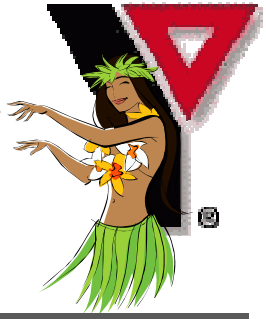
Heritage YMCA Group

Smoke Signals

Newsletter of the Big Teepee Federation
Y Guides & Princesses



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Chief's "Special" Events

We want to introduce something new the second half of this season. Everyone likes a campout or a sleepover at a special place and these types of events are the most popular with our membership. The problem is our size makes it difficult to arrange them so we have decided to have smaller size **Chief** sponsored outings or "special" events to combat this issue.

You will have to attend the **longhouse meetings to sign up** for these events and they have very limited attendance with most topping out at around 50.

We have firmed up a Museum overnight and Snow Campout in February and March. We are working on a water park, arboretum, and others.

Look for more detailed information in future smokes and at the February 5th longhouse,

Thanks,

Christopher Bachmann
Assistant Federation Chief

Mom's Corner

Can we talk? When was the last time you went out dancing with the man of the house? We are offering you one better. How about a night out dancing with the boy of the house!!

Everyone knows how much fun we have at our Daddy / Daughter Dance (p.2); it is a very popular event with our Dads and Girls and is an all time favorite.

Well this year, we're letting Mom in on the action too. Registration is now open for the first annual Y Guides and

See Mother / Son Dance on page 2

Upcoming Events

Longhouse Meeting
Thurs, Feb 5 - Fry 95th St YMCA

Daddy / Daughter Dance
Sat, Feb 7 – Washington JHS

Mother / Son Dance
Sat, Feb 21 – Kroehler YMCA

Longhouse Meeting
Thur, Mar 5 – Fry 95th St YMCA

Pinewood Derby / Late Night
Sat, Mar 21 – YMCA Field House

Hawaiian Theme
Daddy Daughter Dance

Aloha Y Princesses!

This year's daddy daughter dance is taking on a whole new look and feel … Hawaiian! This year's theme is the first of 3 or 4 expected new themes which will rotate annually to keep the dance event fresh.

Wear your Hawaiian shirts, dresses, etc …. Each girl will get a simple Hawaiian lei on the way into the dance, so that every girl will have a Hawaiian twist to their outfit no matter what she wears. Feel free to bring and wear your own flower lei's and any other Hawaiian theme items you might already have to use.

The snack area and gym are going to be decorated to the theme.

The DJ will be playing some Hawaiian selections.

The snacks will have a little Hawaiian twist too.

One tribe will be performing a live fire dance with flaming batons. (No not really). But the dance this year will be kicked up a notch, and a little bit newer for the kids.

All the old stand by's that the girls look forward too will still be included like the chicken dance, the hokey pokey, the cha cha slide, and all the rest.

The event takes place on Saturday, February 7th, 7:00pm - 9:00pm at Washington Jr High School.

We hope to see everyone there, and please register for the event at the YMCA as soon as you are able to help with planning.

Dan Tuskey
Desert Nation Chief

Mother / Son Dance – Cont'd from page 1

Princesses sponsored Mother/Son Dance at the Kroehler Family YMCA in Downtown Naperville. Mark your calendar for Saturday February 21, 2009 from 7:00-10:00 pm. The event will consist of a DJ, refreshments, games, and a photographer to take formal or casual pictures to capture the memory of this special night.

All proceeds of this event will go to support the YMCA Strong Kids campaign and Chief Joseph Standing Bear's Bison herd.

We will need help in decorating the gym. Please bring your kid's tribal property for display; these could be your banners, drums, snow snakes, noisy sticks or any other tribal property they might have. Also please bring a roughly 2 ft x 3 ft poster board containing a collage of pictures from their past tribal events. We will hang these on the walls to show all the Moms what great fun we have.

Additionally, we are looking for volunteer Mom's to help decorate the gym before the dance; Dads are not very good at this. If you would like to help in this regard, please call Shane Loy or Dave Lakin (see p.4).

Remember, this dance is open to the general public, so Mom's can invite their friends, neighbors, and relatives. This will be a great recruiting event for our program.

The registration form to sign up for the dance is in the back of this newsletter.

Honor Tribes

Congratulations to the following tribes for reaching Honor Tribe status and earning their honor patch for this season.

Choctaw ,Ogalala, Arapaho, Miami Cayuga, Chickasaw, Sekani, Chippewa

Five tribes are only 3 points away! Outside of Long House meetings, report your honor tribe events to me so we can keep an accurate tally. A description of how Honor points are earned can be found at our website.

Scot Grumbles
Soaring Eagle of the Sekani

YMCA Strong Kids

So far this season we have collected **$663** out of a goal of $1000 to support Strong Kids.

See previous Smoke Signals on our website for info on Strong kids.

Use the event registration form at the back of this newsletter to order your patch.

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

Free Pool Parties

As an added incentive to attend our Longhouse meetings, at each meeting there will be a drawing for a free pool party night at the YMCA for your tribe. You have to be present to win and this prize can be won more than once a year. See you February 5th for the next drawing.

Looking For a Few Good Men

Are you satisfied with the Y Guide & Princess program? Do you have ideas on how to improve the program? Can you see yourself in a leadership role with this program?

As you know, the Y-Guides & Princess program is run by volunteers. Several positions on the Federation Council will be open next year and we would like you to consider joining us.

The quality time you have spent with your child has been a rich reward of membership. Perhaps it is now time to give back to the program to keep it viable for future fathers, sons, and daughters.

If you would like to help chart the future course of the Y Guides & Princess contact anyone on the Federation Council.

As an added incentive, Federation Council members will pay the lower "Y Member" price for events during the 2009 – 2010 season

That's "My Patch".. Design contest

Calling all artists!! Please submit your entries for the Daddy/Daughter Dance, Mother/Son Dance, and Pinewood Derby Late Night. Entry forms can be found on our website www.bigtp.org under on the main page in the top left hand corner. So download a form, have your child design the patch, and turn them in to the closest Y by the due date.

We have these contests for every Y sponsored event and every child can enter to win. Having your design chosen and displayed on everyone's vest is really COOL. This can make a great craft project for your next tribal meeting.

Christopher Bachmann
Assistant Federation Chief

Snow Moon Campout Was Cool and Slithery

Over 250 kids and Dad's filled the Camp Tecumseh grounds on Jan 10th for a great time and wonderful memories. Along with the horseback riding, tube slides, rock climbing walls, chant contests, rifle range, bow & arrow range, and obstacle course, our families were entertained by Jim Nesci's "Cold Blooded Creatures"

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HERITAGE YMCA GROUP
Big Teepee Federation
Dances and Pinewood Derby Late Night
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: _____

Tribe Chief Name _____ Phone # _____ New Member: Yes No

Event	Code	Deadline	Cost	Total ($)
Daddy / Daughter Dance Sat, Feb.7 @ 7PM	09JAN 2992	Feb 5	Y-member: $14 per couple; $6 per addn child Non-member: $18 per couple; $8 per addn child	
Mother / Son Dance Sat. Feb. 21 @ 7PM	09JAN 2993	Feb 19	Y-member: $15 per couple; $7 per addn child Non-member: $20 per couple; $9 per addn child	
Pinewood Derby Late Night Sat. Mar 21 @ 7PM	09FEB 2990	Mar 19	Y-member: $8 per couple; $3 per addn child Non-member: $10 per couple; $4 per addn child	
Strong Kids Patch	Help the YMCA never turn down anyone for a program due to an inability to pay. **$10 - voluntary donation**			
Total				

Payment Type: ☐ Check ☐ Cash Total Paid: _____

☐ Credit Card # _____ VISA-MC-Discover Exp # _____

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: _____

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2009 Remaining Schedule of Events

Date	Event	Location	Notes / Time / Sponsor
Thur, Feb 5th	Longhouse Meeting	Fry YMCA	7 PM - Tribe Chief or rep attend.
Sat, Feb. 7th	**Father/Daughter Dance**	**Naperville**	**Washington Jr. High, – Desert Nation**
Sat, Feb 21st	**Mother / Son Dance**	**Kroehler Y**	**7PM - Kroehler YMCA – Plains Nation**
Thur, Mar. 5th	Longhouse Meeting	Fry YMCA	7 PM - Tribe Chief or rep attend.
Sat, Mar 21st	**"Canoe on Wheels"**	**Field House**	**Pinewood derby and more: Forest & Lake Nations**
Thur, Apr 2nd	Longhouse Meeting	Fry YMCA	7 PM - Tribe Chief or rep attend.
Apr TBD	**TBD**	**TBD**	**Details TBD – Plains Nation**
Thur, May 7th	Longhouse Meeting	Fry YMCA	7 PM - Tribe Chief or rep attend.
Fri, May 8th	Wear Your Vest to School	Your School	Wear your vest to school to promote the program.
Sat, May 16th	**Planting Moon Campout**	**Stronghold**	**Stronghold Campground Oregon, IL – Prairie Nation**
Sun, May 31st	**Memorial Day Parade**	**Naperville**	**10 AM at Centennial Beach – Mesa Nation**