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INDUCTION CEREMONY A HUGE SUCCESS

Vernon Hills, IL – One of the largest crowds in Lake Prairie Federation history participated in the annual Induction Ceremony held at Big Bear in Vernon Hills, IL this past October 12, 2008.

Led by Federation Chief Tom Palmieri, the Federation Elders were summoned by the shooting of the sacred flaming arrow across the lake. A short time later, three Federation Elders arrived via canoe and inspected the new members to determine their worthiness for induction on the sacred ceremonial grounds.



Following a torch-lined procession to the sacred grounds, families entered under the flaming teepee. The ceremony started with the lighting of the council fires by the power of the Great Spirit at the request of the first Elder. This was followed by 4 readings about each of the directional fires including the Fire of the Spirit, Fire of the Mind, Fire of the Body, and Fire of Friendship.

The second Elder reminded all about the importance of the 7 Aims, going through each Aim by using the 7 different colored feathers of the sacred Federation coup stick.

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The final elder led the new members through the wampum ceremony and awarding of eagle feathers. The unusually mild weather was the perfect setting as parent and child committed to set aside their selfishness and impatience and enjoy their time together in the Y-Adventure Guides, becoming Friends Forever.

Following the ceremonial face painting of all new braves and princesses and the council fire closing using the traditional Omaha Tribal Prayer, the crowd was treated to an outstanding closing song played by Mr. Ray Ogaz, a Native American and local resident. Mr. Ogaz is pictured on Page 1 during his performance.

The Lake Prairie Federation wishes to thank the Denali Princess Expedition, the Trail Blazers, Vernon Hills Park District, Sound Tronics, and Mr. Ray Ogaz for all their efforts to make the Induction Ceremony such a successful and memorable event.

FEDERATION EVENTS CALENDAR

Mark your calendars for these special Federation events. Expeditions will be assigned time slots for the Olympics, Holiday Party, Pinewood Derby (Braves), and Bowling.

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Sunday November 9, 2008 11 AM – 5 PM	Olympics - Princesses	Oak Grove School Green Oaks, IL
Sunday November 16, 2008 11 AM – 5 PM	Olympics – Guides	Oak Grove School Green Oaks, IL
Sunday December 14, 2008 1 PM – 5 PM	Holiday Party	Carmel High School Mundelein, IL
Saturday January 10, 2009 10 AM – 12 Noon	Roller Skating Princesses	Hot Wheels Mundelein, IL
Sunday January 11, 2009 10 AM – 12 Noon	Roller Skating Guides	Hot Wheels Mundelein, IL
Sunday February 15, 2009 12 Noon – 4 PM	Valentine's Dance Princesses	Frederick School Grayslake, IL
Saturday March 7, 2009 11 AM – 5 PM Sunday March 8, 2009 10 AM – 6 PM	Pinewood Derby Guides	Woodland Intermediate School Grayslake, IL
Saturday April 25, 2009 12 Noon – 6:30 PM	Bowling - Guides	Lakes Bowl Round Lake, IL
Sunday April 26, 2009 12 Noon – 6:30 PM	Bowling - Princesses	Lakes Bowl Round Lake, IL

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YOUR LETTERS

FUN AT CAMP WESLEY WOODS

In September the Dragonfly went to camp Wesley Woods. The campout was fun. We won the animal safari hunt and the tug-o-war. I enjoyed it. Almost the whole Mallard tribe got stung when they stepped into a wasp nest it was big! We went on a hike to the Yerkes observatory. It was a long walk but I am glad I went. My favorite part was the Frisbee golf. The whole time was awesome!

Jenna Carnazzola - Sparkling Stream
Dragonfly Tribe - Yellowstone Expedition



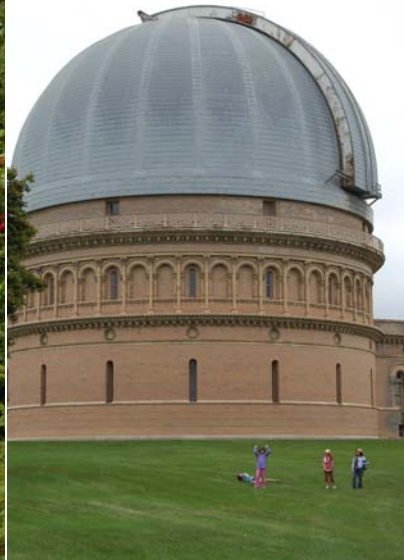
PHOTOS

(LEFT) Hiking along Lake Geneva at Camp Wesley Wood. Left to right, Front: Avery Bolander, Jenna Carnazzola Back:

Kelsey Bolander, Jenna El Ghatit

(MIDDLE) Yerkes Observatory

(RIGHT) Frisbee Golf



Friends

CAMPOUT FUN AND NEW FRIENDS

My name is Swimming Swan. I am in the Heron tribe. I like Adventure Princesses because you get to go on fun campouts and make new friends. I'm looking forward to our next campout, which is this weekend at Camp Duncan. I hope we play name the face and they have a cool slide like they did in the fall at Camp Edwards. We have some great new members in our tribe, Lucy and Mia. They are lots of fun and very nice. I like meeting new friends and hanging out with my tribe while the dads talk, and talk, and talk. I can't wait to play stinky foot again.

Carolyn Byrd - Swimming Swan
Heron Tribe – Denali Expedition

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FALL CAMPOUT 2008

Rain, Rain, Go Away... Come Back Another Day.... Well, it did! Our Fall Campout at Camp Edwards was GREAT! The rain actually went away (well, most of the time) so all of the Guides could participate in the events. I did great in the Punt, Pass & Kick event, and it was so nice to meet some new friends from the Biscayne Expedition. I also got through the Camp Edwards obstacle course without a fall!



The Adventure Guides Fall Campout was great this year (even with a little rain)! It was great time teaming up with my Dad & fellow guides on all the events! Bring on the Winter Campout!

Jonah Emil - Grey Wolf
Haleakala Expedition - Hawaii Tribe

INDUCTION CEREMONY MEMORY

I really liked the Indian men with the face paint, the feathers, and the big torches. It was awesome when the Chief called to all the Spirits and then lit all the fires without even touching them...the colorful sparks were way cool too! I also really liked the stories, the music, and the man who played the flute was really great. I am very happy that my mom and dad signed me up for the Adventure Guides!"

Brandon Patton - Running Wolf
son of Chris Patton - Chasing Wolf
Everglades Expedition - Tarpon Tribe



FALL CAMPOUT FUN

My name is Running Bear and I am a member of the Hot Lava of Haleakala. I went on our camp out this fall and had a great time. My favorite parts were red rocks and making having s'mores at out campfire.



I am sending a picture of three tribe members sitting on a huge chair with our marshmallow shooters. I am sitting on the left, Little Badger is in the middle, and my bother Brave Bear is on the right. I wish we had a chair this large at home!

Matthew Harvey- Running Bear
Haleakala Expedition – Hot Lava Tribe

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DANCING DOE & SLEEPING BEAR – FRIENDS FOREVER

Emily Buczynski (Dancing Doe), 7 years old, of the Toulumne Tribe of the Yosemite Expedition shared some of the things she liked about Adventure Guides with her father Mike (Sleeping Bear) including some pictures she made.

We have lots of stories, like the time she found a plastic fly in her drink, on her lunch, and in her hair! Bugs now take on a whole new meaning! They used to be disgusting and something to be feared; now they are kind of cool! She will even put them in a cup to take home & show me, before she releases them back into the wild! She still has about a dozen of those plastic flies from one of the camp outs!

As far as what she liked most about the Induction Ceremony, she enjoyed walking under the fire (being worthy) and listening to the music at the end of Ceremony!

What I like most about Adventure Guides.
I like the campouts.

What I like about Adventure Guides?
I like the racing...

What I like about adventure guides?
The arts & crafts.

BRAVE BEAR'S FALL CAMPOUT AT CAMP EDWARDS

My name is Brave Bear of the Hot Lava tribe in Adventure Guides. This is a picture of me playing carpet ball at Camp Edwards during this fall's camp out. I met lots of kids and had a great time. My favorite activity of the camp was the punt, pass and kick competition. We had good luck and it didn't rain at camp even though it rained a lot at home. I can't wait for the winter camp out!

Nicholas Harvey- Brave Bear
Haleakala Expedition – Hot Lava Tribe



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INDUCTION CEREMONY POEM

Dave Schwind (Thunderbird) and his 5-year old son Nic (Soaring Eagle) are new Adventure Guides members this year in the Hot Lava Tribe of the mighty Haleakala Expedition. Dave writes: "We are very excited about being a part of the Guides. We attended the Initiation ceremony and had a great time! The excellent weather and stunning program contributed to a magnificent evening that Nic and I were able to share with each other and with all the other new members."

Thunderbird and Soaring Eagle talked about the cool things that happened at the ceremony and crafted a poem about their experiences for everyone to enjoy.

AN EAGLE FEATHER FOR A SOARING EAGLE

The loud yell. Canoe in the dark
I'm scared but excited too
The Elder Indian with horns looks in my eyes, my soul
I tell him my tribe name - "Soaring Eagle"
I walk through the fire teepee holding my dad's hand

We sit in the circle - magic fires alight! East! North! West! South!
Corn and wampum thrown into the fire
I look into my Dads eyes now...
"I promise to be patient Dad!"
"I promise to make time for you Son."

Colored feathers on a pole
Painted faces all aglow
An Eagle feather in my hand
Soothing pipe sounds make their stand
We walk together hand in hand



Soaring Eagle - Nic Schwind
Thunderbird - Dave Schwind
Hot Lava Tribe / Haleakala Expedition

INDUCTION CEREMONY KUDOS

The induction ceremony was inspiring and well done. My daughter Ashlee (Blue Diamond) who is seven, was being inducted and felt really excited and proud to be a part of it all. I especially liked the engagement and challenging words from the elders...they really seemed to make the evening unique. The simple commitments we made to our kids, and them to us, was something I would like us to always come back to.

Ashlee Johnson – Blue Diamond
Eric Johnson - River Rock
Sequoia Expedition - Cougar Tribe

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FALL CAMPOUT 2008

This past weekend, my dad and I went camping at Camp Edwards with the NeNe's. It was our first adventure with the Nene Tribe. I thought it was fun and exciting! We almost did not go because it was raining so much. I am happy we decided to venture out. Some of my most memorable experiences were when I sled down and through the "Black Hole" sledding hill. I enjoyed when I was at the park playing "punt, pass and kick" and basketball with my new friends. I really liked when we walked through the wetlands. I had fun sitting in the giant chair and getting my picture taken with my new Nene Tribal friends. Being inducted into the Nene Tribe and given my Indian name "Little Big Horn" in front of the big fire was my favorite part of the trip. I think my dad "Crooked Horn" had a great time as well. We look forward to the many adventures to come.

Robert Morin Jr. - Little Big Horn

Robert Morin - Crooked Horn

Haleakala Expedition - Nene Tribe

EDITOR'S NOTE: Above has been re-printed from Volume 13 to correctly identify the author. The Pathfinder staff regrets the error.

DINING, DANCING, AND FUN WITH DAD

The mighty Heron went to Country Squire for brunch before the dance and it used to be a mansion! I really enjoyed the magician and he turned a duck into a dog! I wrote on the message board in the gym: "Be buddies with your dad" "Love your dad" and drew a heart around them. I liked when we tossed hula hoops back and forth. Lucy B won part of the hula hoop competition from our tribe! I am excited to go next year.

Jenny Williams - Mighty Zebra

Daughter of Bob Williams - Mighty Mighty Mighty Zebra

Heron Tribe - Denali Expedition

EDITOR'S NOTE: This year's Valentine's Dance is scheduled for Sunday February 15, 2009 from Noon to 4 PM at Frederick School in Grayslake, IL. Don't miss it. Mighty Zebra will be there.

DINING, DANCING, AND FUN WITH DAD

Last weekend my Dad and I went to a Valentines Day Daddy Daughter Dance. Before the dance we went to brunch and took pictures with all of the dads and daughters of my tribe. Then we went to the dance. In the gym we danced to music and there was a hoola hoop contest. Also there was a cool magic show. Then we went home.

Sammi Hansen

Heron Tribe – Denali Expedition



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A BIG HUNK-A-FUN

My favorite part about Adventure Princesses is that it was a great experience with my dad. The best campout I ever had was at the Field Museum. I loved seeing the dinosaurs and the gems. I learned the gem of the month I was born. It was the pearl! I loved the other campouts too, but that one was the best! The campout at the Museum of Science and Industry, we camped out by the airplane after going down in the coal mine. At one other campout there was a zip line. I was a little scared at first to climb up to the top of the tower and slide down. However, since I was safe in my harness, I jumped and slid about a block to the other end of the camp. I ended up doing it two other times and convincing my dad to try it also. He loved it too.

Emily Forrest - Princess Shooting Star
Yukon Tribe - Denali Expedition

HERON TRIBE DISCOVERS FUN AT DISCOVERY WORLD

Last weekend my Dad and I went with our tribe to the Discovery World Museum in Milwaukee for an overnight sleepover. While we were there I got to touch a giant fish in the aquarium and walk across a glass pathway with fish swimming underneath. They had this cool bed of nails that everyone could take a turn laying on and lots of cool experiments that we could do. Late into the evening we got to watch a movie called Meet the Robinson's which was pretty funny. After the movie I got to sleep in my new sleeping bag. I had a hard time sleeping but then I finally fell asleep. We had a lot of fun.



Sammi Hansen
Heron Tribe – Denali Expedition

MY FIRST YEAR

I remember the first day I came to this one girl's house I felt so shy and scared that I would never get to know anybody. By the time we arrived at the fall campout I felt like they were my sisters! We stayed up and read stories to each other. We talked and played games and did fun activities together. I had the best time ever. Even now I'm having a lot of fun, and I've been having fun for five years.

Lauren Forrest - Golden Pony
Yukon Tribe – Denali Expedition



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Adventure Guides was so much fun! I am graduating this camp out. I have only been in it for two years, but those two years were packed with fun. From dances to meetings to camp outs everything is always

FUN !!!

full of fun. I loved going to the Father-Daughter dance, and the black hole in at the fall camp out never wore out. I am sad to graduate from Adventure Guides but I will hopefully be signing up for Trail Blazers. I love my Dad and I am pretty positive that he loves me back. If I am not able to sign up for Trail Blazers I will leave time for me and him just to be together. I believe that my dad and I are closer than we were before we signed up and I'm glad that we had this opportunity. Thank You to everyone who organized Adventure Guides.

Julia Fletcher - Little Acorn
Yukon Tribe – Denali Expedition

CAMP OUTS

Three weeks ago I went on a campout. We went to Camp Edwards. I went with my Dad, sister Liza, my tribe, and the expedition. On the way there we saw our friends Jenny and Carolyn. They followed us for a while. Then we had to get ice for the cooler.

First, we didn't know where to park so we wandered around a little bit. Then, we found our friend's car. When we saw Carolyn she said "I have a bad tooth ache." I said "I have ice in the car if you want some." I gave her some ice. She said "Thank you."



Second, we did flag raising. We did the Pledge of Allegiance and did rat sack. All you do is hand out the rat sack and chant "Rat Sack, Rat Sack, Rat Sack." Then we went inside for lunch. I didn't eat a lot. I didn't even have a cookie.

Third, we did the slide hill. You get a slide, pick a runway and goooo! One time when I did it people left three slides at the bottom and I got a mark on my nose. So I ran away crying.

Campouts are my very favorite thing to do!

Lucy Renz - Pink Smoke
Heron Tribe – Denali Expedition

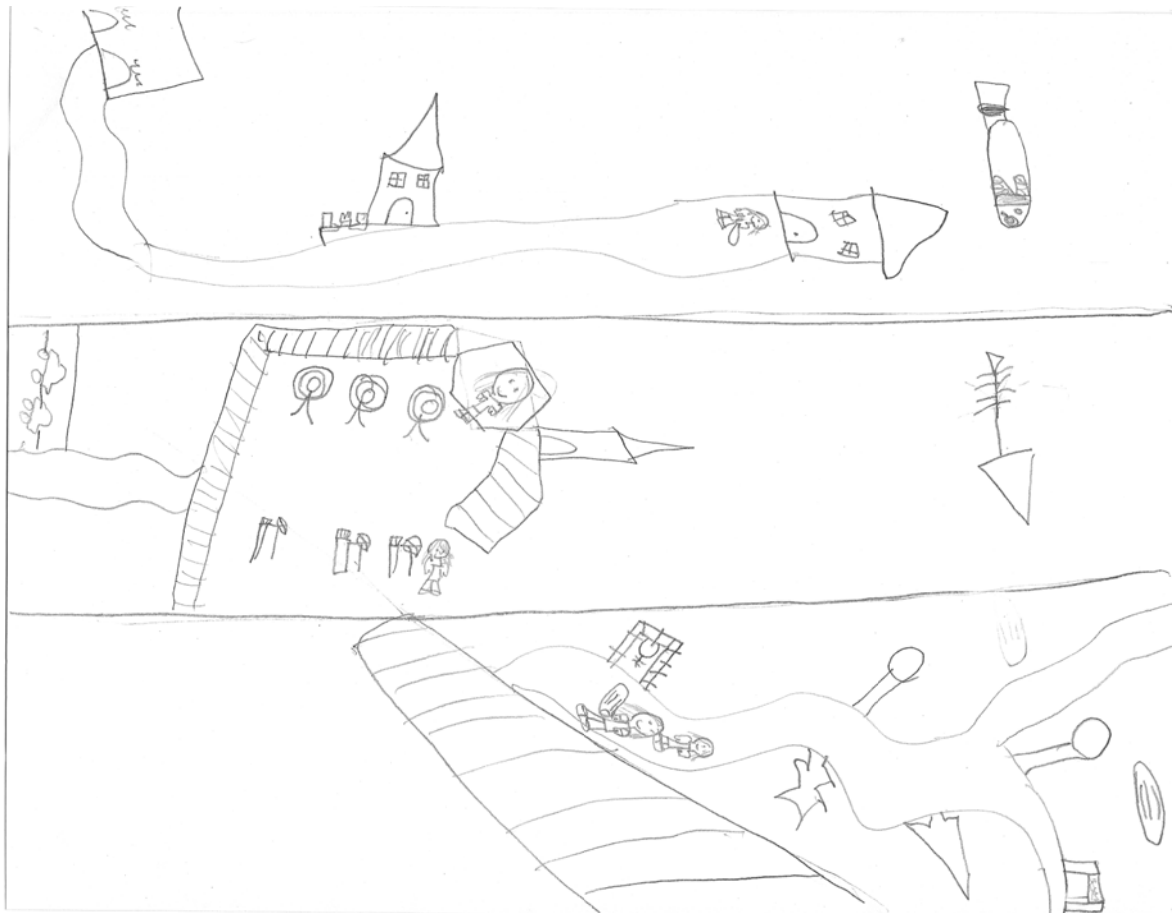
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SWIMMING SWAN LOVES CAMPOUT FUN

My name is Swimming Swan and I am a member of the Heron Tribe in the Denali Expedition. I like the Adventure Princesses because I can play with my friends and do lots of fun things. I like the "Scavenger Hunts", "Name the Face" and "Stinky Foot". I really like going to the camps where they have sled slides, like Camp Edwards. Our fall campout had "Name the Face" and other activities, like archery and a "Lip Singing" contest. My Dad always comes to the campout with me. He is the Compass Bearer and gets to beat the drum on the snake walk and at the camp fire. We do everything together. I love the campouts! Here is a picture of some of the things we did at our Fall Campout...Stinky Foot, Archery, and the sled slide.

Carolyn Byrd - Swimming Swan
Heron Tribe – Denali Expedition



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WHAT I LIKE ABOUT BEING INDIAN PRINCESS

I like the Tribe

- Being able to meet new girls to play with
- Tie die art project at our last meeting
- Face Painting the girls
- Going to the campouts

I like being an Indian Princess

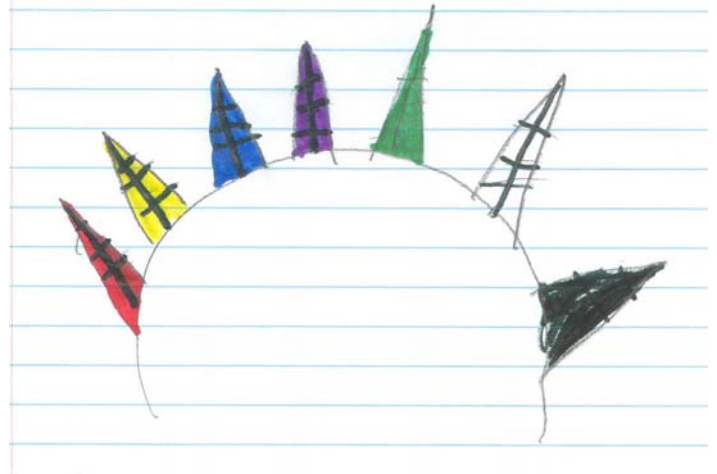
Morgan Millunchick
Heron Tribe – Denali Expedition



MY FIRST TO LAST YEARS

I remember the first time I was in Indian Princesses. I was very scared and held onto my dad at the first campout. But, as the years went by, 5th graders left and Kindergarteners came, and I made many friends. What I love most about YMCA Adventure Princesses I'd say is Stinky Foot. Even though this is my last year, these last 6 years have been great!

Danielle Dayton - Little Quacking Duck
Yukon Tribe – Denali Expedition



DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE FUN

The first thing I'm going to tell you about is when me and my dad went to the Daddy Daughter Dance together. Before we went to the Daddy Daughter dance we went to eat at a very fancy restaurant. Then we went to the Daddy Daughter dance together. I saw Marisa and we danced together. And that's the truth.

Lucy Brady – Dancing Dog
Heron Tribe – Denali Expedition



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TECUMSEH TOP TEN!

1. The Bullet Slide because it was fast and we went down in empty potato sacks.
2. Canoeing. We did not fall out of the canoe. We saw plants and bubbles coming out of the water. Loch Ness Monster??
3. The night program around the fire. Skits were crazy and funny. I have never seen adults being so funny.
4. Archery. It was fun to be challenged to get the Bulls Eye.
5. Riflery. It was very loud and fun to shoot the targets. Note for the next camper-bring earplugs and don't close your eyes when shooting.
6. Wolf Park. Where else can you howl with real live wolves?
P.S. for the next camper- bring with you 12 dollars for the gift shop.
7. Black hole. It is like fast sledding without snow.
8. Staying up late. We played Stinky Foot and never got him!
9. Fishing because we caught fish! We didn't eat the fish. We let the fish go. Good luck to the next fisherperson.
10. Friends because it was fun to see and play with them!!



Gabby Gaidamak - Busy Beaver
Heron Tribe - Denali Expedition



WHY I LOVE ADVENTURE PRINCESS

I love Adventure Princess because it is fun. I get to see my friends at meetings. I love campouts.

My favorite part of the Heron tribe is our meetings. The girls get to play together while the dads talk.

Then we put in wampum and talk about a good deed. I also get to read one of the aims.

Jenny Williams - Mighty Zebra
Heron Tribe - Denali Expedition

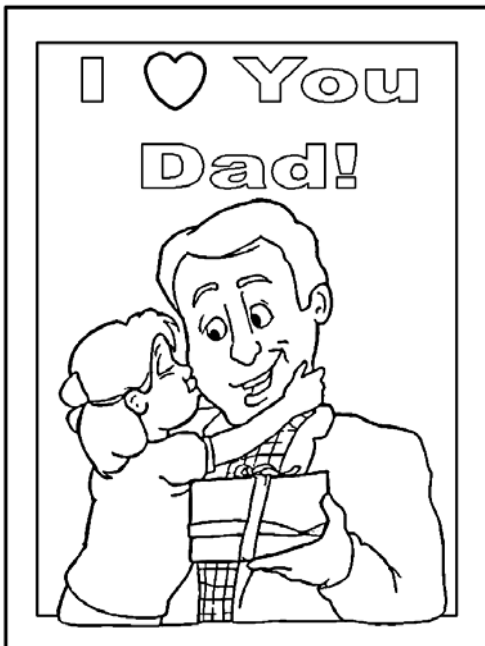
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VALENTINES DAY DANCE

Last Sunday I went to a Valentine's Day Dance. But before that my tribe and I went out to lunch. We went to a very, very, very, fancy place called The County Squire. When we were there, everyone started joking around. First, Blair pulled me buy the arm to the stairs. Next, we were running up and down the stairs. Finally, we sat down. Boy was I happy! When we sat down at our table I made a weird/funny joke. I said, "It looks like they're expecting the president or something." Then we all looked outside, snow was falling off the roof! One of waitresses looked really upset. I told Blair I think she would be happy. I'm sure she's getting paid a lot of money. Because believe me that place was really expensive. I could have bought 50 Webkinz! But that's not the point. Later, we all ordered, then we ate and all that stuff. Finally, it was time to go. I rode with my friend Blair.



Soon we arrived at the school (because we always go to a school for it). First, we checked in, hung our coats up and got a rose. I was surprised we got one because we usually don't get one. So I thought this was going to be a special dance. So we went in the gym. Then we looked at the prizes for the raffle. Next we messed around with the hula-hoops. I did some practice for the hula-hoop competition. Then I did some goofing off. After that Blair went to see a magician, but I stayed to do some more practice. Then after everyone came in we did the hula-hoop contest. When it was my turn I was doing well until the DJ said to do it on 1 foot . Then I collapsed. I was really upset. But then we did the hokey pokey and you turn you self around, that's what it's all about.



Later we had to go home. But I didn't want to. I was to upset. My raffle ticket was never called. I was thinking I could hide in the girls' bathroom. But my thoughts were interrupted when my Dad started talking. I told him I was really upset. So he gave me a big fat hug. Then I cheered up.

Lucy Renz - Pink Smoke
Heron Tribe – Denali Expedition

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Do you have a story or a picture to share of a special time in the Y-Adventure Guides and Princess Program? Contributors to the Pathfinder will receive a special "PATHFINDER" patch for their vest. Submit articles and pictures to Kevin Mooney @ moonpup@sbcglobal.net. Submissions should include author's name, program name, expedition, and tribe.

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