

INDUCTION CEREMONY DRAWS RECORD CROWD



(Left) – With a record crowd of almost 500 people on hand, one of the ceremonial Elders invokes the power of the Great Spirit to complete the spectacular lighting of the council fire at the 2009 Lake Prairie Federation Induction Ceremony held October 11 in Vernon Hills. (Photo by Doug Renz)

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INDUCTION CEREMONY WELCOMES OVER 200 NEW FAMILIES TO THE LAKE PRAIRIE FEDERATION

Big Bear Lake in Vernon Hills, IL was turned into sacred ceremonial grounds as the Lake Prairie Federation officially welcomed over 200 new families into the Y-Adventure Guides and Princesses program.

Starting shortly after sunset, the evening started with Federation Chief Jim Erker conducting an Expedition roll call and preparing the new members and their families for an unforgettable and symbol-filled ceremony. Trail Blazer Messengers soon made their appearance and after conversing with the Chief, the Messengers shot a series of flaming arrows across the lake to call upon the Elders. Illuminated only by the intensely bright torches carried by one of the Elders, a swiftly flowing canoe appeared out of the darkness. After a brief inspection of the inductees by the Elders, the new members were deemed worthy and followed the Elders across the bridge to the sacred ceremonial grounds.





At the sacred ceremonial grounds, the time-honored ceremony began with the spectacular lighting of the council fires. The Great Spirit didn't disappoint the crowd as brightly colored displays of sparks and flame brought the grounds to life. The lighting was followed by a review of the 7 Aims of the Adventure Guides Program concluding with a proverb credited to Native Americans.

"We do not inherit the earth from our forefathers, we borrow it from our children"



New braves and princesses, along with their parents, were given wampum. The Elders addressed the parents first. Parents were asked to set aside their selfishness and to learn to take time to spend with their child. They were asked to take their unselfishness and cast it away with their macaroni wampum into the council fire where it and their selfishness would melt away into a worthless mass.

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The braves and princesses were then addressed. They were asked to be patient and to remember that the love of their parents will always be there. If they were willing to be patient, they were invited to cast their wampum of corn into the council fire so that it would explode into a white mass and help their impatience disappear.

Symbols of face paint and eagle feathers were distributed to the new braves and princesses. Everyone was then treated to a musical performance by Mr. Ray Ogaz, a Native American with family roots from the Arapahoe and Apache Nations. Mr. Ogaz, who was turning 80 shortly, wowed the crowd with a traditional Native American song played on his hand-carved flute.

Before the ceremony concluded with a traditional Omaha Tribal Prayer, the Elders took one last opportunity to address the new members, reminding them of the commitments made during the ceremony. Parents were asked to get down on one knee and see their child's horizon and

understand how important it is to make the time now to talk with their child and help guide them down their path of life. Following lots of hugs and some happy tears, the council fire and ceremony was closed.



“And now, may the Great Spirit, of all good sprits, be with You, now, and forever more”

~ Omaha Tribal Prayer

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Pictured from Left to Right: Federation Chief Jim Erker with the Induction Ceremony Elders, Chief Golden Oak Tim Pasternak, Jim Goshorn, Tom Palmieri, and Kevin Mooney

The Lake Prairie Federation would like to thank the Vernon Hills Park District, SoundTronix (<http://www.soundtronix.com>), Trail Blazers, and the Denali Expedition for contributing to the success of this Event.





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FEDERATION EVENTS CALENDAR

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

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Sunday November 8, 2009 11 AM – 5 PM	Olympics – Princesses Expedition Times TBD	Oak Grove School Green Oaks, IL
Sunday November 15, 2009 11 AM – 5 PM	Olympics – Guides Expedition Times TBD	Oak Grove School Green Oaks, IL
Sunday December 13, 2009 1 PM – 5 PM	Holiday Party Expedition Times TBD	Carmel High School Mundelein, IL
<u>Guides</u> Saturday January 9, 2010 10 AM – 12 Noon <u>Princesses</u> Sunday January 10, 2010 10 AM – 12 Noon	Roller Skating	Hot Wheels Mundelein, IL
Sunday February 14, 2010 Noon – 4 PM	Valentine's Dance Princesses	Frederick School Grayslake, IL
March 6, 2010 11 AM – 5 PM March 7, 2010 10 AM – 6 PM	Pinewood Derby Guides Expedition Times TBD	Woodland Elementary School East Gages Lake, IL
<u>Guides</u> Sunday April 11, 2010 12 Noon – 6:30 PM <u>Princesses</u> Sunday April 18, 2010 12 Noon – 6:30 PM	Bowling Expedition Times TBD	Lakes Bowl Round Lake, IL

Y-ADVENTURE GUIDES 7 AIMS

1. To be clean in body and pure in heart
2. To be "Friends Always" with my father/mother/son/daughter
3. To love the sacred circle of my family
4. To be attentive while others speak
5. To love my neighbor as myself
6. To respect the traditions and beliefs of all people
7. To seek and preserve the beauty of the Great Spirit's work in forest, field, and stream.

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OLYMPIC WORTHY EFFORT ON TAP FOR TRAIL BLAZERS' EFFORTS FOR "A SAFE PLACE"

The afternoons of November 8 and 15, 2009 are certain to bring happiness to many people during the Lake Prairie Federation's Olympic event. Certainly the many princesses and braves will enjoy the fun-filled games and challenges that await them as each tries to earn an eagle feather. But many others will be happy too; the mothers and young children that seek assistance from A Safe Place.



A Safe Place depends upon the generosity of the community for many of their operational needs as well as personal items for their clients. That is where the Trail Blazers come in to continue their many years of support for this organization by collecting household items and monetary donations during the Olympics event that benefit clients of A Safe Place.

A Safe Place provides shelter, transitional housing, court advocacy, referrals, and comprehensive counseling programs for victims of domestic violence - women and children who have been physically, verbally, or emotionally abused. <http://www.asafeplaceforhelp.org/> Counseling services are available to women and their children residing at A Safe Place, as well as to nonresidential clients.

You can help by bringing a donation with you to the Olympics. At the registration table, Trail Blazer representatives will be on hand to collect donations and deliver them to A Safe Place. Your participation and generosity in this effort is crucial. Additionally, it serves as a wonderful example of two of our Aims



1. To love my neighbor as myself
2. To love the scared circle of my family



Your generous donation demonstrates the first and makes the second possible for those that A Safe Place is trying to help.

Every day, many families are victimized by domestic violence. You can make a difference. Listed on the next page is a list of items needed by A Safe Place. If you are unable to bring one of these items, a cash donation is always welcomed. If you are interested in further supporting this effort, please contact Tim Pasternak at tim_pasternak@baxter.com, Brian Dayton at brian.dayton@abbott.com or Kevin Shoemaker at kevin@theshoemakers.com.

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A Safe Place – Wish List



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

<p>General Household:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ammonia • Bleach • Cleaning Solutions • Aluminum Foil • Batteries (A preferred) • Blankets • Brooms and Mops • Canned/Non-Perishable Food • Cell Phones • Computers/Monitors • Digital Camera • Dish Soap • High Chairs • Iron • Kitchen Items • Laundry Supplies • Liquid Hand Soap • Office Desks/Chairs • Paper Plates/Cups • Paper Towels • Pillows • Plastic Eating Utensils • Plastic/Rubber Gloves • Plastic Tumblers • Pots and Pans • Power Strips • 	<p>General Household</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scotch Brite • Toilet Paper • Towels and Washcloths • Trash Bags (large sizes) • 60W Energy Saving Light Bulbs • Vacuums • <p>Women's Needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Bras • Conditioner • Contact Lenses • Cases/Solutions • Deodorant • Ethnic Hair Care Products • Hair Brushes • Ladies Shaving Cream • Maternity Clothes(new) • Pajamas/Robes(new) • Clothes (new)(plus sizes preferred) • Socks(new) • Underwear(new) 	<p>Children's Needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baby Bath • Infant Formula & Baby Bottles • Baby Lotion, Powder, Shampoo • Baby Monitors • Disposable Liners (new only) • New Clothes • Crib Sheets • Diaper Rash Ointment, Vaseline • Diapers (Sizes 4, 5, 6 & Premies) and Baby Wipes • Pajamas, Socks, Underwear (all new) • School Uniforms(new) <p>Office Supplies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardboard Tri-Folds • Colored Paper • Flat Panel Computer Monitors • OfficeMax / Staples Gift Cards • Safety Pins • Sheet Covers/Page Protectors • Shredder
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Does your expedition have a Community story to share? Please submit your stories to the Pathfinder to show the Federation how your expedition, tribe, or family cares about the Community. Be sure to include a reference to the Aim that your story best exemplifies.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN FALL CAMPOUT FUN

I had a great time at our Fall Campout mostly because I got to fish. I love to fish. I bring my fishing pole to almost every campout. I've fished at Wesley Woods, Tecumseh, Matawa, Henry Horner, Anokijig, and MacLean. I also bring extra poles so the other kids who don't have fishing poles can fish too. Sometimes I have to help others put a worm on the hook or take a fish off. This past campout I went to Wesley Woods. I didn't catch the biggest fish but I think I caught the most. I caught over 40 fish that were mostly perch and bass.

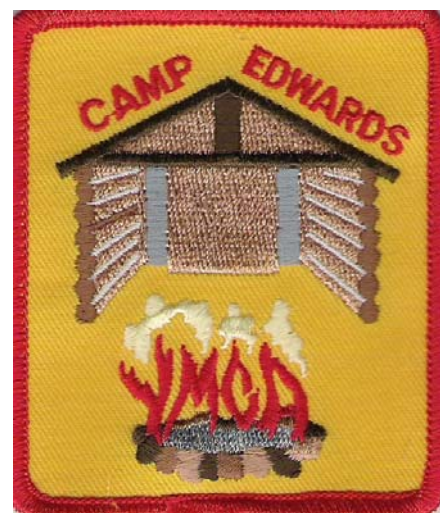


Quinn Mooney – Half Moon
Rocky Mountain Expedition – Bison Tribe



CAMP EDWARDS ROCKS!!!!!!

Camp Edwards was one of my favorite camps. It was so much fun. My favorite part was the rock climbing and all of the other activities I could do with my mom. If you could go to Camp Edwards you would be just like me, you would have so much fun you'd never want to leave. GO CAMP EDWARDS!!!!!!



Elise Clock – Lion Cub
Sequoia Expedition – Black Bear Tribe

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SOARING EAGLE ENJOYED INDUCTION CEREMONY

The induction ceremony was great. We have a new member his name is Tony. He was inducted by the Indians. The one thing I enjoyed the most was holding our Haleakala banner. The face paintings were great. The feathers were cool too!

Steven Montemayor – Soaring Eagle
Haleakala Expedition - A'a Tribe!



“The American city should be a collection of communities where every member has a right to belong. It should be a place where every man feels safe on his streets and in the house of his friends. It should be a place where each individual's dignity and self-respect is strengthened by the respect and affection of his neighbors. It should be a place where each of us can find the satisfaction and warmth which comes from being a member of the community of man. This is what man sought at the dawn of civilization. It is what we seek today.”

~President Lyndon B. Johnson

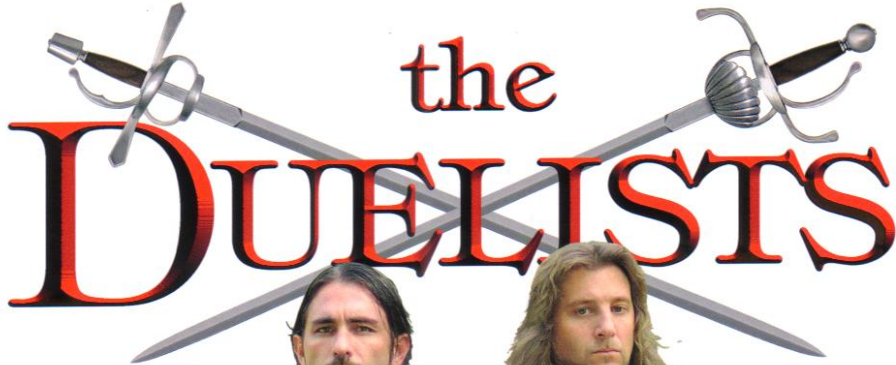


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HOLIDAY PARTY PREVIEW

Don't miss the Duelists who will put on a dazzling display of comedy and sword fighting brilliance as the featured event at the Lake Prairie Federation's 2009 Holiday Party. This year's theme is "A Medieval Knights and Princesses Holiday Party" The Holiday Party will be held December 13, 2009 at Carmel High School.

the DUELISTS



A Dazzling Display of Comedy and Sword Fighting Brilliance!



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HOLIDAY PARTY T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER

The Holiday Party, our biggest and largest attended event of the year is coming up in December.

This year's Holiday Party is on Sunday, December 13 at Carmel High School. The Expeditions sponsoring it--Haleakala, Sequoia and Voyageurs--have picked a great theme for Holiday Party, Medieval Knights and Princesses, and the entertainment to go along with it, a sword fighting act known as the Duelists.

To offset costs for putting on this showcase event, the sponsoring Expeditions are selling t-shirts as a lasting souvenir of this year's Holiday Party. Children's shirts are \$10. Adult shirts are \$12. All profits will be used to help pay for the Holiday Party.

Holiday Party t-shirts are gray with blue lettering and celebrate the medieval theme. The front of the shirt has a castle design. The back of the shirt has the names of our program, our Federation and this event, as well as the names of all of our Expeditions.



All t-shirt sales are pre-event. These t-shirts are on sale now and will be through November 20. Those who place orders after November 20 have no guarantee of getting their shirts before Holiday Party. **No shirts will be sold at Holiday Party.** To cut down on paperwork, we are asking Tribal Chiefs and Expedition Chiefs to organize and submit bulk orders on behalf of their Tribes or Expeditions. Please consult your Chiefs on how they wish to handle t-shirt orders.

Please consider the purchase of a t-shirt. It helps fund this event and helps our Federation. These t-shirts are a great value and also a great souvenir for this year's Holiday Party. They will last for a long time, and will be walking advertising for our program by anyone who wears one.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

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SPONSORSHIP THROUGH ADVERTISEMENT:

For the Holiday Party, our sponsoring Expeditions are generating a program guide to be handed out at the Holiday Party registration tables. In addition to information for Holiday Party, the program will feature advertisements of all Holiday Party sponsors. The ads will accompany all Holiday Party announcements/flyers e-mailed to our membership and posted on our website. They will also be published in our newsletter, Pathfinder.

How many people will see these ads? The 1500 who attend Holiday Party. The over 800 families that receive our emails. Everyone who visits our website or reads Pathfinder.

If you own, operate or play some part in running a business or your child babysits, sews, makes jewelry, etc, please consider placing an ad in this program guide. For those of you who may not have your own businesses, you're free to contribute on behalf of your employers if you wish. We also welcome any request you might be able to make through your employer for contributions to our program.

Aside from generating money for this event, this gives you a chance to advertise your business to other members of our program. Hopefully, this will benefit you and your business, and it will benefit our members who could use your products or services.

To place an ad, we are asking for donations of \$25-\$50. Give what you feel is appropriate. Unfortunately, we cannot accept service or product donations unless they can be used directly in connection with Holiday Party. Ads in the Holiday Party program guide will be business card sized. Anyone who chooses to contribute more than \$50 will have larger dollar-bill sized ads. Ads will be tiered in the order in which they are received.

To place an ad, please fill out the attached Donation Form and forward with a check made payable to the Lake Prairie Federation to: Scott Anderson, 1290 Bull Creek Drive, Libertyville, IL 60048. The deadline for placing an ad is November 20, 2009. If you have any questions, please call Scott @ 847-362-7793. Please note that advertisements must be for family oriented businesses and will be approved by the Lake Prairie Federation Leadership prior to publication.

For ads, just like t-shirts, please consider giving. It is not just for the benefit of our Federation. You, your business and your Expedition can benefit, too. We sincerely hope you do.

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*Lake Prairie Federation Holiday Party Donation
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Name of Donor: _____

**Product/Service/
Advertisement:** _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Website/Email: _____

Amount of Donation: _____

Past or Current Member of Program: _____ Yes _____ No

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Expedition Securing Donation: _____

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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 or special treat. Submit articles and pictures to Kevin Mooney @ moonpup@sbcglobal.net. Submissions should include author's name, program name, expedition, and tribe.

2009 - 2010 Lake Prairie Federation Officers

Federation Chief	Jim Erker
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Federation Sage	Tom Palmieri
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Asst. Compass Bearer	Tim Garrity
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Asst. Camp Scout	OPEN
Map Maker	Dan Makeever
Asst. Map Maker	OPEN
Outfitter	Dan Hacker
Asst. Outfitter	OPEN
Sentinel	Doug Renz
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Treasure Keeper	John LeHocky
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Web Spinner	John Holstrom
Asst. Web Spinner	Matt Nevel/Jeff Ritchie
Log Keeper	Dan Makeever
Messenger	Kevin Mooney
Flag Bearer	Kevin Mooney
Trail Blazers President	Kevin Shoemaker

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.