

# PRINCESS PATTER

*A newsletter for Indian Princesses and Big Braves*

Winter 2009-2010

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*Y-Princess  
Slogan!  
"FRIENDS  
ALWAYS!!!"*

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE YMCA?

VISIT the Y-PRINCESS WEBSITE [www.princesspatter.org](http://www.princesspatter.org) and keep up to date on all of the events, activities and happenings of the Y-Princess Program.

Thank you to our War Chief, Mark Chiocca and all of our SKEJUNKAS along with their "Little Princesses" for stepping up and volunteering to make sure our new tribes get off to a great start! **OVER 90 NEW "BIG BRAVES" and "LITTLE PRINCESSES" WERE RECRUITED THIS YEAR! A BIG HAND AND A BIG HEEP HOW FOR ALL OF THE HARD WORKING SKENJUNKAS!!!**

Remember — all Camp-outs for the 2009-2010 Princess and Guide Programs will offer an "Early Bird Special" for those who register 2 or more weeks in advance. Anyone who registers after the "Early Bird" deadline will pay a \$25.00 surcharge. This price structure will provide the camps with a more accurate number of participants and allow for better planning for food, lodging, activities and supplies. If you plan to still arrive on Saturday, please understand it will be the same price as a Friday arrival.

DO WE KNOW YOUR EMAIL? Send me your email address and get on the "Master List" so you can receive information quickly! ([kkeegan@ymcapgh.org](mailto:kkeegan@ymcapgh.org)).

**Winter/Spring Catalogs** listing all of our Progressive Swim Lessons, and Y-Youth Sports will be in the mail in December!!!!!!! All classes will all be offered in January!

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of our Big Braves, Princesses and families!!!!!!! We wish you a happy, healthy and safe holiday season!**

**~ From all of the South Hills/Cloverleaf YMCA staff**

This year is promising to be one of the **BEST EVER** for everyone in the YMCA Princess program. We have already had a great start to it! Let's keep it going! =)

# 2009-2010 Longhouse Activities Calendar

## Upcoming Events for Princesses & Big Braves

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Dec 5/Dec 12	Wreath Sale Drop Off / Pick up	South Hills YMCA Office
Dec 26	Ice Skating Party	Iceoplex SouthPointe
Jan 8	Sock Hop	Mt Lebo United Methodist Church
Jan 15-17	Winter Campout #1 (BP-USC/CV-SF)	Kon-O-Kwee/Spencer
Jan 29-31	Winter Campout #2 (ALG-MTL/KO-PT-Questors)	Kon-O-Kwee/Spencer
Feb 13	Sno-Zone	Cool Springs
Feb 26-28	Winter Campout #3 (Optional) Family Campout	Deer Valley
March -April	Campaign for Strong Communities	South Hills YMCA
March 6	Princess Cup Sailboat Races	South Park Home Ec Building
April 11	Ice Cream Social (FREE Family Event)	Trax Farms
April 30-May 2	Spring Campout #1 (ALG-SF-USC/CV)	Deer Valley
May 15 (TBA)	Mini Golf	Cool Springs
June 4-6	Spring Campout #2 (BP-MTL/KO-PT)	Kon-O-Kwee/Spencer
June 13	Dinner Dance (all nations)	Hilton Garden Inn at SouthPointe
July 17	Princesses and Guides Pool Party	South Hills YMCA Outdoor Pool

Patter news, notes, etc: [www.princesspatter.org](http://www.princesspatter.org)

Updates and corrections: [princesses@southhillsareaymca.org](mailto:princesses@southhillsareaymca.org)

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**Big Braves—call your Tribe Chief, Nation Chief or Any Longhouse Officer**

With Any Questions About The Indian Princess Program or Visit Our Web Site at [www.princesspatter.org](http://www.princesspatter.org)

For Additional Information About Any Indian Princess or Other South Hills YMCA Program, Call 412-833-5600

## Drum Beats...This month's message from your Longhouse Chief

Greetings Big Braves and Princesses,

Well Friends, I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, so far we have started out very strong within the first few months of the program. We have also had great success recruiting new folks into the program this year. As always, our Nation events have been well attended, such as the Square Dance, the Fall Campouts, and the Meadowcroft event...and we've only just begun!

The New Tribe camp out at Kon-O-Kwee was very well attended, given the good spirits provided by our Medicine Man, Thunder Bear. Not to mention Dads were given pies from their daughters on Sunday at breakfast. Nice! I think Uncle Harry would be proud! I want to also give a BIG Heap How thank you to the Longhouse volunteers, and our Indian agent, Kate, who helped make the New Tribe Campout a great success and wonderful memories for the new tribes starting their new journey. Most of you may know, but if you don't, the South Hills Indian Princess Program is one of the largest in the country! So thank you everyone for your strong commitment to this program.

As I mentioned in the first Chief's letter, we have the good fortune to be working with a very seasoned and dedicated group of Longhouse Officers. These volunteers are the core in making these events happen and all of us benefit their planning and execution. We are also seeing new Big Braves attending the Longhouse meetings and that is great. These new Braves will bring new ideas into the program and help keep the torches burning bright for many moons to come.

The Longhouse meeting dates are listed in the Princess Patter - almost always they are the first Monday of every month. So we encourage others to participate.

Upcoming events to pay particular attention to:

**Ice Skating Party** December 26th (Saturday) 10:30am-3:00pm Iceoplex Southpointe

**Sock Hop** January 8th (Friday) 7:30pm-9:15pm Mt Lebanon United Methodist Church

**Winter Campout #1** January 15th-17th (Friday-Sunday), KOK (BP-USC/CV-SF)

**Winter Campout #2** January 29th-31st (Friday-Sunday), KOK (Algonquin-MTL/KO-PT-Questors)

Thanks for everyone's support in the Program, and remember this period of your life with your daughter goes quickly, so I encourage all of you to have those tribe events too! These can be as simple as getting together at someone's house or having a simple activity outside the home.

Again, I look forward to contributing to the program along with enjoying all of its benefits with my daughters. Please contact me if you have any questions or wish to contribute in any way.

One last Heap How for our Indian agent, Kate, and the Longhouse officers. HEAAAP HOW!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you and your family!

Friends Always,

*Raine and Raine Cloud*

*Sydney and Brian Jacobs*

# LONGHOUSE MEETING SCHEDULE

Mark your calendars!

**\*\*Sept 14, 2009\*\***

Oct 5, 2009

Nov 2, 2009

Dec 14, 2009

**\*\*Jan 11, 2010\*\***

Feb 1, 2010

Mar 1, 2010

Apr 5, 2010

May 3, 2010

June 7, 2010

All meetings start  
at 7:30 PM

at South Hills YMCA

(except for Dec 14 and June 7—they will be held at Al's Café on McMurray Road in BP)

**ALL TRIBES ARE  
ASKED TO SEND A  
REPRESENTATIVE  
TO EVERY  
LONGHOUSE  
MEETING!**

**\*\*Meetings will be the 2nd Monday of the month\*\***

## Princess Cup 2010

**WHEN: Saturday, March 6, 2010  
9:00am—????**

**WHERE: Home Ec Building  
South Park, Across from the Fairgrounds**

**COST: \$10 per Pre-Cut Sailboat Kit  
\$5 per Un-Cut Sailboat Kit**

**PICK UP YOURS AT THE WINTER  
CAMPOUTS OR AT THE SOUTH HILLS  
YMCA BRANCH!!!**



**NOTE: Practices will be held at  
the South Hills YMCA office  
March 1st-5th ~ 6:00-8:00pm**

## TRIBAL CHIEFS...

**We want your tribes roster and emails!  
E-MAIL your spreadsheet to:  
kkeegan@ymcaofpittsburgh.org**

# SAVE THE DATE



**INDIAN PRINCESS  
ICE CREAM SOCIAL  
FREE EVENT  
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!  
April 11, 2010  
at Trax Farms**



# *Holiday Ice Skating Party*

**Saturday, December 26, 2009**

**From 10:30am-3:00pm**

~ Ice time will be from 10:45a-1:15pm ~  
**Come early to pick up your ice skates!**

**ICEOPLEX at Southpointe**

*114 Southpointe Blvd., Canonsburg, 15317*

**Cost:** \$15/pair  
\$6/extra child  
\$8/extra adult

**SKATE RENTAL IS \$3.00/person additional**  
(you will receive a wrist band at the door)

**Includes:** TWO hours of ice time, pizza and soda

This even is open to the whole family!!! Bring EVERYONE!  
=)

We hope to see you there ! ! ! ! ! ! ! !

# Sock Hop



Friday, January 8, 2010

From 7:30pm to 9:30pm

Mt Lebanon United Methodist Church

3319 West Liberty Avenue

Mt Lebanon, PA

Cost: \$10 per couple

(\$3.00 per additional child)

Pay at the door!

Shine those saddle shoes...

Put on your Poodle Skirts...

and get ready for

DANCIN' WITH THE OLDIES!!!



Deer Valley

814-662-4005 (24 hours/day)

(Or leave message at 800-962-2386, ext 31)

Fax 814-662-4246

Kon-O-Kwee/Spencer

724-391-3328

Fax 724-758-2705

**ARRIVAL TIME FOR BOTH CAMPS:**

7:00 to 9:00pm Friday

9:30 to 11:30am Saturday



# Come join us for our first Indian Princess Longhouse SnoZone Event

**FAMILY SNOW TUBING PARK**

Bring the whole family for great  
family fun down the slopes!

**WHEN: Saturday, February 13, 2010  
4:00 — 6:00 PM**

**WHERE: Cool Springs Golf &  
Family Rec Center**

1530 Hamilton Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15234

**COST: \$26/pair  
\$12/extra child**

**Space is limited register *NOW*!!!!!!!**

First come, first served basis. Only 150 spaces available!

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, February 5th**

Cash or checks only.

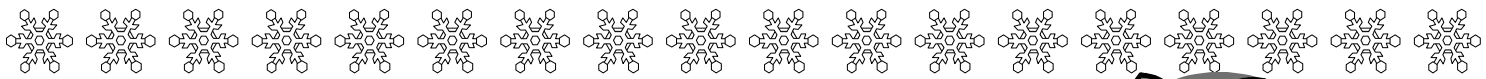
All registration fees must be paid prior to the event. If registering online, you must mail or drop off your payment to the South Hills YMCA, 51 McMurray Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15241

*no later* than 1 week prior to event!

NOTE: Please make checks payable to Kate Keegan

**[www.princesspatter.org](http://www.princesspatter.org)**





**Let's Go Camping!!**  
**Winter 2010 Campout Information**  
 (Registration form on the next page of this issue.)



**Winter Campout #1**

**WHEN:** January 15-17, 2010  
**WHERE:** Kon-O-Kwee / Spencer  
**WHO:** Upper St. Clair/Chartiers Valley-Bethel Park

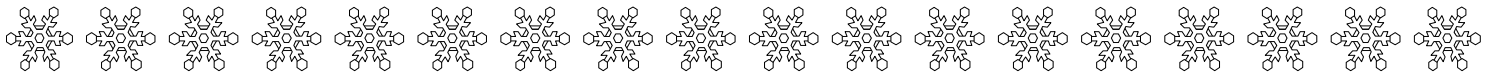
**Winter Campout #2**

**WHEN:** January 29-31, 2010  
**WHERE:** Kon-O-Kwee / Spencer  
**WHO:** Mt Lebanon/Keystone Oaks-Peters-Algonquin-Questors

**Winter Campout #3**

**WHEN:** February 26-28, 2010  
**WHERE:** Deer Valley  
**WHO:** OPEN REGISTRAION (Optional) Families are all welcome!

**REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR HELMET! Extra boots, gloves and hats!!!**

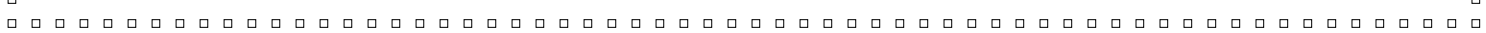


**HOW TO GET THERE**

**To Kon-O-Kwee/Spencer:** From the South Hills, I-79 North to Zelienople exit. Left off exit. Left at first light onto Route 19. Two blocks to next light. Make right (at the Kaufman House Hotel) onto Route 288. Go across railroad tracks (after checking for Iron Horse, of course) Bear left onto Route 588 (Careful here!) Follow Route 588 about five miles to camp. Entrance is on right, up hill. (Duffy's Country Inn on left at turn) Proceed to the old dining hall to check in (Friday arrivals) and new dinning hall (Saturday arrivals) to check in.



**To Deer Valley:** Take Route 40 or Route 51 to Uniontown. Near Uniontown, pick up Route 40 East to Bypass Uniontown. Continue on Route 40 East via Chalk Hill, Farmington, and Flat Rock. After crossing Yough Lake, and the town of Addison, make a left onto Route 523 North. Follow approximately 1.5 miles, and make a right at abandoned gas station. There are also signs at this intersection for Mount Davis and Meyersdale. Follow this road for about 10 miles, as it winds along, to the entrance of Deer Valley, along the slopes of Mount Davis on your left. Proceed to the camp office to pick up arrival info.



# Y-Indian Princess/Questor Camp-Out Registration Form

Register by mail with payment enclosed, or register online at [www.princesspatter.org](http://www.princesspatter.org) with a major credit card.  
Select One Camp-out only (unless you are planning to attend the optional camp-out).

Date: January 15-17, 2010  
Camp Kon-O-Kwee/Spencer  
BP-USC/CV

Early Bird Registration ends Dec 31, 2009

Date: Jan 29-31, 2010  
Camp Kon-O-Kwee/Spencer  
ALG-MTL/KO-PT-Questors

Early Bird Registration ends Jan. 15, 2010

Date: February 26-28, 2010  
Deer Valley  
Open Registration Optional  
Early Bird Registration Ends Feb. 12, 2010

Big Brave Name (first/last): \_\_\_\_\_ Princess (first/last): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Early Bird/Regular

Please specify which day you will arrive

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults \$100.00/\$120.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ Child(ren) \$50.00/\$55.00

FRI \_\_\_\_\_ SAT \_\_\_\_\_

Program Fee Paid? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No, \$30.00 Enclosed

TOTAL DUE: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method : \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ MC \_\_\_\_\_ AMEX \_\_\_\_\_ Discover

Credit Card Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail completed form with payment to: South Hills YMCA, 51 McMurray Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15241**

## What you need to know to have a great camp-out....

**Sign-up:** begins now on a first-come-first-served basis. Your YMCA Family Membership and Indian Princess program fees must be paid and current prior to your camp-out date. Register early to avoid disappointment and take advantage of "early-bird" savings. **Registration after December 31, January 15 and February 12 are subject to a \$25 surcharge.** Suggestion: Do NOT register as a tribe. Tribes will normally be lodged together.

**Cancellation Policy:** All cancellations will be assessed a \$25.00 fee if made more than two weeks in advance. **NO** cancellations will be accepted or refunds given if less than two weeks notice is given (partial/full) within two weeks of the campout, or if the YMCA cancels due to bad weather.

**Arrival:** Plan to arrive between 7:00 and 9:30 PM Friday, or 9:30 and 11:30 AM Saturday. No meals or snacks served Friday night.

**Where to sign in:** Kon-O-Kwee/Spencer registration will be at Kramer Dining Hall and Deer Valley registration at Mario Martin Lodge for the Winter Campouts.

**Departure:** See your registration form. Generally, you should plan to be packed and ready to depart after the Sunday lunch.

**What to Bring:** Sleeping bags, sheets, pillows, several changes of clothing for indoors and outdoors, jacket or winter gear (depending on season) toiletries, wash cloths, towels, flashlights, waterproof boots, hikers, Indian Princess "stuff" and tribal regalia, fishing equipment, roller blades, bikes, ball and gloves, snacks, bottled water/soda, rain wear/umbrella (in the rare event that the Medicine Man is not in good form) games, and other things you and your child like to do together. **BRING A CAMERA** and have someone take pictures of you and your Princess together!

**Directions:** Appear on the page prior to this registration in this issue of the Princess Patter. Driving times: KOK/Spencer approx 1 hour and Deer Valley approx 2 hours.

**Facilities:** All facilities are heated. All have indoor plumbing. It isn't the Hilton, but it isn't so bad either!  
Showers available at all locations.

*Relax Mom, your little girl will never have a better time. Dads, you are responsible for your child(ren) at all times!*

**And remember, no alcoholic beverages permitted at camp!**



South Hills YMCA  
51 McMurray Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15241

(412) 833-5600



### **HOT DATES**

Holiday Ice Skating Party	December 26
Winter Campout #1	January 15-17
Winter Campout #2	January 29-31
Sock Hop	February 6
Winter Campout #3	February 26-28
Campaign for Strong Communities	March-April
“Princess Cup”	March 6

*Come out and join us for a fun filled afternoon of Ice Skating!!!*



*Ice Skating Party*

**Southpointe Icomplex  
December 26, 2009**

Check out page 5  
for more information