



SMOKE SIGNALS

NEWSLETTER OF THE BIG TEEPEE FEDERATION
Y-GUIDES AND PRINCESSSES



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August 2002

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Chief Screaming Eagle Speaks

Aanii Boozhoo!

I hope everyone is having a great summer. I don't know where the summer has gone but it is almost time to begin another exciting year with the Big Teepee Federation's Y-Guides and Princesses program. The Federation Council has gotten a running start for this year. We have the fall Harvest Moon campout planned and many of this year's events as well. We have worked hard to coordinate our activities with the Trailblazer program so Dad's can participate in both programs with minimal conflicts.

This year's program will build on the success of last year's effort. We will continue to plan events that emphasize participation by both dad and child. I strongly encourage each tribe to send their chief or alternate tribal member to each long house meeting. They are held on the first Thursday evening of each month at 8:00PM. This is the time we solicit ideas to improve the events and add new ones. We will typically ask one of the nation chiefs to volunteer to organize and plan an event. We will also seek several tribal chiefs to assist. This way the demand on each of us is minimal and we can enjoy the event with our children. Typically a volunteer will spend only 30 minutes during the event helping with an activity. The creative ideas and participation from the program members is what makes this program successful.

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NEXT LONGHOUSE

**Thursday, Sept. 5th,
8-9 p.m. at the
Kroehler Family Center
34 S. Washington**
**Each tribe should be
represented.**

Mark Your Calendars

INFORMATION NIGHTS

- 9/9 7PM AT KROELER FAMILY CENTER
- 9/10 7PM AT 95TH STREET FAMILY CENTER

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

- SEPTEMBER 16, 2002

HARVEST MOON CAMPOUT

- LAKE, FOREST, PRAIRIE & MESA NATIONS. SEPTEMBER. 28 & 29, 2002
- PLAINS, DESERT NATIONS & ALL NEW TRIBES. OCTOBER 5 & 6, 2002

INSIDE THIS SMOKE

Program registration form

Harvest Moon Patch design contest entry form.

2002—2003 Big Teepee Federation Council Members

Fall campout registration form.

Got Ideas?

The upcoming year promises to be filled with excellent opportunities for fathers and their children to spend time together and most of all have fun! Here are just some of the events being planned for our Federation this year:

- Fall campouts.
- Hay ride in October.
- Ice skating in December.
- Winter weekend at George Williams, on Lake Geneva.
- Wolves hockey game.
- Family bike ride along the Fox River.
- Daddy daughter dance.
- Skating at Funway, in Batavia.
- Late night at the Y
- Pine car derby
- Planting Moon Campout

These are just a few of the activities being planned. If you have any ideas or would like to help, come to the Long House and speak up. The more the merrier.

LABOR DAY PARADE INFORMATION

The Y-Guides and Princess program has once again been invited to march in Naperville's Labor Day Parade.

All interested should meet at 9:30 a.m., on 9/2, just south of the Naperville North HS sports fields.

Contact your Chief for more details!

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The last item I wanted to cover as we start the year is our continuation of the Native American Theme of the program at the Heritage YMCA Group. We have a Native American task force that consists of volunteers from our program. Ollie Simeth leads this task force. This group will continue to help us to craft our program to teach our members about the Native Americans in a respectful and authentic manner. We are seeking input from local Native American organizations and doing other research to share with our federation's tribes. It is hoped that each tribe take time at their monthly meetings to teach the members about their namesake tribe as well as other Native American tribes. Their culture is rich and contains many lessons worthy of sharing with our children. It also can allow us to take a moment out of our hectic lives and reflect on the truly important ideas of preserving the land, respecting others and learning through hard work and courage.

I look forward to another fun filled year and hope to see every one at the Harvest Moon Campout.

Migwetch,
Screaming Eagle of the Kaskaskia

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

"Treat the earth well: it was not given to you by your parents, it was loaned to you by your children. We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children."

- Ancient Indian Proverb

WHO IS THIS FAMOUS NATIVE AMERICAN?

Here are a few hints:

- He was a member of the Sac and Fox Tribe's Thunder Clan. Born in 1887.
- His real name was Wathahuck which means Bright path.
- In the 1912 Olympics he became the first and only person ever to win both the Pentathlon and Decathlon.
- He was the first American to simultaneously play professional baseball and football. No, it's not Deion Sanders.
- He has been inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame, the Professional Football Hall of Fame, and the National Track and Field Hall of Fame.
- He has been on the cover of the WHEATIES box.
- The U.S. Congress named him America's Athlete of the 20th Century.
- He excelled in every sport he tried, and was the most famous athlete of his time. Just like Mike!

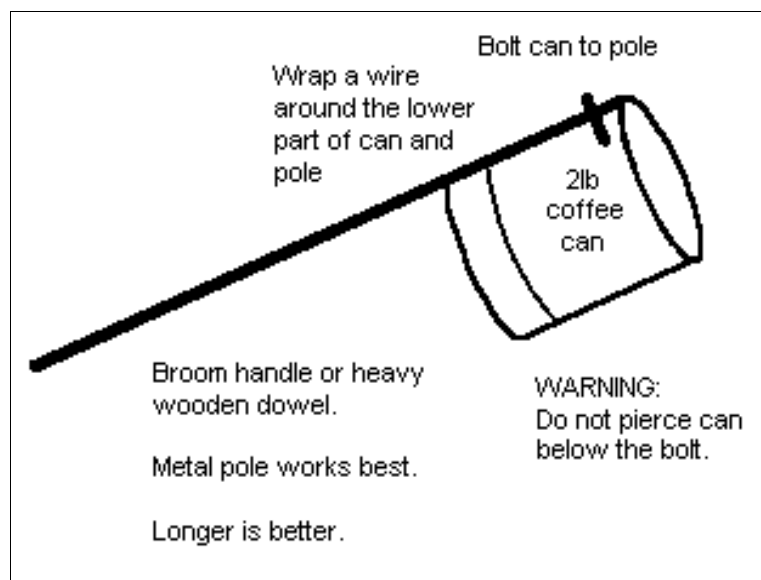


Am I Bill Bredeck's Great Grandpa?

Answer: You'll have to wait until the next **SMOKE SIGNALS**

TRIBAL TORCHES

The fall trip will be here before you know it. Now the Smoke Signaler has been known to be a bit of a pyromaniac on these camping trips, as are many other dads I'm sure. Either way, you're tribe needs to have a really cool torch to show off during the parade to the bon fire. Fire is dangerous. Especially when it's on a kerosene soaked roll of TP. Even stop drop and roll won't put one of those things out. Therefore it's important to make sure your torches are safe. Here are some basic instructions to build a pretty boring tribal torch. I recommend using them as a starting point and then customizing your torch with cool features. Please remember that the wooden sticks will catch fire, I recommend using a flame retardant material for a handle just to be safe.



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**Heritage YMCA Group
2002/2003 Y—Princess/Guide/ Trailblazer
Parent-Child Program Registration Form**

Princess (02SEP 1600)

Guides (02SEP 1640)

Trailblazer (02SEP 1680)

Please use one form for each child. Past participants need only fill in name, tribe and phone number if your information has not changed from last year.

Family Last Name: _____

Today's Date: _____

Child's First: _____

Child's Indian Name: _____

Dad's First: _____

Dad's Indian Name: _____

Address: _____

Child's Birthdate: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

School: _____

Home Phone: _____

Grade (Fall of 2001): _____

Work Phone: _____

Subdivision: _____

Primary Email Address: _____

If you would like a second copy of the monthly newsletter mailed to a separate address, please list below:

Email: _____ Secondary Address: _____

New members, if there is a specific tribe or other children with whom you wish to join, please list names below. If you don't specify, we will assign tribes according to subdivision, school and ages. There will be 6—12 children with their dads in each tribe. _____

How did you learn about this program? _____

Cost of Program:

Questions? Please contact Bill Bredeck or Ben Pinegar at 630-420-6270.

YMCA Member: \$32 Father / Child Community Participant: \$64 Father / Child
 \$18 each additional child \$36 each additional child

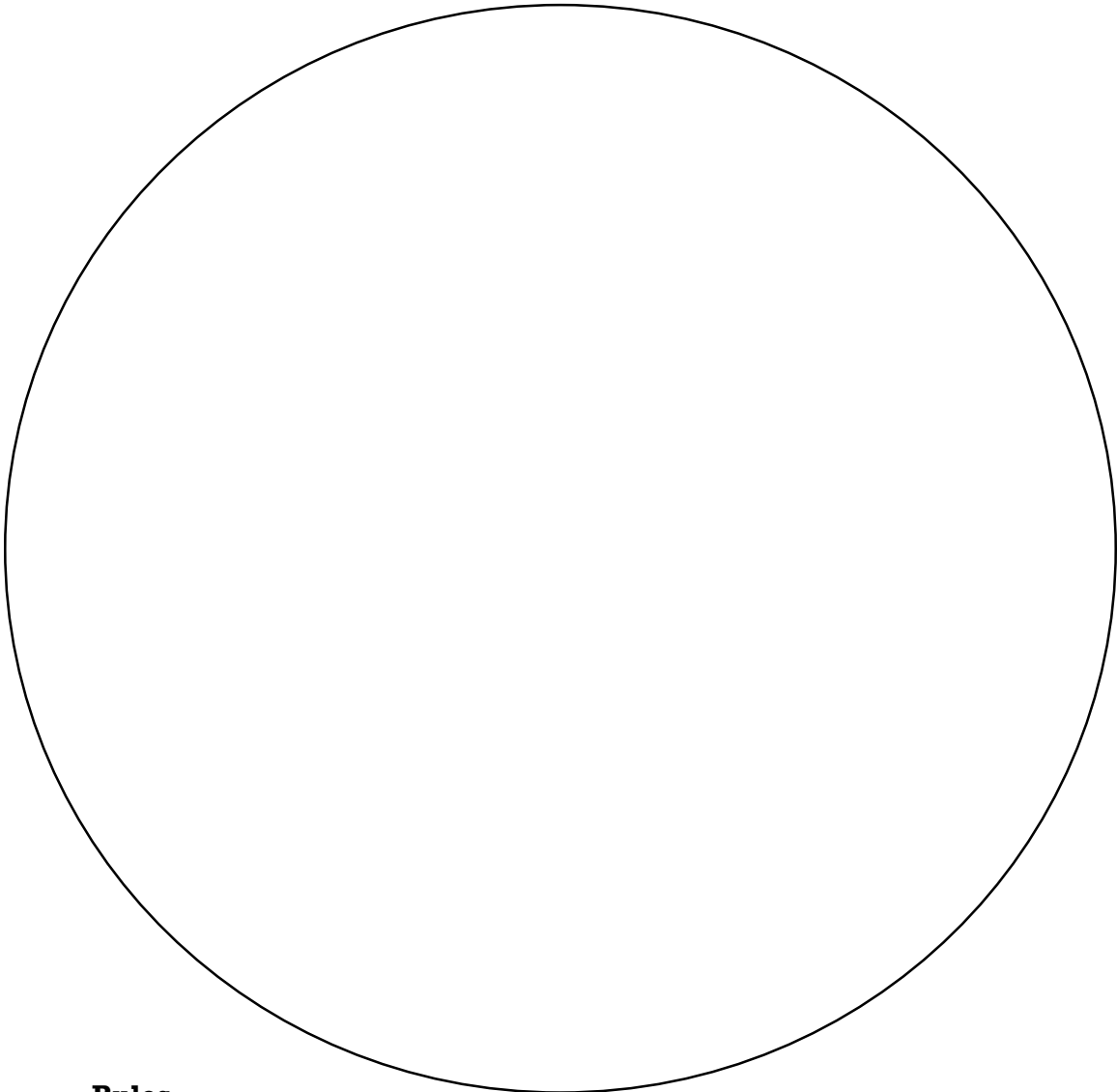
Program fee includes cost of printing, mailing monthly newsletter, new manual and administrative costs. New Y—Guide/Princesses will receive an introductory packet.

Weekend events are charged separately

Completed forms can be turned in at any Heritage YMCA Group facility

**Harvest Moon Campout 2002
Patch Design Contest**

Form is due back at Kroehler Family Center by September 1, 2002



Rules

Must be a kid to enter.

Use Crayons only.

Use only 6 colors, plus black.

Child's name: _____

Tribe: _____

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

This registration form and applicable fees must be returned to the THE KROEHLER FAMILY CENTER at 34 S. Washington St. or the 95th Street 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 _____
Phone#: _____ Tribe: _____

Event	Code	Registra- tion Deadline	# Attending	Cost	Total Paid
Harvest Moon Campout 1st weekend	02 SEP 1641	Sep. 21, 2002		\$25/pair, \$15 for each additional	
Harvest Moon Campout 2nd weekend	02 SEP 1642	Sep. 21, 2002		\$25/pair, \$15 for each additional	



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: _____