



Heritage YMCA Group Smoke Signals



Newsletter of The Big Teepee Federation
Y - Guides and Princesses

Pals Forever

March 2002

Friends Always

Spring Fever Hits Big Teepee

Chief Sasquatch Speaks

How many of you have Spring Fever? I know I do! When the days get longer and promise to get warmer, we all focus on new goals and new fun. For Duck Bill, Little Sparrow and me, that means camping, canoeing and biking can't be far away.

Our March overnights are planned and the Cougars' baseball game is set. It's hard to believe, but the Spring Campout is just a couple of months away.

As the Spring Campout draws near, I urge you to begin thinking about next year. If you are graduating from the program, consider joining Trailblazers. Just this past weekend, Little Sparrow and I joined the other Trailblazers on a sleepover in a real, World War II submarine, the U.S.S. Silver-sides! Trailblazers is for fourth graders and older, and is able to plan some terrific outings that are not available to a program our size. Check it out!

If you are not graduating, I know you will be back next year for an even better year than this one. Our next two Longhouse Meetings will be increasingly occupied with planning for next year. As tribes, we need your input and fresh ideas. Within your tribes, you should determine who next year's Tribal Chief will be, preferably by the end of March. Don't assume someone else will step up; think about doing it yourself. There's probably no greater show of appreciation for your Tribal Chief than to volunteer to carry the load next year.

And how! how! to our Tribal Chiefs, especially those who have come to the Longhouse meetings, volunteered their time and their tribes to make our program run smoothly, and generally served as the most important link between our kids and the program. No one more directly affects your experience in the program; please show them the appreciation they deserve.

So make your plans, and have as much fun as you can!

- **Sasquatch of the Onondaga**

**Next Longhouse
Thursday, Mar. 7th,
8:00pm-9:00pm
Kroehler Family Center
34 S. Washington**

**Each tribe should be
represented.**

Upcoming Events:

Lock-in

YMCA Field House Center
Princesses: Mar. 9, 2002
Guides: Mar. 16, 2002
Registration deadline: 2/28/02

Don't forget to pick up a pine car kit at Hobbytown USA.

**Planting Moon Campout
Patch Design Entries are
due March 31, 2002**

Kane County Cougar's Game

April 7, 2002
2:00

**Volunteers are needed to join the
Native American Theme Task
Force. Help us save the pro-
gram! Contact the Indian Agent
to find out how you can help!**

Lock-in at the Field House Center

- Pine Car Derby
- Obstacle Course
- Inflatable Jumping Room
- Floor Hockey
- Basketball
- Movies
- Pizza, and more.....

Plan to start arriving at the "The House", on Schoger Dr., (see map on page 6), at around 8:00 p.m.. Parking is not readily available once the lot is filled up. Car pooling is encouraged.

If you haven't started on your pine car yet, get busy! Remember Dads, this is a kids event, let them enjoy the fun of making the car.

Many of the Tribe have volunteered to help run the event stations for an hour or so. Check with your Tribal Chief to see if your tribe has volunteered and what the schedule is.

Doughnuts will be served in the morning, and a prayer service will be conducted. The event will end at 9:00 a.m.

This event is sure to be fun for all!

Chief's Special Contest Extended

Due to popular demand, Chief Sasquatch has extended the deadline to turn in essays for the "What the Native American Theme Means to Me" contest.

We'd like to know what the Native American theme means to you. For example, how has your experience in this program been affected by the way we divide into tribes? How have you learned about your tribe's namesake? In what ways does this program differ from other activities, like Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts, because of its Native American theme.

Chief Sasquatch will award special prizes to the Guides and the Princesses who best illustrate what the Native American theme means to them. You can submit an essay, a story, a letter, illustrations, crafts, or whatever you think will explain your message.

Please turn in all entries to Ben Pinegar at the Heritage YMCA Group before March 15, 2002. *Please note that entries were NOT picked up at the Snow Moon Camp outs and should be resubmitted to Ben.*

Pine Car Derby Rules

Maximum width is 2 3/4 inches, maximum length is 7 inches, weight should not exceed 5 ounces, the space between the wheels and bottom clearance should be 1 3/4 inches and 3/8 inches respectively. More information will be distributed when you register for the Lock-in.

Daddy Daughter Dance a Real Tear Jerker

About 400 Dads and Daughters packed the Washington Junior High Gymnasium in early February for the Y-Princess Daddy Daughter Dance. The Big Braves sure looked proud of their Princesses. Our Indian Agents, Bill and Ben, admitted to becoming teary eyed when they learned that Wendy Ballent, of the Menominee, was being escorted by her older brother after her father Tom became ill. "The two appeared to have a great time and served as a good reminder of the main focus of the program."

"We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children."

JOSEPH STANDING BEAR SCHRANZ is the President of Midwest SOARRING (Save Our Ancestors Remains & Resources Indigenous Network Group), a Native-based, not-for-profit organization formed to help repatriate Native American ancestral remains and burial goods, to preserve the burial, cultural and sacred sites in Midwestern states, and to protect the environment. You can learn more about SOARRING at its website, www.soarring.org.

TEAM DAD

Faces of Fatherhood, Inc. is a non-profit corporation dedicated to helping new fathers become fully active parents. Approximately 24 million children in the United States are growing up in homes without their fathers. Many believe that the breakdown of family unity, and specifically father absence, has led to many of the problems America faces. Operating under the name of TEAM DAD, the group is committed to helping women and men interested in making a difference in the lives of children. Please check out their website at www.Teamdad.com or contact our own Bear Ferguson (Nez Perce), President, at 1-866-TEAMDAD to learn more about how you can help this worthy cause.

Patch Design Contest

Although the Spring Campout is several months away, it's time to start designing the patch. If you think you can design a really cool patch for everyone to put on their vest, complete the entry form included in this issue of the Smoke and return it by March 31, 2002

Earn a patch from the Smoke Signaler

Kids and Dads: Submit an article, poem, or story about your tribe or an experience you've had in the Y-Guides program. If yours gets printed in an issue of the Smoke, you'll win a special patch from the Smoke Signaler!!!! Submit your work to IndianAgent@heritageymca.org

BIG TEEPEE FEDERATION - SMOKE SIGNALS

BIG TEE PEE FEDERATION

<u>Plains Nation</u> (Guides)	<u>Lake Nation</u> (Guides)	<u>Forest Nation</u> (Guides)	<u>Desert Nation</u> (Princesses)	<u>Prairie Nation</u> (Princesses)	<u>Mesa Nation</u> (Princesses)
Osage	Guide #2	Guide #4	Princess #1	Princess #2	Princess #3
Miami	Guide #6	Yakama	Anasazi	Princess #4	Princess #7
Algonquin	Guide #8	Yuit	Apache	Blackhawk	Blackfoot
Aztec	Zuni	Guide #9	Aztec	Cheyenne	Chinook
Blackfoot	Apache	Arapaho	Havasupi	Comanche	Columbia
Chickasaw	Huron	Cherokee	Hopi	Menominee	Navajo
Chippewa	Iroquois	Choctaw	Maricopa	Omaha	Pima
Comanche	Kickapoo	Cree	Nez Perce	Onondaga	Potawatomi
Crow	Lakota	Delaware	Pueblo	Ottawa	Teton
Iowa	Menominee	Mohawk	Shasta	Paiute	Walla Walla
Kaskaskia	Narragansett	Navajo	Sioux	Powhatan	Yakima
Mandan	Natchez	Onondaga	Tonkawa	Seneca	Princess #6
Yellowknife	Ojibwa	Seminole	Yuma	Shawnee	Princess #10
Guide #12	Oneida	Tonkawa	Zuni	Princess #8	
Guide #13	Potawatomi	Yuma	Dakota	Kickapoo	
	Blackhawk	Nequa	Calusa		

For newly formed tribes, please contact the Indian Agent when you've selected a tribe name.
For questions or comments on this list, contact the Indian Agent at (630) 420-6270, ext. 536.

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The Indian Agent, Ben Pinegar, can be reached at 420-6270 Ext. 536. Leave a message and they will get back to you. If you need immediate assistance contact Bill Bredeck at 420-6270.

BIG TEEPEE FEDERATION ~ SMOKE SIGNALS

HERITAGE YMCA GROUP BIG TEEPEE FEDERATION Y-GUIDES/PRINCESS REGISTRATION

This registration form and applicable fees must be returned to the Kroehler Family Center at 34 S. Washington St. or the 95th St. Family Center at 2120 W. 95th Street, both in Naperville, IL.
Please fill out form completely!

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. Please don't risk future participation in events!

Father/Child Name: _____ Phone#: _____ Tribe: _____

Event	Code	Registration Deadline	# Attending	Cost	Total Paid
Lock-in at Field House Center— Princesses March 9, 2002	02 FEB 1643	Feb. 28, 2002		\$20/pair, \$10 for each additional	
Lock-in at Field House Center— Guides March 16, 2002	02 FEB 1644	Feb. 28, 2002		\$20/pair, \$10 for each additional	
Kane County Cougar Game 4/07/2002 2:00p.m.	02 FEB 1641	Apr. 4, 2002, only 400 available		\$7.50/ticket. Families Welcome	

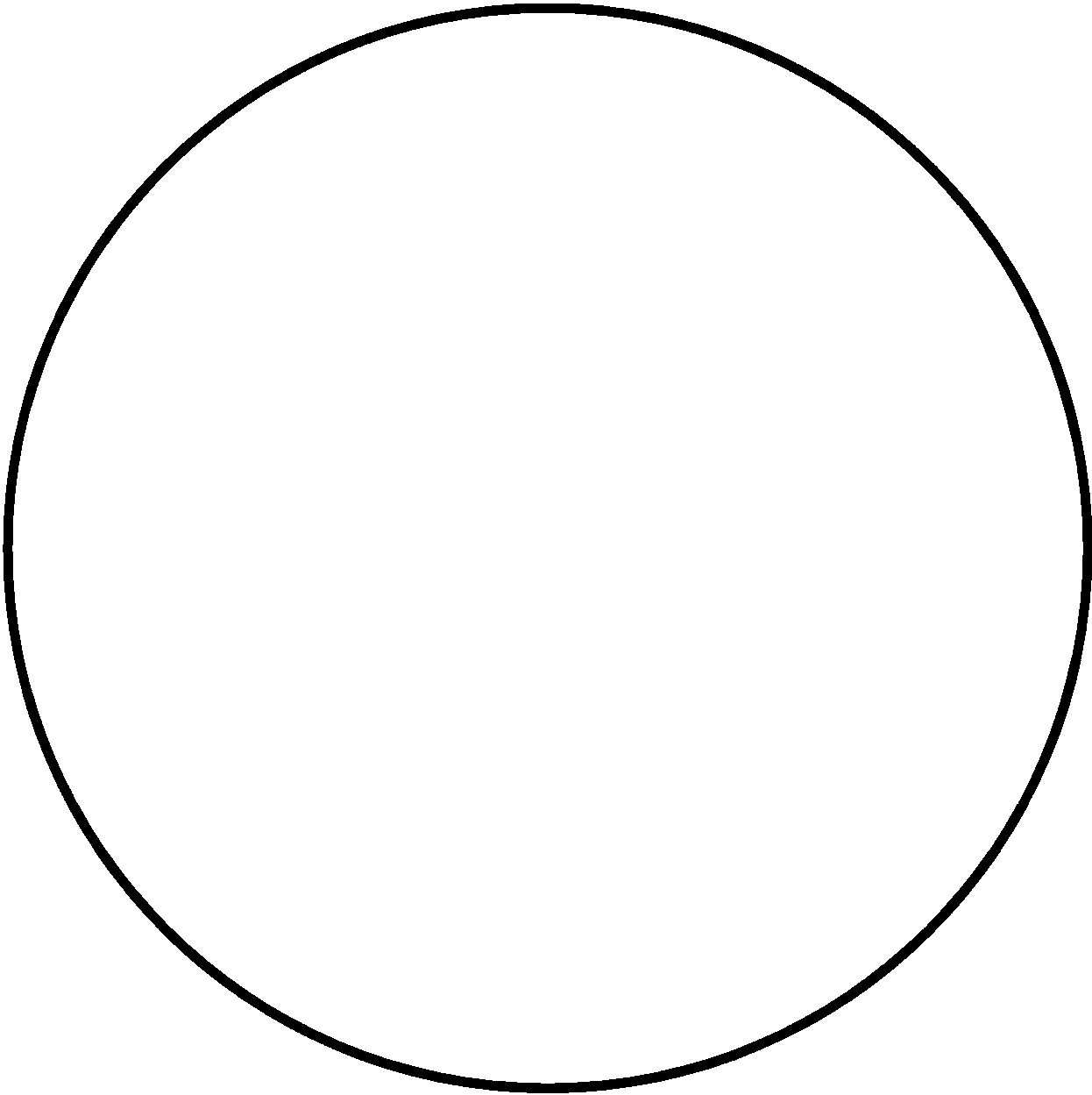


Participant or guardian assumes all risks of injury arising out of his or her presence on or about the premises or at another location, use or intended use of equipment and facilities, or his or her participation in the activities of the Heritage YMCA Group, an Illinois chartered not for profit corporation 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 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 or over) or Guardian

Employee Use: Today's Date: _____ Employee Initials: _____ Center: _____
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Spring Campout Patch Design



For Kids Only. Please design a patch for the 2002 Spring Camp out. **DUE DATE: March 31, 2002** (Copy this blank if needed.)



Child's Name

Child's Tribe & Nation

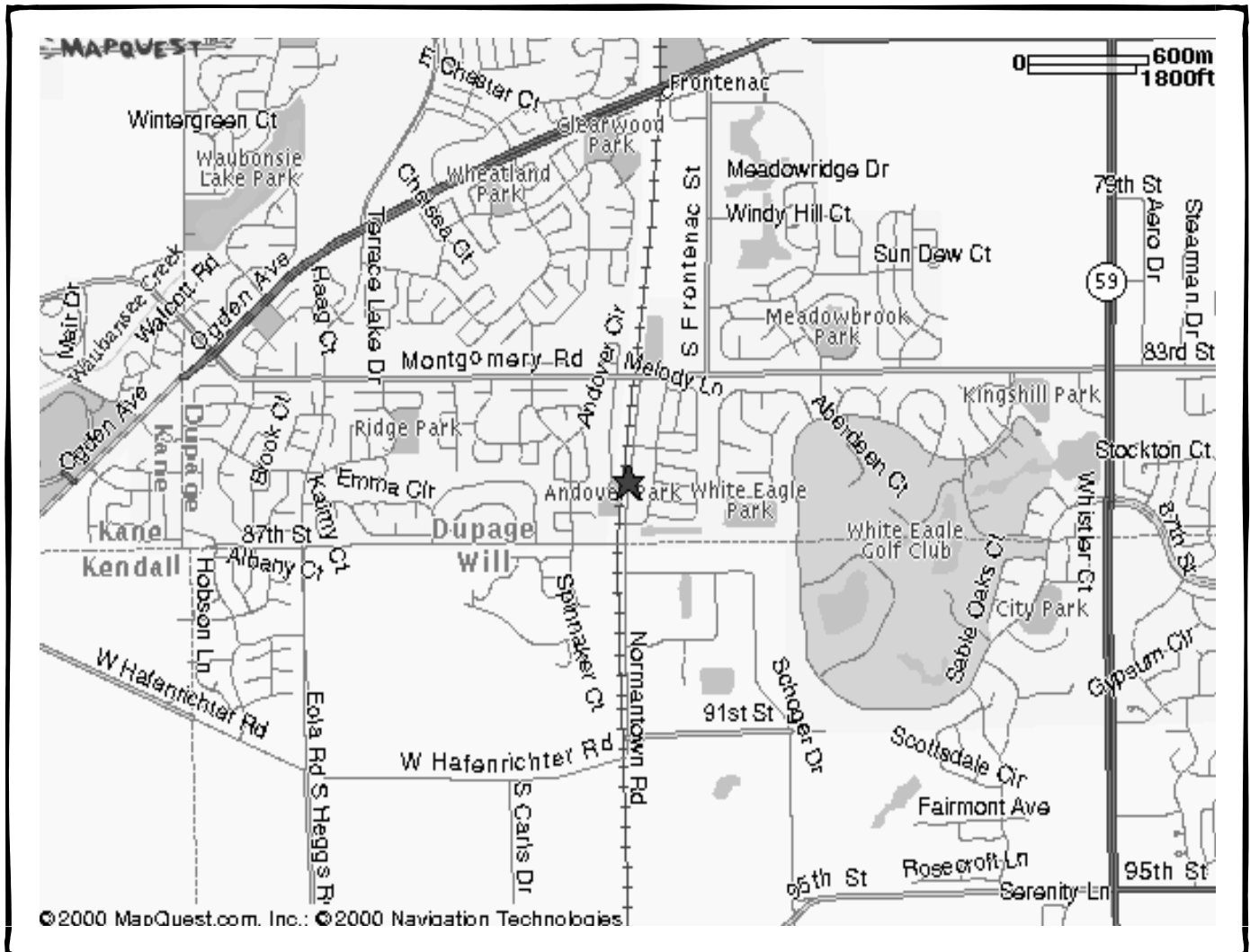
Rules:
Crayons only – 6 colors plus black

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Field House Center

31W290 Schoger Dr.

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Don't forget your pillows, sleeping bags, or air mattresses!!!!