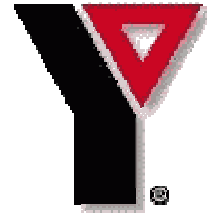


Heritage YMCA Group

# Smoke Signals

Newsletter of the Big Teepee Federation  
Y Guides & Princesses



September 2007

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

## 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Pow Wow

September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> - Naper Settlement

Wear your vests, and create a Bison Dance Fan to help show our support for the Midwest Soaring Foundation. Several years ago, a Native American consultant named Joseph Standing Bear Schranz worked with us to help our program retain our Native American theme in a positive and respectful manner. Joseph is the president of Midwest Soaring, the organization that sponsors the Harvest Pow Wow at Naper Settlement.

One of the projects at Midwest Soaring is a the development of a Bison herd. The Y-Guides and Y-Princesses have decided to support that project by raising money throughout the year. That money will help to feed the Bison at the Midwest Soaring ranch.

If you plan to attend the Pow Wow, try to be there between 2:30 and 5:00pm. Please wear your vests, and make a "Feed the Bison" dance fan (see the pattern on the website at [www.bigtp.org](http://www.bigtp.org)) to bring to the Pow Wow.

Joseph would like to recognize our kids during a Youth Honor Dance that is taking place between 3:00pm and 5:00pm on Saturday. The Pow Wow runs from 11:00am to 10:00pm on Saturday and from noon to 5:00pm on Sunday.

Further news on our participation in the Pow Wow will be posted on the website.

Barry Druhan - Federation Chief

White Owl of the Ottawa

## Mom's Corner

Do you ever wonder what this mysterious Y Guides & Princesses program is all about? What is hubby doing with the kids? Why is it so much fun? To answer these and other burning questions, take a look at our New Member Guide or our Resource Manual. Links can be found at <http://bigtp.org/member.htm>.

When you look at all the great plans we have this year, be sure to remember that some of the events are family events. The Harvest Pow Wow at Naper Settlement next weekend is a wonderful example of fun for the whole family. Join us at this great event; its right in our own backyard and your child can participate. JF

## Upcoming Events

### Harvest Pow Wow

Sept 29-30 - Naper Settlement

### Harvest Moon Campout

October 6-7; Lake, Forest, Prairie  
October 13-14; Desert, Mesa, and Plains  
White Oak Campground, Utica, IL

### Longhouse Meeting

November 1 - 8:00 PM  
Kroehler Family YMCA

### Late Night at the Y

November 10 (Guides)  
November 17 (Princesses)  
Fry Family YMCA



You can view and print a flyer from their website:

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

For more information call 773-585-1744 or email

[soaring@aol.com](mailto:soaring@aol.com)

## Are you a Tribal Chief?

If so, please call or email your Nation Chief (see below) to introduce yourself and help get the 2007-2008 Y-Guides & Princesses season off to a great start.

This summer, the Federation Council met every month and worked on different ways to improve the program. The Council plans to work close with the Tribal Chiefs to ensure that we have a fun and successful season for all of our members.

Please plan on attending the November 1 Longhouse meeting to get up to speed on some of the plans for this season and the specific roles for the Tribal Chiefs.

**Carmen Pino - Plains Nation Chief**  
**Silver Hawk of the Chippewa**

## 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 me. 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.

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

## Y - Guides and Princesses Nation Map

### Prairie Nation

**Chief - Chris Bachmann**

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

### Desert Nation

**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 Nation

**Chief - Brian Shapley**

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

### Plains Nation

**Chief - Carmen Pino**

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

### Forest Nation

**Chief - Marc Cooperman**

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

### Lake Nation

**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 Campout

It's right around the corner! Get the tent and sleeping bags out of the basement, build your torch, and put new batteries in the flashlights....it's time for some critter huntin'. For lot's more details, see [www.bigtp.org](http://www.bigtp.org).

If you've never attended one of our campouts, read on and review your New Member Guide given to you at registration or go to [www.bigtp.org/member.htm](http://www.bigtp.org/member.htm) for details about the Fall Campout and more.

### Schedule of Events

#### Saturday

- 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Check in, pick up patches, firewood is available for purchase behind the campground's host station.
- 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM Rock wall or inflatables
- 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM BB Guns & Archery; **See volunteer schedule below.**
- 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM Free time
- 7:30 PM Fuel up the Torches. Bring torches to the Bath House.
- 8:00 PM Torch Procession. **Let's Make Some Noise!**
- 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM Bonfire ceremony & critter hunt- **Don't forget your flashlights.**
- 9:30 PM to 11:00 PM Story telling at tribal campfires; Quiet down time

#### Sunday

- 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM Pumpkin judging. Bring your pumpkin to the check in area picnic table near main gate.
- 9:00 AM to 9:15 AM Sunday service. Meet at the Large Field

**Activity Volunteers** (we still have a few openings; please help fill one of the open slots by volunteering)

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Sat-Sun, Oct 6-7</u>	<u>Sat-Sun, Oct 13-14</u>
Archery	1:00pm-2:00pm		Teton (P)
Archery	2:00pm-3:00pm	Hunkpapa (P)	
Archery	3:00pm-4:00pm	Aztec (C)	Hopi (P)
BB-Guns	1:00pm-2:00pm		Tonkawa
BB-Guns	2:00pm-3:00pm	Seminoles (G)	Shasta (P)
BB-Guns	3:00pm-4:00pm	Potowatomi (G)	Iowa (G)
Critter-Hunt	(After Bonfire)	Cherokee/Sioux (P/G)	Chippewa (C)
Pumpkin Judging	(Sunday Morning)	Seneca (P)	Lakota (G)
Sunday Service	(Sunday Morning)	Yakima (G)	Omaha (P)

## Strong Kids

For the 2006 - 2007 season, the Y-Guides and Princess program raised \$400 to help needy kids and families. This money was raised by tribes and members purchasing the Strong Kids patch for \$10. 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 the 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. SL

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## Harvest Moon Campout - Continued

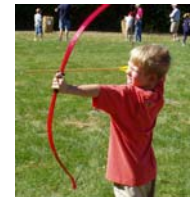
Our annual fall campouts are coming up soon at White Oak Campground on Route 178 in Utica, IL just near the west entrance to Starved Rock State Park. This is about 1 1/2 hours from Naperville. See our website [www.bigtp.org](http://www.bigtp.org) for a map. The Guides and Princesses have been returning to White Oak for over 30 years.

Tribes of the Prairie, Lakes, and Forest Nations are asked to attend **October 6-7** and tribes of the Plains, Mesa, and Desert Nations are asked to attend **October 13-14**. If you're not sure which Nation you're in, look at your Nation patch or call Shane Loy at the YMCA at 630-585-2347. If you're unable to attend your designated weekend, your tribe is welcome to attend the alternate weekend.



Check in begins about 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. Many dads and kids come down the Friday night before to camp and grab a choice spot for their tribe. Call White Oaks to find out what time the gates open on Friday. Their phone number is (815) 667-4758. There is an extra fee to stay Friday night payable to the campground.

Afternoon activities start after noon and will include field games, archery, and BB gun shooting. Archery and BB guns are both carefully supervised. Tribes are free to hike through the canyons and participate in their own games as desired.



On Saturday night, just after sundown, we'll be having our big torch parade followed by a terrific bonfire induction ceremony for all new members. This is one of the big highlights of the year so try to make it. Each tribe is asked to make a torch, See the instruction below. We will supply the kerosene, you supply the torch and toilet paper roll. Do not let your child carry the torch; it must be carried by an adult for safety reasons.



Following the bonfire, we have a 'critter hunt" where kids look for a scattering of small plastic toys in the grass. It is well after dark, so be sure to bring two flashlights with fresh batteries. We also suggest you bring some critters from home and put them in your pocket to use in the event your child strikes out during the critter hunt.



Quiet time begins at 10:00 PM. Many Guides and Princesses hit the hay early leaving time for the dads to get to know one another around the campfire. Remember the no alcohol policy.

Sunday morning activities begin at 8:30 a.m. This includes our pumpkin decorating judging and a short morning worship service. All of this should be over at 10:00 a.m. If you need to leave early, it's o.k.

For a list of items to bring to the campout, look for the link for the New Member Guide at [www.bigtp.org/member.htm](http://www.bigtp.org/member.htm)

### New Member Guide and Resource Manual

The information above is taken directly from our newly republished **New Member Guide**. This guide is primarily for the 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 is the publication that covers in much more detail the program's framework. Whether you are an old timer or new, we suggest you check out these Guides at our website. We also encourage you to contribute toward these living documents. JF

# Planting Moon Campout Torch Design

Compliments of Jim Fillar – Medicine Man 2005

Coffee Can (holds T.P. roll)

2 lb size works well  
Must be able to hold full roll (bring from home)

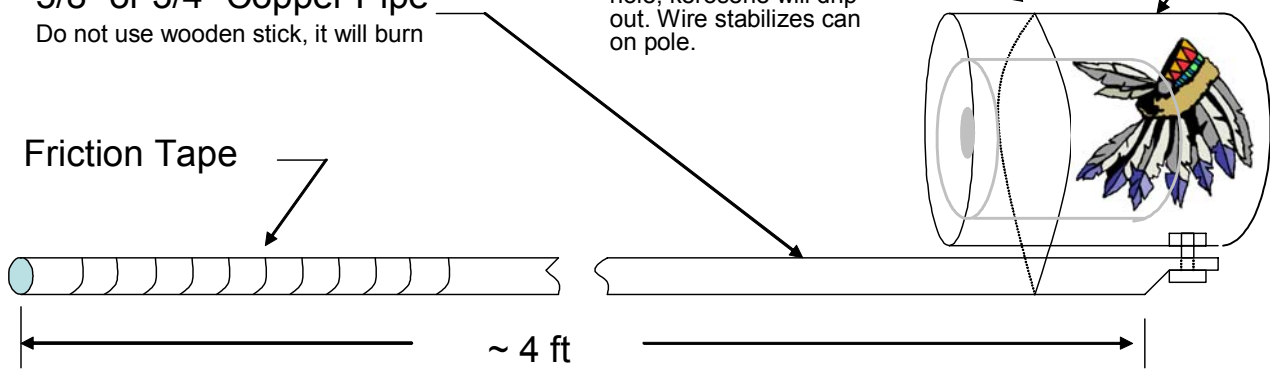
5/8" or 3/4" Copper Pipe

Do not use wooden stick, it will burn

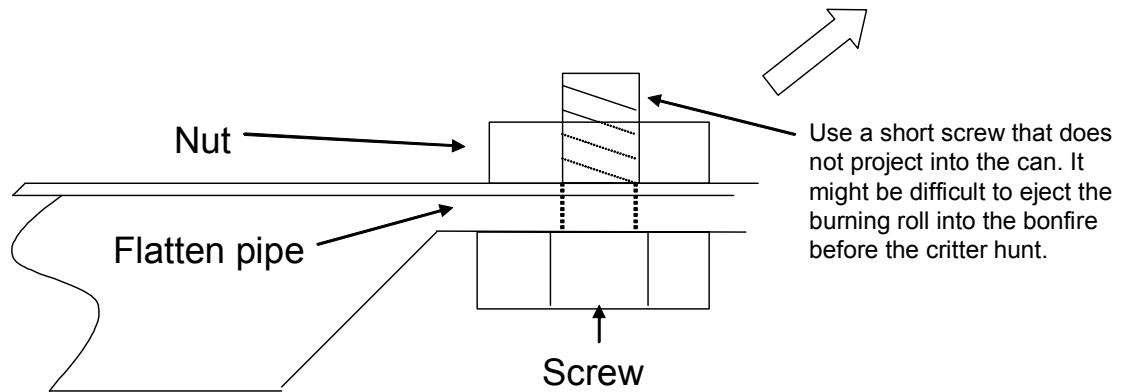
Wire

Do not drill a second hole, kerosene will drip out. Wire stabilizes can on pole.

Friction Tape



Option - You can spray paint the coffee can, then allow kids to paint with Native American symbols the night before the campout. However, do not hang anything from the can that may catch fire.



## 2006 - 2007 Federation Council

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Medicine Man			
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Sachem	Rob Darlin	rdarlinjr@yahoo.com	312-752-7129
Native American Agent	Shane Loy	sloy@heritageymca.org	630-355-2559

## 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>		Location(TBD)
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

### 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.

## Honor Tribes

The purpose of the honor tribe program will be to recognize those tribes who are working to improve, strengthen and grow the program. Therefore, points are awarded to tribes for activities that help in running the program, improve its quality, or help make the program more visible to the rest of the community.

To earn an honor tribe patch, a tribe will need to accrue 10 or more points in a year.

Points will be awarded for the following activities:

- 2 points for volunteering to help out at a campout or event.
- 2 points for each new member recruited (if they join this year or the following year, you can still count them for this year).
- 2 points for a community service project.
- 1 point for each longhouse meeting the tribe sends a representative to.
- 1 point for having a patch design from your tribe selected for an events patch.
- 1 point for marching in the parade.
- 1 point for doing the Christmas caroling.

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**

## Jeff Meyers

1958-2007

**Federation Chief 2004 - 2005**

Jeff Meyers passed away July 29th in Naperville. A member of the Zuni Tribe, he was an active Y Princess dad with his daughters, Alyssa and Emily. He served many different volunteer positions during his time with Y Princesses, most notably as the Federation Chief in 2004-5. Not enough can be said about Jeff's commitment to his family, to the community and to the YMCA. Not only did he serve as Federation Chief but also on the Kroehler Family YMCA Board of Directors and was appointed to the Naperville Plan Commission by Mayor George Pradel in 2006. He served on the Warrenville Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals for eight years and donated his time to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society fundraisers. Jeff was always willing to do what he could to help Y Guides and Princesses and the YMCA. This past year he organized the efforts for a YMCA Strong Kids patch to support this work of the YMCA. Former Federation Chief Dan Maloney stated that Jeff was, without a doubt, one of the greatest advocates of the Princess and Guide program in addition to simply being one of the nicest guys anyone could ever know.

He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Laurie; their two daughters; his parents, Thomas and Geraldine Meyers; and three brothers Greg, Dan, and Tom Meyers.

We thank Chief Blue Jay and will miss him.

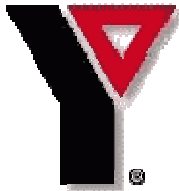
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# Heritage YMCA Group

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:**

1. Is there a specific tribe or other children with whom you wish to join? Yes No

2. 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)

3. 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:

\_\_\_\_\_

Completed forms may be returned to any Heritage Family YMCA Group branch:

- Aurora • 460 Garfield Ave. • Aurora, IL 60506
- Kroehler • 34 S. Washington St. • Naperville, IL 60540
- 95th St. • 2120W. 95th St. • Naperville, IL 60564
- Field House • 31 W290 Schoger Dr. Naperville, IL 60564
- Oswego • 1224 Douglas Rd. • Oswego, IL 60543

For questions, e-mail [sloy@heritageymca.org](mailto:sloy@heritageymca.org) or call Shane Loy at 630.585.2347

**HERITAGE YMCA GROUP**  
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**2007 October, November, and December Events**

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	# Attending	Cost	Total (\$) *
Fall Campout Oct. 6-7	07SEP 2990	Oct. 4th		\$32 Father/Child \$12 Ea Addn' Child	
Fall Campout Oct. 13-14	07SEP 2991	Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup>		\$32 Father/Child \$12 Ea Addn' Child	
Guides Late Night November 10 <sup>th</sup>	07OCT 2990	Open		\$22 Father/Child \$6 Ea Addn' Child	
Princess Late Night Nov. 17 <sup>th</sup>	07OCT 2991	Open		\$22 Father/Child \$6 Ea Addn' Child	
Water Park Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup>	07OCT 2992	Nov. 15th		\$ 169 Per Room 4-6 per room	
<b>Strong Kids Patch</b>	Help the YMCA never turn down anyone for a program due to the inability to pay.			\$10 - voluntary donation	
<b>Total</b>					

\* Sign up for all events on form and receive 5% discount off total. Refunds given only at discretion of Heritage YMCA

<b>Payment Type:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card # _____    VISA-MC-Discover   Exp # _____	<b>Total Paid:</b> _____
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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**

\_\_\_\_\_

<b>Employee Use:</b>	
Initials:	_____
Today's Date:	_____
Center:	_____

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