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The Harvest Moon Campout...

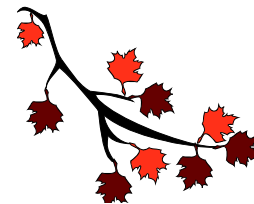
Every fall on the first week in October twenty-seven tribes gather at White Oak Campground in Utica, Illinois to celebrate a new year of Campouts, Late Nights, Dances, and other Y Guide events. The Harvest Moon Campout kicks off the Y Guide year and gives fathers and their children the chance to gather and rekindle friendships from the previous year, as well as to welcome new members into the program. Y guides and Y Princesses have been around for decades and has given fathers and their children a chance to create memories that last a lifetime.

The campout starts with check-in, when participants find out what activities are planned for the weekend and receive their first patch of the year! Roughly 525 fathers and children enjoyed themselves on a perfect fall weekend. This year the agenda includes The Treasure Hunt, where treasures will be placed all over camp and the children will have a blast searching for them. Another popular event will be the Meet with the Chief event; Young Guides and Princesses will have the chance to meet the Federation Chief.

Every fall campout has some traditional events that make it different from the other two campouts that are planned. The fall campout always includes pumpkin carving, b.b. guns and archery.

As the sun sets during this weekend excitement grows among the tribes. The greatly anticipated event of the evening includes a torch lit procession. Nearly 500 fathers and their children will march to the bonfire to an official induction ceremony for new tribal members. As they circled the fire ring and placed their torches on what becomes a thirty foot bonfire, the induction ceremony begins and the memories that will last a lifetime will be created. Take a moment to check out the website for more information, and pictures of events and dates of upcoming events. www.bigtp.org

See you there!!



The Harvest Moon Campout Details White Oak Campground Utica, IL

\$36 dollars for Father/Child and \$12 dollars for each additional child

Registration for the campout will begin at 9:00 AM on October 3rd. If you would like to come up Friday, you can pay the campground directly for the extra night. Contact Russell at 630.585.2207 for more details.

Advanced registration in the 2009/2010 Program is required for campout Registration

Be a part of a greater tradition...

Upcoming Fall Events

Third Longhouse Meeting

We would like tribes to send a representative (preferably the new Chief) to our Longhouse meetings. On the agenda this month: The Harvest Moon Campout, Fall Festival at the Morton Arboretum, Late Night at the YMCA, New Tribal Placements.

October 1st, 2009 7:00 PM at the Fry Family YMCA on 95th St.

Morton Arboretum Fall Festival

Please join us as we head out to the Morton Arboretum's Fall Festival. Wear your vests and support your tribe!

Admission to the grounds is \$11 for adults, \$10 for seniors, \$8 children age 2-17. No extra fee for parking. The parking lots nearest the Visitor Center fill quickly. Free shuttles will run from more remote Arboretum parking lots to Visitor Center. Plan ahead and allow extra time for entry to the grounds and parking, shuttle service, etc or to meet others at specific destinations.

The Live Bat Show or the Musical Mark performance tickets should be bought in advance. Seating for these shows is first-come, first-serve. Admission is required for folks to visit our box office in person, Therefore, the Morton Arboretum suggests on-line or phone order for advance ticket sales for Live Bat Show & Musical Mark.

Trick or Trees includes a lot of activities that are free, with paid admission to the grounds (or purchase of the bat shows or Musical Mark). Some programs, like the carnival games and pumpkin decorating are available for a nominal charge. If families want to come in costume and bring a "Trick or TREET" bag, we'll have free candy. Costumes are encouraged for all ages.

November Events

Longhouse Chiefs Meeting November 5th
Late Night at the YMCA Nov 14

The Naperville Labor Day Parade

Thanks to all who participated in the Labor Day Parade. The Y Guides and Princesses Program certainly made a splash when nearly 100 Y Guides and Princesses were walking in Downtown Naperville. A SPECIAL thanks to the Midwest SOARRING Foundation for designing a float for us to walk with, along with drummers, singers, and dancers.

Thanks for handing out the 3,000 fliers that were printed!! The Y Safe 'n Sound office has been busy registering all the new participants that you reached out to!!

Let's have a repeat turnout for the Memorial Day Parade!!

See you at the Campout!!

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Crafts

How are the craft ideas flowing for your meetings? Need a little assistance? You can now order your crafts through the YMCA.

Take a look at this web site www.ssw.com and type in Native American crafts. Many fun projects will pop up. There are plenty of craft sites out there but the advantage to ordering thru the Y will be a 10% discount and free shipping. The pickup will be at the YMCA Field House, unless other arrangements are made.

I place an order at the first (or so) of every month. You e-mail the item numbers of the craft you would like, the quantity that you need and the date you need them by to rclarke@heritageymca.org. I will send an e-mail back with the cost and estimated delivery date. You will then stop by the Field house and trade me a check/cash for your order and your set to go. You can order all of the items you would like at one time or order month by month.

Hope to be hearing from you soon!

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	Special Event: 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 (www.camptecumseh.org)
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
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.
Thu, Mar 05	Dozin' with Dinos Museum Overnight	Field Museum	Special Event: 6 PM at the Field Museum, call 630-585-2207 for details.
Sun, May 15	Planting Moon Campout	Oregon, IL	Stronghold Campground www.strongholdcenter.org
Sun, May 31 st	Memorial Day Parade	Naperville	10 AM at Centennial Beach – Mesa Nation



BIG TEEPEE FEDERATION PARENT/CHILD EVENT REGISTRATION FORM



Session: 09SEP

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 (\$)
Fall Campout Out- Utica, IL	09SEP 2990		\$36 Father/Child \$12 for additional child		
STRONG KIDS PATCH	Help the YMCA never turn anyone away due to an inability to pay. \$10 - Voluntary Donation				
TOTAL					

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 my self 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 _____

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Honesty

Respect

Responsibility

The YMCA Four Core Values

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Stamp
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Naperville, IL 60564

Attention: Russell Clarke

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