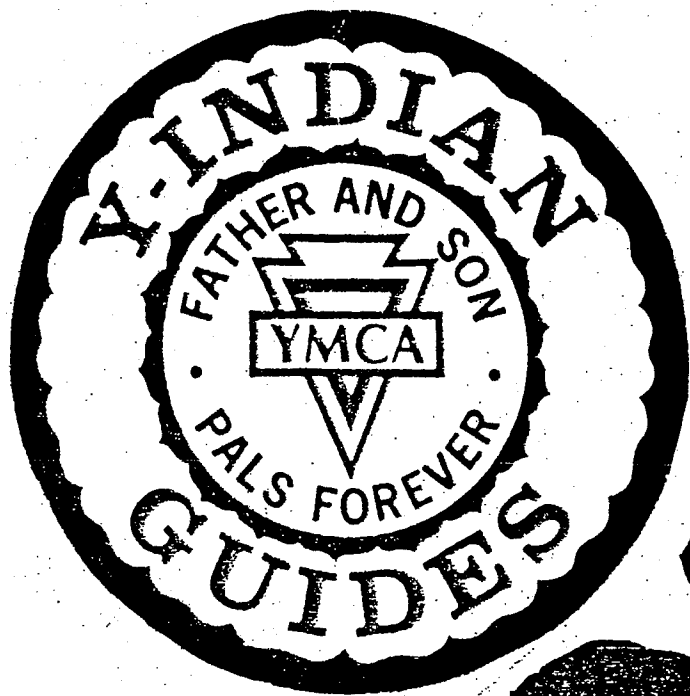


Y - INDIAN GUIDES

ORGANIZATIONAL HANDBOOK



FOR
SKEJUNKAS
AND
NEW TRIBAL CHIEFS



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AN INDIAN GUIDE FATHER

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Big Walking Bear and I'm a father like you. I believe that I'm more than just a father to my children, however. I'm more than just an overseer who hands out punishment when needed, or a little pat on the head when encouragement is needed. I'm more than just a reader of report cards, or an occasional driver to the Saturday matinees.

To my son I'm a friend, a pal, a book of knowledge, a keeper of secrets, a teacher. I'm whatever my son needs me to be. I'm his father.

To my daughters I'm also a friend and a keeper of secrets. I'm big and awesome; I'm quiet and tender; I cry when they are hurt and I laugh when they are happy. I'm whatever my daughters need me to be. I'm their father.

Together we have discovered what it means to be a part of Y-Indian Guides and Y-Indian Princesses. We have learned to laugh and play with others and we have learned to understand others. We have learned respect' respect for ourselves, our neighbors and our friends. We have overcome the loneliness of being with strangers for we are strangers for seconds only.

For my daughters and I, our first walk in the forest will always be one of my greatest moments. As we tramped through the woods, we talked of nature and "things". Everywhere we looked lent more to our intriguing conversation. That was three years ago, but it seems like only yesterday.

It seems like only a short time ago that my son and I went on our first canoe trip. Never will I forget that day - nor will he. We traveled 35 miles down that "raging, fast moving" river. It was quite cold that day and it rained from start to finish. Once, with chattering teeth and tears flowing down his cheeks, my son wailed, "Can't we stop somewhere and walk the rest of the way, Dad"? Ask him today about that trip and he'll tell you, like he told his mother, "that was really great, Dad, can we come back again next year? That was four years ago and we have been back every year.

If only I had the time or the words to tell you everything that has happened to us but I don't and I can't. I can only tell you that this has been the most rewarding and beautiful years of my life and I am looking forward to many, many more.

Thank you, in the tradition of
Y - Parent-Child Programs

BIG WALKING BEAR

P R E F A C E

The purpose of this handbook is to help you, The New Tribe Advisor, in the organization of a new Indian Guide Tribe. The key to the success of a new tribe may be in your ability to communicate the theme of Parent Child Programs, which is to strengthen the family through enjoyable, rewarding parent-child encounters. Let your enthusiasm bubble; tell the new fathers and sons of the fun you have had. It's up to you, as a New Tribe Advisor, to start the new tribe off on the right path.

You have been asked to give five or six nights to help a new tribe enjoy many years of wonderful group experience. As many past advisors have said, "It was fun and I got a kick out of knowing I had something to do with continuing this fine father and child program".

In this handbook, you will find a step-by-step plan for the first four meetings which are:

- A. Organization Night - first contact with dads.
- B. First Big Brave Meeting
- C. First Big and Little Brave Meeting
- D. Second Tribal Meeting

Remember, well-organized tribes are strong tribes -- poorly organized tribes are weak ones. Yours is an important task that will mean much in the life of the boys, girls and men you are serving!

G O O D L U C K ! ! !

FIRST MEETING

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGWEAR VEST AND OTHER COSTUME ITEMS TO ADD ATMOSPHERE

- A. Your "new" tribe will be assigned to you by the "Chief" in charge of the organizational meeting. He will give you an application sheet for each member of your tribe. You will have approximately twenty minutes with the Big Braves this first meeting. Be as precise as possible.
- B. Have the group form a circle. Call the roll according to the application sheets furnished. Mark any application sheets of those not present so that you may contact them for attendance at Big Braves Meeting.
- C. Introduce yourself and explain that you are the "Skejunka" which means teacher in Indian, and that you will be with their group for about four meetings. Tell them the purpose of this first meeting is to generally show the group the program, organization and ideals of the Indian Guides. Also, to answer any questions which they may have.
- D. Cover the following:
 1. Purpose - Indian Guides - Pals Forever - Father and Son - Side by Side. To bring a closer relationship between father and son. Our program brings fathers and sons together on a regular basis and involves them with other fathers and sons of the tribe both actively and creatively.
 2. Location and time of meetings.
 3. Pass around white sheet explaining membership fees and privileges.
 4. Ask that all those interested sign the enclosed roster sheet with carbon.
 - a. You place the names and other information from the application sheets of those not present on this roster and note that they are to be contacted by you for attendance at the first Big Brave meeting.
 - b. While the men are signing the roster, get a volunteer to be host at the first Big Brave meeting (not your home); put his name, date and time of meeting on bottom of new tribe roster. This is one of your most important jobs of the evening - have this Big Brave meeting as soon as possible after tonight's meeting. Try to select a night when all men can attend.
 5. Advise the men that the one item of prime importance which you would like to accomplish at the Big Brave meeting is the filling out of the membership applications and collecting the fees. All fees must be collected before kits are picked up at the Y office. Rosters and names of all tribes and nation assignments cannot be accomplished until these fees are all in.
 6. Should you have any time left, you may show some samples of invitations, crafts, tribal property or discuss any other phases of the program as shown on subsequent pages.
 7. Turn in application sheets and copy of roster to War Chief.

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SKEJUNKA'S (TRIBE ORGANIZERS') CHECK LIST

FIRST MEETING: (Organizational Meeting)

Check When Done

1. Wear Name Tag which distinguishes you as a New Tribe Organizer (Skejunka). _____
2. Take the fathers assigned to you for organizing to a previously designated part of the meeting room. (This will be done at the appropriate time in the Organization Pow-Wow). _____
3. Introduce yourself as the Skejunka and explain what it means. _____
4. Have fathers print name, etc. on Tribal Roster (w/2 copies). _____
5. Ask the fathers if any of them have ever been in the Y Indian Guide Program before. (If any have, keep them in mind for hosting the first Dads only meeting or for possible tribe leadership). _____
6. Spend 3-5 minutes confirming that your tribe does the activities shown in the film. Give examples. _____
7. Ask if any of them have questions concerning what they have seen or heard tonight; or any other phase of the Y-Indian Guide Program. (If any, answer them as best you can). _____
8. Explain that the first step in organizing a new tribe after tonight is to hold a Big Braves or Dads Only meeting for the purpose of explaining the mechanics of the program in detail and to transact necessary business concerning the tribe's future. Also, all materials will be given to them at that time. _____
9. Let them know you will be with them at the meeting to take care of these matters. _____
10. Stress that this meeting be held as near in the future as possible. (At latest, it should be held within the next week). _____
11. Ask for a volunteer to host this first Big Braves meeting and call the others the day before. Give him a copy of the Tribal Roster. _____
12. Advise fathers to bring checkbook to Big Brave Meeting. _____

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SKEJUNKA'S CHECK SHEET Cont.FIRST MEETING

13. Decide upon a clear date and time for this meeting. _____
14. Write down the date and place on the Roster Form. _____
15. Explain Fall Family Picnic and first campout. _____
16. Remind fathers that registration fees will be taken up at the first Big Brave's Meeting. (Upon collection they will receive their head bands and manual). _____
17. Pick Tribal Name. _____
18. Tell them if they know of any other dads and sons interested in becoming Y-Indian Guides who are not present tonight, invite the fathers to the next meeting. _____
19. Close the meeting by saying that you will be looking forward to seeing them on _____, and that you feel that they have a good nucleus for a fine Y-Indian Guide Tribe. _____
20. Turn in one roster to the War Chief before you leave. Make certain your name is on the sheet. _____
21. Keep the third copy of the roster for your information. _____

SECOND MEETING

B I G B R A V E ' S O N L Y

1. Tell them the history and purpose (be specific in this) of the Y-Indian Guide movement. The history can be found on page 21.
2. Explain the basic organization of the tribe, the clan, and the Longhouse. Describe the function of each. Describe Longhouse meetings, Campouts, Chule Car Race, etc.
3. Explain the YMCA's relationship to the Y-Indian Guides. "Y" sponsored, supervision, program guidance, etc. Explain importance of participation in workshops.
4. Explain again that meetings are home-centered and recommend one Big Brave and one Little Brave meeting per month.
 - a. Have the Big Braves select a night which will be most suitable for meetings.
 - b. Show some typical invitations.
 - c. Describe a typical meeting using the meeting outline on page 16. Tell about the availability of craft items, nature lore, Indian lore, game material and making of Drum and totem poles, etc. Point out the advisability of camping, hikes, and trips. Mention methods of meeting control (Sign of the Buffalo) and some of the pitfalls which others have experienced.
 - d. Dues - recommend 25¢ (Tell about the little braves earning this wampum).
5. Explain the costs of the program once again and show the contents of an Indian Guide Kit.
6. Fill out application blanks and collect fees at this time.
7. Tell members about the necessary officers. If you have had sufficient response at this time to properly analyze the tribe, select as many officers as possible. Explain rotating of officers.
 - a. You pick the first Chief! Pick a good man who looks like a real leader. Clarify any questions about the rotating system. Explain Chief's duties.
 - b. Appoint Tallykeeper for the next meeting if a permanent one has not yet been selected.
8. Arrange date and place of next meeting. Explain preparation of invitations to next host.

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SKEJUNKA' CHECK SHEET Cont.SECOND MEETING - BIG BRAVES ONLYCheck When Done

1. Your Preparation:
 - a. Call the Host several days ahead of the scheduled meeting. Have him phone other dads as a reminder. Be sure he reminds them to bring their fee. _____
 - b. Call back the day before the meeting to answer questions and care for problems. _____
2. Introduction: Have each Dad introduce himself (tell briefly about his vocation. Family, college, hobby, etc. This puts the meeting on a friendly, informal basis.) _____
3. Discuss mechanics of program - how your tribe works. Emphasize:
 1. The Dads' make their own preparations.
 2. The object is to have fun with their sons. _____
4. Pass out membership application forms. _____
5. Elect Tribal Officers.
Fill in name for:

Chief	_____
Medicine Man	_____
Tally Keeper	_____
Wampum Bearer	_____
6. Complete Tribe Calendar (Back cover of Handbook)
 1. Fill in dates for longhouse activities
 2. Plan 2 meetings a month up to the first campout
 3. Assign Dads to be Hosts _____
7. Assign drum maker, totem pole makers. _____
8. Collect Membership Fees. _____
9. Pass out Y-Indian Guide Kit to those who have paid. _____
10. Review need to prepare for the first meeting:
 1. Host Dad and son should make and hand deliver invitations
 2. Chief should call Host several days before meeting to check for problems.
 3. Remind all that you will lead the 1st meeting.
 4. All dads and sons should have Indian Names for next meeting. _____
11. Adjourn meeting. _____
12. Return money, list of officers, and any new names to Y as soon as possible. _____

DAD'S MEETINGS

A Dad's meeting is a program planning event. Important things happen only when they are well planned and dads must plan the things that they want to be sure their sons experience. For this reason, if an Indian Guide Tribe is going to be successful, regular Dad's Meetings are necessary and valuable.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DAD'S MEETINGS:

1. To provide an opportunity to plan program and make assignments.
2. To provide an opportunity to evaluate past program.
3. To provide an opportunity for dads to get acquainted.
4. To provide an opportunity for dads to fellowship together.
5. To provide an opportunity to discuss matters relative to the needs and growth of your boys.

OUR STUDIES SHOW:

- The boys think dads talk too much at the meetings.
- Valuable tribe meeting time is wasted by discussing tribe business.
- Tribes that have dad's meetings accomplish more and realize more of the values of Indian Guide Tribes.
- Dad's Meetings are ineffective unless conducted properly.
- Tribes take short-cuts on meeting procedures because they haven't stopped to consider the significance of each program step.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Dad's meetings should be conducted monthly or at least quarterly dependent on the needs of the tribe.
2. Dad's meetings can be conducted in an hour if planned properly.
3. Dad's meetings are an excellent time to share your fishing experiences, business problems, etc. with other dads. (After the regular tribe business has been transacted, of course).
4. Some tribes meet - bring the boys home - and then convene for a dad's meeting. It avoids another night out.
5. Invite the Clan Chief or another experienced Indian Guide Dad, or other resource person to help in your planning or problem solving.
6. The chief should work out an agenda for Dad's meetings.
7. This might be an opportunity to invite the wives to learn about the program - or about what makes boys of this age tick.

PLAN DAD'S MEETINGS REGULARLY - THEY PAY DIVIDENDS

THIRD MEETING

FIRST BIG AND LITTLE BRAVE MEETING

(Skejunka Presides)

Have Drum available if possible, bring your son along to help.

1. Be sure that all families are acquainted.
2. Be ready with some games and stories for little braves.
3. You conduct a regular meeting -- follow sample ritual.
4. Explain basic tribal organization to little braves.
5. Conduct Name Burning Ceremony. Have Big and Little Braves give their Indian names and explain why they chose them. Then perform the ceremony for each Big and Little Brave, one pair at a time. See page 12 for a description of the ceremony.
6. Explain purpose and program to the boys in a way they can understand. Tell Big and Little Braves about council signal for silence (Buffalo Sign).
7. Pass out headbands, feathers, manuals, etc. Explain meaning of headbands. (By now, all fees should have been collected).
8. Remind everyone of next meeting date and host.

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SKEJUNKA'S CHECK LIST Cont.

THIRD MEETING (First Tribal Meeting)

- | 1. Your Preparation: | <u>Check When Done</u> |
|--|------------------------|
| a. Call Host to be sure invitations have been sent and that a craft or game has been planned. | _____ |
| b. Take two or three extra kits in case new members have joined. | _____ |
| c. Take your tribe's Drum, if possible. | _____ |
| d. Read over remainder of checklist and be ready to conduct this first meeting. | _____ |
| e. Plan to take your Little Brave. Prepare him to set the example for other Little Braves. | _____ |
| f. Wear your regalia. | _____ |
| g. Arrive several minutes ahead of schedule. | _____ |
| h. Schedule ckan chief for name burning if desired. | _____ |
| 2. Talk to Big Braves through Little Braves...Stress that the meeting is very important to them. | _____ |
| 3. Get meeting started on time. | _____ |
| 4. Follow a planned meeting outline. See page 16 of this handbook. | _____ |
| 5. Conduct the Name Burning Ceremony described on page 12 of this handbook. | _____ |
| 6. Describe: National Emblem and Story of Headband. | _____ |
| 7. Help during craft project or game as needed. Dads should work with sons. (Have members of your Tribe help) | _____ |
| 8. During refreshments have Dads stay with sons. | _____ |
| 9. Be sure that dismissal is punctual. (Entire meeting should last one hour). | _____ |
| 10. Have new chief make sure of next meeting's particulars. | _____ |
| 11. Remind tribe of the Fall Family Picnic and Fall Campout and urge them to attend. | _____ |
| 12. Remind tribe of Longhouse meetings first Thursday of every month at 7:30 at YMCA, 79 McMurray Road. Stress that this is where they can gain new ideas and obtain help with problems. Have them assign a longhouse rep. | _____ |
| 13. Turn in any money or registration cards received at the meeting. | _____ |

FOURTH MEETING

(SECOND TRIBAL MEETING)

To be Presided Over by New Chief

1. Check with new chief over the phone before meeting to make sure he is set.
2. Have meeting start promptly.
3. Make sure all officers assignments have been made.
4. Let braves announce their names. Have little brave tell why he and his dad picked out the name they did.
5. Have group work out who will make Drum, wampum bag, totem pole, etc.
6. Have a story or game.
7. Announce date and place of next meeting (maybe a dad can be asked to make out a schedule of coming meetings and special events and pass out to all members.)
8. Re-emphasize that you, as a YMCA organizer, will be on call to aid them - give them your phone number.
9. Let them know that their tribe will be part of the YMCA Indian Guide total program and that a Nation Chief will be assigned to their group. (If possible advise them of Nation and Nation Chief).
10. End with Omaha Tribal Prayer.
11. Mail Skejunka report and updated roster to war chief. Report and addressed stamped envelope found in packet.

FOURTH MEETING

SKEJUNKA

SKEJUNKA'S CHECK LIST CONT.

FOURTH MEETING (Follow-up meeting - tribe conducting whole thing.)

- | 1. Your Preparation: | <u>Check When Done</u> |
|--|------------------------|
| a. Call host and be sure invitations have been sent. | _____ |
| b. Take some extra headbands, manuals, etc., in case new members appear. | _____ |
| c. Take your Little Brave. | _____ |
| 2. Just observe the meeting as it progresses. | _____ |
| 3. Answer questions Dads may have and make suggestions after meeting is completed. | _____ |
| 4. Stress that you and the Program Director are available if help is requested. Get it across that help can be given directly only when they ask for it. <u>Tribal - YMCA Communication is a two-way street.</u> | _____ |
| 5. Make general comments on this tribe including any new ideas expressed by its members on your final report form. Send report form to the War Chief care of the YMCA. | _____ |
| 6. Urge men to read Smoke Signals when it comes out. | _____ |
| 7. Turn in all money, manuals, cards and materials relating to this tribe to the Y-Indian Guide Office. | _____ |
| 8. Fill out the final tribal roster and turn into the YMCA. Date the roster, please! | _____ |

This winds up your direct job as a new tribe organizer. Through your efforts a group of fathers and sons have been sent well on their way to enjoying those experiences which you and your own son have been having these past months.

THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

NAME BURNING CEREMONY

LIGHTS OUT!

All sit cross-legged on floor except Chief. Use fireplace or metal container. Boys have their given name written on a piece of paper. Under it is written their new Indian name, suitably decorated. Chief calls little braves out one by one, welcomes them into the tribe after first asking who sponsors them. Fathers gravely answer: "I _____ (Indian name) present my son _____ (Indian name) and will stand beside him." Chief then takes their slip of paper, burns it and states that from then on he shall be known in the tribe as _____ (Indian name). Boy returns to father who is now standing. Then remain standing until all have received their new names. Lights on.

MEANING OF EMBLEM

The emblem represents some of the main points that are stressed in Indian Guides. The cross-section of an ear of corn symbolizes the part played by corn in the life of the Indian. The arrowhead is a typical symbol of Indian lore. The triangle represents the relationship of the movement to the YMCA. The name Indian Guides and the father and son relationship are strikingly displayed.

STORY OF THE HEADBAND

To the right is the symbol of the mother and home. A line connects the mother symbol with the tepee or home symbol. The fact that it is a home symbol is shown by the fire in the tepee. On the left are symbols of father and son. Their relationship again is shown by the line that joins the two symbols. These symbols add to the richness of the central theme, for it is in service to mother and home that many of the more significant achievements of father and son will take place.

Far to the right are symbols of day and forest. Far to the left are the symbols of mountain lake, field, and stream, with the moon for night. Here again these symbols tend to enrich the center theme, giving broader scope to achievement and also picking up and centering the efforts of father and son in village and community life and, as some of the ritual says, "in forest, field and stream." Briefly stated, the headband may be interpreted in these words:

Father and son, through friendly services to each other, to our family, to this tribe, and to our community, seek a world pleasing to the eye of the Great Spirit.

T R I B E

A tribe is the foundation of Y-Indian Guides. It consists of a group of four to eight fathers and their sons who are six years of age or more, working together to establish a "Pals Forever" relationship within the established framework of the Y-Indian Guide Organization.

A tribe shall elect through regular election procedure the following officers: Chief, Tallykeeper, Wampum Bearer, Publicity Chairman, Tom Tom Beater, Indian Runner and Longhouse Representative.

The duties of these officers shall be as follows:

CHIEF - Minimum length of term 6 months, maximum 1 year

Has the responsibility of executive direction of the tribe. Calls and presides at two meetings per month during the months of September through May. He supervises the organization of summer activities for June, July and August. Attends Nation meetings and promotes and administers the recommendations of the Nation. This office is held by a Big Brave.

LONGHOUSE REPRESENTATIVE (term one year)

Attends monthly Longhouse-Clan meetings held on the first Thursday of the month September to June. Meetings start at 7:45 and are held at The South Hills Area YMCA.

TALLYKEEPER

Maintains records as required of Tribe activities through compiling minutes of meetings in the minute book provided. Is responsible for correspondence and publication of activities to concerned groups. This office is held by a Big Brave.

WAMPUM BEARER

Maintains records as required of the Tribe through the use of a provided ledger and voucher system. Collects members program fee and submits to the Nation. Files reports with the Nation. This office is held by a Big Brave.

DRUM BEATER

Beater of the Drum at tribe meetings and ceremonial programs. This office is held by a Little Brave.

INDIAN RUNNER

Runs errands for the tribe and collects and disperses materials as required. This office is held by a Little Brave.

TRIBE CHIEF

T I P S

You have been chosen as the leader of your tribe and thus have certain responsibilities to uphold. We believe that the following responsibilities will help you to become a good Chief:

1. Check with the host four or five days before the meeting to see if he has prepared the invitations, has a game in mind, can tell a story or has a craft or project ready for the council. Find out if he has any special problems that you may help him with. Be sure to plan the meeting with your host for that evening.
2. Insist that little braves only attend the council with their big braves.
3. Ask that big braves let you know if they can't attend the council.
4. Have a pre-arranged plan for the meeting.
5. Congratulate the host on his invitation and let the little brave tell how they made it.
6. Use the entire ritual or some part of it at every meeting.
7. Demand and receive respect from those in the tribe, particularly little braves. Control of the tribal meeting is in the chief's hands.
8. Use the sign of the Buffalo or "the Talking Stick" for those that wish to speak".
9. Obtain and wait for discipline from the little braves when they are out of order.
10. Use the 4th aim to maintain order in the council "To be attentive while others speak".
11. Lock the door of the little Brave's room during meetings. How many meetings have been ruined by excursions to see the host's toys followed by a dizzying round of excitement. Give them something to do if they have to wait -- a game, project, or craft.
12. Start meetings on time, even if all the members have not arrived.
13. Pass out headbands just before meeting starts.
14. Use your Indian names at all times. Some tribes wear name plaques around their necks to help out in this respect.
15. The opening prayer can most profitably be led by a little brave. Father can help in advance. Make it brief, for his sincerity is far more important than words used and the other boys sense it. Devotions teach reverence and before meetings they quiet the boys down to seriousness.

16. PEACE PIPE - to regain discipline some tribes have a peace pipe in the property box. When a dispute or argument breaks out, the Chief nudges the Indian Runner who sits close to him. The Indian Runner picks up the peace pipe and gravely holds it between the disputants. Boys respect this type of discipline and are pleased with fathers who initiate procedures by which the little braves can be governed.
17. Early in the new tribe's life, big braves' meetings should be established and held regularly. These are separate from the little braves. At these meetings, broad plans can be developed, subject to the approval of the little braves in the tribal meetings. Concerns about the program planning, discipline, etc., may be discussed openly between big braves.
18. INVITATIONS - Use son's ideas. Start planning invitations early. Keep on the son's level, but both the hosts, big and little brave, should make them together. Tie invitations in with the season of the year, if possible. Deliver them two or three days prior to the meeting.
19. GOOD PROGRAMS - Are built around the boys! The evening is dedicated to your boys. Boys will develop only if they participate. Dads must give their wholeheartedness and co-operation. Dads must "let their hair down" and "get down to the son's level".
20. EXTRA-NAME BURNING CEREMONY - (For new tribe) - lights out; All sit cross-legged on floor except chief. Use fireplace or metal container. Boys have their given name written on a piece of paper. Under it is written their new Indian name, suitably decorated. Chief calls little braves out one by one, welcomes them into the tribe after first asking who sponsors them. Fathers gravely answer; "I _____ (Indian name) present my son _____ (Indian name) and will stand beside him." Chief then takes their slip of paper, burns it and states that from then on he shall be known in the tribe as _____ (Indian name). Boy returns to father who is now standing. Then remain standing until all have received their new names. Lights on.
21. TRIBAL MEETINGS - Start and end all tribal meetings on time. Tribe meetings are rotated between homes of all tribal members in alphabetical order. Little brave reports give little braves opportunity to "Think on their feet" and to become accustomed to speaking before others. Use variety in all tribal meetings.

Keep refreshments simple. Refreshments should be served by the hosts, big and little braves, while group remains in regular places. Fathers and sons are all served the same drink whether it be milk, cider, juice or soft drink. Fathers should not drift into a group and talk shop during refreshment time.

Be sure braves earn their wampum. Fathers and sons should work together earning wampum through group projects for mother or family. Reading of tribal minutes will be much more fun if they are written with "heap much Indian talk."

Stories make up a very important part of tribal meetings. Stories should not be read but studied ahead of the meeting, tried out on the little brave and then told by the light of the council fire.

SAMPLE MEETING CEREMONY

- A. Keeping meeting within 1 hour time limit is most important.
- B. Responses by Chief to Little Brave should be varied as appropriate.
- C. This outline leads to successful meetings but is not a required format.
1. Chief: I ask our drum beater to open our meeting with 12 beats of the drum.
 2. Host: Little Brave beat drum 12 times.
 3. Chief: What is the slogan of Y-Indian Guides? (Chief should lead and have the group repeat the Slogan, Aims and Pledge until all know them.)
 4. All: The slogan is "Pals Forever" in teepee, village and tribe.
 5. Chief: What are the aims of the Y-Indian Guides?
 6. All: The six aims are:
 1. To be clean in body and pure in heart.
 2. To be Pals Forever with my father/son.
 3. To love the sacred circle of my family.
 4. To be attentive while others speak.
 5. To love my neighbors as myself.
 6. To seek and preserve the beauty of the Great Spirit's work in forest, field and stream.
 7. Chief: What is the pledge of Y-Indian Guides?
 8. All: We, father and son, through friendly service to each other, to our family, to this tribe, to our community, seek a world pleasing to the eye of the Great Spirit.
 9. Chief: Let us sing a song about our great country.
 10. All sing: "AMERICA"

My country tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty
of thee I sing, Land where my fathers died, Land
of the Pilgrim's pride, from every mountain side,
Let freedom ring.

My native country, thee, Land of the noble, free
thy name love, I love thy rocks and rills, thy
woods and templed hills; My heart with rapture
thrills, like that above.
 11. Chief: Wampum Bearer, will you collect the wampum and hear the reports of all the things our Braves have done to help their dads.
 12. Wampum Bearer: Hears Braves and then tells Chief: Chief, the wampum is collected. The Braves report many things they did to help. The reports are good.
 13. Scouting Reports:

Chief: Did any Braves see something or learn something the tribe should know?
 14. Braves: Each Brave reports on seeing a robin or deer tracks or several such things in nature.
 15. Chief: The scouting reports are good. Thank you, Little Brave.

SAMPLE MEETING CEREMONY CONT.

16. Program: Normally the Big Brave and Little Brave hosts will prepare a game or story or craft for this part of the meeting.
17. Roots and Berries: Big Brave and Little Brave hosts normally prepare light refreshments which are called "Roots and Berries" such as cookies and cider which are served at the end of the meeting.
18. Closing: 1. Consider singing a song or reciting your cheer at the end of the meeting. A song suggestion is:

"Pals Forever"
(To the tune of "Clementine")

Pals Forever, Pals Forever,
That's our slogan, That's our code
And we work and play together
As we travel on life's road.

Dads are for it, Dads adore it
And the Braves all think it fine

Pals Forever, Pals Forever
The Great Spirit as our Guide.

2. Close with the Omaha Tribal Prayer

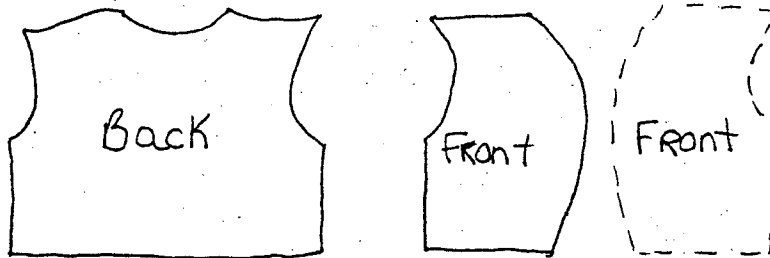
Father, a needy one stands before Thee;
I, who speak, am he.

INDIAN VEST:

Materials needed:

1. One yard (for average Big and Little Brave, both vests) of denim, buckskin color rayon suede, or other fairly stiff material.
2. Approximately 3 yards bias tape for edging both vests.
3. Colored yarn or embroidery cotton for designs.

Make platter of wrapping paper to fit Brave:



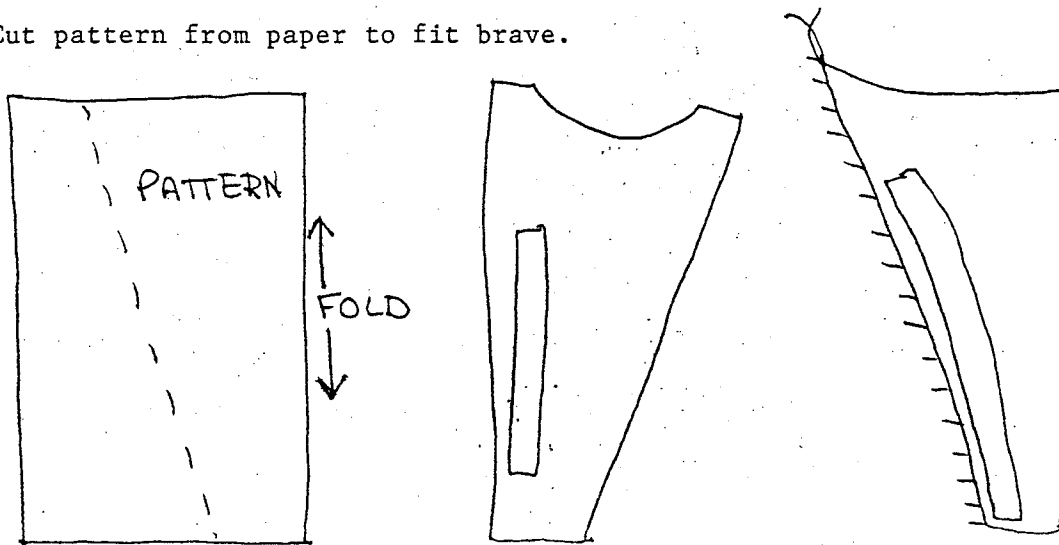
Each tribe should work out individual designs. Some tribes use the Indian signs for the Brave's name on the front and a common design on the back for appearance i.e., an arrowhead or thunderbird on the back. Avoid a "uniform" appearance. Let each Big and Little Brave work out their own designs as a project. Mothers can pair up and work together -- they'll enjoy helping.

LEGGINGS (OPTIONAL)

Materials needed: (Big and Little Brave)

1. Two yards of denim, rayon suede cloth or other suitable material
2. One and one-half yards plastic beading or trim strip
3. Rayon felt for fringing or ready made fringe from costume supplier.

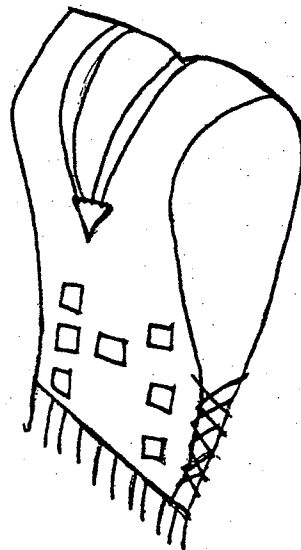
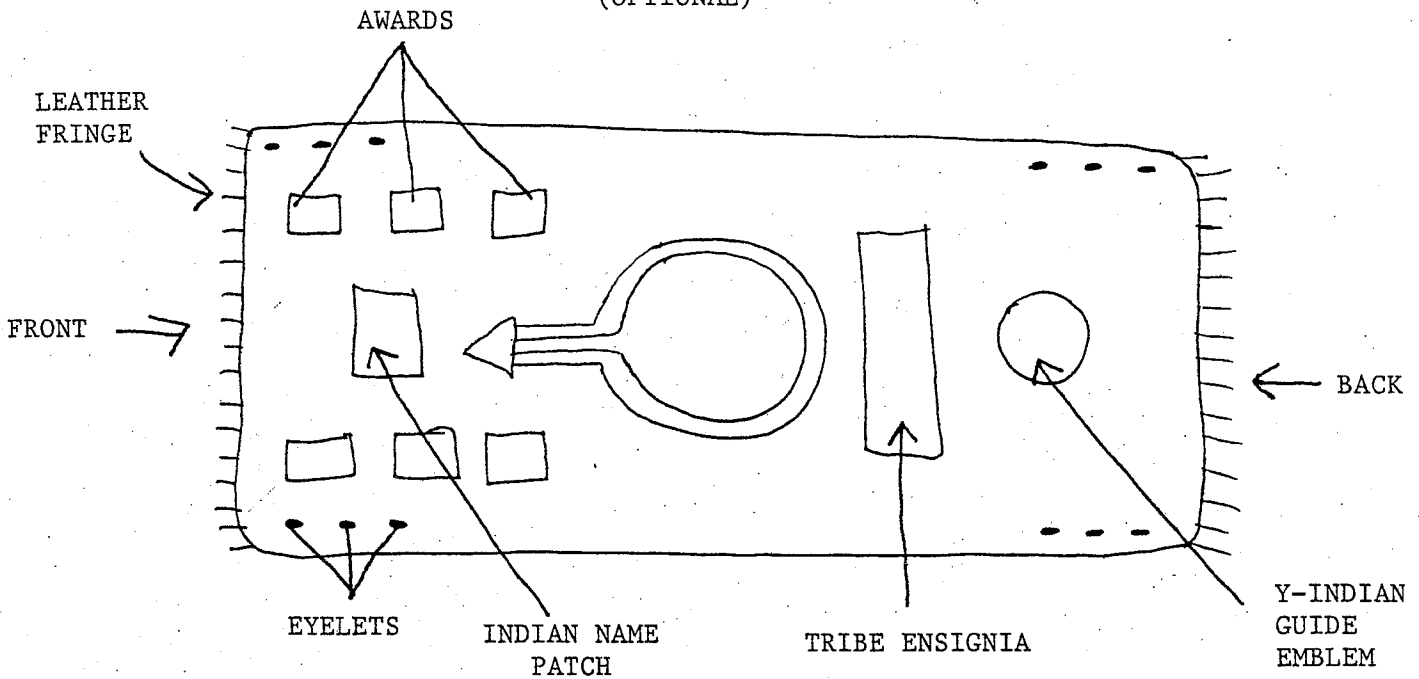
Cut pattern from paper to fit brave.



Beading on strip should be sewed in before legging is finished. Loop left at top for belt.

Y INDIAN GUIDE TROPHY SHIRT

(OPTIONAL)



Laced on sides
with leather

materials:

- 1/2 yard brown denim
- 24" leather for fringe
- 12 eyelets

INVITATIONS

Several days in advance of the council meeting, fathers and sons who are to act as hosts should send out invitations made by hand. This is an established Indian custom and a part of the program to which Indian lore and Indian art make a big contribution. Invitations are the great pride of some tribes. Different invitations are sent for each meeting. The versatility and inventiveness of each family will be put into its invitation handwork. The invitation may be a piece of chamois skin with pictograph writing saying when the next meeting will be and giving the address of the father and son that are hosts for the evening. Bows, arrowheads, buffalo heads, teepees, or any part of nature lore may be used for invitations.

REFERENCE BOOKS

Books by Ben Hunt - "Indian and Camp Handicraft"	"Indian Craft"
"Ben Hunt's Whittling Book"	"The Flat Bow"
"More Ben Hunt Whittlings"	"American Indian Beadwork"

Books by Bernard S. Mason - "Woodcraft"	"The Book of Indian Craft and Costumes"
"Drums, Tom-Toms and Rattles"	

Books by Ellsworth Jaeger - "Council Fires"	"Nature Crafts"
"Easy Crafts"	"Wildwood Wisdom"

Tandy Corp. - "Tandy Leather Co.", Post Office Box 791, Fort Worth, TX

Indian Crafts - "Grey Owl Handicrafts Supplies" Indian Craft Mfg. Co.
150-02 Beaver Road, Jamaica 33, N.Y.

"Y" Indian Guides - "Twenty Teepee Tales" - Program Tips"-Beginning of the Trial"
"Book of Indian Life Crafts" - "Scrap Wood Fun for Kids"
"Book of American Indian Games" - "Living Like Indians"
"10¢ Crafts for Kids" - "Rainy Day Fun for Kids"
"Understanding Boys"

Association Press, 291 Broadway, New York 7, N.Y.

GENERAL COMMENTS

1. Past experiences would indicate that the Skejunka should stay with a tribe for at least five or six meetings.
2. When you feel the tribe can proceed on its own, make sure that the new chief knows who his Nation Chief is, and his telephone number then relay the information to the Nation Chief of the "Y" Chief that you have completed the project.
3. The Skejunka should bring his son with him to the first Big and Little Brave meeting he should have a part in the ritual, if possible.
4. The Skejunka should try to have a joint meeting with the new tribe and his own tribe. Make sure your tribe is "on the ball" and has planned a good typical meeting.
5. The importance of close contact between the new tribes, the Longhouse and the YMCA should be stressed. Urge new tribes to participate in workshops, chief's meetings, campouts and other special events.

PLACES TO GO AROUND PITTSBURGH

Allegheny County Airport - Westinghouse hangar
 Bushy Run Battlefield, Jeannette - Camping, Hiking - Free - Seven days a week
 Your local police station
 Roy Rogers - lets you make your own sandwich - free
 Donut Factories - learn how to make your own donuts - use their ovens
 Aviary, Buhl Planetarium, Fossil hunting on Allegheny Boulevard
 Fire Station, Cave Exploring, Horseback riding-stables in N. and S. Park
 Pirates Baseball, Steeler Football, Penguin Hockey,
 Special events at Civic Arena. To get on a monthly mailing list write:
 William G. Johnston Co., 1130 Ridge Avenue, Pgh., PA 15212
 Special events at Three Rivers Stadium, B & O Railroad - McKeesport
 Mountainvue Railroad - Blairsville
 South Park, North Park, Boyce Park, Etc., Fort Pitt Blockhouse and Museum
 Duquesne Incline, KDKA and WQED, Round Hill Farm- Route 51 past Elizabeth
 Baskin - Robbins, Local Sportsman's Clubs for demonstration on archery, riflery
 Carnegie, Museum, Nature Museum - Boyce Park, Schenley Park
 Sailing - YMCA camps, Moraine State Park, Others
 Allegheny Observatory, Phipps Conservatory, Fishing trips, Steel plant
 Vega Plant - Lordstown, Ohio Glass factory-Jeannette, Animal Rescue League
 Zoo- 4 areas - Children's, Underground, Aquatic and Main
 Elmsworth Locks, Gateway Clipper, Good Ship Lollipop
 Seldom Seen Mine, Gallitzin, PA (near Altoona)
 Horseshoe Curve Railroad, Veterinarian,
 Pymatuning - fish hatchery, carp, nature reserve
 Beaver Run Dam, Nike Site - Robinson Township
 Sewage Disposal Plant, Water Treatment Plant
 Old Economy, Meadowcroft Village, Perry's Flag Ship - Erie, PA
 Keystone Raceway and Park, U.S. Steel Building, McDonald's Tour
 FBI - Federal Building Nationality Rooms - Cathedral of Learning
 Air Force Reserve, Weather Station at airport
 Hayride - South Park, Street Car Museum, Arden Downs, Washington, PA
 Christmas tree decorations - Grove City New Field Coal Mine - Plum Boro
 Seneca Reservation - Warren, PA Flag Plaza near Civic Arena
 Ohiopyle, Kennywood Park, White Swan Park, West View Park, Cranberry Lake
 Laurel Caverns Fort Necessity
 Shopping mall - Special events Courthouse The Meadows Seven Springs Ski Lift
 Maple Sugar Festival-Myersdale Nationality Festival-Ambridge Kinzu Dam
 Dentist Bell Telephone Repair Service Bldg., 6585 Penn Avenue, E. Liberty
 Printing Shop Miniature Golf Bowling Archery Playhouse Jr.
 Lovelace Marionettes Monroeville Players
 Ice and roller skating Swimming
 Funeral Home Post Office Trax Farm - pick your own fruit
 Butler County Fair Washington County Fair
 Old MacDonald's Farm Storybook Forest
 Strip Mine - Gigantic Shovels Civil Defense Headquarters
 Free Film: Bell Telephone, Carnegie Library, Modern Talking Pictures, U.S. Army
 Associated Film Distributors.
 Sports Films: Clem Williams
 Coast Guard
 Photographer

THE Y-INDIAN GUIDES
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The father and son "Y" Indian Guide's Program was started by Harold Keltner, a Y.M.C.A. Director, in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1926. Mr. Keltner while on a hunting trip in northern Canada, had a guide, an Ojibway Indian by the name of Joe Friday. One evening as the white man and the Indian sat before the fire, the Indian spoke these words, "The Indian Father raises his son; he teaches his son to hunt, to fish, to track, to walk silently in the woods, the meaning and purpose of life and all that he must know, while the white man allows squaws to raise his son". This stimulated Mr. Keltner's interest in the Father-son relationship and when he returned to St. Louis, he made arrangements for Joe Friday to follow him at the end of the hunting season.

As Joe Friday spoke before groups of YMCA boys and dads in St. Louis, Keltner discovered that dads as well as boys had a keen interest in Indian Lore. This gave Keltner the idea for a father and son program based on Indian Lore, and in 1926, with some trepidation he organized the first Y Indian Guide Tribe. In 1935 the National YMCA adopted the Y-Indian Guides as its first "front" in club programming.

In 1961 twelve tribes were organized by the South Hills YMCA and in the following years the number grew to fifty-five tribes and ten advanced groups. In a single year over 1,000 fathers and sons are members of this father and son activity.

The basic purpose of the Y-Indian Guides is "to develop a better relationship between father and son". This is accomplished by groups of eight or nine fathers and their sons meeting in a "tribe" every two weeks. Activities are determined by the tribe and can consist of campouts, crafts, fishing trips, hikes, story nights, games, and Indian Lore. Information can be obtained at your nearest YMCA. Why not join the Y-Indian Guides today?

TRIBE CALENDAR

September	Dads Meeting	Host	<u>DOUG</u>
	Tribe Meeting	Host	<u> </u>
October	Longhouse		
	Tribe Meeting	Host	<u> </u>
	Tribe Meeting	Host	<u> </u>
November			