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## LAKE PRAIRIE FEDERATION LONGHOUSE VOTES UNANIMOUSLY TO BAN ALL CHILDREN FROM PROGRAM

As economic pressures mount, the Federation Longhouse made a historic decision to keep family costs down by banning all children from all Y-Adventure Guides and Princesses program activities. The move is expected to reduce costs dramatically, especially camp out fees and all ancillary spending on children for such things as souvenirs and extra dinners/snacks on those to/from campout trips. A side benefit will be reduced stressed on parents with the elimination of lights out enforcement and quieter late night parent camp fires that are usually drowned out but the excessive noise from Stinky Foot. The Federation will reassess allowing children back into the program in 2010. GOTCHA! HAPPY APRIL FOOLS!!!!

According to Wikipedia, April Fools' Day or All Fools' Day, though not a holiday in its own right, is a notable day celebrated in many countries on April 1. The day is marked by the commission of hoaxes and other practical jokes of varying sophistication on friends, enemies, and neighbors or by sending them on fools' errands, the aim of which is to embarrass the gullible.

The great Mark Twain was once wrote "April 1st: This is the day upon which we are reminded of what we are on the other three-hundred and sixty-four."

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## LAKE PRAIRIE FEDERATION SPRING CAMPOUTS

DATES	EXPEDITION	CAMP
May 8-10	Denali	Camp Anokijig
May 8-10	Sequoia	Camp Anokijig
May 8-10	Yosemite	Camp MacLean
May 8-10	Yellowstone	Camp Wonderland
May 8-10	Voyageurs	Camp Wonderland
May 8-10	Mesa Verde	Camp Wonderland
May 15-17	Grand Teton	Camp Anokijig
May 15-17	Everglades	Camp Anokijig
May 15-17	Rocky Mountain	Camp Tecumseh
May 15-17	Biscayne	Camp Tecumseh
May 15-17	Acadia	Camp Tecumseh
May 29-31	Grand Canyon	Camp Tecumseh
May 29-31	Haleakala	Camp Tecumseh
June 11-14	Trail Blazers	SS Badge Cruise & Campout

## FEDERATION EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
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

Mark your calendars for these special Federation events. The 2009 –2010 Welcome Back/Recruitment picnic and Outdoor Movie has been scheduled for Saturday September 12, 2009 at Independence Grove Forest Preserve in Libertyville, IL.

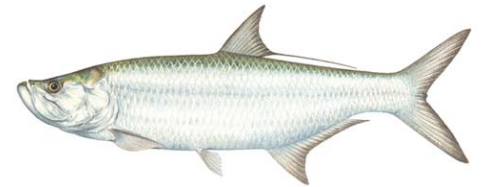
## EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK

The largest sub-tropical wilderness in the United States, the US Congress created Everglades National Park in 1934. It is visited one million people annually and is the third largest park in the lower 48 states after Death Valley and Yellowstone National Parks.



Unlike most other U.S. national parks, Everglades National Park was created to protect a fragile ecosystem instead of safeguarding a geographic feature. Additionally, the park is home to thirty-six (36) federally protected animals including the Florida panther. It's most famous resident is the American Alligator. Other residents include osprey, otter, hawk, tarpon, and manatee.

The Everglades is a slow-moving system of rivers, flowing southwest at about 0.25 miles per day fed by the Kissimmee River and Lake Okeechobee. IT has more than 10,000 islands and has tripled in size to almost 1,400,000 acres. The ecosystems in Everglades National Park have suffered significantly from human activity, and the repair and restoration of the Everglades is a politically charged issue in South Florida.



More information about this and other National Parks can be found at the United States National Park Service website – [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov).



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## NATIONAL PARK SPOTLIGHT

### VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK



Although the first proposal to designate the area as a national park occurred in 1891, it wasn't until 1975 that Voyageurs National Park was established after a lengthy legislative battle that began in 1962. Located near the town of International Falls, MN, Voyageurs National Park welcomes almost 250,000 visitors per year. The park is

notable for its outstanding water resources and is popular with canoeists, kayakers, other boaters, and fishermen.

The park's name commemorates the *voyageurs*, French Canadian fur traders who were the first European settlers to frequently travel through the area.



The Kabetogama Peninsula, which lies entirely within the park and makes up most of its land area, is accessible only by boat. The park has several boat ramps and visitor centers around its periphery, though the main body of the park is only accessible by boat or, in the winter, by snowmobile, ski, or snowshoe.

The major lakes in the park are home to Walleye, Northern Pike, Muskie, Smallmouth Bass, and Crappie. In the minor lakes that dot the park, Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, and other small sunfish and Yellow Perch are also found, although not every lake has every species. The park is also home to other species of animals including wolf, rabbit, moose, and bear



The park size is approximately 200,000 with almost 40% of that comprised of water.

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## GLACIER NATIONAL PARK



George Bird Grinnell, an early explorer to the area of Montana where Glacier National Park is located, was an early advocate for the creation of the park. Obtained in 1895 by the US government in a land sale from the Blackfeet Indians for \$1,500,000, Glacier National Park was created when a bill to re-designate the land from a forest reserve to a national park was signed into law by President William Howard Taft in 1910. Glacier became the

10<sup>th</sup> national park in the US.

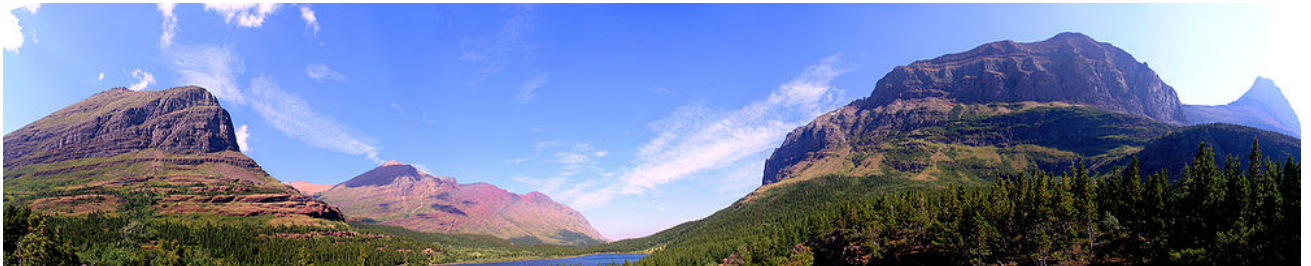
Bordered to the north by Canada, the park boasts many amazing sites. On the eastern border of the park sits Chief Mountain. Sacred to Native Americans, it is called Ninastiko and was used by



the Blackfeet for vision quests where young Indians would seek guidance from the Great Spirit as they grew into adulthood. Equally impressive is the Going-to-the-Sun highway, the park's main road which reveals one awe inspiring view after another on visitor's trips through the park.



Virtually all the historically known plant and animal species, with the exception of the bison and woodland caribou, are present, providing biologists an intact ecosystem for plant and animal research. Two threatened species of mammals, the grizzly bear and the Canadian lynx, are found in the park



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## YOUR LETTERS

### GUIDING BEAR IS WORLD'S GREATEST DAD

I like being in Adventure Guides with my dad. I also like being with my friends in Adventure Guides because each outing is an exciting adventure. I love the campouts and getting patches. I had fun racing my car at the pinewood derby and going to the movies last weekend with my tribe. Most of all I like being with my dad "Guiding Bear" because he is the best dad in the entire world

Dylan Madhani  
Haleakala Expedition – Nene Tribe

PHOTO: Dylan and Ajay Madhani proudly displaying their Pinewood Derby Car.



### HOT LAVA SERVES UP STRIKES AT FAT MAN

My name is Little Badger and I'm writing to tell you about a cool tribal meeting we had in March. The entire Hot Lava tribe including myself met at Fat Man Bowl in Lake Bluff. We ate pizza for dinner and had a blast bowling as a tribe. We spent time together as guides and with our dads. This is something we wouldn't have done without the Adventure Guides program. I am very glad we were able to do this.



Luke Weiland - Little Badger  
Haleakala Expedition - Hot Lava Tribe



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## YOUR LETTERS

### LOOK WHOOOOOO'S HAVING FUN AT THE FIELD MUSEUM

We went to the Field Museum and we spent the night with the dinosaurs. The things I saw were birds, fish, and fossils. I liked sleeping in the museum. My mom took a picture of me with an owl. I thought that was cool! I can't wait to do it again.

Robert Morin  
Haleakala Expedition - Nene Tribe



**DOZIN' WITH THE DINOS**

Check the Field Museum website at [www.fieldmuseum.org](http://www.fieldmuseum.org) (select Calendar of Events -> Programs -> Overnights) for additional information on *Dozin' With The Dinos* program.

Upcoming 2009 dates include:

May 15, 2009

May 29, 2009

June 26, 2009

August 14, 2009

November 20, 2009

November 27, 2009

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### FIRE HAWK BESTS OLDER BROTHER AT PINEWOOD DERBY

My name is Patrick Boyle and I am in the Hot Lava tribe in the Haleakala nation. I am 5 years old and this is my first year doing Adventure Guides. My big brother Dylan is in the tribe with me. I went to my first campout this winter. The camp kind of stunk because there was no sled hill. Who does a winter campout with no sled hill? We did have snow snake races and the snake I helped my dad make won both the "fastest" and "farthest" awards. I got to push the snake for farthest and my brother got to push it for fastest. We are awesome at snow snake! I went to my first Pinewood Derby and my car won for "best design". I think my brother was a little sad because he never won anything at the Derby. Our oldest brother, who is in high school, never won anything at the Pinewood Derby either. I guess my dad isn't too good at Pinewood Derby like he is in snow snake.



Patrick Boyle – Fire Hawk  
Haleakala Expedition – Hot Lava Tribe



### LITTLE POKEMON LOVES BEING IN THE A'a TRIBE

The Y-Guides have been fun for the A'a Tribe and me. When we get together, we play and share. We got together for the Pinewood Derby. It was fun that day.

Andy Gatza – Little Pokemon  
Haleakala Expedition – A'a Tribe

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## 2009 PINWOOD DERBY WINNERS

ACADIA



BISCAYNE



EVERGLADES



GRAND TETON



HALEAKALA



ROCKY MOUNTAIN



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## ROCKY MOUNTAIN AND YELLOWSTONE EXPEDITIONS BRING SMILES TO WINCHESTER HOUSE RESIDENTS

On Valentine's Day, my Dad and I visited Winchester House to play Bingo with the residents. We went with the Big Horn Tribe in the Rocky Mountain Expedition. Some of my friends from the Yellowstone Princess Expedition also came to help. We helped the residents play Bingo by calling numbers, helping the residents find their numbers, and giving out prizes to the winners. We gave fresh flowers and one-dollar bills as prizes. They really appreciate the money. We had fun meeting some new friends. This is the third year we did this. I hope we go back again next year.

Kevin Aquadro - Running Bull  
Rocky Mountain Expedition - Big Horn Tribe



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## YOUR LETTERS

### FALLING TIMBER REMEMBERS THE GOOD TIMES

My name is Collin Pogue and my last campout is coming up, but I want to tell you about my last 7 years in the tribe Falcon, in the expedition Acadia. I think the Acadia was not only fun but was also exciting, funny, entertaining, amazing, and scary!!!

One of my funniest memories was when the Acadia caught "Big Foot", and tackled him to the ground and unmasked him. Luckily no one stabbed the guy in it. When I was 7, I was so proud of myself and my dad was too because I got my first bulls-eye in archery.

A scary memory is when I was 6 and my dad and I went on a walk with another kid and his dad through the swamp and we saw openings in the weeds. The dads told us about the "Boogey Man" and how he pulls people in the swamp and eats them and that is why the openings in the weeds are there. Another spooky memory is when my dad, my little brother Henry, and I went with the rest of my tribe looking for the "Ghost Cabin" and the "Wolfs Den". We put our heads inside the chimney and we herd a howl. We found poop in "Wolfs Den" which is really scary in the night.

One time, the Falcon was in charge of the campfire. My dad built a cabin out of fence pieces and filled it with firewood. When it caught fire there were literally 40-foot flames coming out of the chimney, which set off the bottle rockets. The limestone under it started to explode and a lot of people got hit with rocks. We won Spirit Award for the first time since 1997.

I was also proud to receive the Chiefs Award for helping my dad run the Pinewood Derby last year. The other dads called me "Little Pine". I enjoyed helping him again this year and will probably continue to help as long as he runs it even though I am not in Adventure Guides.



These are some of my favorite memories. It stinks that I have to graduate this year. If I could stay in this expedition I would. The best part of my whole experience was spending time with my dad and getting closer to him. I will continue to follow the examples that I learned through Adventure Guides such as treating everyone the same, being nice to others, sharing, and going on adventures with my family.

Falcon Friends Forever,  
Collin Pogue - Falling Timber  
Acadia Expedition – Falcon Tribe

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# GAMES PAGE

## ADVENTURE GUIDES CAMP CHALLENGE

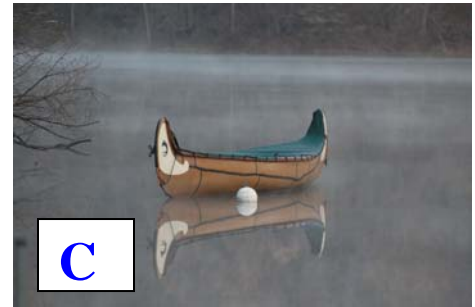
Below are photos from different camps used by the Lake Prairie Federation. Your job, should you be brave enough to accept the challenge, is to figure out which photo belongs to which camp.



**A**



**B**



**C**



**D**



**E**



**F**



**G**



**H**

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|---|-------------------|-------|
| 1 | Camp Anokijig     | _____ |
| 2 | Camp Tecumseh     | _____ |
| 3 | Camp Matawa       | _____ |
| 4 | Camp Henry Horner | _____ |
| 5 | Camp Duncan       | _____ |
| 6 | Camp Edwards      | _____ |
| 7 | Camp MacLean      | _____ |
| 8 | Camp Wesley Woods | _____ |

Answers will be published in the May 2009 Volume 21 edition.



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](mailto:moonpup@sbcglobal.net). Submissions should include author's name, program name, expedition, and tribe.

## Lake Prairie Federation Officers

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Asst. Sentinel	Carl Shurboff
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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.