



Indian Guide Pow-Wows--Fun For Big And Little Braves

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Based on the firm relationship of father-and-son, the YMCA's Indian Guide program, founded 25 years ago, currently enrolls over 23,355 persons --153,759 sons, 139,626 fathers.

Farmington area YMCA's Indian Guide program enrolled 114 boys, 100 dads in 1963. By September, 1968, this total had increased to 242 boys, 207 fathers.

National Y-Indian Guide Week is being celebrated this week. An opportunity to learn about the program and organize new tribes will be offered at a meeting to be held at 7 p.m., Oct. 1 in Dunkle Junior High.

JUST WHAT is the Y-Indian Guide program?
The program's slogan is "pals forever," which pretty much tells the whole story. No boy can become a "little brave" unless his father becomes a "big brave." The ratio of one father to one son, or perhaps two sons, is the only rigid rule in the program. It is never broken.

Boys are eligible to become guides at ages six to nine. The program reaches boys at this early age and thereby lengthens the years father and son may spend together.

ADHERING to Indian lore, individual tribes belong to "nations," which are organized into "Long Houses" and federations. Farmington has five nations, 28 tribes.

Tribes bear such Indian names as Yacca, Apache, Cherokee, Federation officers and nations also have names borrowed from the Indians.

Farmington federation officers are: Charles Lee, chief; William Coyle, wampum bearer; Les Welterhot, tallykeeper; Robert Soh, pathfinder; and John Starkey, sachem.

Nation chiefs in Farmington include Ralph Kerrigan, Illinois; Bob Olsot, Choctaw; Al Kleinke, Tecumseh; Jim Paul, Shoshone; and Larry Beno, Omaha.

INDIVIDUAL tribal membership in the Guides is held to nine fathers, nine sons. Meetings are held twice a month in the homes of members and are limited to 60 minutes with time for light refreshment. Fathers and sons participate together in all phases of the ritual and program.

Tribe programs are carried on with a maximum of freedom, giving the boys a chance to develop their own initiative under the guidance

of their dads. Just what work and play is done in any tribe is left for the tribe to decide. Activities include things like handicraft, inspection trips, storytelling, team games, informal discussions, swimming, hikes, camping, plants, nature lore and study of Indian relics.

ANNUAL FEDERATION activities encompass a fall camp-out at Camp Ohyesa in October, popcorn sale in November, winter camping at Ohyesa in January and February, family pancake supper in May and the Rose Moon Pow Wow at Camp Nisakone in June. A total of 354 fathers and sons

attended this pow wow in 1968.

NUMBERS like this attending Guide events is indicative of Farmington father's beliefs in the stated purpose of the Indian Guide program:

"This is a masculine program, in which boys look up to the stature and dignity of

the fathers. It is the responsibility of the father to help his son develop a masculine identity and to understand the role of an adult. The father does not lose his status as an adult simply because in some of the activities he and his son perform as partners."



BIG AND LITTLE BRAVES — A circle of friendship is formed by Farmington YMCA Indian Guide fathers and sons, from the left, Chuck Lee and son, Chip; Bob McConnell and

Stewart; Bob Schaffer, and Bob; Ernie Thomas with Chuck; Al Kleinke and Tom; Earl Bower with Eric and Clint; and Terry Kidder with son, Todd.

Farmington Socially Speaking

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A real fun affair of interest to all, young or old, and especially an ideal fun thing to do with the family, is the Indian Arts and Crafts show, sponsored by the Sarah Ann Cochran Chapter of the D.A.R. to be held Oct. 5 and 6 in the Joy Road Studios in Plymouth. The proceeds from the Indian Arts and Crafts Show will be donated to an Indian Scholarship Fund.

Rodney Dale is the authenticity consultant and co-ordinator of the show. Dale is also the vice-president of the Grand River Indian Association for Lansing.

SENATOR Youngblood plans to be at the Indian Arts and Crafts Show during the two-day presentation and hopes to meet

you there.

MR. AND MRS. KENNETH TROMBLEY of Lee Lane Ave., have just been awarded membership in a club that started on DAY ONE. They are, for the first time, proud grandparents. Daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Cooper II, of San Lorenzo, Calif. are doing fine, and so is their newborn son, Rodney Cooper III.

News of the arrival of the newborn grandson was received by Mr. and Mrs. Trombley during their stay in Missouri, where daughter Barbara is attending Cottey College.

RIBBONS of every color for entries ranging from Horticul-

ture to Table Settings, were received by several Hill and Dale Garden Club of Farmington members who entered the State Fair Flower Show and the Harvest Festival sponsored by the Michigan Horticulture Society.

Ribbon awards for Harvest Festival entries were received by Mrs. John King, of Marblehead Ave.; Mrs. Arthur Thomas, of Carson Rd.; Mrs. George Kopsjak, of Nottingham; Mrs. George Reinold, of Ridgewood Dr.; and Mrs. Edward Rosinski, of Bannockburn.

Receiving awards in the State Fair Flower Show section were Mrs. Harry Finlay, of Farmington Rd.; Mrs. John King, of Marblehead Ave.; and Mrs. Edward Rosinski, of Bannockburn.



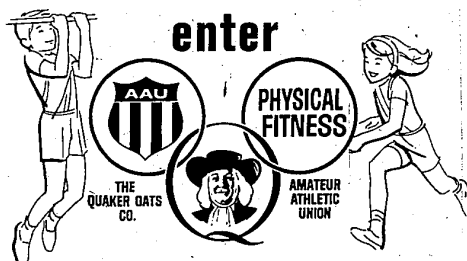
LENGTHY GOOD WISHES — Young friends of seven-year-old Bobby Rogers, 24095 Farmington Rd., Farmington, greeted him with this huge get-well card when he came home last

week from Children's Hospital after having a kidney removed. Bobby convalesced with his collie "Beau," who was recovering from a cut paw.

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TIME: 10 A.M.