

## CONGRATULATIONS WILD EAGLE

The Pathfinder would like to dedicate this June 2009 issue to Bob Linco, Chief Wild Eagle, who was honored this past Spring on May 9, 2009 by being named as the recipient of the Lake Prairie Federation's 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 Chief Golden Oak, 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.

Wild Eagle's commitment and work for the Lake Prairie Federation has spanned a larger range than most. Bob has had two daughters in the Y-Princesses program over the years. Besides traditional leadership roles as such as Chief, Assistant Chief, and Compass Bearer within his Expedition and Tribe, he has also been a valuable resource to the Federation in many other ways. He provides all the engraving services for 200+ graduate medallions every year. Bob also lends his talents for awards engraving needed for other Federation events. Probably one of his most notable efforts has been his time and talents he dedicates to the annual new member Induction Ceremony. Not only are the pyrotechnics courtesy of his hard work and creativeness, he has also given hundreds of hours to maintaining and upgrading the props used for that event.

The council fire ceremony at which Wild Eagle was recognized began as expected. But the unexpected appearance of Federation Chief Tom Palmieri made many in the Yosemite Expedition begin to wonder what was happening.

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After Chief Palmieri called out to the Great Spirit for a sign, the awe-inspiring site of THE Golden Oak emerging over the horizon let everyone know something truly special was about to happen. Joined by his wife Tracy and daughters Miranda and Brianna a.k.a. Princess Goofy Gopher, Wild Eagle was recognized for all his contributions and being a model example for living his life by the 7 Aims. Both girls read heartfelt letters they wrote for their Dad that brought many in attendance to shed a tear during the touching moment.

Golden Oak spoke on behalf of a very grateful Lake Prairie Federation in recognizing Wild Eagle's tireless efforts. The ceremony concluded with a proclamation issued by Federation Chief Tom Palmieri naming May 9, 2009 as "Bob Linco Day" at Camp MacLean. A special plaque recognizing Wild Eagle as the Golden Oak Award recipient was presented to the honoree. His name will be added to the perpetual award plaque that hangs in the Central Lakes YMCA recognizing this honor.



Every single person that participates in the Lake Prairie Federation today is a direct beneficiary of the hard work and determination that Bob Linco has committed to this program. On behalf of the Lake Prairie Federation, thank you Wild Eagle for your truly amazing contributions to our program and outstanding example as Leader, Father, and Friend!!!

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Below are some additional moments from the Lake Prairie Federation's Golden Oak Award presentation ceremony held May 9, 2009 at Camp MacLean in Burlington, WI, recognizing the contributions of Chief Wild Eagle, Bob Linco.



(Left) – THE Golden Oak, Tim Pasternak, makes an appearance to honor Wild Eagle, returning some wampum to him in recognition of all he has given to the Lake Prairie Federation.

(Right) Lake Prairie Federation Chief, Tom Palmieri presents Chief Wild Eagle with a plaque recognizing him as the 2009 recipient of the Lake Prairie Federation's Golden Oak Award



(Left) – Chief Wild Eagle and family are honored at the 2009 Yosemite Expedition Spring Campout at Camp MacLean in Burlington, WI

*"You get the best out of others when you give the best of yourself."*

*~ Harvey S. Firestone*

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To all members of the Lake Prairie Federation,

To say that I am honored by being presented with the "Golden Oak" Award would be a gross understatement. In my own mind, I have not come remotely close to giving back to this program to the extent that the namesake of this award has previously given and even still to this very day what he continues to give. However, I do want to say that I am deeply touched that my efforts have made enough of an impact that I would even be considered for, much less be presented with, the "Golden Oak" Award. I would like to thank everyone once again for bestowing me with such a great honor! There are many others currently in the Lake Prairie Federation who deserve this same recognition and I look forward to the day that your efforts are rewarded in this way as you are truly worthy!

I would also like to thank my family, because in the end they are the ones who sacrifice the most when any of us give added attention to the Adventure Guides and Princess Programs. Without their patience and understanding, our abilities to give more to the Programs would be severely limited. I extend a very heartfelt thanks to my wife, Tracy, and our daughters Miranda and Brianna. I love you all very much!

In closing, I would like to pass along a personal message to new/newer members or even those who have been involved for some time, but have not yet stepped forward into a leadership position. The success or failure of this or any volunteer program rests squarely upon the shoulders of the volunteers who offer themselves as a sacrifice to the success of the program. Yes, it is true that you and your family will be making some personal sacrifices in order to step up and lead, but the payback in terms of the lessons your child/children learn watching a parent or guardian figure in a leadership position is priceless. In my humble opinion, the Lake Prairie Federation is a glowing example of all the good that comes out of humans giving of themselves for the good of the whole. There are countless names of volunteers who stepped in and carried the load of this organization long before any of us and I respectfully ask all of you to kindly consider doing the same before you leave this program. I am proud to offer a first-hand report that you will never regret it! Our program is a product of all of those who came before us, but the future of the Lake Prairie Federation lies in the hands of current members and those hands that are yet to come.

Thank you once again and may we all be "Friends Forever / Friends Always",

Bob "Wild Eagle" Linco

Proud Member Of The Mighty Tenaya Tribe in the Yosemite Expedition

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

Covering over 250,000 acres, Rocky Mountain National Park is located in north central Colorado near Denver. The park is split by the Continental Divide, which gives the eastern and western portions of the park a different character. The Continental Divide is the hydrological divide of the America that separates the watersheds that drain into the Pacific Ocean from those river systems, which drain into the Atlantic Ocean or Gulf of Mexico. The east side tends to be drier while the west is wetter and lush.



The highest point in the park is Longs Peak at 14,255 feet. Snow can be found at the higher elevations even in the middle of summer. Every year, thousands hike through the forests of Aspen trees and attempt to reach the Summit of Longs Peak, the only mountain over 14,000 feet in the park. Winter attempts are rare due to the higher risk of Avalanche.

The park has a variety of wildlife including Bobcat, Bison, and Bighorn. Evidence shows that Native Americans frequented the area but was mainly transitory and not for permanent settlements. Around 1884, Enos Mills, then a 14 year old boy from Estes Park, CO, explored the mountains and wrote many books and articles describing the region. He supported the creation of Rocky Mountain National Park. The bill passed Congress and was signed by President Woodrow Wilson on January 26, 1915

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).

## DENALI NATIONAL PARK

The word "Denali" means "the great one" in the native Athabaskan language and refers to the mountain itself. The mountain was named after President William McKinley in 1897 by local prospector William A. Dickey, although McKinley had no connection with the region.



The park was established as Mount McKinley National Park on February 26, 1917 and currently covers over six million acres. However, only a portion of Mount McKinley (not even including the summit) was within the original park boundary. Mount McKinley National Park, whose name had been subject to local criticism from the onset, and Denali National Monument were incorporated and established into Denali National Park and Preserve by the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, December 2, 1980. At this time the Alaska Board of Geographic Names changed the name of the mountain back to "Denali," even though the U.S. Board of Geographic Names maintains "McKinley". Alaskans tend to use "Denali" and rely on context to distinguish between the park and the mountain.

The park is home to wildlife such as grizzly and black bears, wolverines, caribou, moose, and Dall sheep



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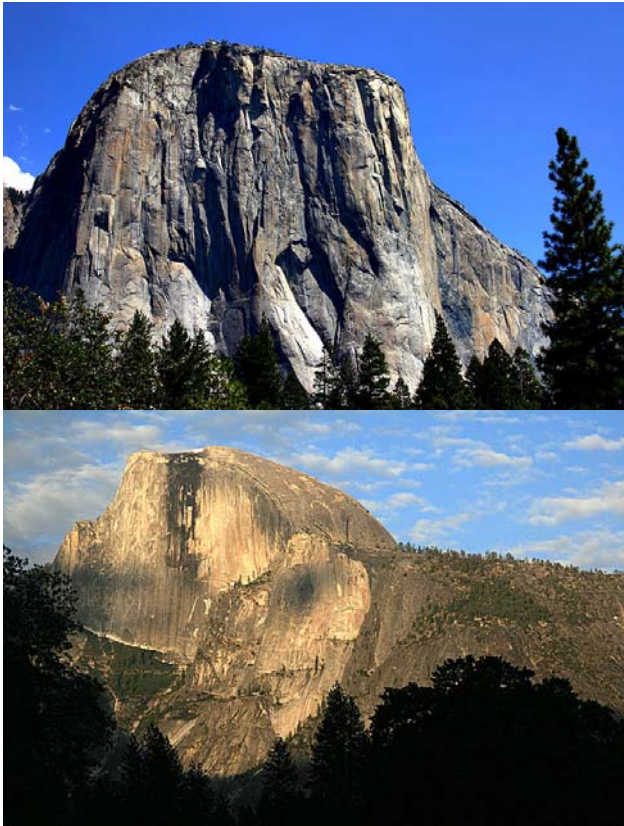
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## YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Yosemite National Park is located in the central Sierra Nevada of California and is roughly the size of the entire state of Rhode Island. Two federally designated Wild and Scenic Rivers, the Merced and Toulomne begin within the park's borders and flow westward to the Sierra foothills. The park is wildly popular and welcomes over 3.5 million visitors annually.

Some popular parts of Yosemite National Park include El Capitan, Half Dome, and Yosemite Falls. El Capitan is a prominent granite cliff that looms over the valley. It is one of the most popular rock climbing destinations in the world because of its diverse range of climbing routes in addition to its year-round accessibility. Half Dome is made of granite and rises 4,800 feet above the valley floor presenting an awe inspiring view to park visitors. Yosemite Falls is 2,425 feet high and is the largest waterfall in North America.

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### THE AIMS STICK TO YOU!

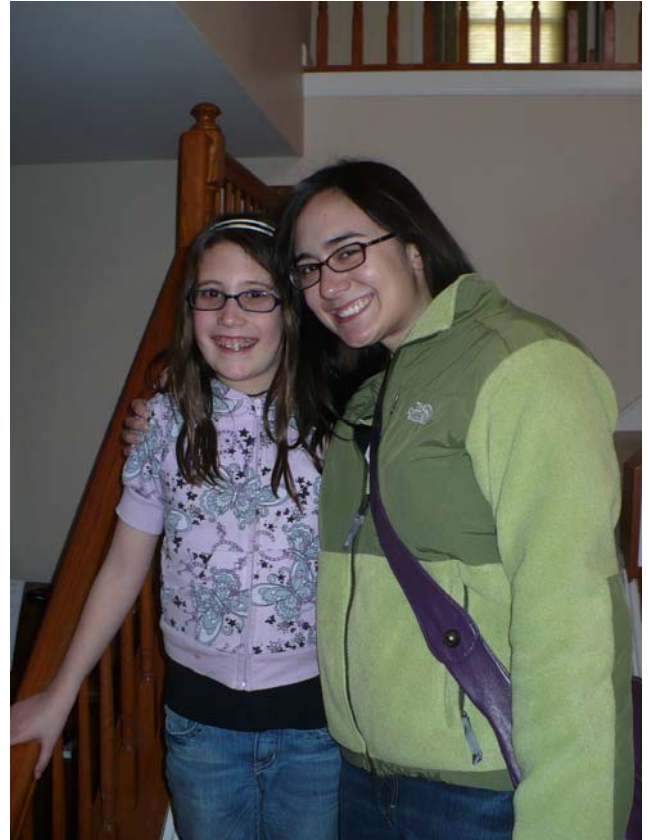
Many years ago my cousin Jennie was an Indian Princess! She came to my house to help with the Heron tribe meeting. Then the tribe talked about the aims and Jennie thought that the most important aim is to be pals forever with her father! Jennie says that even though she doesn't always see her father they still keep in touch! I'm going to be the same with my father when I'm older (and get a cell phone).

Jennie and I won't ever forget the seven aims:

1. To be clean in body and pure in heart.
2. To always be pals with my father.
3. To love the sacred circle of my family.
4. To listen while others speak.
5. To respect the traditions and beliefs of all people.
6. To love my neighbor as myself.
7. To seek and preserve the beauty of the great spirits work in field, forest, and stream.

The aims will always be with my cousin, our Dads, and me! I hope they will stick to you too!

Blair Haberman - Panting Puppy  
Marc Haberman - Big Dog  
Denali Expedition - Heron Tribe



## **A YOUNG INDIAN PRINCESS ADVENTURE**

One day, a girl was talking to her friend about this amazing group called Indian Princesses. She wanted to join, but had to ask her dad first because the Indian Princesses Program is a dad and daughter group. Her dad said, "Yes". She was so excited, she ran as fast as she could to tell her friends that she could join their tribe.

Her very first tribe meeting was at a glow in the dark golf place. It was totally cool. Everyone had a great time and had fun playing golf and talking with each other. After golf, they had pizza and ice cream. All the girls were laughing and talking together and about how much fun they have with their tribe, especially on the campouts.

The girl had never been on a campout. So she asked her friends about what they do there. They said, "We play games like capture the flag and stinky foot. And we do all kinds of activities, like dances and parties and name the face, and pillow fights, and skits, and sledding down the black hole". The girl was amazed at how much they did and couldn't wait to go. She kept asking her dad, "When are we going? When are we going?"

Finally, the campout was here. When the girl got to the camp, she saw so many cabins she asked her dad, "Which one is ours?" He pointed to one and said, "There it is." When she walked inside, it was so big it could fit two tribes. One tribe was already there. She looked in the next room and she saw all of her friends and some other new princesses who had joined at the same time she did. She shook hands with all of the new girls and said, "I'm glad you joined this tribe. We'll all be great friends and one big, happy tribe."

Her dad walked into her room and said it was time to raise the flag. She wondered what does raise the flag mean. Her friends explained that it was when you raised the American Flag and all the tribe flags. And at night you lower them all again. At the flag raising all the tribes gather together and do their cheers, one at a time. Sometimes the dads help with the cheers and sometimes it's just the girls.

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After the sun goes down, the girl goes on a snake dance with her tribe. At the snake dance, the tribe leaders go from cabin to cabin to get all the tribes and they slither like a snake all the way to the campfire while the Compass Bearer beats his drum. At the campfire the girl got her Indian Princess name. Her name was Green Skater. After she got her name, Green Skater threw piece of corn and a special pinecone into the fire. When the pinecone hit the fire, it turned blue. On the way back from the campfire, the leaders gave the new princesses glow rings. Green Skater thought the rings were cool.

Green Skater went back to her cabin with her tribe and played Stinky Foot until the horn blew. After Stinky Foot was over, Green Skater was very tired. She brushed her teeth, put on her PJ's, got her blanket, crawled into her sleeping bag, and fell asleep. She dreamed that night about her next princess adventure.

Carolyn Byrd - Swimming Swan  
Denali Expedition – Heron Tribe



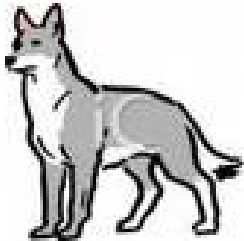
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### FINAL FAREWELL

The last campout was great! I graduated and had a blast at the same time. One thing I did was help the Hawaii Tribe win first place in dodge ball. All of us worked hard to find the red rocks scattered across the Tecumseh grounds. We even won first place for that too! A surprise to us all was when we won the Spirit Award. At night, we kicked off the evening by the fire, roasting marshmallows and cooking hot dogs. Yum! Saturday evening was a night to remember. I graduated from the Hawaii Tribe/Haleakala Expedition with my five friends that I have gotten to know well over the past five years. I am grateful for all my friends in the Hawaii Tribe and Expedition. I will miss this adventure. However, one of the best moments of the ceremony was when my dad handed his Compass Bearer hat to the new Compass Bearer. It was a truly moving moment. I was proud to have him for my dad. Thank you for five wonderful years of memories. And remember, there ain't no flies on the graduates of the everlasting Hawaii Tribe!!!!!!

Jonah Emil – Grey Wolf  
Haleakala Expedition -  
Hawaii Tribe



# Good Luck Graduates!!

## BRAVE BEAR MAKES A FRIEND IN CHANCEY

My name is Brave Bear (Nick Harvey) of the Hot Lava tribe. This past May I attended Spring camp out at Tecumseh with my brother and Dad. One of my favorite things was riding a horse. I included a picture of me on my horse Chancey. Chancey, the trail ride and camp out were all great!!



Nick Harvey - Brave Bear  
Haleakala Expedition -  
Hot Lava Tribe

## SON 1 – DAD 0

I had lots of fun at bowling. I beat my Dad!! I got some spares and drank lots of soda. It was great to spend time with my friends.



I'm really excited for our upcoming campout at Camp Tecumseh; I can't wait to go down the black hole and my Dad hopes that the zip line is available. He said that we could go see the wolves on Friday night; I hope we see lots of them.

Jonathan Hiscox  
Haleakala Expedition - Nene Tribe



*The greatest gift I ever had  
Came from God; I call him Dad!  
~Author Unknown*

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## TECUMSEH'S BLACK HOLE IS #1 WITH RUNNING BEAR

The Hot Lava had a great time at the Spring campout this year. This was my first time at camp Tecumseh and it was awesome!! I think I tried almost everything there, including my favorite ride -- the black hole! Attached is a picture of me getting ready for my next ride.



Matthew Harvey – Running Bear  
Haleakala Expedition - Hot Lava Tribe



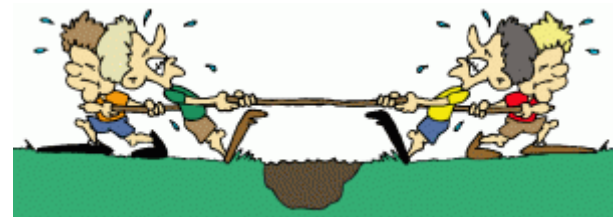
## MUSEUM SLEEPOVERS ARE REALLY REALLY FUN!!!

I slept over at the museum. It was fun. I laid on the nail bed and I went on the moving thing and went in an old boat. I went in a space room and there were so many posters.

Natalie Mariella  
Denali Expedition – Yetna Tribe

## TUG-O-WAR IS A HIT

The best time was when we went to the campout. I liked when our dads and we pulled the rope against another team. And of course we got to play and be with my friends.



Laine Lutgens  
Denali Expedition – Yetna Tribe

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### BRINGING SMILES...ONE PIZZA AT A TIME

On recent rainy Sunday last Spring, April 19<sup>th</sup> to be exact, a delegation of the Rocky Mountain Expedition traveled to the Autumn Leaves Nursing Home in Vernon Hills, IL for a day of public service. The 22 resident, all female crowd of this community for sufferers of Alzheimer's and Dementia enjoyed a variety of fresh pizzas prepared on the spot by the dad's and served impeccably by the braves. Residents and Staff members alike enjoyed the delicious food and outstanding service offered up by the likes of Kevin Aquadro (Big Horn), Scott Bonebrake (Bobcat), Jake DeBruler (Bison), Jack Durning (Big Horn) Max Moulton (Bobcat) and Kevin Villanueva (Big Horn).



After lunch, the ladies were treated to a side-splitting comedy show as the braves told jokes from a joke book. A good time was had by all. When asked about the experience, veteran Brave Jack Durning of the Big Horn said "First we made some pizza, then we told some jokes. Next we took a tour of the place and it was so awesome. I hope we can do something like this again. I had fun visiting with the old ladies and having fun with all of my friends."

The management team of Autumn Leaves were very grateful for coming, giving us an open invitation to return and even calling back to get the pizza dough recipe. We encourage all tribes to coordinate public service events like those conducted at Winchester House or Autumn Leaves. In addition to teaching our sons the importance of giving back to the community, it gets the word out about all the good the Y-Guides program delivers in the community at large.



John Durning – Hungry Like a Bear  
Rocky Mountain Expedition – Big  
Horn Tribe



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### THE BEST TIME...EVERYTHING



I don't necessarily have a favorite time when I was in Indian Princesses. I liked all the times. For example, prettiest Dad, the black hole, and canoeing just to name a few of the things we do at campouts. I also liked rock climbing. But campouts aren't the only fun parts. We also have meetings where we make crafts and eat snacks. Another thing we do is go on field trips like rock climbing and glow in the dark mini golf. I LOVE Indian Princesses!!!

Emma Pappano – Shining Star  
Denali Expedition – Yetna Tribe



### THE BEST TIME IS TIME WITH DAD

I love Indian Princesses when we go on campouts because you get to spend time with your Dad and you can meet other people from other tribes. I remember at one of the campouts when if we could name one of the seven aims and we would get a prize. I named the first one, which was to be clean in body and pure in heart. My favorite campout was the winter campout because we got to make sleds and then race them. I loved burning the sleds. I also love campouts with black holes. Black holes are so much fun when you go down them. I also like father daughter dances because you get a chance to dance with your dad.

Sophia Lehocky – Squealing Monkey  
Denali Expedition – Yetna Tribe



### FALL CAMPOUT FUN IN THE DENALI

I liked the fall campout because we did prettiest dad, which was Mr. Lutgens. A girl ate all the ribs. We made new friends.

Olivia Sweeney  
Denali Expedition – Yetna Tribe

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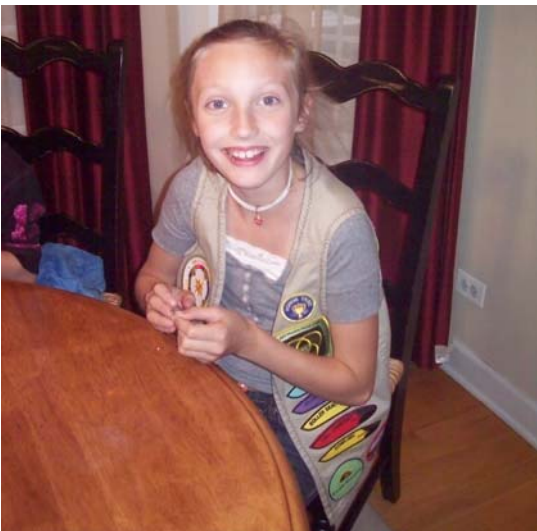
### MY FIRST CAMPOUT

I went on my first campout to Anokijig on May 8,9,and 10. I belong to the Black Bear Tribe. My favorite activity was the bonfire and telling ghost stories on Saturday night. I got to sleep on the top bunk. That was fun. I made a craft and tried archery for the first time ever at Anokijig. I had fun, but it was sad to see 5 of the Black Bears graduate. I will miss them a lot.

Zella Stockhausen - Baby Wolf  
Sequoia Expedition - Black Bear Tribe



### JUMPING DOLPHIN'S BEST TIME



The best time at Indian Princesses was when our tribe went to Coco Key. I had so much fun swimming and Leah and I went down the dark tube slide. I was screaming so so loud that Leah could hear me through the other slide. Afterward we went to the hotel room and it was so much fun. Also being with my friends makes me feel clean in body and pure in heart

Alia Mariella – Jumping Dolphin  
Denali Expedition – Yetna Tribe



## FRIENDS ALWAYS WITH MY DAD

I liked the fall campout of 2008 because we had the prettiest dad and ribs. Laine's dad was the prettiest dad. The campout let me be Friends Always with my dad.

Jacklyn Self  
Denali Expedition – Yetna Tribe

## NATURE CENTER IS FUN AND EDUCATIONAL

I love Indian Princesses. My favorite time was when we went to the Nature Center. Man that was fun. First we saw all the animals in the cages. Some of them seemed frightened by all the people. We saw the kind of owl used in Harry Potter. I also really liked the bald eagle. Next we went inside the visitor house. One side had fun and games for kids. The other side had animals like turtles, a gray squirrel, colored fish, snakes, and more. Then we went into a little building and saw how maple syrup was made. Last, before we left, my dad and sisters saw and learned how they get syrup out of trees for the maple syrup. It actually was very interesting. Did you know Indians collected syrup to make food sweet? Then we went home. If you are looking for some serious nature fun, you should try the Nature Center. I loved it and so will you.



Cassie Pappano  
Denali Expedition – Yetna Tribe

## WINTER FUN CAN'T BE BEAT

I had a lot of fun at the winter campout. I got to see all my friends from all the other tribes and also got to spend quality time with my brother and my dad. Also I got to play with the Snowsnake and played in the snowball fights. I was really sad when I had to go home.

Tommy Millunchick  
Haleakala Expedition – Nene Tribe



## CAMPOUTS ARE THE BEST

Spending time with my dad is so much fun. Because we do so many things together. We sled together. We have so much fun! I have made many friends and I like to get all dirty. I have so much fun at the campouts.

Alex Millunchick  
Haleakala Expedition – Nene Tribe



## THE VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

This year the Valentine's dance was like last year's except I had way more fun! This year I wore a dress from my birthday. It had a black top and a short puffy pink skirt with black felt flowers on it. Also I wore my pretty white shoes with flowers on them. I did pretty much nothing with my hair except put it behind my ear.

This year we went to Country Squire and it was really nice. This was our second year going to a really nice lunch. My friend Caroline let me take some pictures with her camera. After we ate out lunch we explored and ended up inspecting a statue.



The dance was at the same school as last year, which is good since Dad didn't get lost this time. I saw the magic show and it was great! The magician turned his gloves into a dove and turned the dove into a rabbit. At the end of the show he turned a goose into a shaggy dog. It was awesome!

This year was great! I can't wait until next year because I have felling 2010 will be just a tiny bit, okay WAY better!

Lucy Renz - Pink Smoke  
Denali Expedition - Heron Tribe

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### CAMP OUT (to the tune of Love Story)

By: Erica Segall and Nikki Lasson

We were all young when we first started.

We ran outside down to the flagpole.

We're cheering there.

Outside with the Yetna girls,

See the flags, see the red rocks, the ice cream.

We see you throw stinky foot in our cabin,

Say PU.

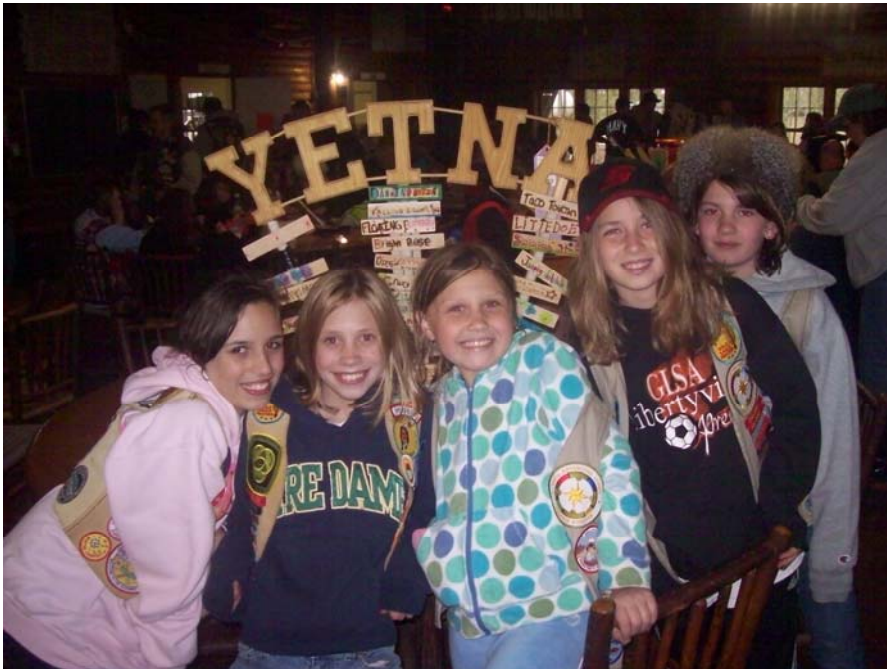
The little girls screaming,

There is Rich Segall, the chief of the Yetna

and the daddy's said stay away from Stinky Foot!

We were sitting on our beds thinking do we have gooooooo? And I said

Y-E-T-N-A, YETNA, YETNA, HOORAY!



Pictured are the 2009 Yetna Graduates at their last campout May 8, 2009 at Camp Anokijig. They wrote and sang the song above at their last campout. Princesses are Tatiana Lehocky, Nikki Lasson, Jessica Bowen, Erin Vandemerkt, and Erica Seagall



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.

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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.