

Y-ADVENTURE GUIDES - A CALL TO LEAD



It's no secret that what makes the Y-Adventure Guides program THE premier kids organization is its endless supply of volunteer leaders. The program's structure is one where our children learn the importance of getting involved and helping others, traits that parents tirelessly look for their children to learn as they grow up. Additionally, the pride the child has to see their parent in a leadership role will create a memory that will last forever.

Whether at the Federation, Expedition, or Tribe level, a parent's commitment to take on a leadership position will fill a critical need to allow OUR program to continue to grow.

During the induction ceremony, there is a reminder delivered by the elders regarding the Earth and how we should treat it. Similarly, we did not inherit the Y-Guides Program from those that came before us. Rather, we are borrowing it from those yet to come and who will soon experience the fun we have with our children today. In order to provide those yet to come with as quality of a program as the one we have been given, your involvement in leading this program is vital.

Expeditions will soon be looking for their leaders of tomorrow. Please consider stepping forward. Give your child the thrill of experiencing the program with their parent as a leader. Starting from leadership transition ceremonies which normally occur after expedition graduations at Spring Campout council fires and going through the entire following program year, the chance to be a leader in this program is not something to pass up.

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CANDY SALE RE-DESIGN GIVES LAKE PRAIRIE FEDERATION A BOOST

Who can take a sunrise, sprinkle it with dew? Cover it with choc'late and a miracle or two. Mr. Shoemaker can!! Or you can just call him the Candy Man.



Teamed with his Assistant Federation Compass Bearer Jim Goshorn, Kevin Shoemaker has led a vital part of the lifeblood of the program that has resulted in a 30% increase in candy sale net revenue for the Lake Prairie Federation to help fund the program's activities. You might say he found the goose that laid the golden egg but that's an entirely other story.

The candy sale accounts for approximately half of the program's income to fund all Federation events and is the program's primary fundraiser. The drive also serves as a great recruitment tool to attract new members. While still effective, the impact of the candy sale had been on a downward trend the last several years. A number of issues contributed to this including membership levels, campout costs, and product changes from the supplier.



In his first year as Federation Compass Bearer, Kevin took on an aggressive goal of increasing the net revenue. His leadership and tireless efforts resulted in a new supplier with a better profit margin opportunity for the program. To top it off, the distribution execution was flawless. But what else would we expect from a man who's Facebook page identifies Willy Wonka as the most influential person in his life?

Kevin and Jim had a great support network from all of the Expedition Compass Bearer's to run a smooth candy sale. The Pathfinder offers its thanks to all who helped make this year's drive an outstanding success.

FEDERATION EVENTS CALENDAR

Mark you calendars for these special Federation events. Expeditions will be assigned time slots for Bowling.

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Saturday April 25, 2009 Sunday April 26, 2009 12 Noon – 6:30 PM	Bowling – Guides Bowling - Princesses	Lakes Bowl - Round Lake, IL

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ACADIA NATIONAL PARK

Acadia National Park is located in Maine on the rock-bound shore of Mount Desert Island. Here you will find granite cliffs side by side with sand, cobblestone beaches and glacier-carved mountains rising from the sea, cupping deep lakes in their valleys. The geography of Acadia National Park ranges from meadows and marshes to dense evergreen forests. Everywhere the ocean makes its presence felt, whether by sight, sound or smell. The National Park Service (NPS) protects this unique resource and provides a variety of visitor services.



The park was created by President Woodrow, as Sieur de Monts National Monument on July 8, 1916, administered by the National Park Service. On February 26, 1919, it became a national park, with the name Lafayette National Park in honor of the Marquis de Lafayette, an influential French supporter of the American Revolution. The park's name was changed to Acadia National Park on January 19, 1929.

The park is home to some 40 different species of mammalian wildlife. Among those are red and gray squirrels, chipmunks, white tailed deer, moose, beaver, porcupine, muskrats, foxes, coyotes, bobcats, and black bears.

More information about this and other National Parks can be found at the United States National Park Service website – www.nps.gov.

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BISCAYNE NATIONAL PARK

With its primary purpose of preserving Biscayne Bay and one of the top scuba diving areas in the United States, the Biscayne National Park is actually 95% water and covers 200 square miles. The park is located in southern Florida and includes Elliott Key, the park's largest island, considered to be the first of the true Florida Keys being formed from fossilized coral reef.



The park boasts activities such as snorkeling, canoeing, scuba diving, boating, fishing, camping, picnicking, and wildlife viewing. It is comprised of 4 ecosystems: the long stretch of mangrove forest along the mainland shoreline, the shallow southern portion of Biscayne Bay, the northernmost Florida Keys and a portion of the world's third-longest living coral reef. If scuba isn't your thing, the park offers spectacular trips in glass bottom boats to view the wonderful wildlife and coral structures.

Many sea turtles live in the waters of Biscayne National Park and often nest on the park's few sandy beaches. Park employees monitor nesting beaches each summer to protect new nests from raccoons and other predators. Although none are as hip as Crush, the sea turtle from Finding Nemo, their protection is vital to their survival.



Biscayne National Park is also host to the only underwater archaeological trail in the National Park System. The "Shipwreck Trail" includes six wrecks spanning a century of maritime history.

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HALEAKALA NATIONAL PARK

Located on the island of Maui in Hawaii, the Haleakala National Park is a park that is unmatched in its beauty and variety. Covering over 45 square miles, the area became its own national park in 1961 after being part of the Hawaii National Park.

Haleakala means “house of the sun”. According to a local legend, the demigod Maui imprisoned the sun here in order to lengthen the day. The park features a dormant volcano named Haleakala which hasn’t erupted since 1790.

The park is comprised of three main areas. The summit area features a volcano crater that is 7 miles across and half a mile deep. Hawaiiin Nene geese can also be seen here. Although once totally absent from the park, the Nene were reintroduced in 1946 and flourish today in their natural habitat. The second main area is the Kipahulu area and features more than 2 dozen pools along Palikea Stream in the gulch called Oheo. The third prominent area is a wilderness and is best know for its two primary hiking trails Halemauu and Keoneheehee and span climates from dry cold desert to cloudforests dripping red and green native ferns



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YOUR LETTERS

OUR CAMPOUT OF FUN AND OTHER ENDEAVORS

We had a really great time on our fall campout with our tribe to Camp Edwards. The rain never let us down because it wasn't a Monday! There was this huge Paul Bunyan Adirondack chair that the guides couldn't help but explore.



The archery post was a first for Kyle and me and what a blast it was! I think "Dad" even got a bulls-eye (or close!).

"Painting the snake" was one of Kyle's favorite things to do at the camp. Kyle and I also really enjoyed making the winter scarves for the poor at one of the Hawaii Tribe's monthly meetings. Kyle also remembers, fondly, finding the dead fish (maggot infested and all!) floating in the water on our canoe excursion. We think Mom would have been *thrilled* if she could have seen it!

John and Kyle Prochotsky – Big Cat Scat and Lil Viper
Haleakala Expedition – Hawaii Tribe

CARIBOU MEETING AT THE PAINTED PENGUIN

One day, me and my tribe went to the Painted Penguin. Most of my tribe was there. There was Shir and Maya Berkman, Melanie, Sarah, Kaitlin, Abbie, and Madeline. My sisters and I all painted cats. Shir painted a duck. I don't know what the other girls painted. We also had pizza for lunch. I think it was very fun. I believe my sisters thought so too. I am going to include a picture of our cats.



Thea Vogt
Denali Expedition – Denali Tribe

VALENTINE DANCE

Hi, my name is Samantha and I went to the Valentine Dance with my Dad, Ray. I had so much fun. There was a lot of great food and the D.J. was really really good! When I first got there I had a photo taken with my Dad and I just saw it on line. It turned out pretty good. The magician was awesome. I think the Valentine dance was awesome!!

Samantha Hiscox
Denali Expedition – Caribou Tribe



Sometimes you're asleep I whisper
"I Love You!" in the moonlight at your door.
As I walk away, I hear you say, "Daddy Love You More!"

- Tim McGraw - Lyrics from "My Little Girl"

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CHICAGO WOLVES HOCKEY GAME OUTING

On Sunday my family went to see the Chicago Wolves Hockey Team play the Manitoba Moose at the Allstate Arena with lots of other Adventure Guides. Both of the team's started with zero points. We cheered loudly for the Wolves! Before the game started we got hockey pucks. The hockey pucks said, Chicago Wolves League Champions, 1998 / 2000 / 2002/2008. The puck also had a picture of a mean Chicago Wolf on it. There were also loud fireworks before the game during introductions.



There were baby races in between periods. The baby's were very little. They were all baby girls. You could also adopt a dog while at the game! My friends almost adopted another dog; they already have one. We were allowed to pet the dogs. They were very friendly and soft. We had a great time at the game because the Wolves won the game and we were with family and friends. The score was 2 to 1.



After the Chicago Wolves game, we went to Gino's East for dinner with some friends of ours. The food was yummy. The kids played a guessing game while waiting for their food.

Let's go Wolves! Aww aww awwww!

Madison (Little Pink Tiger) and Kendall (Fast Cheetah) Jacoby
Denali Expedition - Caribou Tribe

Years may come and go
Here's one thing I know
All my life
You're a friend of mine

- Narada Michael Walden & Jeffrey Cohen
- Lyrics from "You're Friend of Mine"

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HAWAII TRIBE IS READY FOR FUN AT CAMP MATAWA

We have had a lot of fun at our last two Adventure Guide meetings. We meet in a Hawthorn school cafeteria with most of the tables folded up so there is room to play catch with footballs and even play a game. In January we made different kinds of paper airplanes. Bear Claw really loved that. He made his with guns and missiles to capture others. Bear Claw made about 20 planes. This month we made banners for our winter campout. We can't wait to leave tomorrow morning for Camp Matawa.

Steve (Bear Claw) & Brett (Coyote Paw) Sweeney
Haleakala Expedition – Hawaii Tribe

SLEDDING WITHOUT SNOW AT CAMP MACLEAN

I wish we really had snow but I had a fun time riding our sled on the tarps which were covered with dish soap. We also put dish soap on the bottom of the sled. Our sled didn't last so long on the first try. It ripped the back of the sled open. But on the second try our sled made it a lot further down the hill and we had the second fastest time. We didn't come in first place, Nighthawk did. We tied for second place. After the sled race we all cut down sticks with our pocketknives and we shaved them. We carried them with us to the snake dance and tribal fire. We burned our sleds and received our Olympic awards. I got the silver eagle feather. I forgot to say that in the morning we buried the grouch using Mentos and Diet Max Cola and it exploded and left us with a sticky clean up. I was sad to go home because we had so much fun.

Edward Erickson – Fire Eyes
Acadia Expedition - Falcon Tribe



Each day of our lives we make deposits
in the memory banks of our children.

~Charles R. Swindoll, The Strong Family

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WINTER CAMPOUT

Wow did we have a great time on our camp out at Camp Matawa. We launched rockets, and chased them; we did a ton of chanting during meal time. We launched our snow snake and had lots of fun with dad (Soaring Eagle). The campfire stories were really cool and not too scary, and the best of all was spending time with dad and friends.



Steven Montemayor - Flying Eagle
Haleakala Expedition – A'a Tribe



DOZIN' WITH DINOS

The night we got to the museum and we went to put our stuff away. We found a very cool place, because we found a spot with a bench and it looked very cozy. Later we went to find the snack downstairs where we got to see some nice things like a once live lion, which impressed me. Then we went to see the magic show, the part I liked the most was when the scientist began doing the explosions!!!! Later, what really scared me, was the mummies at the Ancient Egypt exhibit!!!!!! I had lots of fun with all the girls from the tribe!!!!!!



Fernanda Vega
Denali Expedition - Heron Tribe



NO END TO ADVENTURE GUIDES FUN

We've had so much fun with Adventure Guides lately. Within the last month we went on a campout and slept at a museum. While on the campout I got to play with all of my Adventure Guides friends. We built a rocket, competed in tug-of-war (my favorite), and raced our snow snake. At the museum we saw dinosaurs and slept with stuffed animals. While at the museum I was wild with my friends. And then the next day I got to race my Pinewood Derby car. My car looks like a Chicago Blackhawks jersey. It did really well in one race and not so well in two races. Maybe next year.



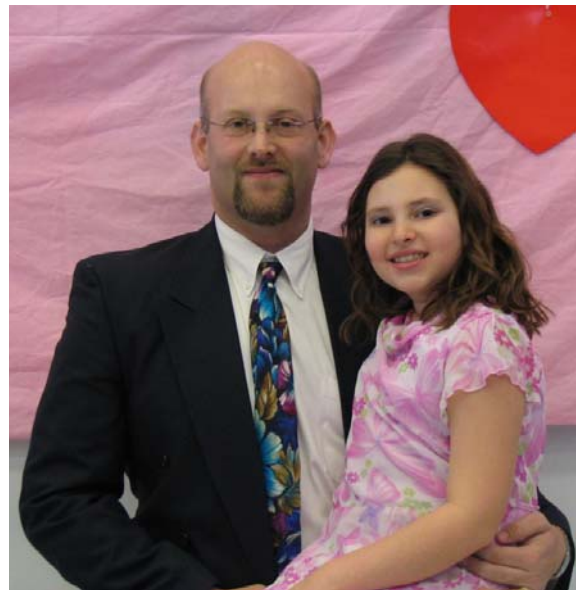
**Jack Lasson – Wild Bear
Haleakala Expedition – Nene Tribe**

Pictured above, the Nene Tribe is getting ready to launch their “Big” rocket at the winter campout.

BEING AN INDIAN PRINCESS IS GREAT

I get to spend 3 weekends with my Dad and no brothers allowed. I also like the Adventure Guides program because when the boys go with Dad I get 3 weekends alone with Mom! I also get to do special things like the Valentine’s Dance (My Favorite) and hang out with my girl friends. Go Indian Princess!

**Morgan Millunchick -
Denali Expedition - Heron Tribe**



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Hey!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sorry! I just got back from Dozin' with the Dinos!!!!!!!!!!!! We had so much fun at Dozin' with the Dinos! First, We had to check in and get all the information for the Field Museum things that were going on. We found where to sleep. I went to a art and craft center and we had to mummify a mummy. I took out the LIVER!!!!!!!! EWW!!!! I saw my friends but they didn't seem interested in mummies. Then, I saw my friends Blair, Lucy, and Liza where the arts and crafts were. We got lost when we had a late night snack but, we saw my friend whose name is Fernanda and she is 6



years old and is very mature. We found our group and we went to go see a mummy exhibit in the dark. One girl got scared because she saw a mummy. So my friends and I stayed behind to find her parents'. Her parents' convinced her to go in and if there were any more mummies she could hold their hands. There were mummies where her mom couldn't see so, I told her that you shouldn't go over where I was because there were mummies where I was. I showed Fernanda, Blair, Lucy, and Liza a place where you could read and see how the Egyptians lived. We went on a bridge and saw a boat that you ride on the Nile River and we saw a basket with a rope that you would use to catch water and fish to eat and drink. We also went to an exhibit called Underground Adventure and we went there before Fernanda came. And instead of having Fernanda come we had Peri who is either 5 or 6 years old. We went with Peri, Lucy, Blair, Liza and their dads and moms. We had story time and the stories were Godan the giant, Raven, and the Two brothers. We got in our pj's and we got in our sleeping bags. I was the first one to wake up in my family and it was 6:59 and I got up to go wake my friends up so that they didn't have to hear the people sing to wake you up. We got up , got in our clothes, and went to breakfast. We got bagels, cream cheese, orange juice, fruit, cereal, and milk!!!!!!!!!! WE! HAD! SO! MUCH! FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Jenny and Bob Williams - Mighty Zebra and Big Zebra
Denali Expedition – Heron Tribe**

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THE NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

My Daddy took me to the sleepover at the Field Museum. It was a long drive but it was worth it. We had so much fun. We went to McDonalds on the way.

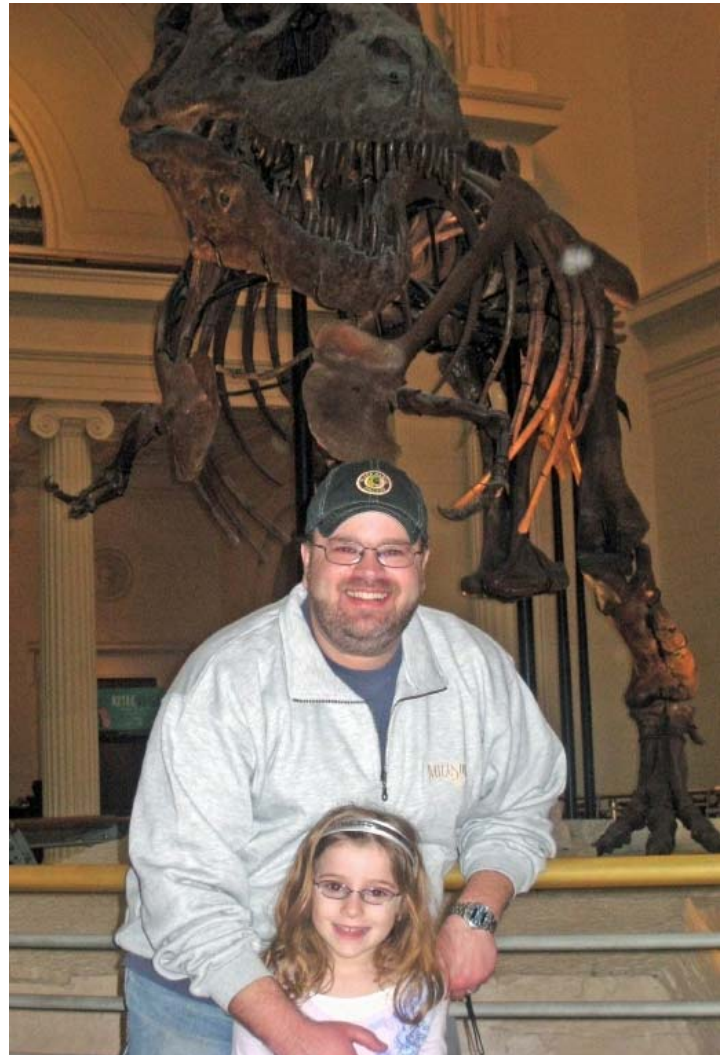
We saw Sue, the biggest dinosaur of all, and also saw her real head. We saw the elephants, and we had so much fun. When my daddy went to put my sweater away, I went underground with my friends and I played inside a bug. The other dinosaurs were neat. We really liked the huge fish head.

The man in the science show was so funny. He sprayed water at us. He lit up a pickle. He shot toilet paper at us. He blew up the candle. He made water change colors and sucked an egg into a bottle without touching it. I don't know how he got the egg out.

I also liked when The Hulk fell off the car after it blew up. I Love doing art projects and I got to do lots of crafts. I made a butterfly ring and I made an Egyptian mask that looks like me, and other stuff. I did not want to touch the spider but some of the other girls did.

They read us a bedtime story after we put on our pajamas. I slept next to my other friend (who is in a different tribe). We slept by a gorilla and a man dressed as a Native American Shaman. I can't wait until the next museum campout, but I hope my Daddy remembers to bring an air mattress.

Peri and Jeff Kruger - Little Flower & Big Bear
Denali Expedition - Heron Tribe





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.