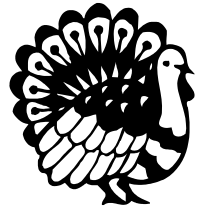




SMOKE SIGNALS

NEWSLETTER OF THE BIG TEEPEE FEDERATION
Y-GUIDES AND PRINCESSES



Pals Forever

November 2002

Friends Always


Happy Thanksgiving

Chief Screaming Eagle Speaks

Aanii Boozhoo!

Well I hope everyone had a great time at the Fall campout. We had two great weekends of weather and a lot of fun activities. I hope the dads and the kids got a chance to scale the rock-climbing wall. My two boys made sure that I showed them how to get to the top. We also took several long hikes including one at Starved Rock State Park on Sunday. By the time we made it home we had two tired boys and one very tired dad. But these are the times we'll remember.

I hope everyone gets ready for our big night at the 95th St. Family Center. The late nighter will include an obstacle course, swimming and other activities. The guides will have their late nighter on Saturday November 16th and the Princesses on Saturday November 23rd. On each of the two evenings, we'll also get a demonstration of the Y's new Poseidon System that is installed in the 95th St. Family Center's pool. It is a state of the art system that uses lasers and cameras to detect any object that is still in the pool for more than 10 seconds. This is the first system of its kind in the Midwest and will be featured in the local media and on national TV.

I hope each of the tribes is also having their local tribe meetings. If any of the tribes need help with the routine of activities, please contact your tribe mentor or any of  **PG. 2**

NEXT LONGHOUSE

Thursday, Dec. 5th,
8-9 p.m. at the
Kroehler Family Center
34 S. Washington

Each tribe should be
represented.

Mark Your Calendars

NOVEMBER FEDERATION EVENT

LATE NIGHT AT THE 95TH
ST. FAMILY CENTER
8:00 - MIDNIGHT
GUIDES, NOV. 16
PRINCESSES, NOV. 23

REGISTER BY:
GUIDES: 11/15/2002

PRINCESS: 11/21/2002

PATCH DESIGN WINNERS

David Degenhardt, Fast Red Fox of the Onondaga, designed our patches for pumpkin patch and the late night at 95th St. events.

Veronica Ellis, Full Moon of the Yuma, designed the patch for our fall campout. Nice going!!! Thanks to all who entered!

New in this month's Smoke Signal

In this month's Smoke Signal, you will see a new section on the Trailblazers. This will be an ongoing feature to communicate the Trailblazer information to the members and to let the current Guides and Princesses know what to look forward to when they graduate.

What is Trailblazers? It is a continuation of the Guide/Princess program for older kids (4th grade and up).

Events:

September: Pizza Party
Canoeing
Campout
November: Bowling
December: Laser Tag

Still being finalized:

January: Overnight at a museum
February: Skiing or Rollerblading
March: Camp Tecumseh
April: Water park
May: Campout

In the past we have slept in submarines, slept in caves, had rocket launches and much more.

If this sounds like your kind of fun, come join us. A signup sheet for the Trailblazer program is attached as well as the signup sheet for the December Laser Tag.

Call Ben at the Y if you have questions.

Ken Suchomel (Chief Running Horse)

BIG TEEPEE FEDERATION - SMOKE SIGNALS

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the Federation Council members for help.

Don't forget that for the Winter Campout, each tribe should prepare a display of information about their namesake tribe. Each guide or princess should prepare a portion of the display that shows the various aspects of the tribe's culture including where they lived, how they produced food and any famous leaders. We judge these displays during the campout and hope to see many original and creative displays. We also display your tribe's common property that you've created. Items like totem poles, banners, teepees and other Native American items are typically displayed.

Migwetch,
Gene Poletto
Screaming Eagle of the Kaskaskia

NEW EASIER WAY TO REGISTER FOR EVENTS!


December Federation Event
Treasure Planet at the Woodridge
IMAX
Saturday December 14th, 2002
12:30 & 2:30 p.m.
Bring your whole family!

YOU CAN NOW REGISTER FOR OUR EVENTS USING YOUR CREDIT CARD. JUST COMPLETE THE CREDIT CARD INFORMATION SECTION ON THE REGISTRATION FORM AND FAX IT TO THE Y AT (630) 420-6609

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The Indian Agent, Ben Pinegar, can be  reached at 420-6270 Ext. 1123. Leave a message and he will get back to you. If you need immediate assistance, contact Bill Bredeck at 420-6270.

BIG TEEPEE FEDERATION - SMOKE SIGNALS

BIG TEEPEE FEDERATION EVENT SCHEDULE 2002—2003

NOVEMBER	LATE NIGHT AT THE 95TH ST. FAMILY CENTER	11/16 GUIDES, 11/23 PRINCESSES 8:00 PM – 12:00 AM
DECEMBER	TREASURE PLANET AT THE IMAX	12/14 12:30 & 2:30 P.M.
JANUARY	WINTER WEEKEND AT GEORGE WILLIAMS COLLEGE, ON LAKE GENEVA	1/04–1/05 GUIDES 1/11–1/12 PRINCESSES
FEBRUARY	FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE AT WASHINGTON JR. HIGH	2/08/2003
	ROCK CLIMBING AT INDOOR SUMMITS, IN NAPERVILLE	2/15/2003
MARCH	SKATING AT FUNWAY, IN BATAVIA.	3/15/2003
APRIL	BICYCLING ALONG THE FOX RIVER. FABYAN PARKWAY IN GENEVA	4/26/2003, 1:00 PM
MAY	PLANTING MOON CAMP OUT	5/17–18, 2003

LONGHOUSE MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 1ST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 8:00 PM IN

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	Apache	Yakama	Anasazi	Chickasaw	Hunk Pa Pa
Miami	Wappo	Yuit	Apache	Choctaw	Illinois
Algonquin	Iroquois	Arapaho	Aztec	Blackhawk	Blackfoot
Aztec	Zuni	Cherokee	Havasupi	Cheyenne	Chinook
Cheyenne	Kickapoo	Choctaw	Hopi	Comanche	Columbia
Chickasaw	Ute	Cree	Maricopa	Menominee	Navajo
Chippewa	Menominee	Delaware	Nez Perce	Omaha	Pima
Comanche	Narragansett	Navajo	Pueblo	Onondaga	Potawatomi
Ho-Chunk	Shawnee	Onondaga	Shasta	Ottawa	Teton
Iowa	Ojibwa	Seminole	Sioux	Paiute	Walla Walla
Kaskaskia	Oneida	Tonkawa	Tonkawa	Powhatan	Yakima
Mandan	Potawatomi	Yuma	Yuma	Seneca	Mojave
Yellowknife	Blackhawk	Nequa	Zuni	Shawnee	Ute
Illinois	Cayuga	Pawnee	Dakota	Kickapoo	Princess 2002-C
Seneca	Lenape	Wichita	Biloxi	Princess 2002-D	
Quapaw	Guide 2002-B	Guide 2002-A	Inuit		
			Princess 2002-A		

SNOW MOON CAMPOUT

When is it?

January 4-5th, 2002 – Guides
January 11-12th, 2002 – Princesses

Where is it?

George Williams College Campus
Williams Bay, Wisconsin
\$85 per father/child pair
\$35 per additional child
(includes 3 meals, overnight accommodations, and patches)

What is it?

Think of it as a big sleepover party. For at least the last 20 years, Naperville's Indian Guide and Princess program has been gathering at George Williams College in Williams Bay, Wisconsin right on the shores of beautiful Lake Geneva. Williams Bay is the first town west of Lake Geneva, about 1 1/2 hours north of Naperville. We have a permanent booking for the first two weekends of January.

George Williams College has two large dormitories with many rooms that hold from 4-8 kids and dads in bunk beds. It's not exactly the Ritz (concrete floors, cinder block walls, plastic covered mattresses...), but there are central recreation rooms and fairly nice bathrooms (indoor). There are also other, smaller buildings with various sleeping arrangements. Rooms are assigned in late December. Tribes are assigned rooms based upon their numbers and availability. Some of the rooms are on the campus next door. Check-in is at 10 am but you can arrive anytime throughout the day. Lunch is at 12 pm. Dinner is around 5:30 pm. Evening entertainment 7-9 pm.

We head back to Naperville around 10 am the next morning. Space will be tight, so sign up as soon as you can.

Registrations are due Friday, December 15th.

What do we do?

There are lots of outdoor activities available at George Williams, including sledding, hiking, and ice skating (if the lake is frozen). There is a gymnasium with basketball and floor hockey. There is also an outdoor basketball court. The University of Chicago has an observatory nearby, called Yerkes, which offers tours. There is also a working farm nearby that offers tours. Lake Geneva has bowling, movies, roller skating, and shopping. The weather can be warm or cold, snowy or rainy. Rain, snow or shine, there is always something to do.

Don't forget about the snow snake contest, Tribal Property & Tribal Heritage displays.

What about food?

There is a central dining hall that provides three meals: lunch and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday morning. The food is institutional, but very kid friendly.

What about the Gym?

The gymnasium is a little bigger than the Kroehler Family Center gym. We play basketball and floor hockey by day, and then meet for entertainment at night.

SNOW SNAKES

That's right everyone. At the winter overnight, we're going to hold our annual great snow snake toss contest. It's actually based upon an old Indian game. Now you get to experience the thrill, the excitement, the freezing cold that comes with the fun!

The rules are simple. Each Guide and Princess, along with their Dad, should build a "snake" according to the directions included. Decorate it as you see fit. Most important, make it as smooth and slippery as possible.

On the Saturday afternoon of each winter overnight weekend, we'll all head over to the tennis courts area at George Williams College. We'll smooth out a few lanes and have each guide and princess toss their snake as far as they can. The snake that goes the farthest wins.

We'll also have judging afterwards, in "The Dugout" area below the dining wall. Awards will be given to snakes in the following categories: Best Carved, Most Poisonous, Most Indian-Like, Funniest, Most Imaginative, Most Original, Most Colorful, Most Life-Like, Fanciest.

Tribal Heritage Program

Native Americans have exceptional poise, dignity and pride. They teach their children by example. They live in harmony with nature and place a higher priority on spiritualism than materialism.

Each year Heritage YMCA Group Guide and Princess program STRONGLY encourages our members to study their adopted tribes' history and ways. Learning about some aspect of their tribe provides a common basis for dads and their kids to spend time together. As a way of showing a little of what they might have learned, we ask each dad/child team to prepare a "Tribal Heritage Poster".

Each parent/child team should select an appropriate topic, and learn about this cultural aspect of their tribe. They should then display this pictorially on a poster.

Each poster will become part of a larger tribal heritage "story board" which will be displayed and judged at the winter overnight in January. This is a great project for first year tribes who haven't had the opportunity to create a lot of tribal property!

We suggest that each tribe discuss this "story board" concept at their tribal meeting. Each dad/child team should take on a topic.

Suggested topics:

Where they lived, What their house was like, their food, how they dressed, what they did for fun, storytelling, beliefs and customs, crafts, growing up, toys and games, ceremonies, language, important historical events, famous tribesmen and women, the tribe as it is today.

Individual Posters:

Topics: A different one for each parent/child team
Size: 24 inches, high x 30 inches wide (this is a parental guide)
Material: Your choice, but should be portable (heavy paper is fine)
Medium: Markers, crayons, paints, fabric, natural items, etc. . . .
(Please put your names at the bottom of each poster)

Tribe Display:

Posters will be displayed in a large activity room below the dining hall at George Williams College (called "The Dugout"). Each tribe will be given a section of wall and a table to display their tribal heritage and property. Try to display posters side by side. You'll want to bring some strong tape to help with this (the walls are cinder blocks). Some tribes display their posters in a "story book" (or frieze).

Tribal Property:

We also ask that tribes display any "tribal property" they may have created. For most tribes, this includes: a banner, totem pole, talking stick, drums, spears, shields, etc. . . .

First year tribes tend to have less tribal property than 2nd or 3rd year tribes. Displaying tribal property gives the older tribes a chance to "show off" and gives younger tribes a chance to see some fine craftsmanship. It's not too late to start on some tribal property.

HOW TO MAKE A SNOW SNAKE



Material: Wooden dowel or similar piece of wood. You might even find a branch in the woods that already looks like a snake. Keep in mind that you'll be trying to slide the snake, like a ski, over the snow. Paint, coat with varnish, wax, etc. Decorate as you see fit. Be creative or functional. Be sure to put your name and tribe name on your snake. Remember, there are awards for all kinds of snakes. Have fun making this together.

Dimensions: Length: 3 feet minimum to 4 foot maximum
Width: 3 inches maximum
Height: Optional
Weight: No restrictions

Note: A 2" x 2" board or 1 3/4 inch diameter dowel works well.

HERITAGE YMCA GROUP BIG TEEPEE FEDERATION Y-GUIDE/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 _____
Phone#: _____ Tribe: _____

Event	Code	Registra- tion Deadline	# Attending	Cost	Total Paid
Late night at the 95th St. Center Guides 11/16 Princesses 11/23	02 OCT 1641 (G) 02 OCT 1642 (P)	Nov. 15, 2002		\$20/pair, \$10 for each additional	
IMAX 12/14, 2002 12:30 p.m. 2:30 p.m.	02 OCT 1643 02 OCT 1644			\$10/person. Includes ticket, drink & popcorn	
Winter Campout Guides 1/4/2003 Princesses 1/11/2003	03 JAN 1641 03 JAN 1642			\$85 father/child, \$35 each additional. Price includes lodging	
Winter Campout Guides 1/4/2003 Princesses 1/11/2003	03 JAN 1641OF 03 JAN 1642OF			\$25 father/child, \$15 each additional. Prices does not in- clude lodging	



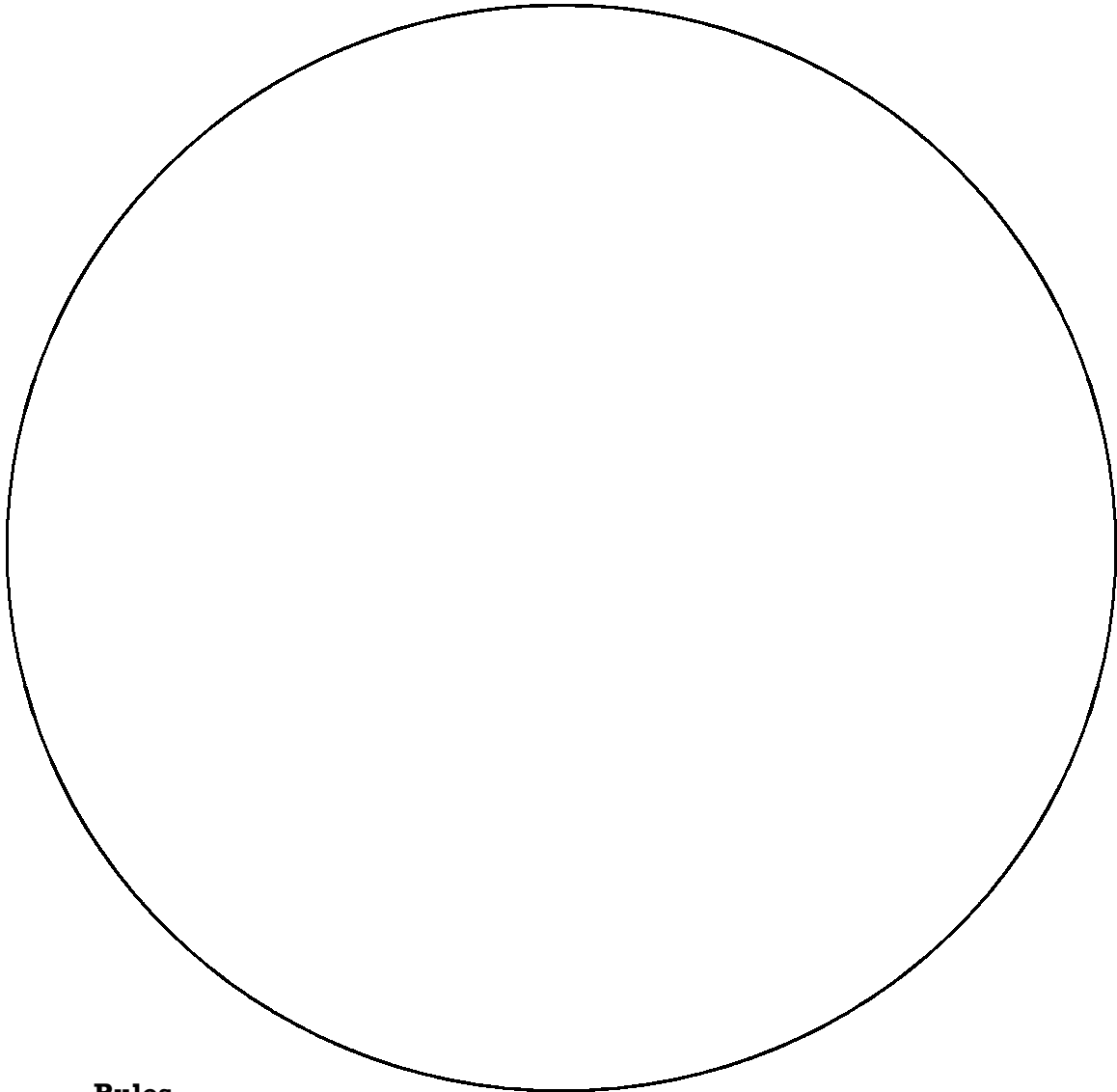
Participant or guardian assumes all risks of injury arising out of his or her presence on or about the premises or at another location, use or intended use of equipment and facilities, or his or her participation in the activities of the Heritage YMCA Group, an Illinois chartered not for profit corporation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

Winter Weekend at George Williams Patch Design Contest

Form is due back at Kroehler Family Center by December 6th, 2002



Rules

Must be a kid to enter.

Use crayons only.

Child's name: _____

Tribe: _____

