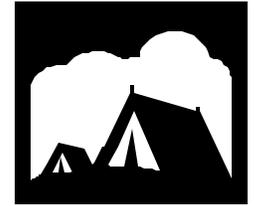




# The Heritage YMCA Group Smoke Signals

Newsletter of the Big Teepee Federation  
Naperville, Illinois Indian Guides and Princesses



Pals Forever

Wild Goose Moon —April 2000

Friends Always

## Plant Your Feet at the Stronghold — Planting Moon Camp Out Set For May 20-21

### CHIEF'S MESSAGE

How How!

Has this been a good year for you and your tribe? You and your child? Did it seem like it was just a short time ago you packed away the tent and camping gear from the Harvest Moon campout, and now it's time for the Planting Moon campout?

Our third graders will be able to graduate to the Trailblazers program. Because this is a smaller group, they can go to places and do things that the larger Federation cannot.

If you are not yet ready to graduate and the program has been good for you and your child, then it's not too early to make plans for next fall. We will be starting registration next month for our 2000-2001 season. The Planting Moon campout is also a good time to invite a friend who is not yet in the program, but might want to join.

As we conclude the program year and begin our outdoor activities of soccer, baseball and other events, there will surely come a time when you have a conflict. Look ahead to your schedules and make those hard decisions as soon as you can.

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Longhouse Meeting  
Thursday, 04/06/00  
8:00 – 9:00 PM  
Kroehler Family Center  
34 S. Washington  
Each tribe should be represented.

### Registration Deadlines!

Family Bike Ride  
04/14/00  
(extended)  
Planting Moon Camp Out  
05/04/00

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## Spring Camp Out Promises to be the Best Yet!

Mark your calendars. This is the BIG ONE. The one and only, Big Teepee Federation Planting Moon Camp Out. Forest Nation Chief Gary Voyda and the other Forest Nation tribal chiefs, are making plans for the fun at the Stronghold Campground in Oregon, IL. We'll have Indian games, a scavenger hunt, a heritage walk, plenty of free time, a secret pow wow for graduating Guides and Princesses, a torch parade, a critter hunt and the World's Largest Bonfire. The fun-packed schedule is on page 7.

The Stronghold is a large, private, campground and conference center, owned and operated by the Presbyterian Church. It's located across the Rock River from Lowden State Park and the

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## Remaining 2000 Big Teepee Federation Events – Revised

Sunday, April 30, 2000	Family Bike Ride	Fabyan Park – Prairie Bike Path – 1:00 PM
Thursday, May 4, 2000	Longhouse Meeting	Kroehler Family Center – 8:00 PM
Saturday/Sunday, May 20-21, 2000	Planting Moon Campout	Stronghold Campground – Oregon, IL
Monday, May 29, 2000	Memorial Day Parade	Centennial Beach Parking Lot – 10:00 AM

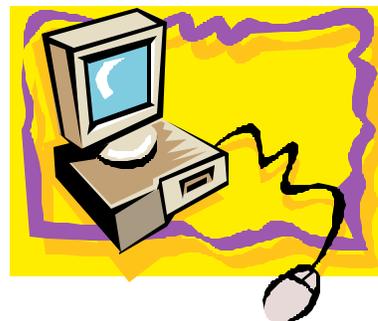
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## REMINDER

### *Family Bike Ride April 30, 1:00PM Along the Fox River*

Remember to bring the whole family out for this healthy and fun event on April 30. Here's some of the reminders from prior editions of the *Smoke Signals*. **Cost is \$6 per father/child pair, which includes a patch. Additional child in program is \$3. Other family members (no patch) are no charge.** Registration deadline was Friday, April 14. Remember, this is not a race. Try to take your time and enjoy the scenery.

Don't forget to bring:

Helmets  
Vests  
Water bottles  
Extra clothes  
Rain gear  
Camera  
Smile

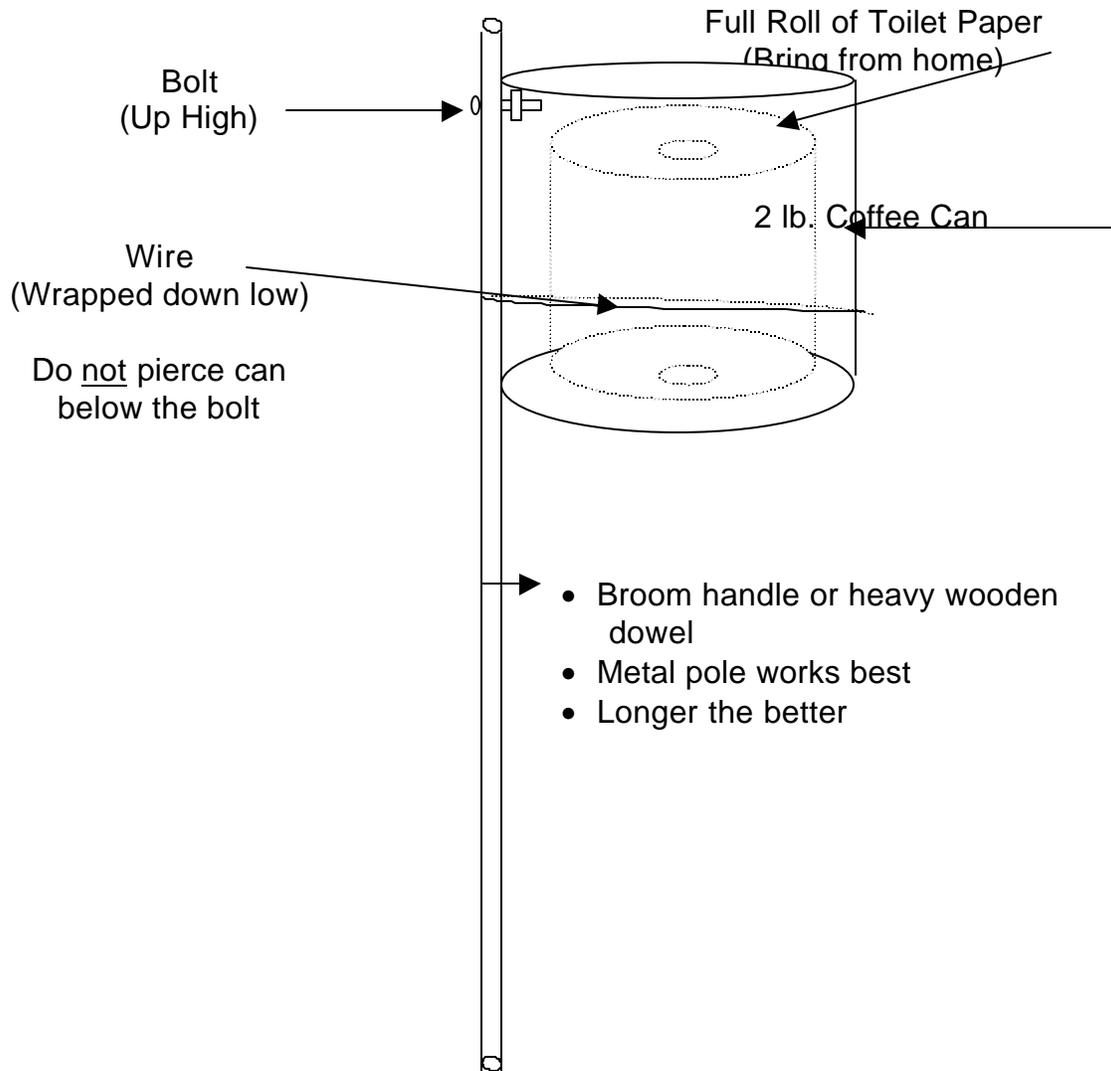


It will be held on Sunday, April 30, 2000 on the "Fox River Trail" along the Fox river between Geneva and North Aurora. We suggest that tribes ride together, but everyone should feel free to come and go when they please. This is a "family event," which means everyone in the family is invited, including the toddlers who "ride shotgun" on Dad's bike. The route we follow starts at Fabyan East Park on Route 25 just north of downtown Batavia (see directions below). You can choose to take the whole route (10 miles) or just a portion. The whole route extends down the west side of the river south to the North Aurora dam and then back north to the windmill. Most of the path is paved.

How to get there:

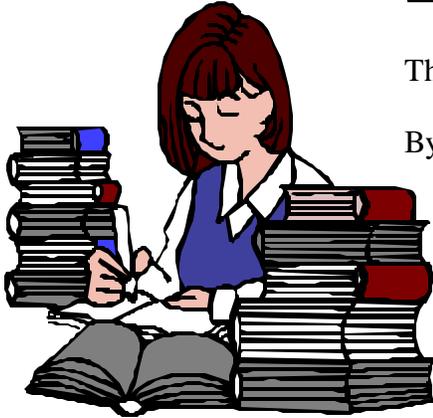
Take Route 59 north to Route 56, Butterfield Road. Turn left, head west, to Kirk Road. Turn right, north, and head to Fabyan Parkway, then turn left and head west to Route 25. Turn right, north, on Route 25 for about ½ mile. Turn left into Fabyan East Park just before the windmill. If you pass the windmill, you've gone too far. Park in the lot next to the river. Follow bridge over the river to the island. We will try to congregate at the Eagle Statue on the island at 1:00PM. We will have snacks (juice, apples, granola bars) available from 2:30-3:30pm back in the park.

# How to make a tribal torch



- Each tribe should have one torch for the bonfire processional at fall and spring campouts.
- YMCA will supply kerosene at campouts for fuel. Torches are fueled (soaked) ½ hour before torch parade begins. Should burn about 1 hour.
- Show tribal spirit. Decorate your torch with symbols of your tribe or its members.

# KIDS' KORNER



The Navajo Tribe, Powhatan, and Cheyenne Tribe

By Katie Barnier (Silver Star, Powhatan Tribe, Prairie Nation)

There were two tribes with a lot of children in each tribe. The two tribes' names were Powhatan and Cheyenne. They were both good tribes, but there was one problem. The tribes fought by saying "you have more food" than us. The other said "no we don't." Then a mother came up and said "We should not fight, besides it is not good. And we would both get hurt." So the tribes decided to make that one of their Indian rules.

There was another tribe, Navajo, which had many less children. Their children always wanted playmates. So they went to the other two tribes and asked if they had any children in their tribes. They said "yes." They also said they had tons of children who want playmates too, new playmates, that is. So the other tribe decided to set up their tee-pees and live with the other tribes. It was so great for the children. But it wasn't good for the boys. The Navajos had only girls, which made the boys feel sad. So, the boys decided to make some friends with the girls. And they made a lot of friends with the girls. So, everybody from now on in that place had a great time living with three tribes. And then a lot more tribes came in, and then it went over again until there were ten tribes with boys and girls making friends. And then it went to twenty and that is how many tribes it stopped at.

Then, one night, a girl from the Cheyenne tribe got scared and went to a Powhatan girl who was her best friend. The Powhatan girl said why don't you have your mother sing you a song. But then the Cheyenne girl said, "But what if she won't?" The Powhatan girl said, we figured out how to make music from this ram horn. We took a bunch of rams horn and took the bottoms off and connected them all together to make a big ram horn and then we put holes in it. Then the Cheyenne girl played it and had a great night, and wasn't scared anymore. Then the Powhatan girl said, you can have that every night and you won't be scared. I used to be scared, but not anymore. The Cheyenne girl said in surprise, "You mean I can keep it?" The Powhatan girl said "yes!" And they lived happily ever after.  
THE END.

## HEY KIDS!

The "Kids' Korner" is the place to show off your writing. Every month the Smoke Signals will publish an article written by a Guide or Princess. It can be on any topic. Here's some suggestions:

- ◆ Your fun, silly, or happy times in Y Indian Guides and Princesses
- ◆ A short story that you make up (maybe with an Indian theme)
- ◆ Your dad (Does he rattle the tent when he snores? What does he do when your tribe surrounds him with water pistols?)

All you have to do is type your story and send it to the Smoke Signaler at [wabacuse@aol.com](mailto:wabacuse@aol.com) or mail it to

David Newby  
1223 Cromwell Ln.  
Naperville, IL 60564

Black Hawk Statue, about 1 1/2 hours from Naperville. We traditionally have over 800 kids and dads camping together, and the beautiful surroundings as well as the enormous amount of open space make it our favorite event of the year.

Last year, we had a "Noisy Stick" contest. Prizes were awarded to each Princess and Guide based on the sticks' beauty, originality, etc. This year, the contest is for tribal totem poles. Check out the article on page 10 for details.



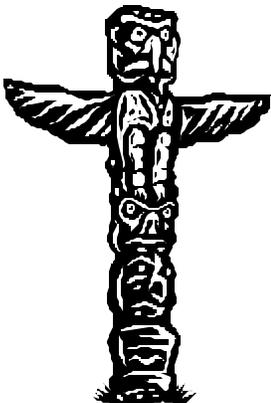
### About the campground

The Stronghold is the old estate of Walter Strong, former publisher of the Chicago Daily News. The estate was given to the Presbyterian Church, which now operates the facility. The campground is very large with lots of good hiking on the property and nearby.

Besides the scheduled campground activities, there are many things to do within a short drive. Hiking, canoeing, and fishing are all available. Some of you may remember touring a "castle" on the grounds. This is used as a retreat and will be **strictly off limits**.

### Lowden State Park

On the other side of the river and just a little south of the Stronghold. Home of the massive Chief Blackhawk statue. Lots of hiking trails and a beautiful view of the river. This is worth a visit. The park can be reached by heading back into Oregon, crossing over the bridge on Route 64 heading east. On the other side of the bridge is a road heading north about 1.5 miles to the park entrance. For more information, see <http://dnr.state.il.us/parks/parkinfo/lowdensp.htm>.



### Castle Rock State Park

On the west side of the Rock river and a few miles south of Oregon on Route 2. There are a few sandstone bluffs overlooking the river with great views and lots of hiking.

### White Pines State Park

West of Oregon 4-5 miles. Great hiking over sandstone bluffs and through pine forests. Take Route 2 to the southern edge of Oregon and follow the signs just before the bridge.

### Canoeing

At the edge of the Rock river, right in town, on the south side of Route 64 is Eagle's Nest. They have canoes available for rent that head from that point to the pickup at one of the bluffs in Castle Rock State Park.

### Fishing

This is a great time of year for fishing and Oregon is a great spot to try it out. Just below the dam (in the eddy's by the shore) in downtown Oregon is usually a good spot for small mouth bass. Don't forget your fishing license. You can get minnows at Moe's.

# INDIAN GUIDES / PRINCESSES SPRING CAMPOUT AGENDA

## Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Check in at the Administration Building (Pick up Information Packet)
1:00 PM to 2:30 PM	Free Time Activities <b>Heritage Walk</b> (Start at Walnut Lodge) (Learn Indian lore and build a necklace) Canoeing Horseback Riding Hiking Fishing Kite Flying Scavenger Hunt (List included in the information packet)
2:30 PM to 4:00 PM	Tribal Olympics – Come and test your skill at some traditional Indian Games. <b>Meet at the Large Field.</b>
4:00 PM to 4:30 PM	Validation of Scavenger Hunt Items. <b>Bring your items to the Bath House for validation and a prize.</b>
4:30 PM to 5:00 PM	Secret Pow Wow for graduating guides and princesses <b>Meet at Tower.</b>
5:00 PM to 7:30 PM	Free Time, Dinner (on your own)
7:30 PM	Fuel up the Torches <b>Bring Torches to the Bath House.</b>
8:00 PM	Procession (Bring your torch and drum) <b>Let's Make Some Noise.</b>
8:30 PM	Fire Ceremony Nations Chief's Message Critter Hunt ( <b>Don't forget your flashlight</b> )
10:30 PM to 11:00 PM	Story telling at tribal campfires ( <b>Fire Stories in Packet</b> ) Quiet down time

## Sunday, May 21st

9:00 AM	<b>Meet at the Large Field</b> Worship Service Judging of the Totem Poles
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# INDIAN GUIDES / PRINCESSES

## SPRING CAMPOUT

### TRIBAL OLYMPICS

#### **Spear Throw –**

Test your skill at throwing a spear through a hoop. There will be four throwing lines for this event. The spears are five feet in length and the hoops range from 12 inches to 14 inches in diameter. Can you throw it through the hoop? How good is your hand and eye coordination?

#### **Arrow and Hoop –**

This is the Heritage YMCA Indian Guides / Princesses' version of the hoop and pole game. The Apache, Sauk, Fox, Paiute, Mohave, Blackfoot, Hopi and many more Indian tribes all had versions of this game. The object is to roll the hoop along the ground with the arrow that is provided. There will be four stations for this event.

#### **Dart Throw –**

Test your skill at landing darts in hoop positioned 10 to 20 feet away. This was a big hit among the Chippewa tribe during the Green Corn Moon (August) and was played with corncob darts. After peeling the husk away from an ear of corn, the boys would drill four holes into the blunt end with a sharp bone awl. They then placed turkey feathers into the holes. The object was to throw the darts at a stick or hoop positioned some 20 feet away. There will be three stations of three darts each.

#### **Toss Ball --**

Test your skill at throwing a ball. There is one catch. How far can you throw the ball while lying flat on your back? The Indians made the balls from buckskin and attached a leather strap. We have three stations with three balls each.

#### **Snow Ski Race --**

Can you and your brave or princess coordinate your walking pattern for this one? These are the two person skis from the fall campout. We thought we'd give them a real workout at the spring campout. We have three sets of skis just waiting for some eager dads and braves / princesses.

#### **Tug-O-War --**

Come and test your strength against the other tribes, or fathers versus children, or take on the chief, or whatever provides the most fun.

#### **Kick Ball Race –**

If a plain three legged race isn't bad enough. We have decided to make this one a little more eventful by having a three legged kickball race. You better kick that ball straight.

#### **Water Balloon Toss --**

A big How How to the Iowa tribe for providing all of the balloons for this event. We will close the games with this event as we line up in two lines – father facing child. The object is to see who can get the farthest apart without breaking their balloon. Good luck and stay dry.

# SCAVENGER HUNT

The scavenger hunt is a "Free Time Activity" that provides an opportunity to spend some one-on-one time with your son or daughter as you explore the area searching for the items listed below. You can do the scavenger hunt as a separate activity or work it into your other free time activities such as hiking, fishing, etc.

Dandelion

Four Leaf Clover

Piece of Old Bark

Smooth Rock

Colorful Rock

Piece of Litter

Acorn Top

Oak Leaf

Pine Cone

Pine Needle

Indian Bead

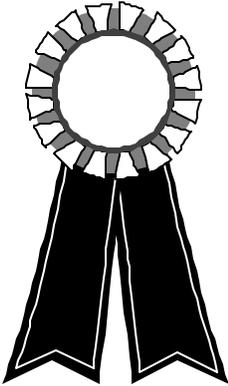
(Go on the Animal Hunt and take one extra)

Curved Twig

Feather

**Bring your items to the bathhouse at 4:00 PM for validation and to receive your prize.**

## Princess Snow Moon Camp Out Ribbon Winners



Just like the Chicago returns for Jack Kennedy during the 1960 Presidential Election, results of the Princesses Snow Moon Camp Out competitions keep mysteriously rolling in. Congrats and a hearty How! How! To the following:

### **Most "Snake Like" Snake**

Chelsea Maguire, Shasta

### **Most Colorful Snake**

Elizabeth Krunnusz, Potawatami

### **Most "Indian Like" Snake**

Nicole Kindelin, Chinook

### **Chants**

1st Place (1st Year Tribes)

Anasazi

1st Place (Second Year Tribes)

Onondaga

### **Tribal Property**

1st Place

Omaha

Ute

Teton

Tonkawa

2nd Place

Anasazi

## Totem Poles

This year's judged craft will be totem tribal poles. You can use any material you want, wood, plastic, titanium — you name it. Tell a story of your tribe or assign a section to each father/kid pair and show us the size and names of your tribal members. Bring your totem poles to the worship service on Sunday morning and they will be judged when the last Kum Bye Yah chorus is finished. Here's the categories:

- Originality
- Authentic Indian Style
- Most Kid-Produced
- Tallest
- Uniqueness



Patches for the Museum Outing, the Wolves' Hockey Game, and the Late Night Pow Wows are available at the Kroehler Family Center (call ahead to R.J.) or pick them up at the next Longhouse Meeting.

## Late Night Fun

The Princess Late Night seemed to have a lighter attendance in comparison to previous years. This made for shorter lines and a less crowded pool. All the princesses I saw were having a terrific time winning at the games of skill and taking home their bags of prizes and candy. There was probably enough candy consumed in the "Y" gym to keep them alert for several hours after the late night was only a fading memory.

The night began with a bang or should I say alarm. One of the door alarms was accidentally set off and rang merrily for the first 30 minutes. R.J. came to the rescue and shut it off. The climax was the raffle of the candy jars and Color Gameboy. The Princess Late Night winner of the Gameboy was Sacagawea (Samantha Biarado) of the Shasta Tribe.

Thanks to **Jim Prescott** for taking on the Late Night and all the older kids that helped out with the games. My daughter, Erin and her friend Kim had a terrific time helping the younger kids with the games.

Shooting Star

### CHIEF'S MESSAGE

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Let your coaches or other leaders know of the conflict. Maybe a game or other event can be rescheduled. Talk it over with your child and agree on what's most important to the both of you.

*Chief Golden Bear*