



Kettering Y Guides

Pony Express

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Upcoming Events



Holiday at Home Parade

September 7, 2009 - 9:00 am



Fall Campout - Camp Kern

September 18 - 20, 2009

Events and Y-guides information available 24/7 at:
www.ketteringnation.org

Monthly Yuk: Back to School

Where do Crayons go on Vacation?

See back for answer

Welcome to 2009-10 Guides!

By Craig "Dadzilla" Davis (2009-10 Nation Chief)

As a family of 7 (5 kids, that is!), our house is usually a busy, loud, fun, and sometimes hectic place to be. As summer draws to a close and the kids are growing tired of the pool, starting to remind us of all the things we forget to buy when back-to-school shopping, means its time to start the new fall activities!

When my oldest son started Kindergarten, our neighbor told us about this cool thing they do throughout the fall, winter, and spring called "Indian Guides". Stories of Campouts, Fishing, Torch Parades, Laser Tag, going to sporting events, the Air Force museum. Late-night parties at the "Y" in the winter with the pool and the pinewood derby races. Hayden (and I) said "*count us in!*".

That was 5 years ago, and I wouldn't change a thing, nor would Hayden "Kidzilla", Jack "Snapping Turtle", and Hank who are all following in their brother's footsteps. Their sisters, Olivia "Liv Ladybug" and Lucy "Queen Bee", in the Wanderer's and Princesses agree!

Looking back at all of our patches from events reminds us of the many great times we've shared together as Father and Son(s).

Get ready for a fun year, and make sure you aren't "selfish" – tell a friend about the Guides and Princesses. It will make a positive difference in more ways than any of us will ever know.

See you at the Parade! Bring your vest (and if you don't have one yet you can buy one at the parade this year – see details on page 2 of the Pony Express!)



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Adventure Guide Aims



Recite the Adventure Guide Aims to your Territory Chief and you'll receive your Aim's Patch.

- To be clean in body and pure in heart
- To be pals forever with my Dad/Son
- To love the sacred circle of my family
- To be attentive while others speak
- To love my neighbor as myself
- To respect the traditions and beliefs of all people
- To seek and preserve the beauty of the Creator's work in forest, field and stream



Nation Vests Available!

We have so many great memories from each of the events we do with our boys, yet many of us don't have a vest to attach the patches to. It's a great way to preserve the memories and also joins us together as a nation at our events!

You can now get a vest quickly, easily, and at a discount directly from the program! We will have them available at the parade in various sizes. They are blue denim, and are \$15 for Youth sizes and \$20 for Adult sizes.

If you want one before the parade to get your patches caught-up, please contact Craig Davis @ craig.davis@lexisnexis.com – 937-865-7632 (W) – 937-296-9344 (H).

Don't forget to indicate the sizes you need:

Youth Med (10/12) ** Most popular; Youth Lg (14/16);
Men's Large (42/44); Men's XL (44/46) ** Most Popular;
Men's XXL (48/50) add \$3.00.

Monthly Yuk: Answer

Where do Crayons go on Vacation?

Color-Rado

Guides Plus is Being Rejuvenated

Football is in the air, kids are heading back to school, summer vacations are winding down and something's returning that hasn't been around for a couple of years. THAT'S RIGHT GUIDES PLUS. Things will officially kick-off with a Fall Camp out, October 9-11, at Camp Kern. The accommodations will be Elk Lodge.

Not familiar with Guides Plus? Guides Plus is much like the Guides program we have all enjoyed over the years, but a bit more laid back. There are no monthly meetings. There have outings but they are geared towards an older age group. It's a pay as you go program, so there are no more candy sales or any other kind of fund raising. There no separate territories, circles, tribes etc, just one group of fathers and sons enjoying time together.

The Fall Campout is generally the first event of the year. At the campout we have the boys decide what events they want to do the rest of the year. Dads then volunteer to organize an outing or event.

More about this year's campout. As stated earlier we will be staying at Elk Lodge which is located just beyond the horse barns. Friday evening's meal is a BYO. The remaining meals are Camp Kern fare brought to us at Elk. The usual camp activities are available during the day Saturday. However, if we get enough people interested, usually at least 10 are required; we can have a special activity such as hi ropes or Tango Tower for an additional fee.

The campout price is \$100 per father/son and \$40 for each additional son.
(Based on 15 Dad/Son combos committed on going)

If you have any questions regarding the Guides Plus or Fall Campout contact Todd Post at 294-3936.