

# Pathfinder<sup>JD</sup>

**YADVENTURE GUIDES**<sup>TM</sup>  
Fostering the understanding and companionship between parent and child.

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I hope that everyone in the Lake Prairie Federation is having a great Spring and preparing for a great Summer.

**YADVENTURE GUIDES**

As I write this, many Spring campouts are taking place and the weather is getting better. This year has been a great year for our Adventure Guides program. The transition from Indian Guides to Adventure Guides is just about complete and your organization is going strong.

We have selected next year's officers and I am very happy to report that we have a bunch of new faces that are stepping up to fill roles that will ensure the program's future success.

If you are reading this and haven't had the chance to be a tribal chief, compass bearer or help out in some other way, please consider supporting your tribe, expedition or the federation by volunteering to help. The success of our organization is dependent on volunteers stepping up to help out.

We are starting to see more and more articles flowing in for the Pathfinder. Thanks for everyone's help in re-establishing our newsletter. There will be a final Summer version coming out in early July, keep your eyes open for our final edition.



Hot Lava Tribe - Tug of War - Spring Campout

I would also like to invite our entire membership to participate in this Summer's parades. This is a ton of fun for the kids and it's great public relations for our organization. The parade schedule is listed to the right...please contact your leadership for more information.

Enjoy the Summer!

*Kane Calamari*  
*Federation Chief*  
*Big Squid*

## **Parade Schedule:**

Libertyville – June 11th  
Antioch – July 4th  
Lincolnshire – July 4th  
Vernon Hills – July 4th  
Mundelein – July 3rd  
Gurnee – August 14th  
Grayslake – August 21st



Over the weekend I went to a Chicago Rush football game. I saw guys flip into the crowd! The Rush team scored lots of touchdowns

because the field was smaller. It was weird watching a football game in an indoor arena. The Chicago Rush beat the Las Vegas Gladiators 63 – 62. It was exciting to see them win. It got even more exciting when I got autographs from them after the game. I got Raymond Philyaw, Henry Douglas, Russell Shaw, Todd Howard, Frank Moore, Asad Abdul-Khalia, Jon McCall, Colin Greczek and many others.

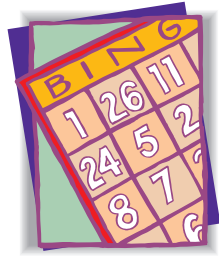
**My son Zach Blumberg (Stalking Spider) Panthers Tribe Everglades expedition**



My name is Amanda Ballestero, My Adventure Guides name is Little Rainbow. I am in the Kaibob Squirrel Tribe.

I really like all of my tribal friends. I like the field games and the snake dance at the campouts. At the fall campout, there were two indians at the transition ceremony at the campfire. My whole tribe thought it was me and my dad. The indians collected the Tribal Chiefs feather headdresses and walked off into the woods and disappeared in the night. That campout was really fun. Hope to see you all at the Winter Campout.

**Michaela's Version (parenthesis clarification by Dad)**



Our tribe helped run Bingo for the residents at the Winchester House. We brought prizes for the winners. We helped the people find numbers on their cards and

checked to make sure they had a Bingo. Their favorite prizes were the dollars. My brother Quinn and other Big Horn tribe boys (Guides - Rocky Mountain Nation) also helped out. We plan to go back in March to help again.

**Michaela Mooney Mallard Tribe, Yellowstone Expedition**

**Kevin's Version (with constructive editing by Michaela)**

The Mallard Princesses (Yellowstone) and Big Horn Guides (Rocky Mountain) tribes combined forces recently to assist the Winchester House with their weekly Saturday afternoon Bingo game. The Winchester House, located in Libertyville, IL, is a long term skilled health care facility and is owned and operated by Lake County. Winchester House opened in 1847 and is one of the oldest continuously operated health care centers in Northern Illinois. The Mallards were looking to plan a service-focused tribe event for this year.

One member had recently participated in a service related project at the Winchester House that was coordinated by his employer. He highly recommended the experience. Through the help of Winchester House's volunteer coordinator, it was decided we would assist with one of their weekly Bingo games.

We invited Big Horn guides to join us as several Mallard girls have brothers in the Big Horn tribe. Our role consisted of bringing 50 - 60 prizes, assisting residents with playing the game, and distribution of prizes. Winchester House provided a list of recommended prizes that the residents would enjoy such as crossword and word find books, chapstick, candy, tissue packs, note cards, and an obvious favorite, cash.

Many of the residents are on public assistance, so the money they win at Bingo helps to pay for perks such as hair styling for some of the female residents. The most cherished prize became very apparent once we got there. The resident's seemed to really appreciate the time we spent with them and the energy the kids brought. It was also fun to see that they do take their Bingo very seriously.

It was heartwarming to witness a simple exchange between a resident and a tribe father who was wearing a Pittsburgh Steelers sweatshirt as they both realized they grew up in the same part of western Pennsylvania. This resident really seemed to enjoy the reminiscing as her fellow residents seated at her table listened intently.

This and other exchanges really had an impact on the Princesses and Guides in attendance as they asked when we can come back again. We plan to do exactly that in March.

**Dancing Days**

**By Blue Snowflake (Shannon McKearnan) Coconino tribe/ Grand Canyon Expedition**



One of my favorite things to do with Explorers is the Daddy Daughter

Dance. It is very fun to get dressed up and go to the dance. At the dance they have all kinds of food. They have buttery popcorn, sugary cotton candy, and sweet cake. You will not go hungry. There is a raffle at the dance too. You automatically get a raffle ticket when you sign in. If they call your number you win a prize! Everybody wants their number to be called. When you are at the Valentines Day Dance you can get your picture taken. You just sit with your dad and "flash" your picture is taken. Then you can make a frame for the picture and give it to your mom for Valentines Day. One of my favorite parts of the dance is the hula-hoop contest. You compete against girls

your age and in your nation. Whoever wins makes it to the finals and if you win the finals you get a prize. It's enjoyable to compete with a hula-hoop. The best part of the dance is the dancing! They play slow music and fast music so you can dance at any speed. You can also hear the YMCA and Hokey Pokey. Everyone loves to dance, especially with their Dad.

P.S. two good campouts this year, we look forward to Tecumsah.

## What I Like About Indian Princesses

I like a lot of things about Indian princesses. In fact, I could list a million things I like. Some of the things that I like are the campouts, the meetings, and the father/daughter dances.

First, I'll talk about the campouts, which are my favorite. One thing that is cool about the campouts is all the fun activities. I love doing red rocks and Frisbee golf. Another thing I like about the campouts are the cabins. They are so nice! They are clean and big. One last thing I like about the campouts is having campfires. It's nice because you can get



warm when you're cold. I love singing campfire songs around the fire. We can also cook hotdogs over the fire.

Next, I'm going to talk about the meetings. First we do the opening and we get to share good deeds that we have done in the past month. After that we get to make awesome crafts. Then, after our craft we get to play games with the other girls and become better friends.

Lastly, I like the father/daughter dances. They have really cool music. They also have a lot of fun dances. There are really fun D.J.s.

In conclusion, we have exciting campouts, great meetings, and fun dances. But my favorite thing of all is spending time with my dad.

*By Ally Goshorn  
Grand Canyon Expedition  
Colorado Circle*

## I love Indian Princesses!

It is a great experience to me and all of the princesses. I love spending time with my dad. There are so many activities.

It is a great experience. It is a great experience because not many people can do this. It has made me a better person it has also made me more confident in myself. I always have fun.

Spending time with my dad is always the best part. It is important to spend time with someone who you might not see a lot. It is also a great way to make new friends (I've made many). It's like a special bond.

There are so many activities! We always have something fun to do whether it is bonfires, carnivals, parades or just spending time with your friends. Our campouts are great! We play Stinky Foot; which is a game where you pass a funny looking foot from cabin to cabin. It is amazing!



I would have been graduating, but I decided to stay in one more year. I will miss it so much. I could stay in for a lifetime. I might graduate, but the memories will last forever.

*By Allison "Tigerlily" Bowers  
Tuolumne Tribe  
Yosemite Expedition*



**Hi!** My name is Blue Sky. I'm from the tribe Hot Lava in the Haleakala expedition. I'm also the senior brave and I'm

going to tell you about how much fun I had at the 2005 Winter campout. First, I got to play with the other braves. Secondly, I helped at the carnival by popping out bags to put popcorn in. Our tribe also won the farthest run for snow Snake and 3rd place for snow sled. But the best part was that I got to spend time with my dad Thunder Cloud and my little brother Shooting Star.

*By Benjamin Jones*

## My name is Frankie,

and I'm in the Adventure Guides. Some of my favorite things in Adventure Guides is doing projects in the meetings, going on campouts and doing activities at the campouts. One of my favorite campouts was when we went to the riffle camp. I like spending time with my dad because I heard a story about some kids at a campout who were with their dads, but they did not want to spend time with them. I did not want to be one of those kids that don't want to spend time with their dads. I like spending time with my dad. He's the one who gives me food, he's the one who cares about me and he's the one who signed me up for Adventure Guides. I'm really lucky to have the Guides and to be able to spend time with my dad. THE END

*Frankie Mariella (Howling Wolf)  
Age: 7  
Volcano Tribe*

## My name is Duckfoot,

otherwise known as Lauren Vogg, from the mighty Minnitaki tribe of the Voyageurs Expedition. I am the girl on the right in the photograph. The other girl is my friend, Erin Anderson, from the Kabetogama. This year I went to my last Daddy/Daughter Dance, since I will graduate at the Spring Campout. The dance is one of my favorite activities. I went to my first dance when I was in kindergarten. When I was younger, I really liked dancing with my Dad. I still like dancing with my Dad, but to be honest, I am older and I can see that he is not a very good dancer. But I appreciate that he tries.

*By Lauren Vogg*



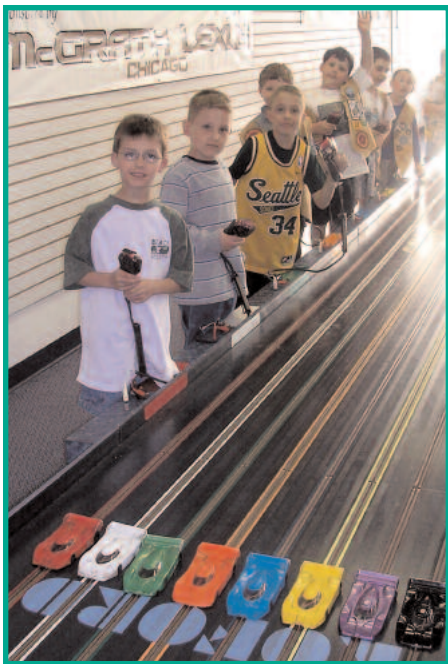
Adventure Guides

START YOUR ENGINES

The fathers and sons of the NeNe's were looking for a little excitement at one of their meetings, and they found it in Slot Car Racing. On Sunday evening, April 17, 2005, the NeNe met at Raceworld in Mundelein where they raced cars on a 150 foot Super Roadcourse that proved to be a challenge with its tight and twisty turns. The Braves raced 8 heats while the dads helped to keep the cars on track. The winners of each heat were calculated by computer and announced. The final heat pitted all the dads against each other while the sons cleaned up the numerous spinouts.

The day was completed when we all met for ice cream before heading home.

Contributed by David & Evan Raye, Chief Straight Arrow and Little Straight Arrow.



Hi, my name is Taylor Truskowski. I am a member of the Mariposa Explorers of the Yosemite Expedition in the YMCA Princess Program. The Princess program gives dads and daughters the chance to spend time together doing different activities. We do things like have meetings one time each month, go roller skating and go to dances. And we go on campouts 3 times a year. I have a lot of fun with my dad. Last December our tribe went to the circus at the United Center. My friend Courtney's dad gave us tickets

to sit in the skybox. We saw clowns walk upside down on the ceiling. We saw a magician turn a fake donkey into a real donkey. We got free candy for dessert! I got a big sucker. We saw horses, elephants and dogs. We had lots and lots of fun!



My experience with Y-princesses has been excellent. I really enjoy campouts because there are so many fun things to do,

like looking for Ghost Cabin, at Camp Tecumseh. I also like that the program does not have ranks, just large groups. It makes Y-princesses more fun when you don't have to do and achieve things. Another great thing is flush toilets are in the cabins!! The food is also usually very good, so you have energy to run around at the campouts. I think Y-princesses is an awesome place to meet new friends, strengthen old friendships, and bond with our fathers.

By: Jenna Westerberg Expedition: Grand Canyon Tribe: Colorado

How quickly the year has gone.

I make this statement because our Expedition Chief has reminded us that the winter campout is a good time to begin discussing who will take our place as new Tribal Chiefs. Last year I was similar to many of us when asked about being Chief.

"No, I don't think I have enough time".  
"I have too many projects to complete".  
"I'm too busy at work".

I had heard talk of one tribe in our Expedition arguing over who would be the next Chief. This I could not understand. Yes, it is fun to go to the campouts and other events but who wants to put in the extra time needed to make these functions work? Well, when I reluctantly accepted to be Chief and after the ceremony at the spring campout I received some excellent advice. Our outgoing Nation Chief, at that time, Mark Steinhauser, said, "Just dedicate yourself to this task this coming year and you will do fine". How right he was. I have tried to approach every task with enthusiasm and have been greatly rewarded this year. My daughter and I have had an extremely

memorable year which we would not change for anything. I now know why the members of that one tribe were arguing to be Chief. They knew how rewarding being Chief can be. So, if you are lucky enough to be asked or volunteer to be Chief; accept the job, dedicate yourself and get ready for one awesome year!

Chief Bucking Horse

Hello, I am Thunderbolt, Chief of the Mighty Eagle Tribe of the Acadia Expedition. I have two sons, Jacob (age 10) and Ryan (age 6). We recently went on our Fall Campout to Wesley Woods in Lake Geneva. Everybody had a great time. It was Ryan's first campout and he was especially excited. Since it was so close to Halloween all the Tribes turned their cabins into Haunted Cabins on Saturday Night. Some of the cabins were scarier than the Haunted Barn at Quig's Orchard.

We also had a great time in the water balloon toss contest. It wasn't to warm, so if your balloon busted while catching it you really got wet and cold. We also played Name that Face and tried archery. My oldest son, Jacob, hit the target and won a prize. On Saturday night we respectfully retired our Feather Headdresses and dedicated our new fur hats. You can only imagine how excited I was to receive my new headdress. Check out the cool pics of our campout.

John, Jacob & Ryan Basten Eagle Tribe



Chief Thunderbolt and the Mighty Braves of the NEW Eagle Tribe



Chris Wollmuth gives a toss in the water balloon contest



Chris can't hang on and gets all wet



Jacob Basten does not fare much better with the water balloons



Ryan Basten proudly shows off his new vest during his first campout



Eric May concentrates on hitting the target during Archery. Eric hit the target and won a prize. Nice Job Eric!



**This is my first year in rangers.**

My three older brothers have been in it for a long time and it is finally my turn to go on campouts with my Dad. My favorite part of camping out is being able to sleep in the big bunk beds. I feel older when I'm on the top bunk and my brothers have to sleep on the bottom. I also like doing all the fun activities at our meetings and at the campouts and our sled is always the fastest. I'm glad that now I can go to the Rush games, Wolves games, roller skating and other events with our tribe. I had a lot of fun at the Holiday party this year, but I've been to that before. I have a lot of new friends too. I really like being a ranger with my Dad and brothers.

P. S. I pushed the buttons on the computer, but I had help with the spelling.

*Submitted by "Wild Wolf"  
Christopher Mariella, age 5  
From the Volcano Tribe*

**REFLECTIONS OF A GRADUATING GUIDE**

Indian Guides. The one time and place that kids can be kids and dads can be dads and they can hang out with each other. The one time and place that you don't have to worry about cleaning up, or finishing Friday's homework. The one time and place that you can burp at meals, sleep in, stay up till 12:00 midnight, and drink 3 cans of soda at once.

That's a pretty big deal, considering that with moms around you can't do any of that stuff.

That's why I have, and still do love Indian Guides, and it saddens me to depart it. But, those memories always stay. I won't forget what has happened here, what will continue to happen, and the quality time I have spent with my dad. It wasn't so long ago that I was begging not to go, afraid I'd have no friends. My tribe proved me wrong.

I hope that the joy and togetherness of Indian Guides continues to spread.

*A Fellow Guide, signing off...  
Ryan Dolan  
Wichita Tribe, (Volcano) Illinois*



**Fall Campout 2004**

As my daughter Samantha and I begin our 3rd year in the Princess program, I am pleased to say that we are still enjoying the friends and activities we have come to know so well. We just returned from our Fall campout at Camp Edwards. The weather was perfect (aside from Friday night's rain), and the girls enjoyed all the activities. (Especially the water balloon toss). We welcomed a few new members to the tribe, and all seemed to ease right into the mix. The transition ceremony for the new program name and headdresses went very well. I thought the Kuna Chief handled the new white head gear with class and good humor. Kudos to the Kuna. We spent many hours playing, laughing, and joking, and came away from the weekend more exhausted, and yet more fulfilled. (I believe this is the case every campout and every event we've attended). I have yet to meet anyone in the program who is not dedicated to spending quality time with their daughter(s), and feel very blessed that Samantha and I discovered the Princess program. We have sent a few images from our campout, and hope all those who view them remember, it is in moments like these that lifetimes are remembered.

*Samantha & Bill Mock  
Proud Members of The Mighty Tenaya*



*Hello*. My name is Tarah Pasternak, Pocahontas and my dad is Tim Pasternak, Golden Oak. I just turned 10 years old and I am in 4th grade. My dad and me are proud members of the Tuolumne Tribe of the Mighty Yosemite Expedition. We used to be the Sauk Tribe of the Mighty Sisseton Nation. This is my 6th year in the Princess Program. The inside and outside of my vest is completely full of patches.

My dad is the Lake Prairie Federation Scribe. He takes notes for the Federation Council meetings that are held once a month at the Grayslake Village Hall with all the other volunteer Federation and Expedition Leaders. My dad has also been the Sisseton Medicine Man, Federation Sachem, Federation Chief, Assistant Federation Chief, Sisseton Nation Chief and Sauk Tribal Chief. You may also recognize him as one of the new member Induction Ceremony Elders (the one with the big Mohawk headdress).

We love the Princess Program and have had so much fun with each other and all the members of our Tribe and Expedition. One of the most favorite things my dad and I like to do is to host a monthly Tribal meeting in our basement. We just had our last one on Friday, January 7th. We thought that we would tell you about it and maybe give you ideas for things that you can do next time it is your turn to invite your tribe over.

The Tuolumne Tribe likes to have their meetings on Friday evenings. This way, if we are having fun and it gets a little late, we don't have to worry about school the next day. And because it is Friday, our dads are not as crabby and seem to be a bit more silly than normal! We usually start our meetings at 7:00 PM and they last 2 or 3 hours.

The first thing we do a couple weeks before our scheduled meeting is plan what we want to do including a craft, an activity and maybe even a theme for the evening. My dad always makes us write and an "agenda" for the meeting, but it is my mom who always helps us come up with the craft! We then send out an email invitation to our Tribe and tell them what we will be doing and directions to our house.

Well, here is what we did at our last Tuolumne Tribal Meeting.....

▲ **Turned Back the Calendar 7 Days & all the Clocks Moved Up 3 Hours:** Before anyone arrived, we decorated our basement like it was New Year's Eve. We set all our clocks 3 hours ahead so everyone would get the feeling it would be Midnight soon. During our meeting, we would pretend that it was a Count Down to 2005, where at 12:00 Midnight, the Tuolumne Ball would drop and we would welcome in the New Year.

▲ **Name Tags:** This was the first meeting for the Tuolumne's newest members, Bailey Bowers, Tumbling Squirrel and Morris Bowers, Papa Squirrel. So we had every Tuolumne make a nametag with their program name to help our new members learn everyone's name during the meeting. Also, this would come in handy later in the meeting (we earned an Eagle Feather!).

▲ **Blazing Tuolumne Campfire:** Not exactly. My dad promised a big campfire outside for us to open the meeting with, but the day before we had the big snowstorm (my first no school snow day ever) and all our wood was buried. So the best my dad could do was to put a Tiki Torch just outside our basement door and smelly candles inside. This was ok, because we had so much to do that we wouldn't have had time to go out side anyway.

▲ **Talking Stick and Wampum:** We all sat on the floor in a circle in front of our dads. One by one we take our turn with the talking stick. It is a really cool stick that when you turn it upside down it makes a rainwater sort of sound. When it is our turn, we say our name & program name, what has happened since the last time we were together and thing special. It would be my birthday in 2 days, so everyone sang Happy Birthday, cha-cha-cha's and all. Then, we tell the tribe what we did to earn \$1 that we put into Chief Running Wolf and Little Chief Tiger Lilly's fur headdress. Our Tribe uses this money for our campouts and gift donations for our Federation events.

▲ **7 Aims:** At the beginning of every meeting we review our 7-Aims of the Adventure Guides Program. For our meeting our Chief used the colored feathers on my dad's Federation coupe stick to remind us of each aim. Do you know all our aims (if you do, you can earn

▲ an Eagle Feather – white with red tip)?

- ▲ **1. White:** Stands for purity. To be clean in body and pure in heart.
- ▲ **2. Black:** Represents the Iron-like band that binds parent and child as "Friends Forever".
- ▲ **3. Red:** Represents the Heart and the blood tie that command us to love the sacred circle of our family.
- ▲ **4. Yellow:** Stands for Brightness or Attentioness, and respect for others while they are speaking. True Y-Adventure Guides Listen with care while others talk.
- ▲ **5. Blue:** Depicts the Sky, which blankets the entire earth. It reminds us that many people live on earth, and we should Love our neighbor as our self.
- ▲ **6. Purple:** Stands for Compassion, Under-standing, and Diversity. It teaches us respect for the traditions and beliefs of all people. True Y-Adventure Guides Respect the traditions and beliefs of ALL people.
- ▲ **7. Green:** Stands for the trees, mountains, and fields with all the Great Spirits creatures. An old Native American proverb goes something like this: "We do not inherit the earth from our forefathers, we borrow it from our children." Our final aim, To seek and preserve the beauty of the Great Spirit's work in forest, field, and stream.

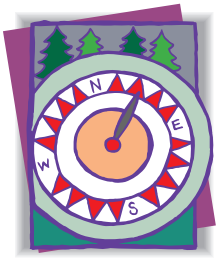
▲ **Announcements:** Before we start the activities, our Chief always tells about upcoming campouts and Federation Events. This time he told us about Roller Skating, the Valentines Dance and our winter campout at Wesley Woods.



▲ **Yo-Yo Yosemite – What Da Ya Know About Yosemite:** We thought it would be fun to learn all about the

▲ National Park our Expedition is named for and where our Tribal name can be found in Yosemite. My dad found a DVD called Yosemite & the Story of Yosemite on an internet site called TravelVideoStore.com. They probably have similar DVD's on you Expedition's National Park too! The day before the meeting we watched the DVD and came up with a bunch of questions we would use for a game in the meeting.

▲ We all watched about 30 minutes of the program including the chapters; 1. Gift of Creation, 2. Early Inhabitants, and 3. Granite and Waterfalls. Then we split everyone up into three groups. Each group gathered around a chair that they would use as their buzzer if they knew the answer to a question, sort of like the TV game show Weakest Link. We asked a series of 4 questions, 3 times and the group with the most right answers all won a prize (candy necklaces for the



Princesses and gold chocolate coins for the dads). If your group answered a question wrong you got a minus point. It just so happened that

each team won once. It was close though; we had to take a point away from team A. because Mr. Getzinger, Big Horse's (our Yosemite Expedition Compass Bearer) cell phone rang and interrupted the game. This gave team C the lead in the final round.

**Let's test you:**

**Question:** What did the first Native American inhabitants of Yosemite call the area?

**Answer:** Awannie, which means "Deep Grassy Area"

**Question:** Where did the name "Yosemite" come from?

**Answer:** The word is thought to sound like the Miwok Indian word for a full grown grisly bear.

**Question:** What is the largest Alpine Meadow in the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range?

**Answer:** Tuolumne Meadows.....Go Tuolumne!

**Craft – Holiday M&M's Cookie Mix in a Jar:**

This is something I did in school and thought it would be fun for us to do as a Tribe. The Princesses would make a cookie mix kit and be able to take it home and with the help of mom or dad, make yummy cookies for the whole family.

My mom helped buy all the supplies and we set up a ten step assemble line around a couple of tables. All the Princesses started with a large 1-quart canning jar and worked their way through the line adding the following ingredients in layers;

1. 1 and 1/2 cups of sugar
2. 1 cup of M&M's candies (we used the normal colors, but for Christmas you could us the red and green ones or Easter colored ones during Easter)
3. 2 cups of flour with 1/2 teaspoon of baking soda and 1/2 teaspoon of baking powder

After all the ingredients were added, we made a fabric cover to put in-between the jar lid and the screw top. Then we tied a matching ribbon around the top.

Finally, we attached an instruction sheet to the jar. In case you want to try making a batch of these cookies and have done the above, here are the instructions;

1. Empty jar of cookie mix into large mixing bowl. Use your hands to thoroughly blend the mix.
2. Add: 1 stick of very soft butter, 1 egg that has been slightly beaten and 1 teaspoon of vanilla (optional)

3. Mix until completely blended. You will need to finish mixing with your hands.
4. Shape into balls the size of walnuts. Place 2 inches apart on a sprayed cookie sheet.
5. Bake at 375 degrees for 12 to 14 minutes until the edges are lightly browned. Cool 5 minutes on the baking sheet. Remove cookies to a rack or plate to finish cooling.
6. You should be able to make about 30 cookies.

**Eagle Feathers:** Remember those nametags? Well, after we all finished the craft, we all practiced giving the names of each Princess, with out looking at their nametags. Then our Chief tested each one of us. After a couple tries, we all passed and earned the blue and black striped Eagle Feather. I also earned the white with brown tip Eagle Feather for preparing learning about Yosemite and presenting to our Tribe using the DVD and Game Show activity. It was at this point that I seemed to notice the dads doing something with the clocks.

**Count Down to the New Year:** We were having so much fun, it seemed that at least 2 1/2 hours went by since we started our meeting. However, it just so happens that as we finished up the Eagle Feather activity, the clock was at 11:59 PM, December 31st, 2004 and the Count Down to 2005 had begun! The dads were all given those cheap pointy hats that were too small and made them look like elves. All the Princesses were given noisemakers and a handful of streamer poppers. When the clock struck Midnight, we woke up everybody in the neighborhood and make quite a mess with the poppers! My dad popped the cork on a vintage bottle of sparkling grape juice champagne we picked up from Wollersheim Winery in Prairie Du Sac, WI on our way to the Wisconsin Dells just before Thanksgiving. Take a look at a few pictures Mr. Renner, White Cloud took with his cell phone.

**Meeting Close:** Sparkling juice and cookies topped off the evening as we rang in the New Year and brought our meeting to a close. As we do at the end of every Tuolumne Tribal Meeting, we made a circle and did our closing prayer together.....

*And now, may the Great Spirit of All Great Spirits, Be With You, Now, and Forever More*

**Usit to the Police Station**



On Fri. Feb. 18 the Panthers went to the new Gurnee Police Station. We took fingerprints, got a tour, and best of all got to see someone shoot 13 bullets out of a rifle.



This is how we took fingerprints. First we put our fingerprints on the paper. Second, we took a magnet stick and dipped it in Ultra – Blue with tiny magnets in it. Then we rubbed the magnet stick on the paper and eventually the fingerprints were visible.

Then we took a tour of the facility. First we went to the break room – actually we just got a glimpse of it. Next we got to so the 911 room they had 6 computer monitors each. They had a big screen were you could see mostly all of the rooms of the facility. They had a big screen with the weather on it, a military time clock, and an awesome desk feature; it could rise so you can stand up and lower so you can sit down. Next we went to the animal place. The part that stinks is that there were no animals. Then we went to the shooting range. They had cardboard, paper, and dummies for targets. The only gun we saw was a rifle, well also a hand gun but he never took it out. They had all the protective gear you need for shooting. They had a room with a glass window so we could watch him shoot. The targets could move forward and backwards and could turn 360°.That was all we could see.

The best part was we got to see someone shoot 13 bullets! There were cells right above us - we woke the prisoners up. He had the targets normal and he shot rapid fire! He made most of the shots in the target.

That was our visit to the Police Station!

*Written by a Panther of the Everglades Expedition.*



Fall Campout - Acadia Expedition