

Heritage YMCA Group

Smoke Signals

Newsletter of the Big Teepee Federation
Y Guides & Princesses



October 2007

Friends Always / Pals Forever

www.bigtp.org

Walking Through a Water Wonderland

Dads, don't put away the swim suits just yet; we're headed back to Starved Rock for some heavy duty fun at Grizzly Jack's Grand Bear Resort. It's a tough job, but somebody's got to do it.

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

Hi Mom. Well, we're at it again. Another awesome season of action packed fun for Dad and the kids.

It seems we just finished putting away the tents from one of our most fun filled campouts in years (did you son or daughter tell you about the bon fire procession?) and here we are already planning late nights at the Y, water park adventures, and winter campouts.

Whew!

If you know of a friend, neighbor, school buddy, or relative who you think might enjoy participating in these type of events (who wouldn't!) hand them the registration form at the back of this newsletter. It can be a life changing experience for Dad and his child.

Late Night at the Y

Did we tell you not to put those swim suits away yet?

Back by popular demand is Late Night at the Y. The Fry Family YMCA pool, game rooms, and gym are all ours for the night.

The Guides will do their thing on November 10 and the Princesses on November 17; but if your girls want to attend the early date or the boys want to attend the later date that's OK. You can even bring a friend!

Show up at 8:00 PM. Spend time in the facility as you like. Pizza and refreshments will be served sometime around 10 PM. The kids always love this event and will be talking about it for years to come.

Registration information is contained at the back of this newsletter. See you there.

Upcoming Events

Longhouse Meeting

November 1 - 8:00 PM

Kroehler Family YMCA

Late Night at the Y

Nov 10 (Guides) - 8:00 PM

Nov 17 (Princesses) - 8:00 PM

Fry Family YMCA

Water Park

Saturday, December 15

(Must Register By November 15)

Grand Bear Lodge

Utica, IL

(Water Park - From Page 1)

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

How to Register:

You must register before Nov 15.

1. Go to 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.
3. Call Grand Bear Resort directly at:
1-866-739-6735 or 1-815-667-7243. Tell them you are part of the Heritage YMCA Y-Guides and Princesses program.
4. If the type of room you desire is not available for either night, Call Nancy Witt at the YMCA at 630-579-5715. She will contact the resort and try to free up the room type you desire (no guarantees).
5. 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 November 15th, so act fast and make your reservation for this action packed, fun filled event.

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

Y-Guides and Princesses

The Y-Guide program is for fathers and sons between the ages of five and ten. The program has a long history of providing children and their parents with opportunities for good times, learning, and mutual understanding.

Purpose - The purpose of the Y-Guide Program is to foster understanding and companionship between father and son.

Slogans - "Pals Forever...Friends Always"

The slogan for Y-Guides is "Pals Forever." The slogan for Y-Princesses is "Friends Always." The slogan reminds us that fathers and sons, and fathers and daughters should strive to build close, enduring relationships in which there is communication, understanding, and companionship. The Y-Guides and Princesses Programs encourage such relationships by providing a means for fathers and sons, and fathers and daughters to share enjoyable experiences, to observe and learn about one another, and to develop mutual respect.

Aims

1. To be clean in body and pure in heart.
2. To be pals forever with my father/son.
3. To love the sacred circle of my family.
4. To listen while others speak.
5. To love my neighbor as myself.
6. To seek and preserve the beauty of the Great Spirit's work in forest, field and stream.

Pledges - "We, father and daughter/son, through friendly service to each other, to our family, to this tribe, to our community, seek a world pleasing to the eye of the Great Spirit."

Native American Culture - Our program present opportunities to gain insight into the significant contributions Native American people have made to our nation's history and heritage. The past and present cultures of the Native Americans can challenge a father or mother to be aware of his or her role a parent, guide, friend, and example for a son or daughter and help develop the child's natural curiosity and enthusiasm

Wise Words from the Chief

A new year for Y-Guides and Y-Princesses has begun. On behalf of the Federation Council, I would like to welcome you all to the 2007-2008 season. Our fall campouts were a great start to the year!

Program Goals - As we stated in our August newsletter, we have three main goals for the year: recruit new members; increase participation of individual tribes at events; and improve awareness of the Native American experience. In order to achieve those goals, our immediate focus is on three things: communication, quality of the events, and improving the process of welcoming and mentoring new tribes and new members.

Communication - In the area of communication, we will continue to publish Smoke Signals, our newsletter. We will continue to improve our website, and we will continue to improve our chain of communication.

The "Smoke" is published on roughly a monthly basis, with the actual publication dates set to coincide with our major events. If you are not receiving the Smoke Signals publication, please contact Shane Loy at the YMCA. You can also find old copies of the Smoke on the website. It is full of helpful information designed to enrich your experience with the program.

Our website is growing year-to-year. Please refer to it as a source for information about upcoming events, to download registration forms, or to find useful information that will help your tribe. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the webmaster or me.

We will also continue our work on our e-mail communication chain. We will try to keep our members more up-to-date by spreading the word about upcoming events from the federation council, to the nation chiefs, to the tribal chiefs, who in turn will be the link to you. You can help by making certain that your tribal chief has your email, and that your chief has provided his email to his nation chief.

Quality - In our continued efforts to provide quality events for our members, we will be testing a new policy this year of having each event sponsored by one of our six nations. The tribe members from the sponsoring nation will work with Shane Loy, our YMCA representative, to help plan the event, and will assist with hosting it. You can help by making yourself available to help your nation when it is your turn to host an event.

Friendship - Finally, we want to make certain that all new members and new tribes feel welcome. If you know of someone that is starting a new tribe, please reach out to them and offer a helping hand. If you are a new tribe, and you would like to link up with a mentor tribe, please contact your nation chief. This spirit of looking out for one another was very much a part of the Native American experience.

Also, we have a newly revised New Member Guide that is available as a download from the website, and we have reformatted our Resource Manual, which is also on the website. If you are a new member and you have any questions, or need any assistance in getting started, again, please contact your nation chief. If you are not certain who that is, please do not hesitate to contact Shane or me.

I would like to ask all of the dads to join with us in our efforts to make this a great year for all. We are a volunteer-run organization, and we thank the many dads that give their time and effort into making our program a success. This is a wonderful time in the life of our children. Share it with them, and make the most of it.

Welcome, I hope that you have a great year!

Barry Druhan - Federation Chief
Chief White Owl of the Ottawa

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.

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 !!

Is Your Tribe Too Small?

It is our experience that the Y-Guide & Princess program is more fun and enriching for its members when tribe sizes reach a certain critical size. What is that minimum size? It's hard to define as each tribe is different, but in general we believe tribes should consist of at least six to seven kids. If your tribe is smaller than that and you are having a great time, then more power to you. However, if you feel that by enlarging your tribe you might have a better experience, we can help.

The Federation Council has a database of all registrants to the program that includes each child's age, school, and address. We can identify kids that might live nearby or go to your child's school in order to combine tribes or add late registrants to your tribe.

If you are interested in following up on this concept please contact anyone on the Federation Council. JF

Y - Guides and Princesses Nation Map

Prairie

Chief - Chris Bachman

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)

Forest

Chief - Marc Cooperman

Cherokee (G)
Choctaw (G)
Dakota (G)
Delaware (C)
Illini (G)
Seminoles (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

Harvest Moon Pumpkin Decorating Contest Awards

We would like to thank all of the participants in the pumpkin decorating contest held during the Harvest Moon Campouts. All the pumpkins in the judging were awesome! The following are the pumpkin decorating winners:

Award

Best Idea
 Coolest Looking Pumpkin
 Craziest Pumpkin
 Creepiest Pumpkin
 Cutest Pumpkin
 Funniest Pumpkin
 Grossest Pumpkin
 Happiest
 Most Like My Dad Pumpkin
 Most Refreshing
 Most Y Spirit Pumpkin
 Prettiest Pumpkin
 Pumpkin with the Best Mouth
 Scariest Pumpkin
 Silliest

First Weekend

Sioux Guides
 Cherokee Guides
 Onondaga Guides
 Chickasaw Princesses
 Cherokee Guides
 Chickasaw Princesses
 Cherokee Guides

 Chickasaw Guides

 Jill & Ken
 Onondaga Princesses
 Sioux Guides
 Chickasaw Princesses

Second Weekend

Apache Co-ed

 Omaha Princesses
 Teton Princesses
 Shasta Princesses
 Powhatan Princesses

 Choctaw Princesses

Judges

Jerry Park, Chief Evening Rock of the Seneca
 Greg Roberts and David Rodriguez of the Lakota



2007 - 2008 Federation Council

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Plains Nation Chief	Carmen Pino	carpin31@comcast.net	630-922-6264
Lake Nation Chief	Steve Mallin	stevenjm@aol.com	630-327-2210
Desert Nation Chief	Tom Schrey	tschrey@starpointechicago.com	630-885-9094
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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.

Whether you are an old timer or newby, we suggest you check out these Guides at our website. We also encourage you to contribute content toward these living documents. JF

Strong Kids

During our first three months of the new season we have collected \$227 toward Strong Kids. This includes \$150 in Strong Kids patch sales and \$77 collected during Sunday service at the two campouts.

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. We will continue to 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 here. JF

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 - Prairie Nation Chief
Running Bear Jr. of the Hunkpapa

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 this 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 program talk to us at the Longhouse meetings, information nights or contact anyone on the Federation Council.

2007 - 2008 Schedule of Events

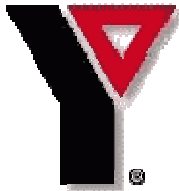
Fri, Aug 31	Wear Your Vest to School Day!		
Mon, Sept 3	Labor Day Parade	see www.bigtp.org	see www.bigtp.org
Thur, Sept 6th	Information Night	7:30pm	Oswego Family YMCA
Sat, Sept 8th	Information Night	1:00pm	Fry Family YMCA
Tues, Sept 11th	Information Night	7:00pm	Kroehler Family YMCA
Thur, Sept 13th	Longhouse Meeting	8:00 - 9:00 PM	Kroehler Family YMCA
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
Thur, Nov 1	Longhouse Meeting	8:00 - 9:00 PM	Kroehler Family YMCA
Sat, Nov 10th	Guides Late Night	8:00pm-11:00pm	Fry Family YMCA
Sat, Nov 17th	Princess Late Night	8:00pm-11:00pm	Fry Family YMCA
Sat, Dec 15th	Water Park		Grand Bear Lodge, Utica IL
Thur, Jan 3	Longhouse Meeting	8:00 - 9:00 PM	Kroehler Family YMCA
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
March TBD	Museum Overnight	TBD	TBD
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

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 then \$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.



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2007 / 2008 Y-Guide , Princesses, and Trailblazer
Parent / Child Registration Form

Session: 07SEP

2970 Y-Princesses
(father/daughter: grades K-4)

2960 Y-Guides
(father/son: grades K-4)

2980 Trailblazers
(father/son: grades 5 and up)

Cost: (Y-Guides/Y-Princesses)

YMCA Members	\$35 per father/child	\$20 each additional child
Community Participants	\$70 per father/child	\$40 each additional child

Cost: (Trailblazers)

YMCA Members	\$25 per father/child	\$15 each additional child
Community Participants	\$45 per father/child	\$20 each additional child

Please ask to purchase a Strong Kid patch for \$10 when you register. Through this campaign, the YMCA insures no one is turned away from a YMCA membership or program due to the inability to pay.

Events will be a separate charge. Please make checks payable to: Heritage YMCA Group

Please use one form for each child. Please fill out all information.

Last Name: _____

Child's First Name: _____

Child's Indian Name: _____

Father's First Name: _____

Father's Indian Name: _____

Address/City/Zip: _____ Subdivision: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Primary e-mail Address(es): 1. _____ 2. _____

Child's Birth Date: _____ Grade (Fall of 2007): _____ School: _____

Returning Members:

Tribe Name: _____ Year Child Joined: _____

Nation: _____ Tribe's Chief: _____

New Members:

- 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, we will carefully assign you to a tribe in your child's age bracket, and as close as possible to your home)
- 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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To Build Healthy Spirit, Mind, and Body for All.**

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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 (\$)
Guides Late Night November 10 th	07OCT 2990	Open		\$22 Father/Child \$6 Ea Addn' Child	
Princess Late Night Nov. 17 th	07OCT 2991	Open		\$22 Father/Child \$6 Ea Addn' Child	
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 <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card # _____ VISA-MC-Discover Exp # _____	Total Paid: _____
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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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