

Sept./Oct. 2006

## A New Season

ACADIA  
BISCAYNE  
DENALI  
EVERGLADES  
GRAND CANYON  
GRAND TETON  
HALEAKELA  
MESA VERDE  
ROCKY MOUNTAIN  
SEQUOIA  
VOYAGEURS  
YELLOWSTONE  
YOSEMITE  
TRAIL BLAZERS

### Upcoming Events

**November 5 & 12**

WINTER OLYMPICS

Oak Grove School

Green Oaks, IL

See web site for complete details.

See our web site for additional event dates and times.



Todd Landry with his son.  
New Federation leadership for  
the 2006/2007 season.

Welcome to the 2006-2007 Adventure Guides season. This year my children and I will start our ninth year with the program and the experiences we are enjoying will last us a lifetime. Like many people, we learned about the program through our neighbors and it wasn't long before my son and I were becoming more and more involved in the program, in one way or another.

The program will start this year with nearly 2000 parent and child members, representing nearly 700 families, in fact this year we have over 240 new children in the program. The leadership contributions continue to strengthen the program – over the past few years the creation of the new Adventure Guides,

the launch on the internet with the new [www.lakeprairie.org](http://www.lakeprairie.org) web site, and new camp locations are just a few examples. I am honored to have the opportunity to work such a tremendously dedicated group of people that take the time to make this program what it is – and it is really their leadership and contributions that make the program possible. For the members that have put their *hat in the ring*; I take my hat off to you.

Like any organization, leadership really brings the program together. Participation from our membership is one of the most critical elements of making the program successful. As we embark on this coming season we have many new goals in mind, including new and different marketing initiatives and variations of our programs activities. We are also seeking to make it easier for our members to find a way to contribute to the leadership of our program, through better tools, a wider distribution of functions, and better knowledge transfer of different roles. I would like to personally ask all of our members to consider how they can contribute their time, sharing their strengths and learning from others. More importantly, as I think of my time in various leadership roles in the program the results are most importantly reflected in my children, who have proudly joined me to lead a campfire or

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a flag rising ceremony. I guarantee you, the day you tell your child you will be Chief will create a smile that will last you forever and the experience that will ensue that year will inspire confidence and leadership in them – and we all know they love to say, “My dad is the chief!”

At any level, this program is about parent and child, and it’s a great opportunity to set aside all the busy schedules and invest in some time with your children that will result in you being *Pals Forever*.

I hope you all have a tremendous season this year and anything that I can do to assist you, or any ideas or questions that you may have, you are always welcome to contact me.

Sincerely,

Todd Landry  
Federation Chief





## Swim Party A Success!

**by Kevin Mooney**  
**aka: Howling Moon**  
**Lake Prairie Federation**  
**Assistant Chief &**  
**Yellowstone Expedition Chief**

The Y-Adventure Guides' 2006-2007 program year kicked-off with a SPLASH at the 5th Annual Swim Party hosted this year by the Yellowstone Expedition at the Vernon Hills YMCA. This year's program was held over 3 weekends to ensure enough capacity for the approximate 650 people who participated. Catering was provided by Lino's Pizzeria (Libertyville, IL).

New to this year's event was the addition of raffle prizes, which included beach towels, flashlights, movie passes, and Y-Adventure Guides T-shirts. In addition, one free campout was raffled off each weekend. The winners included:



**Glenn Stearns (Acadia - Coyote) among admiring friend as he proudly wears the t-shirt he won at the Swim Party.**

### Beach Towels

Brynn Lauman	Sequoia	Cougar
Shealyn Hilliard	Grand Canyon	Oregon
Natalie Barta	Grand Canyon	Black Hawk
Chris Fazio	Biscayne	Swamp Snake
Leah Davis	Grand Canyon	Kaibab
Adam Pound	Everglades	Osprey
Corey Kuchler	Voyageurs	Kabetogama
Carlie Haraden	Voyageurs	Kabetogama
Cameron Dean	Acadia	Coyote
Ryan Basten	Acadia	Eagle
Isabel Yunker	Yosemite	Nevada
Sophie Yunker	Yosemite	Nevada
Liza Renz	Denali	Heron
Jack Neal	Haleakala	Oeho
Austin Pyle	Haleakala	Nene
Chloe Zwim	Yellowstone	Golden Eagle
Gabby Struik	Yellowstone	Golden Eagle

### Flashlights

Robert Weiland	Biscayne	Swamp Snake
Kayla Hilliard	Grand Canyon	Oregon
Elizabeth Schmit	Sequoia	Black Bear
Thomas Hagener	Biscayne	Shark
Hillary Vrba	Voyageurs	Wolf Pack
Carly Manshum	Yosemite	Tuolumne
Cameron Harvey	Grand Teton	Bear Claw
Mikala Wollmuth	Acadia	Tioga
David Raye	Haleakala	Nene
Michaela Mooney	Yellowstone	Mallard
Garrett Bird	Haleakala	Volcano
Catherine Stouffer	Yellowstone	Golden Eagle

### Y-Adventure Guides T-shirts

Riley Achtemcher	Grand Canyon	Colorado
Bill Deacetis	Voyageur	Kabetogama
Alexia Johnston	Voyageurs	Echo
Marder	Voyageurs	Wolf Pack
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Joseph Enrietto	Grand Teton	Granite
Jimmy Smagacz	Grand Teton	Rolling Thunder
Britton De la Chapelle	Acadia	Bear
Zach Sell	Acadia	Falcon
Glenn Stearns	Acadia	Coyote
Matt Rich	Grand Teton	Granite
Matthew Cote	Grand Teton	Granite
Brooke Dietz	Grand Canyon	Colorado
Korina Gomez	Yosemite	Kuna
Antonia Durnil	Yosemite	Red Fox
Natahniel Meyerowicz	Grand Teton	Bear Claw
Jenna Carnazzola	Yellowstone	Dragonfly
Abby Smith	Denali	Yukon
Allison Schmitt	Yellowstone	Wolf
Emily Lightman	Yellowstone	Dragonfly
Marissa Ventrelli	Denali	Caribou
Megan Aquadro	Yellowstone	Mallard
Andre Jacob	Rocky Mountain	Summit
Lauren McLaughlin	Yellowstone	Golden Eagle
Stephanie McLaughlin	Yellowstone	Golden Eagle
Danielle Dayton	Denali	Yukon
Patrick Quinn	Rocky Mountain	Big Horn
Melani Keith	Denali	Caribou
Georgia Sampson	Yellowstone	Dragonfly



**Jenna "Running Rainbow" El Ghatit, Jenna "Sparkling Stream" Carnazzola, and Alexandria "Falling Star" El Ghatit had the registration table under control at the Swim Party. Thanks for the help girls!!!!**

### Movie Pass to Liberty Theater

Maggie Petersen	Yellowstone	Mallard
Justin Barry	Rocky Mountain	Big Horn

### Free Campouts

Amanda Ballestero	Grand Canyon	Kaibab
Britt Houser	Voyageurs	Kabetogama
Carolyn Byrd	Denali	Heron

Most winners collected their prizes before they left the YMCA or had their prizes picked up by fellow tribe members. Remaining prizes were distributed to Expedition Chiefs at the October 1, 2006 Federation Leadership Meeting.

As Chief of the Yellowstone, I want to give my special thanks to the Dads and Daughters of the Dragonfly, Golden Eagle, Mallard, Mustang, and Wolf tribes who volunteered to put on this event. You showed the entire Federation why Yellowstone is the BEST expedition !!!

The Yellowstone Expedition also wants to give special thanks to the YMCA staff for all their efforts to help us with this event. The management, lifeguards, and the beautiful woman behind the front desk (the lovely Mrs. Mooney) helped tremendously.

We hope you enjoyed the Swim Party. We had a fun time hosting you and we look forward to attending the events hosted by the other expeditions this year.



## I Like it ALL!

**by Ben Furie**  
**a.k.a. ?????**  
**Volcano Tribe**

I am Ben Furie. I'm in the Volcano of the Haleakala.

I loved the first campout at camp Mclean. There was a Zipper. We won the Spirit Award, Dodgeball and Punt Pass & Kick.

Our monthly tribal meetings are fun. We built rockets at our last meeting. This year we have three people graduating from our tribe. All the kids in our tribe are very fun to play with. We have two new families in our tribe. They are very nice.

I have two more years in Adventure Guides. I have earned lots of patches in the past three years. I will probably need to get an extender for my vest so I can fit more patches on it.

GO VOLCANO!!!!

## It ain't over YET!

**by Danny Furie**  
**a.k.a. Soaring Falcon**  
**Volcano Tribe**

Hi: I'm Danny Furie or otherwise known as Soaring Falcon. This is my last year in Adventure Guides. I'm sad but happy about the good times I had with my Dad. My brother Ben has two more year left.

The Fall campout was one of the best I have ever been to. It was Camp Mclean. They have a Zip Line and a Cat Walk that no other camp has. The cat walk was high and very scary. We took home the Spirit Award, nailed punt, pass & kick and won dodgeball. We had fun doing our skit though we came in second.

The year is not over yet. I still have two more campouts. I'm looking forward to the Spring camp out because it is at Camp Tecumseh. They have a rifle range, horseback riding, canoing and just about anything you can think of doing. The Spring campout is the most special because I will be graduating at that campout.

I am glad that my dad was the Chief for my last few years of Adventure Guides. He was the best chief we have ever had. PS. My dad did not write this article



## My Favorite Things!

**by Garrett Byrd**  
**a.k.a. Golden Eagle**  
**Volcano Tribe**

Hi my name is Golden Eagle and what I like about Adventure Guides is that we get to go on awesome campouts, do fun things like ride "The Zipper", and go lots of cool places. I am in the Volcano tribe. My favorite thing about the program is that I get to spend lots of time with my dad and friends. I also get to make new friends. This year I met a new friend his name is Luke. Luke likes football and finding red rocks. My favorite thing to do at the campouts is archery. I also like spending time in the cabin with my tribe and eating junk food. And that's what I like about Adventure Guides.

## Year Two!

**by Omar Ghias**  
**a.k.a. Black Anaconda**  
**Volcano Tribe**

Hello! My name is Black Anaconda. This is my second year at Adventure Guides. My favorite things about Adventure Guides are: campouts, summer parties, and sometimes meetings. I know a lot of people from Adventure Guides and am still making friends. Steven Daniel and Ben Furie are the ones who introduced me to A.G. I thank them for that. This will be a very fun year with me and my dad. I'm looking forward to it!!!



## ADVENTURE GUIDES ROCKS!

**By Robbie Williams**  
**a.k.a. ??????**  
**NeNe Tribe**

I love Adventure Guides!  
I love the Olympics, the camp-outs (when there aren't any killer mosquitos) and the monthly meetings.

Our last meeting was at the YMCA Vernon Hills. It was a blast!!!!!!

First, we went to the park at the "Y" then we did a sun catcher craft where we painted "Halloweeny" things like bats. Finally, we swam at the pool.

We went down both slides, used the kickboards, swam laps and splashed each other.

ADVENTURE GUIDES ROCKS!

## Looking forward to another great year

**by Rachel Stromsland**  
**aka: Yellow Lily**  
**Ahwahnee Tribe**

This year should be awesome! Our tribe just went to an apple orchard and had lots of fun! First, we all went on a tractor ride to take a tour of the orchard. It was cool. After that, we all went to eat delicious apple doughnuts and apple cider. Then, we went to pick some juicy apples. We got to bring home lots of apples. I can't wait to eat them all! After apple picking, some of us went on a carousel and a train ride. My sister rode on a white horse, with a black mane and black tail. Next, we went to the petting zoo and pet many animals. My sisters pet a lamb, a goat, and two calves. The animals were so cute! Then we had to go home. I hope we can go again next year!

Earlier this year we marched in a parade. The theme was "The 50 Great States". Our tribe had the states Maine, Vermont, and Kentucky. I did the state of Maine. I wore paper lobsters on both my arms for Maine lobsters. My sister, Alyssa did Vermont. During the parade she carried teddy bears for Vermont teddy bears. My friend, Laura did the state of Kentucky. She rode on a pretend horse for the Kentucky derby. We all had fun at the picnic afterwards.

One of the things I like about being in Adventure Guides is making new friends. My friend Emma had to leave this year when her family moved to another state. We had a going away party for her to say goodbye and gave her a picture frame that we all decorated. Then we took a picture of our tribe to put in the frame for her. I was sad to see Emma leave, but I am also excited because I get to meet two new friends who just joined our tribe. I love being in Adventure Guides because I get to make new friends and spend time with my terrific Dad!!!!!!



## Rockin' Halloween

**by Samantha & Nicole Mock**  
**aka: Fire Flower & Sun Flower**  
**Tenaya Tribe**

We are soooooo excited to go to our Fall Campout at Wesley Woods (Oct. 27-29). Our tribe is going to do a bunch of fun stuff on Friday night. We have a Mummy wrapping contest, guessing the giant pumpkin's weight, guessing how much candy is in the jar, (and the winner gets the candy!), we are making glow-in-the-dark T-shirts for all the chiefs, and a special hat for the Expedition Chief Mr. Prange and his princess Alex. We are also watching a movie and decorating our own pumpkins. And there is going to be a magic fortune teller there. The dads are having a Midnight movie that's really scary, but we don't want to be there. We know the rest of the campout is going to be fun too!

We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.

## Hide & Seek has gone High Tech

by **Ryan Fosha**  
aka. ????  
**Granite Tribe**

The Granite Tribe met at a Geocaching event sponsored by the Liberty Prairie Conservancy and REI in the Prairie Crossing subdivision in Grayslake.

The word Geocaching means geo for geography and caching for the process of hiding a cache.

Geocaching is played all around the world. The basic concept is that people hide small trinkets at a site and then log the satellite coordinates into a Geocaching site on the internet, such as [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com).

Geocaching is basically a treasure hunt where treasure seekers use satellite signals and GPS's, (Global Positioning Systems) to locate a cache.

Each father and son received their GPS unit and after a quick course on how it worked, they were off to find the first location. "We learned how GPS units work and how to put the coordinates into the unit. My friend Ethan said it was "Cool...it's like a Gameboy but with more buttons."

Geocaching was fun and interesting. I got to put the coordinates into the GPS unit and then me and my Dad followed the arrows to the next cache. I think everyone enjoyed the combination of using new technology while enjoying the natural surroundings of the Liberty Prairie Conservancy.



## How to catch a HUGE Bass

**by Gabrielle Gaidamak**  
**aka: Busy Beaver**  
**Heron Tribe**

1. Go to the Henri Horner pond or Tecumseh Lake.
2. Get worms from Maddie P.
3. Go to the Cafeteria and ask nicely for a few hotdogs.
4. Go to the lake and try to catch fish with worms.
5. If the worms don't work – try with the hotdogs.
6. Carefully tie the whole hotdog on the hook.
7. You sure will get a Huge Bass.
8. We did not get it but we saw it.

## Campout is My Favorite

**by Jenny Williams**  
**aka: Mighty Zebra**  
**Heron Tribe**

I like fall campout because I got to play with my friends and I got to have spaghetti at campout! It's really fun to be at campout because we got to play Capture The Flag and I got to make two special candles for my mom's birthday cake.

And, it was really fun, to go fishing and catch a fish and then put it back into the lake.

Campouts are my favorite thing to do.



## Expedition Chief's Welcome

**by Scott Anderson**  
**aka: Grey Fox**  
**Expedition Chief of the Mighty Rocky Mountain**

Greetings from the Rocky Mountain Expedition.

I'm the Expedition Chief of the Rocky Mountain for 2006-2007. This upcoming year will be my 8th year in the Y-Guides/Princesses Program.

We had a blast at our Campouts this past year in the Rocky Mountain. Our Winter Campout at Edwards was among the best in recent memory. The weather cooperated perfectly. Lake Beulah was frozen solid, and it snowed all day. That allowed us to extend sled races all afternoon. First we had "Dad"-Sled races across the ice. Then we had our downhill event. We couldn't keep our boys inside. We capped off the day with Saturday night movies for the whole Expedition.

Our Spring Campout was at Maclean. The zip line was a new experience for this big Brave. Our little Braves showed no fear as they climbed up the tower and rode through the forest on the zip line.

We tried something new for the Rocky Mountain at Maclean—Rockets! Camp Maclean allows hobby rockets at their camp, and they allowed us to bring our own rockets to launch. Every dad and son had a chance to make their own rocket ahead of time. When Saturday afternoon rolled around, we had the First Annual Rocky Mountain Rocket Derby. The tribes competed for best launch and trajectory. The mighty Bison swept all categories and took home the prize of one box of rocket engines.



We're looking forward to another great year.



We finished our year with the Libertyville Days Parade. Kevin Mooney of the mighty Yellowstone Expedition led the way to turn this into a food drive where we collected non-perishable items along the parade route. This was a great success. Thanks, Kevin!

## Campouts RULE!

**by Nick Anderson**  
**aka: Hawkeye**  
**Aspen Tribe**

My favorite part of Adventure Guides is the Campouts.

I like the Winter Campouts the best because you get to have Sled Races. Our Winter Campout was at Camp Edwards. I went down Harron's Run about 50 times.

Our Spring Campout was at Camp Maclean. At Camp Maclean, I went on the zip line. When I went on the zip line, it was fun! When my daddy went on the zip line, he was scared.

We went canoeing and saw a fish jump out of the water. When I shot a bow and arrow, I hit the target about 20 times. When we launched rockets, we got to see them go up and come back down. I was the last one to have Stinky Foot because my friends put it on my bunk. I got to bring Stinky Foot home.

I also like Bowling. I'm better at Crazy Bowling than regular bowling.



Now THIS is FUN??????  
YOU-BETCHA!!!!!!



## Patches?

**by Michaela Mooney**  
**aka: Wild Kitty**  
**Mallard Tribe**

Below is a submission for the Nature theme patch for 2006-2007.

I hope you like it.



One of a few submissions for our new 2006-2007 program year.



## Oh, How Time Flies!

**by Bill Mock**  
**aka: Grey Cougar**  
**TimberWolf Tribe**

Hi everyone! My name is Bill Mock and I am your Federation Messenger. It is my privilege to bring you this newsletter you are viewing today. I am starting my fifth year in the program with my three children. William, my oldest, is in the Mighty TimberWolf tribe. We are looking forward to this year because I do NOT have as many duties as last year when I was Expedition Chief. Although I considered myself blessed to have had that opportunity, and meet so many great fathers and sons, William and I are looking forward to a little R&R. It is hard to believe that we are in our 5th year already! As they say, "Time flies when you're having fun", and BOY do we have fun. As a note to all you incoming dads, remember, all to soon you will be exiting this program with more friendships, memories, and stories to share with your son(s) as they continue to grow. It is great to laugh about some of the things William and I have done so far, and I am hoping he stays in another year to add to our good times. Enjoy this year, and make it one your son or daughter will NEVER FORGET.





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