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On behalf of the Lake Prairie Federation, welcome to another fun year in the Y-Adventure Guides and Princesses Program. I am honored to serve as Federation Chief this year.

To all our new families, we're thrilled you have joined us. You'll find out quickly why this program is so much fun. Cherish every opportunity you have to make great memories with your child. The time will fly by and before you know it, graduation will be here.

I'd also like to thank our wonderfully dedicated leaders. Volunteer leaders at the Tribe, Expedition, and Federation levels are the heart and soul of this program. They give so much of their time to make this program run as smoothly as it does. And it's no secret that serving as a leader is a thrill for your child. As the opportunity presents itself during your time in this program, please consider taking on a leadership role.

As you may know, our theme this year is Family, the North point of the compass. We began the year with a Family event, our big Kick-Off at Independence Grove. It was a tremendous success and lot of fun. Congratulations to our Grand Teton and Yellowstone Expeditions for a fabulous event. Our next event, the Induction Ceremony, is also for the entire Family. While the ceremony will focus on the parents and children who are joining the program, we encourage the entire family to come witness this very special ceremony.

Let's have some fun and let's build some memories.

Tom Palmieri – Federation Chief

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FEDERATION EVENTS CALENDAR

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

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Sunday October 12, 2008 7:00 PM	Induction Ceremony	Big Bear Lake Vernon Hills, IL
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

FALL CAMPOUT SCHEDULE OCTOBER 2008

EXPEDITION	Camp	DATES
Rocky Mountain	Matawa	Oct 17-19, 2008
Grand Canyon	Edwards	Oct 17-19, 2008
Sequoia	MacLean	Oct 17-19, 2008
Yosemite	Henry Horner	Oct 24-26, 2008
Acadia	Duncan	Oct 31 – Nov 2, 2008
Everglades	Matawa	Oct 31 – Nov 2, 2008
Mesa Verde	Matawa	Oct 31 – Nov 2, 2008

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BRIAN DAYTON HONORED WITH THE LAKE PRARIE FEDERATION GOLDEN OAK AWARD

Camp Tecumseh (Brookston, IN) – I had the pleasure of participating in a ceremony held this past Spring 2008 to honor Mr. Brian Dayton, by presenting him the Golden Oak Award.

The purpose of the Lake Prairie Federation’s Golden Oak Award is to recognize those individuals who through their numerous personal sacrifices and exhaustive commitment to the program have single-handedly made a significant and undeniably positive difference in the quality and function of the Lake Prairie Federation. This award is named in honor of Tim Pasternak who served the Lake Prairie Federation to a degree that may never be equaled, but exemplifies what can be done when one individual gives of himself freely.

Brian served as a leader in every level of the Lake Prairie Federation and made numerous positive contributions to our organization. He had three daughters in the Y-Princesses program over the years. Each of them wrote a letter that was read during a very emotional ceremony. Living up to the spirit of the award, Tim Pasternak, the award’s namesake, made a special appearance dressed as an elder from the Induction Ceremony to express his thanks to Brian. A special plaque recognizing this honor was presented to Brian and another will hang in the Central Lakes YMCA for all to admire.

Every single person that participates in the Lake Prairie Federation today is a direct beneficiary of the hard work and determination that Brian Dayton has committed to this program. On behalf of the Lake Prairie Federation, Thank You Brian!!



(LEFT) 2008 Golden Oak recipient Brian Dayton listens as his daughter Danielle (Princess Little Quacking Duck) reads a letter she wrote to honor her father on Brian Dayton Day at Camp Tecumseh

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LAKE PRAIRIE FEDERATION GOES "OVER THE HEDGE" AT INDEPENDENCE GROVE

Hundreds of families attended the "Ticket To Adventure", the Lake Prairie Federation's first-ever season kickoff event. Members, their families and guests flocked to Independence Grove (Libertyville, IL) on Saturday, September 6, for an evening of fun.

Activities included 2 very active inflatable activities provided by Dino Jump of Gurnee. There was also a myriad of games for kids of all ages, including Frisbee golf, tug-o-war, and sack races. A favorite among the youngsters was "AIM for Dad," a dunk-tank style activity where kids hurled water balloons at their dads with no fear of retaliation.

The grill opened at 5:00pm to a Standing Room Only crowd and the hungry masses presented a challenge to the host expeditions. Fortunately, the expeditions anticipated a strong turnout and had plans in place to try and keep the food and refreshments supplied. It was a true testament to the popularity of the Adventure Guides program and the eagerness of parents to spend time with their children. A big thanks goes out to all who waited patiently, as well as apologies to those who left a little hungry.

Kids enjoyed kick the can ice cream. An assembly line of volunteers placed the secret ingredients in cans, then wrapped them in duct tape. The children, and more than a few parents, then kicked the cans all around Independence Grove. When the cans were opened, they were rewarded with delicious, homemade ice cream, frosty cold and ready for toppings.

The evening concluded with an outdoor showing of "Over the Hedge" on a giant inflatable screen from OutdoorMovieMania.com. Families filled the hillside at the Grove's beautiful Millenia Plaza under perfect conditions - not a rain drop or mosquito in sight. Guests were treated to popcorn balls from The Popcorn Factory and glow sticks courtesy of the Federation.

Credit goes to the mighty (exhausted) Grand Teton and Yellowstone Expeditions for organizing and staffing the event. The brave chefs who battled the grills tirelessly in an attempt to satisfy the masses deserve a few extra pats on the back. Congratulations to all on a job well done.

We hope you enjoyed our Ticket To Adventure, and that we'll see more great examples of Lake Prairie spirit throughout the year.

Kevin Shoemaker – Federation Compass Bearer

Fall Campout Thoughts

Improvisation was the name of the game at the Grand Teton's stay at Camp Henry Horner on the weekend of September 13th. Hurricane Ike left a trail of devastation across many parts of the country and our thoughts and prayers go out to those who are struggling to cope with the aftermath. The effects felt in northern Illinois were record rainfalls, and the Grand Teton campout was most certainly in the path of the overwhelming storms.

Because of the rains, Grand Teton Guides and dads put their imaginations into overdrive and made the absolute best of the event. Many of the planned outdoor activities were moved indoors. There were numerous spirited games of floor hockey in the Recreation Center. The seasonal activity was of classic proportions as the Grand Teton "design professionals" created capsules and catching mechanisms to preserve eggs tossed and dropped from great heights. Also, all the tribes bunked in separate rooms in Desser Lodge which created a level of excitement in the "Stinky Foot" competition that was unique to any other witnessed by this Chief.

Not all activities were moved indoors, however. A number of impromptu mud football games broke out between some of Guides and their "knucklehead" dads. With mud puddles galore and a very sloppy track, all can be proud to say that participants escaped unharmed physically and had giant, muddy-toothed smiles aglow from the fun that was had.

One of the true highlights of the weekend was the typically awe-inspiring Saturday night bonfire ceremony. High marks are deserved for the Bearclaw Tribe for their excellent fire in the eyes of significant rain throughout. When they started preparations for the bonfire, they were unfazed by the initial challenge of bailing out about 20 gallons of water from the fire pit. Despite the damp, or should we say absolutely drenched, conditions, the bonfire was among the best ever. The new guides and their dads were welcomed in the traditional format and the campfire songs led by "Eagle Vision" (a.k.a. Jim Goshorn) were, as always, memorable. Several of his songs, this chief believes, may have even been written specifically for the event, but I can't be certain. All of the Guides and dads joined in with their usual enthusiasm and represented the true spirit of the program in resounding fashion.

All-in-all the event was a tremendous success. Despite the weather-induced challenges, all of the Guides and dads experienced a great weekend where all of the core values of the Adventure Guides program were alive. The Grand Teton departed for home Sunday having been fully entertained, exhausted and grinning ear to ear from all the fun.

Ned Reidy - "Gray Eagle"
Alpine Tribe - Grand Teton Expedition

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YOUR LETTERS

FALL CAMPOUT

I loved Wesley Woods because their food was great! I loved stinky foot!
I loved the cabins because they were very big and beautiful places! Especially ours!
I loved our cabin because you had a queen bed and you could sleep in the queen beds with your friend.
I loved the outdoors because they had pretty leaves and was very clean.
I love staying there! I loved all the activities they had made time for even though two nations were there. I LOVE CAMPOUT!!!!

Jenny Williams
Denali Expedition - Heron Tribe

FALL CAMP-OUT 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 the blank 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.

Jack Lasson - Little Big Horn
John Lasson - Crooked Horn
Haleakala Expedition – Nene Tribe

LISTEN

Hi,

My name is Blair.(aka Panting Puppy!) I am a part of the HERON tribe. Today I will be talking about one of the aims. The aim I will talk about is to listen while others speak.

Here are some reasons it is important to me,

1. You need to give people respect and everyone should be heard.
2. It is not polite to talk while others are speaking.
3. They could be saying something important.
4. You might learn new stuff.
5. At school someone could ask the same question and if you're not paying attention you could get in trouble.

Gotta go pack for the campout! Se ya there!!

Blair Haberman - Panting Puppy
Denali Expedition - Heron Tribe



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2008 Fall Campout

From Saturday September 27 to Sunday September 28 the Mighty Caribou Tribe of the Denali Expedition went on a crazy campout. It was crazy because there was so much to do and so little time.

First everybody met at the cabin and went over our cheer. Then we went to the flagpole to raise our flag, recite our cheer, hear the announcements, and eat lunch. We took the flag raising questions but it turned out, we didn't answer any.

After lunch some dads and daughters went to do some archery, Frisbee golf, tug of war, and even crossword puzzles, but what got the most attention at that time was the red rocks hunt. It was amazing of how many we found.



Then some people started to do the scavenger hunt, and that's when the campsite rang from yells and cries of pain. It turned out some girls decided to go into the woods (None from our tribe thankfully), though they didn't know about the surprise that was waiting for them inside... WASPS!!! We later found out that there were about 2,000 wasps over there and we were lucky that not so many people got stung.

Dinner was next, though the Mighty Caribou didn't stay there long for we were already getting "Mrs." Terry dressed up for the prettiest dad competition. "S"he wore fish net tights, a short pink dress, clip on earrings, pink pearl necklaces and belts, a pink purse, and a Hannah Montana wig. The girls then covered him in makeup by putting on lipstick, eye shadow, glitter, and painting his nails! He actually looked slightly like a woman!

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Then it was time for the dance. The D.J. was Scott Powder and he rocked! A lot of Jonas Brother's songs were played. Walking on Sunshine and Who Let the Dogs Out was also played before the prettiest dad contest. Then "Burnin' Up" went on and the dance was over.

After the dance Stinky Foot and the cookout began. We started out with Stinky Foot and got rid of it rather quickly, though when we got it the second time it was a real hassle to get it out of our hands. During the same time at the cookout there were hamburgers, hotdogs, brats, cheesebrats, and s'mores. Then it was time to go to bed and none of the girls liked it one bit, though we had to do what we were told.

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When everybody was awake we made up a new cheer and went to the flagpole. We then acted and danced out our cheer and went to breakfast. While eating awards were being handed out. The Mighty Caribou won first place in red rocks and the prettiest dad contest. We also won second place in the crossword puzzle. Mr. Powder was also given a D.J. award and boy did he deserve it. Then it was time to go home though everybody had to admit that this was a cool campout and Wesley Woods deserves a big round of applause!

Shir Berkman - Flying Horse
Denali Expedition - Caribou Tribe

FUN AT INDEPENDENCE GROVE

My day at Independence Grove was great. I liked playing on the playground, throwing water balloons, winning a prize in the sack race, the slide and the dino jumpy things. I saw my new neighbor sign up for Adventure Princesses. It was nice to see some of my tribe there. The movie was so cool, I loved sitting outside on the hill to watch it. The glow sticks and popcorn balls were fun. It was a great day for my family and me.

Jonathan Hiscox (6) - Blue Feather
Haleakala Expedition - Mighty Nene

My Experience at the Denali Expedition Fall Campout

My dad and I are part of the Heron Tribe. There were many experiences we had together that made this camping trip very special. I liked the bow and arrows. It was my first time ever! I was able to hit the black section (not bad for the first time, eh?). We also did Tug of War. It was fun, even though I scraped my arm with the rope. I am glad everyone had to wear gloves so as not to hurt their hands. It was cool to see our dads do the tug of war too! They won one time. They are so strong!!! The Prettiest Dad contest was a riot. We put make-up, dress and jewelry on one of our tribal dads. It was hilarious to see the dads dress up as girls. I almost wet my pants laughing so hard! I had a great time playing the Stinky Foot game. My friends and I kept running around to different cabins trying to get rid of stinky foot. I really enjoyed spending time with my dad and the Heron Tribe. I love camping! I look forward to the next adventure.

Little Dear –Mia Morin
Crooked Horn – Rob Morin
Denali Expedition - Heron Tribe

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WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT THE PRINCESS GUIDES

Here is my list of what I like most about Princess Guides...

1. I like dressing up the Dads
2. I also like the camp food, night and day
3. I like the activities we do because we do those thing together and it makes it more fun.
4. I also like "Stinky Foot" because we all scream and get to stay up until midnight when the horn blows!
5. I love camping because it is fun and I get to visit with my friends.

Carolyn Byrd, Swimming Swan
Denali Expedition - Heron Tribe

BIRD WATCHING

On Sunday September 21st the Caribou tribe of the Denali Expedition had a great time when they went bird watching at Ryerson woods for their first monthly meeting.

First the Caribou looked at different types of birds and feathers. They learned that there are three different kinds of feathers on birds and that each feather helps the birds to accomplish different tasks. The feathers were called flight feathers, contour feathers, and a downy feather.



The Caribou also got a chance to look at a bird skeleton, a bird skull, and some bird bones. One interesting fact they learned was that birds bones are hollow which makes birds very light and helps them fly. The Caribou learned that all birds have a different bird call.

They also learned that different birds have different shaped nests. Another interesting fact they learned was that the dove bird call sounds very much like the owl bird call. They then got a chance to identify different bird calls and nests. The Caribou learned that when different birds lay eggs the eggs can be different colors. For example robin's eggs can be small and light blue, but most other birds don't lay blue eggs. At the very end the Caribou tribe got a chance to see an owl and a hawk in their cages. The Caribou tribe had a great time, and it was a great way to start the new season!

Maddie - Floating Cloud
Denali Expedition - Caribou Tribe

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THANK YOU DADS

We would like to thank our Dads, Dave Anderson, Brian Aquadro, Kevin Mooney, John Petersen, and Jimmy Thomas for being the best Dads in the world. We just graduated from the YMCA Adventure Princesses program and wanted to thank our dads for everything they've done for us. Collectively, we've attended over 70 campouts with our Dads and have had the best time. We've also done many other fun activities together every year in the program such as bowling, caroling, food drives, roller skating, corn mazes, holiday parties, dances, and parades. We've learned so much from our Dads and how much they love us. We understand how important it was to them to spend time with us so that we can grow closer together and so they could teach us important things as we grow up. We are very grateful for having the opportunity to be in the YMCA Adventure Princess program. We've made memories that we will hold in our heart for the rest of our lives. We've made so many friends, too. Our Dads gave so much of their time for us and deserve recognition for the extra effort they made to make our time in the program so special. We think Y-Adventure Guides and Princesses is the greatest and that more people should join. So thank you Dads! You're the BEST! We will always be Friends Forever!

Megan Aquadro
Hannah Thomas
Michaela Mooney
Maddie Anderson
Maggie Petersen



Yellowstone Expedition
Mallard Tribe

HERE FISHY, FISHY, FISHY

I had a great time at Camp Anokijig this past Spring. I caught a huge fish and loved shooting BB Guns. We launched rockets, rode horses, shots bows and arrows, and rode in kayaks and canoes. I had a great time with my Dad . He's going to be Tribe Chief this year. We stopped at Kopp's in Milwaukee for frozen custard on the way to and from the campout. Yummy!! Go Bison!!

Quinn Mooney – Half Moon
Rocky Mountain Expedition – Bison Tribe



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SPECIAL FEATURE

Editor's Note: The article below was written by Donald R. Hoke, Ph. D. and it appeared in a Texas newspaper many years ago. As you can tell, back then the program was still under the Indian theme instead of our current National Parks theme. Regardless, it speaks to the heart of what this program is all about, strengthening the bond between parent and child. It was my privilege to share this with the Yellowstone Expedition this past June 2008 at the last Princess campout for my daughter and I. I hope the article touches your heart the way it did for me, my daughter, and the Yellowstone Expedition. At the conclusion of the reading at the campout, there were hugs galore between Dads and Daughters. Friends Forever.

Memories of Indian Princesses

By Donald R. Hoke, Ph.D.

All across the Metroplex, daddies and their daughters are headed to YMCA camps for their spring Indian Princesses' campouts. Sadly, my daughter, CJ and I are not going. It's entirely her fault we're not going! She grew up.

For the uninitiated, Indian Princesses (and Indian Braves for the boys) is a Kindergarten through 2nd grade YMCA program started in the 1920s by an American Indian who wanted to teach kids about Indian lore and heritage. The campout is not only a great daddy/daughter bonding thing, but provides mom a quiet weekend.

During the year, the Princesses and their daddies meet monthly. The meetings center on Indian lore and usually include an Indian story and some simple craft activity, such as making

Indian style necklaces with plastic bear claws (just as the Indians did). Each Princess takes an Indian name, as does her daddy. CJ chose Tiger Lily (as did 139 other Princesses), and her daddy was Great Star Watcher, which was as close to horology and time keeping as he could imagine.

The highlight of Indian Princesses program is *THE CAMPOUT*, held once in the fall and once in the spring at various YMCA camps. Of all the Indian Princess activities, *THE CAMPOUT* creates the most lasting memories.

Our tribe, the Comanche's, traveled to Camp Claussen in Oklahoma. There, we "camped out" in cabins complete with concrete floors, hot showers, and bunk beds (just as the Indians did) and ate "mystery meat" in the YMCA cafeteria (just as the Indians did). Some tribes brought hotdogs, while others had catered dinners of lobster and barbecue (just as the Indians did).

Naturally, the campout included the traditional campfire on which the princesses burned marshmallows and melted chocolate in the process of making the traditional Indian food called "SMORES" while their daddies drank "daddy juice" poured from its original containers into empty soda bottles. But mainly camping was about horseback riding, hiking, fishing, archery, and target practice on the BB gun range.

For CJ, these activities were all new and exciting. The Comanches never missed horseback riding, on what one might charitably describe as "experienced" horses. After donning bicycle helmets (just as the Indians did), the girls mounted their steeds, each of which dutifully followed the lead horse in a slow walk along a very well worn trail.

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The biggest excitement usually occurred when the horse in front of a Princess stops to let nature take its course. I explained the term "horse apples" to CJ, a great daddy/daughter bonding experience. As a first grader, CJ was once riding a black horse named Lightening that once took three quick steps in succession. Upon arriving at the stable, CJ proudly proclaimed "Daddy, my horse galloped! It really did, Dad! Lightening galloped!" I didn't say anything, but Lightening couldn't gallop to escape the glue factory, which is probably where he is by now.

Fishing was another source of excitement. Using her daddy's 35-year old fishing rod fitted with brand new flea market reel, CJ dropped a line in the water for the first time. Initially, her daddy hooked the minnow on the line, but later, and much to her daddy's surprise, CJ insisted on doing this herself.

The Camp Claussen lake is strictly "catch and release," so it is full of fish, one of which finally took CJ's bait. Catching her first fish was one wonderful experience not only for CJ but for her daddy as well.

She was so excited she couldn't think to reel in the fish, she just shouted "Daddy! I've got one! I've got one!". An hour later, she dropped a line between the dock and the shore and caught a 2 1/2 pound bass, probably 16" long, which was a substantially larger fish than her daddy had ever caught.

On our last trip, it rained heavily and we were drenched while hiking around the lake. The path turned to slippery mud and the two of us were a mess - thank heaven for those indoor showers (just like the Indians had). Later that day, we were the last two sharp shooters at the BB gun range with an hour to kill before dinner. So the two of us just sat there and shot BB guns in the rain.

At one point, I bet CJ that given 10 shots she could not hit a certain tin can. I offered a dollar for each time she hit it. This sharpened her concentration and I ended up shelling out two bucks. Best money I ever spent. We also talked about gun safety, about never pointing any gun of any kind at anyone for any reason, about never playing with guns, and how dangerous guns could be if not used properly.

CJ learned other important lessons. On a first grade campout, she led five of her friends on an unauthorized hike to a hilltop open-air chapel. We daddies were all busy loading the cars (just as the Indians did) for the trip back to civilization. When we suddenly realized half the tribe was gone, we initiated a search. Half an hour later, I found CJ and two of her friends sitting under a tree 20 feet off the trail on the back side of the hill. "Oh Daddy, I knew if I hoped hard enough you would come," she cried. It was one of those angry but happy moments, a moment I'll always remember and cherish.

And memories are at the heart of Indian Princesses and campouts with their burned marsh mellows and fishing and galloping horses.

Late one Sunday morning after a particularly eventful campout, CJ and I did a bit of last minute fishing, then hiked back to the car, stopping along the way at the archery range for 20 minutes. Then, before we got to the car, CJ decided she just had to go back to the cabin, by now deserted and swept clean.

Outside the cabin was a tree on which she and her friends had climbed. Most of her friends had found the courage to jump off a particular branch, but CJ had been too timid. Now, she realized it was her last chance, so she climbed the tree again and finally summoned the fortitude to jump three feet to the ground.

As we walked back to the car for the last time, not wanting the weekend and all its fun to end, she said "Daddy, let's just stay here." We stopped for a moment and looked back at the cabins. "What do you see?" I asked. She missed the point entirely and finally I answered my own question. "There is no one here. The camp is deserted. Everyone has gone home," I said quietly. The implication was obvious even to a seven year-old.

We started to walk to the car and then I stopped and knelt down beside CJ and put my arms around her as we looked back into camp. "You know what we have that no one can ever take away?" I asked. "We'll always have our memories of a wonderful weekend together with all your friends. Memories of catching fish and horseback riding and shooting BB guns and the Saturday night campout

and the Chief's bad jokes and looking at the stars and our time together. And remember last night when we walked back from the campfire, how we stopped in the middle of the big field and looked at all the stars?"

It rained the weekend of our last Indian Princesses campout, but stopped late in the afternoon so that the campfire ceremony was still held outdoors. After the final ceremony, we took pictures with the Chief and started to walk back. We stopped half way down the trail, just the two of us, and looked back at the dying embers of our last campfire.

I knelt down and hugged CJ, telling her to look one last time at the campfire. "We're not coming back to Indian Princesses ever again," I told her. "Take one last look and remember all the wonderful times we had together." CJ sniffled a bit then we were on the trail again back to the cabins.

The next morning, we left early, rushing home for the last Sunday school class before first communion. We stopped at McDonalds for breakfast (just as the Indians did), and then resumed the drive to Dallas.

CJ fell asleep, dirty, grubby, still wearing the remnants of her war paint from the previous evening's campfire.

As we crossed the Red River into Texas, I looked at her and burned that picture in my memory.

And that's the big problem with little girls, they grow up too fast and all we daddies have left is the memories, and Indian Princesses is all about memories. So take my advice and join the Indian Princesses with your daughter.

THE END

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PHOTO GALLERY



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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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If you are interested in participating in a Federation position, please contact any of the officers listed above for more information. This Program benefits greatly from the talents and commitment of the individuals listed above. Come share your talents and be a part a great team.