



# *Smoke Signals*

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## *Derby Day is Fast Approaching*

Hopefully, by the time you read this, all of you NASCAR enthusiasts will have your funny cars, custom cars, and flat-out speed racers ready for the annual Pinewood Derby on March 12 at the RichPort Y. We're expecting a record turnout for this year's event, so don't be left out! As usual, there will be competitions for all age groups, trophies, refreshment, and loads of excitement!

Plus, it's a patch event—and Federation Sand Painter Broken Scalpel (a/k/a Scott Denton) has announced that there are two winners in the Pinewood Derby Patch Design contest!! The lucky (and talented) designers are Patrick Quinn of the Crow Guides, and Leda Rosenthal of the Cheyenne Princesses. Congratulations, Patrick and Leda! You can look for their patches at the registration table on Derby Day, and be sure to check out the "Wall of Fame," which will include all of the designs submitted for the contest. Good luck to all contestants!

## *I-L-L... I-N-I! Don't Miss Dad's Fellowship Night!*

Far be it from me to shamelessly pander to the myriad Illinois fans out there to tout the second annual Dad's NCAA Fellowship Night on March 18, but then again, I'm not sure that my beloved Fighting Irish are actually fielding a basketball team this year, so it's unlikely they'll be making a run at March Madness. In any event, this year's event is once again slated for the Village Club of Western Springs, and there will be poker, squares pools, and lots of good, old-fashioned camaraderie. This event is a great way to introduce new dads to our program, or to bring back some grizzled old vets for some reminiscences (not to mention cigars!). There's only room for 225 dads (no little ones, please), so contact Andy Signa today with your registrations.

### Native American Facts

The Lewis and Clark expedition had the help of a Shoshone woman who joined them in North Dakota on their way west. Can you name her (and more interestingly, spell her name)? See page 2 for the answer.



*HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY*

## **NEXT LONGHOUSE**

**March 6, 2006**

**Board and  
Nation Chiefs**                    **7:00 PM**

**Tribal Chiefs**                    **8:15 PM**

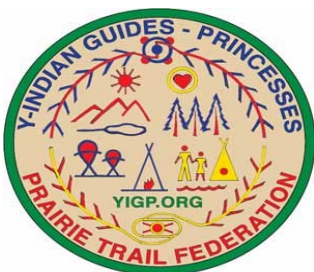


### ***Spring Isn't Exactly in the Air...***

. . . but that doesn't mean that it's not time to start thinking about your Tribe's spring campout. This year's the Guides will all be going in April, while the Princesses will be off in the merry month of May. As always, the schedules are posted at the federation's website, [www.yigp.org](http://www.yigp.org), so start getting those kite kits together and get ready for adventure! And be sure to stay tuned for more information on the Trailblazers' spring campout, as well.

### ***Honor Tribe Status Available Online***

Hey, dads, are you lying awake at night wondering if you've been credited with honor tribe points for that last community service event? OK, so maybe you're not lying awake, but still, you won't get your points if you don't report them. Nation Chief Dave Hight has put out a call to all tribal chiefs to make sure that they end their procrastinating ways and get those points in! The website has a report on current points status, as well as reporting forms and requirements for earning your points. I've said before, but it bears repeating—every tribe in our Federation should strive to be an Honor Tribe! It's so easy that there really aren't any excuses not to earn that patch. So how 'bout it, dads? I guarantee you'll sleep better, knowing the good you've done.



#### **Native American Facts**

OK, so this is a bit of a trick question. Most folks know that Lewis and Clark were aided in their journey by Sacajawea. However, lately, historians have more often spelled her name "Sacagawea," and some say it should be spelled "Sakakawea." She later had a son named Jean Baptiste Charbonneau, whose nickname, mercifully for us poor spellers, was "Pomp."

*Source: <http://www.montanalewisandclark.org/help/trivia/>*

**Federation Website: [www.yigp.org](http://www.yigp.org)**

**Log on and check it out!**