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CALLING ALL DADS



You got to know when to hold 'em (as in Texas Hold 'Em)
Federation Men's Fellowship Night
Friday April 30, 2010 Doors open 5:30
Western Springs Village Club
Food, Fun, Fellowship
\$30.00 in advance/\$40.00 at the door
Details enclosed

UPCOMING TRAILBLAZER EVENTS

Did you know there are no registration fees for
Trailblazers

Try It You'll Like It! - That's Federation
Guarantee



Paintball - to be held 4-24-10 in Millington, IL. Cost \$50.00 includes 1,000 paintballs, gun and mask. Hotdogs will be served. Start at noon, arrive @11:30.

Spring Camp to be held weekend of 5-21-10 at NIU's Laredo Taft Conference Center in Oregon, IL overlooking the beautiful Rock River. Enjoy the paddle wheel boat cruise, horseback riding, fishing and the world famous Wally Ball. This event is VERY POPULAR so get signed up early! See enclosed flyer for further details.



Ahoy Mayte: A Federation First – Join Buckaneer Bob (that's him above) on a Whacky Pirate Ship Cruise down the Chicago river on 6-12-10 @ 12:30 PM. Event limited to 125 at cost of \$15.00 per person. Sign up today. Flyer enclosed. (Don't forget to wear your Pirate costume)



Fore!

Federation Gold Outing - Flagg Creek June 18, 2010
Cost \$55 includes golf, food and beverages. Don't golf? Come for dinner only \$25.00. Open bar 4:30-7:30. Dinner at 5:30. Looking for sponsors and donations. Tribes that sponsor hole for \$50.00 put in raffle for future camp selection preference. Get signed up TODAY!

**Congratulations to March's coloring contest winner: Anna Mattern/Choctaw Tribe
Kids color your picture and you could win a one of a kind patch for your vest**



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A Big HOW HOW to the big man for a great Derby

SPRING CAMP SCHEDULES ENCLOSED
GO TO WWW.YIGP.ORG FOR UP TO DATE SCHEDULES AND FEDERATION
INFORMATION

Submitted by Grey Wolf (Dave Cooper – Chickasaw Guides/Pueblo Princess)
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Wacky Pirate Cruise
Mercury Skyline Cruiseline

June 12, 2010 at 12:30PM

Cost: \$15 per person

Shoving off from Michigan Ave & Wacker Drive



Welcome Aboard Mates!

The Prairie Trail Federation has rented out the Mercury Skyline Cruise line for a Wacky Pirate Cruise!



Join Buccaneer Bob for a journey along Chicago's River and Lakefront while having fun with Chicago's only Wacky Pirate! On the 60 minute cruise the guides will:

Interact with Buccaneer Bob • Receive a pirate bandana!
• Recite the Wacky Pirate Oath • Learn Fun Filled Chicago Facts • Practice Knot Tying • Get a Certificate of Survival!

Wear your very best pirate costume and WIN A PRIZE!!!!

Open to families and the first 120 people.

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Name: _____ # of People _____ x \$15 Total
\$ _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

RSVP by June 1. Send check made to "Prarie Trail Federation" to Rob Hann, 1032 South Cuyler, Oak Park, IL 60304 by June 1. rghann@gmail.com or 847-567-3518

The Lessons of the Six Aims

A part of our program that is too often forgotten is the Six Aims. Simply put they are a guideline for a healthy life and relationship with your child. I would urge each and every Tribe to heed the message laid forth in the aims.

1. To be clean in body and pure in heart.

Care for and respect yourself and teach your child the same. All good in life can spring from a healthy self image and unadulterated intentions towards others. Always be cognizant of yourself and your place in the family, stress the same to your child and focus on coming to things honestly and openly, whether they are good or bad.

2. To be pals forever (Guides)/Friends always (Princesses) with my Dad

Nothing is more important than your relationship with your child. It is why we are in this program together and is the focus of all we do. This certainly covers tribal activities and events but should extend to all aspects of your lives. Our ceremonies touch on the sacrifices needed to maintain our relationships with our children (and they with us) and we must work daily at this most important facet of our lives. The little things we do now can affect the overall picture more than we know.

3. To love the sacred circle of the family

As important as the individual relationship may be, so is the bond of the family. While our program focuses on the Father/Child relationship we must remain keenly aware of the importance of the entire family, especially the Mothers whose support is there every day and whose guidance, understanding, tenderness and love is immeasurable in the lives of our children and of utmost import in building the foundation for a kind and thoughtful child who respects others and holds a positive self image. The cocoon of the family is where greatness generates, germinates and springs forth.

4. To listen while others speak

A friend of mine often uses a saying to those who blather on endlessly without considering the input of others: *“God gave you two ears and one mouth for a reason.”* Communication is essential and conveying your thoughts are important but it is critical to remember that we must consider others, and quite often we will learn as we listen. It is both respectful and informative to listen, digest and respond when appropriate. We all know this but it is important that we

impart this to our children. In what has become an ever increasing climate of self centered people we must teach our kids the respect, humility and wisdom of the true listener. A conversation starts with listening and needs it to continue.

5. To love my neighbor as myself

Self explanatory with biblical roots; always treat others with the utmost respect. It starts at home and continues in the tribe and onward into the community. Always show the respect and consideration to others that we expect ourselves. We are greatly diminished as individuals when we ignore or show disrespect to others.

6. To seek and preserve the beauty of the Great Spirit's work in forest, field and stream.

It is important that children (and adults) realize there is something greater than themselves and a larger world for us to revere and be caretakers of. It is an overarching lesson of appreciating that which we are given and leaving the same for others to enjoy as well. There is much peace and enjoyment that can be drawn from the beauty and wonderment of nature and it is imperative that we leave things in a position for others to enjoy the same peace and pleasure. If we live this lesson our children will follow.

The program is a lot more than an opportunity to go camping three times a year, it is a chance for us to back up, breathe and enjoy our children in real time so there is no regret in later years when they have grown. We can lament the years that pass as our children grow but we need not pine for the things we didn't do. The opportunity is there and the six aims is a great roadmap to making ourselves and our children more satisfied and adjusted beings who respect those around them. We can then share the world and all of its gifts with others. Please consider focusing on the six aims at your tribal meetings and in your homes. It is a life lesson that will pay forward.

Peace and Blessings,

Federation Chief Bald Eagle

Scott Mesick

The Prairie Federation
of
Indian Guides, Indian Princesses and Trailblazers and Nation Chief Alan Rodriguez
are pleased to present
THE ANNUAL PRAIRIE TRAIL FEDERATION GOLF OUTING

FRIDAY, JUNE 18TH, 2010 1:30-3:30 PM
AT
FLAGG CREEK GOLF COURSE
\$ 55 PER GOLFER FOR GOLF & DINNER
(\$58 AFTER MAY 1)
DINNER ONLY \$25 PER PERSON

Lots of Prizes for Skill and Luck plus Raffles after Dinner
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DINNER: 5:30 PM BRATS, DOGS, BURGERS
OPEN BAR: 4:30 PM TO 7:30 PM

Cut on Dotted Line SUBMIT BOTTOM PORTION with PAYMENT

Reserve Space by FOURSOME or INDIVIDUALLY

Name(s)	Address	Tribe	Phone	Golf and Dinner Package \$55 per person Dinner Only \$25/person	Preferred Tee Time?
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2.					
3.					
4.					

DONATIONS Almost any trinkets will be accepted. Suggestions: company golf items or tee shirts, key rings, golf balls, or other “goodies.” Please donate. Contact Alan Rodriguez (312) 214-3332 or arlagrange@aol.com

SPONSORSHIP If you, or any one you know, would like to be a sponsor, please make checks payable to: “Prairie Trail Federations” and call: Alan Rodriguez at (312-214-3332.)

<u>Sponsorship Level*</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Community Sponsor	\$ 250
Dinner Sponsor	\$ 100
Putting Green Sponsor	\$ 75
Golf Hole/ Tee Box	\$ 50

***SEE OTHER SIDE FOR SPONSOR INFO**

Mail Your Reservations and/or Sponsorship to

Prairie Trail Federation Annual Golf Outing
c/o Alan Rodriguez
127 South 7th Avenue
La Grange, IL 60525





TRAILBLAZER SPRING CAMPOUT **MAY 21-23, 2010**

Join the Trailblazers on May 21, 22 and 23, 2010 at the Lorado Taft Field Campus of NIU in Oregon, Illinois. The campus offers a rustic camp atmosphere adjacent to Lowden State Park, comfortable dormitories, lounge and meeting areas for games, VCR movies and music, and chef-prepared meals in a scenic dining area overlooking the Rock River. The deadline for registration is May 10, 2010, unless we fill up before that.

FRIDAY NIGHT (May 21): Climb aboard the “PRIDE OF OREGON”, an authentic paddle wheel boat, to enjoy a relaxing and scenic 2 hour evening cruise, exclusively for the Trailblazers. The \$20 ticket includes the cruise, cold cuts, salad, soda and coffee. There will also be a cash bar. We will board the boat at 7:00 PM and weigh anchor promptly at 7:30. You can check into camp first (as early as 6:00 PM), or go straight to the boat and check in after the cruise.

SATURDAY (May 22): Breakfast and dinner at the camp, lunch on your own. The adjacent state park is available for games and hiking, and the river for fishing and canoeing, all on your own. Saturday also includes one hour horseback rides at Eagle Point and paintball at **Da Nuke (see below)**. From 1:00 to 4:00 PM we have reserved the Nash Recreation Center in Oregon - enjoy water basketball, diving, and more in the large pool (be sure to bring your own suit and towel); or shoot baskets in the gym, play wally ball, or (for ages 13+) try the fitness center. To round out the day, after dinner prepared by the camp chef, we will head south to the Plum Hollow Fitness & Recreation Center in Dixon (about a 15 mile drive) for three hours of fun. From 7:00 to 10:00 we have reserved laser tag, rock climbing, virtual golf and wally ball. There is also bowling, pool and video games to enjoy. Nearby theatres are available if you want to take in a movie.

NEW EVENT! PAINTBALL AT DA NUKE: From 11AM to 4PM on Saturday, we have access to Da Nuke, a top-notch paintball facility only 15 minutes from the camp. For \$50 per player, you get up to 5 hours of play, 1000 rounds, paintball gun, mask and pod. See this link for more info: www.danukepaintballgames.com
WE NEED AT LEAST 10 PLAYERS TO SIGN UP FOR THIS EVENT

SUNDAY: Breakfast at the camp. Horseback riding available.

DIRECTIONS:

To Lorado Taft Field Campus: Take I-88 west, going past DeKalb, IL, to I-39. Go north on I-39 to Rt. 64 west. Go approximately 15 miles to Oregon; just before the Rock River, take River Road north (right) to Lowden State Park, on the left, and follow the signs to Lorado Taft Field Campus. Address is 1414 River Road, Oregon, Illinois.
www.niu.edu/taft

To “Pride of Oregon”: Same directions as to Lorado Taft Center except go past River Road in to Oregon, and take IL-Route 2 north from Oregon about ¾ mile. The boat is on the east (right) side of IL-Route 2.

Any questions? Contact Dave Hight, david.hight@icemiller.com or call (630) 955-5821 or (708) 579-1732. Complete the form on the back and return with check for payment to Dave at 228 S. Kensington, LaGrange, IL. Forms can be sent by email, or by fax to (630) 955-4260. **DOWNLOAD ADDITIONAL DIRECTIONS, AND WAIVERS FOR HORSEBACK RIDING AND PAINTBALL FROM OUR WEBSITE, www.yigp.org, or pick them up at the camp.**

FRIDAY PLAN

Lodging fee (Fri-Sat night + 3meals)	\$80 X number of people	#	\$
Pride of Oregon	\$20 X number of people	#	\$

SATURDAY PLAN

Lodging fee (Sat night + 2 meals)	\$60 X number of people	#	\$
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NASH RECREATION CENTER

Adult Fee (18 and over)	\$4 per person	#	\$
Child Fee	\$3 per person	#	

PLUM HOLLOW FITNESS AND RECREATION CENTER (Sat Evening)

Laser Tag	\$5 X number of people	#	\$	Sign up for a time slot at the camp
Rock Climbing	\$5 X number of people			Sign up for a time slot at the camp

HORSEBACK RIDING

One hour ride (sign up for time below)	\$20 X number of people	#	\$
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PAINTBALL

Up to 5 hour session	\$50 X number of people	#	\$
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TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

HORSEBACK RIDING

Indicate your 1st and 2nd choices of time

Saturday

Sunday

1 st & 2 nd choice	Time	# of riders	Time	# of riders	If you want to be part of a group ride, write in names:	
	9:30 am*		10:00 am			
	11:00 am					
	1:00 pm					
	2:30 pm					

IMPORTANT NOTE: THE HORSEBACK RIDING VENUE IS A 30 MINUTE DRIVE FROM THE CAMP. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

THE PRICE INCREASES FROM LAST YEAR RESULT FROM THE CHANGE IN TRAILBLAZER POLICY TO TERMINATE THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE AND PRICE EACH EVENT AT ACTUAL COST

Father's Name: _____ Daughter(s)/Son(s) _____
 Telephone Number: _____
 Email address: _____