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A MEMORABLE NIGHT FOR NEW MEMBERS



Chief Golden Oak applies ceremonial face paint to a young brave at the 2010 Lake Prairie Federation's annual Induction Ceremony. See Page 3 for full story.

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Upcoming Federation Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
December 19, 2010	Holiday Party	Lake County Fairgrounds Expo Center
January 8-9, 2010	Roller Skating	Hot Wheels, Mundelein, IL

Upcoming Trail Blazers Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
December 5, 2010	Feed My Starving Children in Grayslake (10 spots open)	Lake County Fairgrounds Expo Center - Contact Kevin Shoemaker
December 19, 2010	Holiday Party Food Drive – Collection of non-perishable food items	Lake County Fairgrounds Expo Center
February 4-6, 2011	Ski/Water Park weekend	Cascade Mountain & Great Wolf Lodge – Dells, WI



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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.



2010 INDUCTION CEREMONY

The Lake Prairie Federation's annual Induction Ceremony was once again a memorable event as close to 400 new members were formally inducted into the Lake Prairie Federation organization. The annual extravaganza brings parent and child together for a Native American-themed ceremony where each learns of the 7 Aims of the YMCA Adventure Guides Program. Parents commit to set aside their selfishness and to make time to actively participate in the program's event with their son or daughter. Children promise to be not be impatient. They also are encouraged to value every experience they have with their mom or dad in the program's activities.

The evening began with a welcome by Federation Chief Carl Shurboff who whipped the capacity crowd into a frenzy during roll call before it was time to quiet down and call for the Ceremony Elders. Hundreds of awe-struck eyes looked skyward as Trail Blazer representatives signaled to the Ceremony Elders with a flaming arrow that seemed to fly forever as it made its journey across Big Bear Lake. Shortly



afterwards, a canoe carrying the Ceremonial Elders came out of the darkness of the night, lighting their way with sacred torches. Understanding that their presence was requested to lead the sacred Induction Ceremony, the Elders agreed but only after they deemed the inductees worthy. Reactions were mixed as the seemingly larger than life Elders snaked their way through the crowd of those gathered seeking approval. Some sought refuge on the shoulders of a parent, casting a careful glance down. Others were more intrigued and engaged the Elders in conversation. The inductees came prepared and were able to answer the Elders' questions about their program name, expedition, and tribe. The now worthy inductees followed the Elders to the sacred ceremonial grounds.

The ceremony began with the lighting of the council fires, invoking the Spirits of the East, North, South, and West as well as the Great Spirit to bestow their blessing on the council. Following this were the readings of the spirits of the fire read by current LPF members.

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The crowd was then treated to the musical talents of Native American Ray Ogaz. Ray is part Apache and Papago, tribes that lived in and around Arizona. The oldest of 10 children, Ray will turn 81 this November. His beautiful wife Rochelle was also in attendance for Ray's third consecutive appearance at the Induction Ceremony.



Ray credits his parents, who never met before their wedding but were married for 65 years, for teaching him to love nature, people, and to have a true spirit of life. Ray learned how to play the flute himself. Native Americans say that the flute expresses one's feelings at the time the flute is being played...and tells that person's story. Ray made his flute himself. With pre-ceremony Native American music playing over the speakers, Ray could be seen bouncing up and down slightly. When asked if he was a little cold, his wife Rochelle said, "No, he's just Pow wowing". He was being moved by the music to dance! Ray and Rochelle say they return every year because they are moved by the message of the Induction Ceremony. Ray's music was truly moving to our new members and brings a special quality to this event.

Following Ray's song, the ceremony continued with the reciting of the 7 Aims by one of the Elders. The 7 Aims support the core values of the YMCA Adventure Guides Program: Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility. Members are introduced to the 7 Aims by associating each Aim with a colored feather hanging from the Elder's coo stick.



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

The Corn Ceremony portion of the event began with the distribution of corn and wampum to the new inductees. Parents were asked to be unselfish with their time and to take advantage of the opportunity to bond further with their child through the program events.

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The children were reminded to be patient and know their parents loved them. Each put their respective impatience and unselfishness into the corn and wampum before casting it into the ceremonial fires. Members were then presented with ceremonial "eagle" feathers and received a mark of face paint to commemorate this special occasion. Two lucky attendees received their feathers from the headdress of Chief Golden Oak himself.

Before concluding the ceremony with the traditional Omaha Tribal Prayer, Chief Golden Oak spoke one final time to the new members. Parents were asked to get down on one knee to look their child in the eye and to see the horizon from their child's level. They were reminded that their children will look to them for help in finding their path in life and that their ability to communicate to their children when they are teens on the brink of adulthood depends on their ability to talk to them at their level when they are young. The talk ended with the members sharing a hug and kiss.

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.

Also, a big thank you to Steve Lundy from the Daily Herald for providing many of the photos here and as featured in November 8, 2010 issue of the Daily Herald newspaper and online including a wonderful brief video. -

<http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20101107/news/711089935/video/>



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

~ Omaha Tribal Prayer

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Enjoy these photos from the Induction Ceremony. If you captured any special moments from the Induction Ceremony, please send them to Pathfinder or post them on the Lake Prairie Federation's Facebook page.



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YOUR LETTERS

WHY I LIKE PRINCESS GUIDE CAMPOUTS

The Princess Guide Program is a fun activity for fathers and daughters. I especially like the campouts because I get to spend a lot of time with my Dad. We play lots of games and they are so awesome. Some of my favorites are flour ball and stinky foot. I also like the cheers that we do with the other tribes when we eat like "There ain't no flies on us", and "I'm an Oyster", and all the others.

I'm really looking forward to the Winter Campout. We make sleds, throw snowballs, and sometimes we play broom ball on the frozen lake. Another favorite activity is the Valentine's Dance. We all get dressed up and go to brunch with our dads. Then we go to the dance, but I don't really dance too much with my dad because I'm having so much fun with the hula hoops and playing volleyball with the balloons. Last year the magician was great, too.

If you want to have fun, then Adventure Princesses are for you. Come and join us today!

Carolyn Byrd - Swimming Swan
Denali Expedition - Mighty Heron Tribe



WINTER CAMPOUT CAN'T COME SOON ENOUGH FOR BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLY



Last week was our Fall Campout at Camp Duncan. My favorite part of the campout was collecting red rocks. My friends and I found them all over the place, even in some trees. We had fun wrapping one of the Dad's with toilet paper to make him a mummy. I love playing "stinky foot" even though we ended up with it. We had fun playing flour ball wars it took me a week to get the flour out of my hair. We had so much fun hanging out at the campfire and making smores. I love spending time with all of

my friends and my Dad and I can't wait until the winter campout.

Jordyn Ackerman - Beautiful Butterfly
Denali Expedition - Heron Tribe



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CAMP LAKOTAH: ADVENTURE PRINCESSES 2010

At Camp Lakotah, I was able to have a lot of fun with old friends- and new ones too! I was so excited while we were heading up to the campsite because every year we have so much fun at campouts! Camp Lakotah also had a fun and furry surprise...animals! There was a cat named Surri, and three dogs named Banjo, Bell, and Prince.

Camp Lakotah had some fun activities. There was archery and there was an arts and crafts center where you could make anything you want... from bracelets and door signs, to hand drawings and "caterpillars" which were popsicle sticks with colored cotton balls and googly eyes glued on top.

Our Saturday night event was the tailgating party. We were able to play games, win prizes like sillybands, and eat some really good food like nachos and some other sweet treats. I actually kicked a field goal with a football, and won a whole bag of sillybands, which I shared with my whole tribe. Camp Lakotah was so much fun. I can't wait until our next campout!



Alyssa Stromsland - Spotted Fawn
Yosemite Expedition – Ahwahnee Tribe

CAMP LAKOTAH: ADVENTURE PRINCESSES 2010

Activities

I went to the fire and it got very hot. I played carnival games in red shirts, it was fun. My friend and I gave stinky foot to the other cabin. I went fishing by our cabin and caught 3 fish. My friend and I played tackle football, nobody got hurt. Our tribe shot bow and arrows. I knocked the football out of the expedition chief's hand and I got a football whistle.

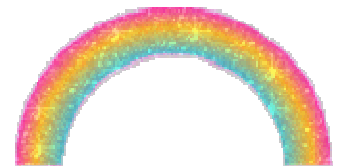
Flag

Ahwahnee raising the flag was fun because we got to make up a song.

Where we slept

First night we slept in a cabin that had no heat or door and windows. Second night we slept in a cabin that a door and windows and some heat, it kept me warm. The heat was very nice.

THE BEST PART WAS FOOTBALL WITH MY FRIEND!



Sophia Satchell - Sparkling Rainbow
Yosemite Expedition – Ahwahnee Tribe

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ADVENTURE PRINCESSES 2010 AT CAMP LAKOTAH

Camp Lakotah was really fun and I loved the activities, especially archery. We played a game where if you stole a football from a Chief you got a whistle. One Chief from another tribe was really nice. He told me the answer to the football question, so I got a whistle. We also played a giant game of Jenga with wood blocks.



The lake was behind our cabin. We went down there on Saturday and I caught a fish!! Also, I am happy a girl on my soccer team just

joined our tribe, her name is Olivia. I think that Camp Lakotah was a fun place to be.

Brooke Stromsland - Little Cheetah
Yosemite Expedition - Ahwahnee Tribe



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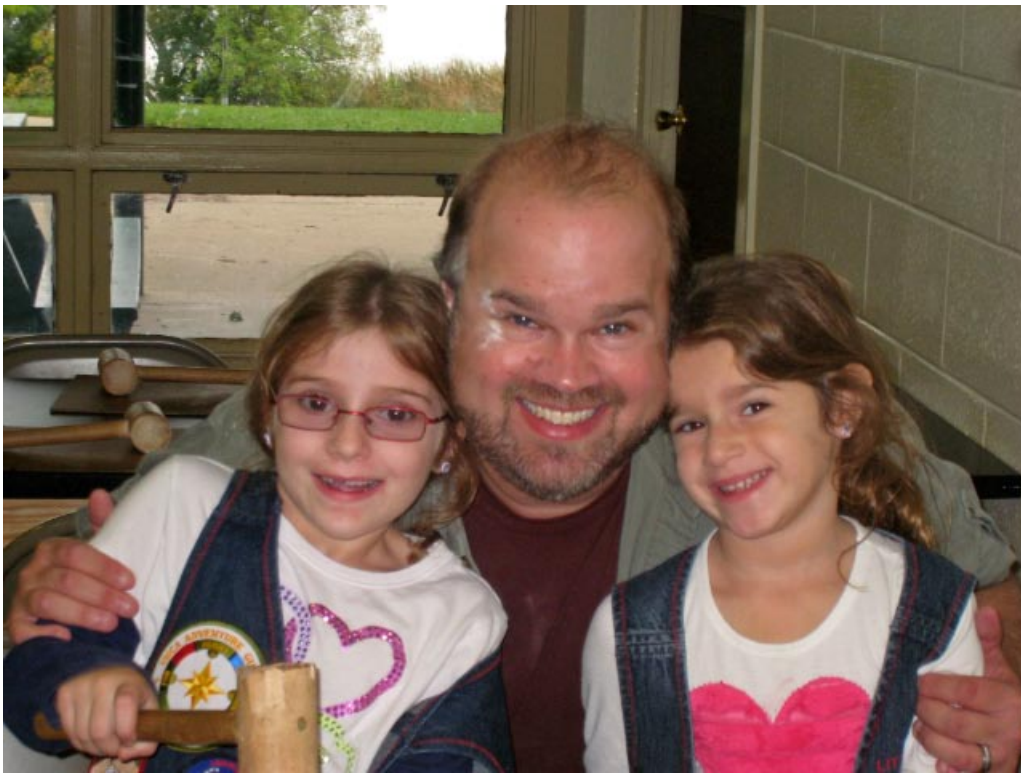
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MY FIRST CAMPOUT

I liked the fall campout. My sister and I had a lot of fun. We got red-rocks and tried to find the special coin. I also liked the Mummy wrap and bug hunt. We played stinky-foot and we had to take it home because my Daddy is the chief. My favorite part was doing the fire. The pinecones that had colored smoke were cool. The smores were yummy. This was my first campout and I can't wait for more. I'm glad I'm in Adventure Princesses with my Daddy and Big Sister.



Hannah Kruger – Little Shooting Star
Denali Expedition – Heron Tribe



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TRAIL BLAZER CORN MAZE MANIA

Trail Blazers and Adventure Guides turned out in record numbers, 101 altogether, to tackle the best maze (I wish there was a cool word like spelunking that applied to mazes), roast a few hot dogs and marshmallows, and share a double wagon hay ride under the stars. It doesn't hurt to schedule your visit on an 85 degree October evening.

Richardson Adventure Farm boasts the world's largest corn maze and is just west of Antioch. (www.richardsonadventurefarm.com)

The Richardson Adventure Farm's corn maze is the largest, most intricate corn maze in the world! It's actually 5 separate mazes winding through 33 acres of living corn. This year, the mazes are celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America!

Kevin Shoemaker
Trail Blazers President



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FUN & GAMES

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Ghosts and goblins and sweet candy treats make October and Halloween a lot of fun. Speaking of fun, enjoy these Halloween jokes to tickle your funny bone.

Q. What do goblins and ghosts drink when they're hot and thirsty on Halloween?

A. Ghoul-aid!!!

Q. What is a Mummie's favorite type of music?

A. Wrap!!!!

Q. Why do demons and ghouls hang out together?

A. Because demons are a ghouls best friend!

Q. What's a monster's favorite bean?

A. A human bean.

Q. What do you call a witch who lives at the beach?

A. A sand-witch.

Q. Why didn't the skeleton dance at the party?

A. He had no body to dance with.

Q. Why is a ghost such a messy eater?

A. Because he is always a goblin.

Q. What do you call a goblin who gets too close to a bonfire?

A. A toasty ghosty.

Q. What tops off a ghost's ice cream sundae?

A. Whipped scream.

Q. What are ghosts' favorite kind of streets?

A. Dead ends

Q. What kind of makeup do ghosts wear?

A. Mas-scare-a.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!!!!!!!!

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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.

2010 - 2011 Lake Prairie Federation Officers

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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.

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