

## A Powerful Force

We are a powerful force in our communities. The Adventure Guides and Princesses have always contributed to our local communities, but we recently committed ourselves to helping on a much larger scale. Over the past year, most of our Expeditions chose a local charity or organization to assist. This commitment is for the future of our program. By giving back to our communities, we are building bonds between our children and the organizations in their area. That bond will hopefully continue to grow, and, as our children grow, we hope they will see the results of their kindness.

We do not know what the future holds for any of us, but by helping others today, we know it must be a better tomorrow.

Here is a partial listing of the organizations our program is committed to helping:

PADS -Acadia Expedition  
Winchester House - Yellowstone Expedition  
Lake County Forest Preserve - Yosemite Expedition  
A Safe Place -  
American Cancer Society -

We will post the completed list once all Expeditions have selected their organizations.

Sincerely,

Bill Mock  
Federation Messenger

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## What a Year!

**by Bailey Bowers**  
**aka: Tumbling Squirrel**  
**Tuolumne Tribe**

Wow, this year has been awesome so far! We went to the (Richardson) corn maze and almost got all the checkpoints. Then we had dinner of roasted hotdogs. We also went in the Black Hole (large tubular slide) there, which we call the “green hole” because it’s green. We also had a meeting at my house, and my Dad made hotdogs, and for a craft, we made small photo albums. We used foam, markers, pipe cleaners, and stickers.



Our Fall campout was a pumpkin decorating, regatta racing, pumpkin chunk-in, Monster mash-in fun time! All the girls made fabulous pumpkins on Friday night. Lots of girls did regatta racing but only a couple made it to the finals on Saturday night. Our tribe hit Big Foot the most in the pumpkin chunk-in.

It all ended with the Monster Mash, the last activity on Saturday night. The Monster Mash was awesome! We had a Haunted house that had bones, brains, maggots, and guts you could feel. There was a dance contest where our tribe danced to the “Purple People Eater.” And there was plenty of candy to eat. We showed great Tuolumne spirit at the campout because on Sunday our tribe got SPIRIT AWARD!

Coming up is the Holiday Party. It’s going to have plenty of food and treats. You can bring your family.

I wonder what the theme is this year.



## A Raging Summer

**by Rebecca Erker**  
**aka: Little Acorn**  
**Mariposa Tribe**

During our summer with no campouts, my tribe went to Six Flags.

It was AWESOME!!!!!!!!!!

We went on roller coasters and ate lots of cotton candy. But during all this fun we were drenched, wet from head to toe. We were riding roller coasters with rain splashing in our faces. It was so much fun!!!!

But now, sad to leave, we had to say goodbye to our friends until the next fun event. This was an awesome adventure with my Dad that I will never forget.

## Welcome New Friends

**by Emily & Amanda Shalit**  
**aka: Hopping Bunny**  
**& Little Fawn**  
**Mariposa Tribe**

Greetings from the Mighty Nevada tribe! We are Emily (Hopping Bunny) and Amanda (Little Fawn) Shalit, and we are proud to be co-chiefs this year of our tribe with our dad David (Swooping Eagle).

What we like best about the Adventure program is how we keep our old friends each year, while also making new friends. Sometimes it can be hard for new members in the program, but our tribe does a really good job at making our new members feel welcome and part of the Nevada family. We had four girls in our tribe go to their first campout this fall, and everyone knows they can be a little scary at first. But since we've gone on lots of campouts before, we were able to show them all of the different things to do. Before long, they were chanting as loud as everyone else, joining in all of the events and even running with us to try to get rid of Stinky Foot (which we almost did)!! Next year, we're sure that our new campers this year will be helping the next members of the tribe enjoy their first campout too.

Our tribe is part of the Expedition planning the Holiday Hoedown this year. We know that there will be tons of food, activities and fun all day long. By the time you read this, we hope you will have had a great time, partners, and stayed out of jail!!

Finally, we wish everyone reading this newsletter a safe and happy holiday season!!



## Nation Induction Ceremony

*by Steve Palmer  
a.k.a. ??????  
Hawaii Tribe*

Coyote Paw and Bear Claw had a great time at our induction ceremony. Bear Claw was very excited. We liked watching the tribal elders arrive under the bridge on their canoes. “They came to see people and talk to them about the tribe and to make sure we were worthy to join.” Bear claw remembers that we were then able to cross the bridge. He also remembers throwing his corn into the fire to symbolize patience and Coyote Paw throwing his wampum into the fire to vow not to be selfish with time. Pals forever.

## Last Year???

*by Frankie Mariella  
a.k.a. Howling Wolf  
Volcano Tribe*

Hi, my name is Frankie Mariella and I’m in Haleakala guide group and my tribe is called the Volcano. My tribal name is Howling Wolf. I’m in my last year of Adventure Guides and the cool thing about being in my last year is that I can teach the younger kids how to sneak the food and when it’s bad show them how to throw it out without anyone catching you. So far, this year, my favorite activity has been when we did the zip line at our last campout. My brother and I could have done it all day but the line was too long. Our tribe meets once a month at my oldest brother’s school. We used to meet at our houses, but our tribe got too big and noisy and I think our moms were scared we would break something. We have a lot more fun at the Middle School and our activities are always very cool. I think I will miss adventure guides once it’s over for me.

## Going Solo

*by Christopher Mariella  
a.k.a. Wild Wolf  
Volcano Tribe*

Hi, my name is Christopher Mariella and I’m in the Haleakala guide group in the Volcano tribe. This is my third year in guides. My guide name is Wild Wolf. My dad “Big Wolf” has held lots of jobs in guides since my oldest brother, Joe, was in first grade. Next year, it will only be my dad and me in guides, because all my other brothers will have graduated by then. I will have fun with my dad.

I am looking forward to going to the Wolves game in January. Some of my brothers want to go too. We love going to sporting events and catching footballs or t-shirts. Those are some of the reasons I like adventure guides.

THE END



## What Adventure Guides Has Taught Me

**by Reese Dolan**  
**a.k.a. Running Buffalo**  
**Volcano Tribe**

My name is Reese; I am 9 years old and go to Mechanics Grove School. I have been in adventure guides for three years. Adventure Guides has taught me many good things that I will use for the rest of my life. I've learned a new way to say "be quiet"; it's called the sign of the buffalo. I've learned how to make new friends, and use teamwork to win the Spirit Award. I've learned how to make a flower ball and throw it at someone, which is fun! I've learned how to shoot a bow and arrow, and shoot a gun. I've learned that all the dad's snore really loud. You can learn many things in Adventure Guides but most of all I've learned how important it is to spend time and laugh with my dad and friends.

## Friendly Fox

**by CJ Sones**  
**a.k.a. Brave Fox**  
**Volcano Tribe**

My name is CJ Sones, but in Adventure Guides it's Brave Fox. My dad is Big Fox. My mom agrees.

One of my favorite parts of Adventure Guides is making new friends. I also really liked the soap box derby race that we did last year. I can't wait to build a new car for this year's race. I am also looking forward to my first camp out and shooting off a rocket. The best part of Adventure Guides is spending time with my dad.



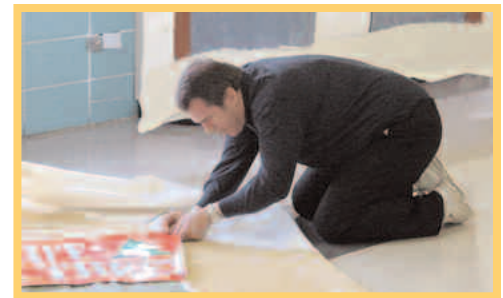
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## Soooooooo Weeeeeee!

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

HOWDY! Well the Holiday party was a HOOT! For anyone who missed this wing-ding, ya'll sure missed a good'n. Our hats off to the Yosemite and Rocky Mountain Expeditions for puttin on such a T-riffic good time. The chow was better than most camp grounds, (which ain't too hard), and the entertainment was fun and plentiful. I hope my son and I didn't scare too many of the lady folk, as I was tryin' for a few smooches use'n my fancy mistletoe.

(Only one taker, thanks Mindy!) We had a riot talkin' (or mumbling), with most of ya'll, and some of the kids couldn't stop starin' at my beee-utiful smile. My son William stayed right with his goofy dad, even on stage for two pig calling shows. (This will either help him later in life for public speaking, or damage his reputation for sure!) One mom even said I was "scaring the children!" Heck, she should see what we do on the campouts. Again, thanks for a great Holiday party, and we'll see ya'll next year.



## Lake Prairie Leadership,

**Information on the Lake County PADS homeless shelter program has been posted to the Lake Prairie Federation website at the following locations:**

A brief history of PADS and an overview of their mission:

**[http://www.lakeprairie.org/files/PADS\\_history-brochure.pdf](http://www.lakeprairie.org/files/PADS_history-brochure.pdf)**

A list of items PADS is always looking for:

**[http://www.lakeprairie.org/files/PADS\\_WishList.doc](http://www.lakeprairie.org/files/PADS_WishList.doc)**

Contact information:

**[http://www.lakeprairie.org/files/PADS\\_Contact\\_Information.txt](http://www.lakeprairie.org/files/PADS_Contact_Information.txt)**

If your Expedition or Tribe would like to help PADS, please contact David Marsden at 847-815-1473 or via e-mail at **[DMarsden@hertz.com](mailto:DMarsden@hertz.com)**.

For a current list of needed items, please visit the following page:

**<http://www.pads-crisis-services.net/wishlist.htm>**

Steve Moore

Acadia Expedition Compass Bearer



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## Hide & Seek has gone High Tech

by **Kevin Shoemaker**  
*aka. ????*  
**Chief of the Granite Tribe**

Friday night was quite an adventure. 49 campers chose the 2-night stay and braved rain, thunder storms, lightning, sleet, slush and snow on our way to Camp Mattawa. But by Saturday the snow had stopped and moderate temps set in along with the realization that this fall campout would be snowier than most of our winter campouts. We phoned our tribemates who had yet to make the journey and begged for some items we'd forgotten, in particular, snow pants, boots and sleds.

By flag raising our numbers had grown to 130 and the energy levels were growing too. Grand Teton Chief George Alexoff kicked things off by letting all the braves pelt him with snowballs, a real ice breaker you might say. The Bear Claw tribe told the true legend of stinky foot, though deep down I think they were sad to be giving it up. The Granite helped the expedition say goodbye to grouchiness for the weekend by launching symbolic grouches a couple hundred feet from air cannons.

After lunch, when they weren't sledding, rock climbing or snowball fighting, tribes took turns at the punt, pass and kick event hosted by



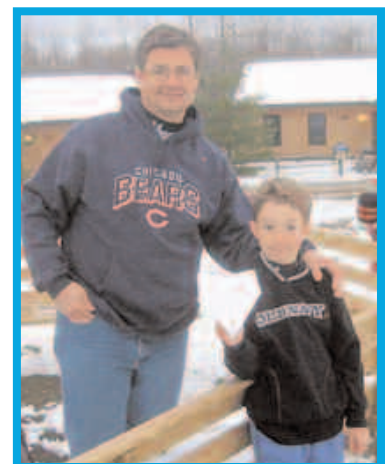
the Mighty Elk. Awards were given for bronze, silver and gold in 3 different age groups. The Rolling Thunder set up a challenging links course with an added degree of difficulty thanks to the snowy fairways. The Grizzly/Thor tribe organized a paper airplane build off which drew entrants of all sizes, shapes, and configurations. The tribal race was a real David vs Goliath, with the mini entry by the Granite taking 1st place, followed by all the planes taking flight simultaneously for the grand finale.

Evening brought the Expeditions' first Aims walk of the season. The tribes were challenged to recite each of the 7 Aims throughout their trek to the bonfire, and they all passed with flying colors. Around the fire, Grand Teton welcomed more than 30 new boys into the expedition in a traditional ceremony lead by Chief Alexoff and the tribal chiefs. After the introductions, John Hansen, Chief of the Grizzly/Thor, lead us in a truly original campfire song that brought out the best in everyone.



Sunday morning saw the usual flourish of activity as stinky foot was once again on the move. With all the tribes nestled cozily in the lower cabins, it wasn't a long sprint to dump ol' stinky into another cabin. Unfortunately, the Grizzly/Thor tribe came up about 20 feet short of their destination and now hold the smelly prize until February.

What a great way to kick off the season and welcome in new members in Grand Teton style. I can't imagine a better fall campout and tip my hat to everyone who made it possible. Here is looking forward to a repeat - or better - at our winter excursion.



## My Fall Campout

**by Hayley Anderson  
aka Little Brown Bear  
Kabetogama tribe**

My name is Hayley, and my Princess name is Little Brown Bear. My Expedition is the Voyageurs. My tribe's name is Kabetogama.

My Fall Campout was at Camp Henry Horner, and it was really fun. We did Olympics at the Campout and these are the games we did. Dressing like our dads, twister, slingshotting a ball, three legged race, soccer ball passing, and toilet paper unrolling. My favorite Olympic game was slingshotting a ball.

My two favorite things at the Campout were cabin decorating and awards. We decorated our cabin by putting up spider webs and making a tunnel and having my dad wear a mask. We did cabin trick or treating. I got a lot of candy. I had some candy and it was really good. My tribe got awards for cabin decorating and three legged race and toilet paper unrolling.

I had a great time.



## First Impressions

**by Blair Haberman**  
**aka: Panting Puppy**  
**Heron Tribe**

My name is Blair and my program name is Panting Puppy. This was my first time with Adventure Princesses. I got to meet new people and share a cabin too. I got to play Capture the Flag. It was hard, though. I also played freeze dance a lot too. On my first campout with Adventure Princesses I got to hide the red rocks. I've never done that before but it was fun. I can't wait until the next campout.

Blair Haberman...aka Panting Puppy



## Year Two!

**by Carolyn Byrd**  
**aka: Swimming Swan**  
**Heron Tribe**

My name is Swimming Swan and I am in the Heron. This is my second year in the Adventure Princesses. One of my favorite things to do is go on the camping trips. You get to do lots of new things like the moon jumper, play capture the flag, and go on adventures with my friends around the camp. My favorite thing to do is archery.

I like my tribe a lot because its fun and I have made lots of new friends. I really like doing things with the girls and the dads. I am really looking forward to our museum sleep over this year. I really had a lot of fun Dozin with the Dinosaurs last year.



## Expedition Chief's Welcome

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

Greetings from the Mighty Rocky Mountain Expedition.

We're off to great start. Our Tribal Chiefs have been working hard to provide a fun-filled year for our Expedition. We just had our Fall Campout at Camp Matawa in Kewaskum, Wisconsin where we had the Second Annual Rocky Mountain Rocket Derby. Once again, spectacular launches and surprise-filled landings ruled the afternoon.

Each of our Tribes constructed a Tribal rocket to launch. We competed by seeing who could launch and land their rocket closest to the center of a giant bull's eye painted on the athletic field. It was great fun. Thanks to the Mighty Aspen and their Tribal Chief, Roland Weiss, for sponsoring and organizing this event.

In the evening at our Fall Campout, we did some serious grilling as the Mighty Avalanche hosted the Dad's BBQ/Taste of the Rocky Mountain Expedition. Entrees included pizza, pork, lamb and veal sausage and wild boar.

Thanks to all in the Rocky Mountain Expedition who made our first Campout of the year a great one.

We're honored to work with the Yosemite Expedition in sponsoring Holiday Party. It's a western theme, Dads, so dust off those cowboy boots and hats. We're looking forward to a great time and seeing y'all there.



## A Fishy Story

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

My name is Nick. My Indian name is Hawkeye. I am in the Aspen Tribe. We just got back from Camp Matawa. We went to Camp Matawa on Friday night. We went to the town of Kewaskum for dinner. We shot rockets on Saturday. Our rocket hit the bull's eye on the third blast. We won first place. Our rocket won second place for best design. I also went fishing at the campout. I caught a rainbow trout. The trout was about ten inches long.



Nice catch Nick!

## Camp Duncan Adventure

by Jenna Carnazzola  
aka: Sparkling Stream  
Dragonfly Tribe

It was so exciting! I enjoyed the climbing wall and stinky foot but archery was my favorite. The most fun was all of it, actually.





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