



Heritage YMCA Group

# Smoke Signals

Newsletter of the Big Teepee Federation  
Y Guides & Princesses



December 2007

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

## Second Chance on the Water Park

The deadline for group registration for the Water Park event has been extended to **December 3**. In order to receive the Y Guides & Princesses discounted rate for this exciting event, see the instructions on page 2.

Located right next door to White Oaks Campground, site of our just completed campout, their 60 wooded acres offer all of nature's wonders, including Grand Bear Falls, a 24,000 sq. ft. indoor water park, The Enchanted Forest, a 36,000 sq. ft. indoor amusement park (with nine rides) and full service restaurants.

The indoor water park offers plenty of features including a lazy river, a wave pool, and water slides.

(See Water Park - Page 2)

## Mom's Corner

One of the benefits of our program is we have a marvelous forum to teach our children about the Native American experience.

Through the stories we tell at tribal meetings, crafts or tribal property we build, or field trips we take our kids to, children can be exposed to the grandeur and heartaches of the Native American experience.

An excellent way for you to participate in our program is to partner with dad to teach your child about their tribe's history and heritage. Lots of information resides on the web, in local museums, and in many very good books (see page 5).

Just like the well known magazine, we like to think our program is "fun with a purpose".

## Snow Moon Campout

The winter campout is just around the corner at beautiful YMCA Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, IN. on January 12-13. This is a phenomenal campsite with lots to do and a great place to be outdoors. Camp Tecumseh's 500 acre facility is situated on the Tippecanoe River just 15 minutes north of Lafayette, Indiana. Camp Tecumseh is far enough away from the bright lights of the big city, but close enough for reasonable travel times, providing a perfect location that is both convenient and serene.

For directions and other general info, visit their website at [www.camptecumseh.org](http://www.camptecumseh.org) or go to our website at [www.bigtp.org](http://www.bigtp.org). Friday arrivals are permitted for an extra fee.

(See Snow Moon Campout - Page 2)

## Upcoming Events

### Water Park

Saturday, December 15

Grand Bear Lodge

Utica, IL

### Longhouse Meeting

Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

Kroehler YMCA

### Snow Moon Campout

Sat-Sun, January 12-13

Camp Tecumseh YMCA

Brookston, IN

(Water Park - From Page 1)

An awesome attraction is a motion and sound adventure waterslide. Your little Guide or Princess chooses their adventure, and will experience exciting images and sounds as they ride the enclosed slide.

How to Register:

**You must register before December 3.**

1. Go to [www.grizzlyjacksresort.com](http://www.grizzlyjacksresort.com) and click on "Reservations" to see a description of room sizes and amenities.
2. Make a selection of the following room types:
  - **Family Suite:** Sleeps 6 - \$169.00 / night
  - **Vacation Villa:** Sleeps 9 - \$319.00 / night
  - **Log Cabin:** Sleeps 18 - \$569.00 / night
  - In all cases, there is an extra charge of \$15 per person per night.
  - You can make a reservation for Friday night at these same rates as well.
  - You can call Grand Bear Resort at 1-866-739-6735 or 1-815-667-7243 for more info.
3. Call Nancy Witt at the YMCA at 630-579-5715 or e-mail her at [nwitt@heritageymca.org](mailto:nwitt@heritageymca.org). She will contact the resort on your behalf.
4. If you want to stay Friday night to double down on the fun, call Nancy Witt.

Your fee includes one night stay and access to both the water park and amusement park. Check in is at 4PM guaranteed, but can be earlier. You can use facilities on Saturday starting at 11AM if you get there early. Check out on Sunday is 11AM but you can continue using the facilities until 3PM Sunday.

**The registration deadline is now December 3**, so act fast and make your reservation for this action packed, fun filled event.

**Jim Fillar - Assistant Federation Chief  
Yellow Fang of the Chippewa**

(Snow Moon Campout - From Page 1)

This is the campout to bring and display your tribal property such as banners, totem poles, drums and "snow snakes". Bring your tribal property to the large meeting room behind the cafeteria. Judging will be held in the early afternoon on Saturday to award those tribes for best tribal property.

Here's an easy one...have each member of your tribe make a section of a totem pole by decorating an oatmeal box. Make a stand from a wood base and a broom handle. Cut a quarter sized hole in the top and bottom of each totem and stack 'em up.

For more information on "snow snakes", go to [www.bigtp.org/snow\\_snake.htm](http://www.bigtp.org/snow_snake.htm).

Various staffed program areas at the camp will be open on Saturday from 9-12 & 1-5, and on Sunday from 9-12. These areas include the "Bullet" and "Black Hole" sledding tubes, obstacle course, climbing walls (indoor if the weather is bad), 0.22 rifle range, horse trail rides, archery, and a nature center. There about 20+ staff (most of them nearby college students) that operate the program areas. All that you need to do is show up at the various areas and have fun.

Except as noted, all of the activities are free of charge. The rifle range is \$0.75 per ticket (10 shots) and can be purchased at the Trading Post (camp store). Once you have your rifle tickets you can use them at the range any time the staffed program areas are open. The horse trail rides are \$8.00/each and must be purchased at the Trading Post as well. Riders must be 7 or older to ride a horse own their own. If they are not 7, then the dad will need to walk along beside the rider.

If you arrive Friday evening, Saturday breakfast is at 8:00 am. Meals on Saturday are at 12:00 and 5:30 pm. Remember, this part of Indiana is on EST.

After dinner on Saturday night, relax and enjoy exciting entertainment for young and old alike.

Breakfast on Sunday is at 8:00 am followed by an 8:45 am Chapel.

Each tribe will be assigned a beautiful cabin so please register early to ensure your group will be placed together. A registration form is attached to this newsletter.

## Patch Design Contest

Calling all artists!!

For each Y sponsored event attended, the program provides a patch for Dad and the kids to proudly place on their vests. For each event, we have a contest that every child can enter for the best patch design. All of the contest forms are available in advance on our website at [www.bigtp.org](http://www.bigtp.org).

Go to the patch design page, download a form, have your child design the patch, and turn them in to the closest Y by the due date. This can even make a great craft project for your next tribal meeting.

Good Luck !!

## Strong Kids

During our first months of the new season we have collected \$247 toward Strong Kids.

All money collected will go towards helping the YMCA never turn down someone for any program or membership, due to the inability to pay. We will continue supporting Strong Kids for the upcoming season with a goal of contributing \$1,000.

You can purchase a Strong Kids patch by adding \$10 to the event registration form at the back of this newsletter. Your patch will be mailed to you. We will also sell \$10 tax deductible patches at each event.

Please continue to support this worthy cause through purchases of the Strong Kids patches. If your entire tribe purchases patches, let us know, we'll publish your good deed in the Smoke. JF

## Y - Guides and Princesses Nation Map

### Prairie

#### Chief - Chris Bachmann

Chickasaw (P)  
Choctaw (P)  
Kaskaskia (P)  
Omaha (P)  
Onondaga (P)  
Powhatan (P)  
Seneca (C)  
Shawnee (P)

### Desert

#### Chief - Tom Schrey

Anasazi (P)  
Apache (P)  
Aztec (C)  
Cherokee (P)  
Havasupai (P)  
Hopi (C)  
Inuit (P)  
Shasta (P)  
Sioux (P)  
Tonkawa (P)  
Zuni (P)

### Mesa

#### Chief - Brian Shapley

Hunk Pa Pa (P)  
Illinois (P)  
Mojave (P)  
Ottawa (P)  
Potawatomi (P)  
Teton (P)  
Ute (P)  
Seminole (P)  
Yakima (P)

### Plains

#### Chief - Carmen Pino

Blackfoot (G)  
Chickasaw (G)  
Chippewa (C)  
Coyote (G)  
Ho-Chunk (G)  
Iowa (G)  
Miami (G)  
Seneca (G)  
Meadow Glens (G)

### Forest

#### Chief - Marc Cooperman

Cherokee (G)  
Choctaw (G)  
Dakota (G)  
Delaware (C)  
Illini (G)  
Seminole (G)  
Shawnee (G)  
Onondaga (G)  
Yakama (G)

### Lake

#### Chief - Steve Mallin

Apache (G)  
Blackhawk (G)  
Kickapoo (G)  
Lakota (G)  
Mohican (G)  
Potawatomi (G)  
Sioux (G)  
Ute (G)  
Zuni (G)

(P) - Princesses, (G) - Guides, (C) - Co-ed

## Honor Tribes

To provide recognition for those tribes who are working to improve, strengthen, and grow the program, we have an Honor Tribe program. Recognition will be bestowed upon tribes that consistently contribute to running the program, improve the quality of the program, or make the program more visible to the community.

In each Smoke Signal those tribes having earned an Honor Tribe patch will be recognized.

To earn an Honor Tribe patch your tribe will need to accrue 10 or more points in a year. Points will be awarded for the following:

Two Points For:

- Volunteering & helping at an event.
- Each new member added to your tribe.
- A tribal community service project

One Point For:

- Each longhouse meeting attended by a representative from your tribe.
- A winning patch design from your tribe.
- Marching in a community parade.
- Participating in the Christmas caroling.

For a tribal community service project, we would like to publicize any such activity in the Smoke Signals. If your tribe participates in a community service project, send us a short e-mail with the details and we will publish it in the next Smoke Signals.

Outside of Long House meetings, report you honor tribe events to me so we can keep an accurate tally

**Brian Shapley - Mesa Nation Chief**  
**Running Bear Jr. of the Hunkpapa**

## 2007 - 2008 Federation Council

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**YMCA 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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## The Gift of Knowledge

The Y Guide and Princess program encourages tribes to teach and learn of Native American culture. A good first try at this is to study and teach your children about your own tribe. Where did they live, what were tribal customs, what has become of them today. Reading is a great way to start; here are some suggested readings on Native American culture for young children.

Though some are coming-of-age stories and others retellings of traditional myths, these books about native peoples all over North America emphasize the powers of Mother Nature and the tremendous strength of one's own spirit.

### Picture Books

***Arrow to the Sun*** - A Pueblo Indian Tale by Gerald McDermott. Illuminate your senses with this Caldecott-winning myth about the origins of the sun.

***Girl Who Loved Wild Horses*** by Paul Goble - Experience the brisk beauty in this Caldecott winner's depiction of a spirited, horse-loving girl. Learn more.

***The Mud Pony*** by Caron Lee Cohen - Witness the miraculous transformation of mud to horse, and the life-changing effect it has on a Pawnee boy.

***Paddle-to-the-Sea*** by Holling C. Holling - Discover the extraordinary, Caldecott-honored voyage of a toy canoe navigating the waters from Lake Michigan to the Atlantic.

***The Turkey Girl: A Zuni Cinderella Story*** by Penny Pollock. Don a doeskin gown, and go to the Dance of the Sacred Bird.

***The Wave of the Sea-Wolf*** by David Wisniewski - Ride the beautiful paper-cut waves in this evocative and beautifully illustrated Tlingit myth.

### Chapter Books

***The Birchbark House*** by Louise Erdrich - Spend a year with the Ojibwa tribe — through playing with ravens, berry-picking, bear attacks, and smallpox outbreaks.

***Dogsong*** by Gary Paulsen - Join the harrowing, enlightening, Newbery-honored journey of an Inuit boy searching for himself and his heritage.

***The Girl Who Married the Moon: Tales From Native North America*** by Joseph Bruchac and Gayle Ross - Understand the influence of Native American women in 16 stories of adventure, romance, and rites of passage..

***Island of the Blue Dolphins*** by Scott O'Dell - Experience the calm, strength, and splendor of this Newbery Award-winning novel about a Native American girl's 18-year stay on an abandoned island.

***Julie of the Wolves*** by Jean Craighead George - Straddle the chasm between traditional and modern, Eskimos and white people, in this Newbery Award-winning book about a girl finding herself in the tundra..

***Skeleton Man*** by Joseph Bruchac - Venture into this spine-tingling mystery that can only be unlocked by Mohawk lore.

***Smiler's Bones*** by Peter Lerangis - Uncover the true story of an Eskimo boy who is treated like an artifact, not a human, at the Museum of Natural History. Learn more.

***The World Before This One: A Novel Told in Legend*** by Rafe Martin. Weave through 14 Seneca tales that pack one spellbinding punch.

Other learning venues available to you are local museums such as the Schingoethe Center for Native American Cultures at Aurora University or websites such as [www.native-languages.org/kids.htm](http://www.native-languages.org/kids.htm)

## 2007 - 2008 Schedule of Events

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

### Patches, Patches, Patches

During the course of our season, we will distribute thousands of patches to our dad's and kids. If you know someone young or old who might be home based and willing to sew patches onto vests for a reasonable fee, please contact us. So far, members have told us about:

**Sew Simple** . by Vicki 961-2386 "My fee for patches is \$2.00 for the first 5 and \$1.00 for each one over 5. My address is 1116 Magenta Court, Naperville"

**Maxi Cleaners** - 2460 S. Eola Road, Aurora, (630-236-8109) or 1012 N. Washington St. (630-357-2883). Fee is \$2.00/patch for the campout-size patch, somewhat more for larger items.

### New Member Guide and Resource Manual

Please stop and take a look at our newly republished **New Member Guide**. This colorful guide is primarily for new Dads in the program and provides a general overview of what we do. Similarly, we have polished up and re-issued the program's **Resource Manual**. This publication covers the program in much more detail.



## HERITAGE YMCA GROUP Big Teepee Federation 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 (\$)
Snow Moon Campout Jan. 12-13 (Sat-Sun)	08JAN 2990	Jan 4		\$120/dad + 1 child \$30 per addn' child	
Snow Moon Campout Jan. 12-13 (Fri-Sun)	08JAN 2991	Jan 4		\$160/dad + 1 child \$50 per addn' child	
<b>Strong Kids Patch</b>	Help the YMCA never turn down someone for a program due to the inability to pay.			\$10 - voluntary donation	
<b>Total (\$)</b>					

<b>Payment Type:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card # _____	Total Paid: _____ VISA-MC-Discover Exp Date _____
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**Signature of Participant (18 and over) or Guardian**

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<b>Employee Use:</b>	
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Center:	_____

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