Council members or rep. should attend.
Sun, May 15	Planting Moon Campout	Oregon, IL	Stronghold Campground <a href="http://www.strongholdcenter.org">www.strongholdcenter.org</a>
Sun, May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Memorial Day Parade	Naperville	10 AM at Centennial Beach – Mesa Nation

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## Send Us Your Smiles

We hope you enjoy the new look of "The Smoke." The Heritage YMCA Group is being "re-branded." This program, a part of the Heritage YMCA Group was re-branded as well and we are looking for your help!! Please send any pictures you may have from previous events to be published in new fliers, catalogs, or resources for the program. Pictures can be sent to [rclarke@heritageymca.org](mailto:rclarke@heritageymca.org).

Caring

Honesty

Respect

Responsibility

## The YMCA Four Core Values

### Support YMCA Strong Kids

Once again the Y Guides and Princesses program is supporting the YMCA's **Annual Strong Kids Campaign**. Through your support of the Strong Kids Campaign, the YMCA insures that no one will be turned away from a YMCA membership or program due to the inability to pay. This year over \$400,000 will be provided to kids and families to help improve their quality of life and help them realize their full potential through YMCA programs, like the Y Guides and Princesses!

For 2008, Strong Kids Patches for your vests are available for a donation of \$10. This money will go 100% to provide fee assistance to those less fortunate so they too can benefit and grow by participating in YMCA programs. Uncle Sam supports your efforts by making your contribution tax deductible.

For those tribes that participate, Honor Points will be awarded and outstanding contributors will be published in the **Smoke Signals**. The GOAL from our membership is to raise \$1,000. Help us help build strong kids, strong families, and a stronger community!

You can simply purchase a patch as you check in at the Fall Campout in October or use the event registration forms throughout the season to order.

Strong Kids Patch....don't get caught without one!

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Y-Guides and Princess  
Heritage YMCA Group  
31 W290 Schoger Dr.  
Naperville, IL 60564

Attention: Russell Clarke

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**PARENT/CHILD REGISTRATION FORM**  
2009/2010 YGuide, YPrincess and YTrailblazer



Session: **09SEP**       **2960 YGuides** (father/son, grades K-4)       **2970 YPrincesses** (father/daughter, grades K-4)       **2980 YTrailblazers** (father/child, grades 5 and up)

<b>Cost: (YGuides/YPrincesses – grades k-4)</b>		
Community Participants	\$70. per father/child	\$40. each additional child
YMCA Member Discount	\$35. per father/child	\$20. each additional child
<b>Cost: (YTrailblazers – grades 5 and up)</b>		
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 2009): \_\_\_\_\_

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School: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/Zip : \_\_\_\_\_ Subdivision: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary e-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>RETURNING PARTICIPANTS</b>	
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: _____
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**For questions, e-mail [rclarke@heritageymca.org](mailto:rclarke@heritageymca.org) or call Russell Clarke at 630.585.2207.**

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### **Our Mission**

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