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NEW CHIEF TRAINING

Adventure Guides and Princesses

Dads and Kids Making Memories

Congratulations, you are about to embark on a fabulous journey making memories with your children. With a small investment of time, you can help your tribe be successful.

As Chief of your tribe, you are responsible for the overall leadership. Experience teaches us that strong chiefs help make strong tribes. In this role do not underestimate the pride your child will have in your taking this position.

Tips for building a successful tribe:

1. Schedule Dad's meetings

- These meetings are without the children
- Important for setting the tribe meeting schedules
- Important for developing camaraderie among the dads
- Successful tribes schedule regular Dad's meetings

2. Set the tribe meeting schedule

- The importance of getting tribe meetings and events on everyone's calendar must not be underestimated
- When scheduling, pay attention to holidays and your school calendar
- Schedule tribal meetings at least monthly. New tribes might want to meet more often to help build relationships and to develop tribe unity.
- Set the schedule in the fall through the end of January, and in January through June
- Set schedules early and then make changes later

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- The YMCA is available for meetings, email the Adventure Guides staff and request to reserve a room
3. Communicate with your tribe
 - Create an email list that includes mom's email addresses
 - Establish a phone tree/a group text
 - Keeping dads informed and cohesive is vital
 - Mom's help can be essential to a tribe's success
 4. Use Chief's Resources online
 - Monthly chief's meetings. If you cannot attend a meeting, please find a substitute.
 - Adventure Guides Manual
 - Nation Chiefs
 - Adventure Guides staff
 5. Keep Track of Honor Points
 - Every tribe activity earns points for your tribe. It is important to keep track of these points monthly.
 6. Delegate and assign other Tribe officers
 - Medicine Man – the assistant chief – every strong organization has a good second in command – allows for training of next year's chief
 - Wampum Bearer/Property Keeper – responsible for the collection and safe keeping of monies and tribal equipment
 - Tally Keeper – responsible for keeping attendance, calling roll at meetings and tracking progress to achieving awards – keeps up to date tribal roster.

Thank you for taking on this role as the Chief of your tribe. If you need any help or have any questions, please call the YMCA staff at 804-748-6714. HEEP HOW!

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