

CAMP CULLEN CHALLENGE OF THE TRAIL / COUNCIL FIRE CEREMONY

WEEKEND ASSIGNMENTS

Weekend: _____

Nation Chief: _____

Guide Chief: _____

Princess Chief: _____

Asst. Princess Chief: _____

Medicine Man: _____

Tallykeeper: _____

Story Teller: _____

North Wind: _____

South Wind: _____

East Wind: _____

West Wind: _____

Firebuilders: _____

YMCA Agent: _____

CHALLENGE OF THE TRAIL STARTING PROCEDURE

1. Officers, Winds and their children meet in the Mess Hall at 6:45 PM.
Choose headdresses.
Answer remaining questions.
2. YMCA Agent takes the Winds and their children down the Trail at 6:50 PM.
3. All tribes should assemble at the base of the stairs outside the Mess Hall by 7:00 PM.
4. Split tribes into 2 or 3 groups led by the Guide Chief, Princess Chief, and if necessary, the Asst. Princess Chief (the third group is only necessary if there are more than 60 Princesses).
5. The first group should start down the Trail at 7:00 PM. The second and third groups should start down the Trail 5 minutes after the group in front of them.

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TEST OF THE NORTH WIND

North Wind: *[Introduce yourself and your child in a dramatic way]*
WHO COMES BEFORE US, AND WHAT DO YOU
SEEK?

Chief: WE ARE THE TRIBES OF THE KATORI NATION,
AND WE SEEK PASSAGE TO OUR COUNCIL FIRE.
CAN YOU SHOW US THE WAY?

North Wind: WE CAN SHOW YOU THE WAY. BUT FIRST, YOU
MUST PASS OUR TEST. CAN YOU TELL US THE
PURPOSE OF YOUR ADVENTURE PROGRAM?

Tribes: TO FOSTER UNDERSTANDING AND
COMPANIONSHIP BETWEEN FATHER AND
(DAUGHTER OR SON)

North Wind: *[If they were not loud enough, make them repeat it.
If they were loud enough, point to the next wind.]*
YA-TA-HEY!

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TEST OF THE SOUTH WIND

South Wind: *[Introduce yourself and your child in a dramatic way]*
WHO COMES BEFORE US, AND WHAT DO YOU
SEEK?

Chief: WE ARE THE TRIBES OF THE KATORI AND
SONGAN NATION, AND WE SEEK PASSAGE TO
OUR COUNCIL FIRE. CAN YOU SHOW US THE
WAY?

South Wind: WE CAN SHOW YOU THE WAY. BUT FIRST, YOU
MUST PASS OUR TEST. CAN YOU TELL US THE
SLOGAN OF YOUR ADVENTURE PROGRAM?

Tribes: FRIENDS FOREVER

South Wind: *[If they were not loud enough, make them repeat it.
If they were loud enough, point to the next wind.]*
YA-TA-HEY!

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TEST OF THE EAST WIND

East Wind: *[Introduce yourself and your child in a dramatic way]*
WHO COMES BEFORE US, AND WHAT DO YOU
SEEK?

Chief: WE ARE THE TRIBES OF THE KATORI AND
SONGAN NATION, AND WE SEEK PASSAGE TO
OUR COUNCIL FIRE. CAN YOU SHOW US THE
WAY?

East Wind: WE CAN SHOW YOU THE WAY. BUT FIRST, YOU
MUST PASS OUR TEST. CAN YOU TELL US THE
AIMS OF YOUR ADVENTURE PROGRAM?

Tribes: TO BE CLEAN IN BODY, AND PURE IN HEART.
TO BE FRIENDS FOREVER WITH MY FATHER
(Dads say “DAUGHTER” OR “SON”).
TO LOVE THE SACRED CIRCLE OF MY FAMILY.
TO BE ATTENTIVE WHILE OTHERS SPEAK.
TO LOVE MY NEIGHBOR AS MYSELF.
TO SEEK AND PRESERVE THE BEAUTY OF THE
GREAT CREATOR’S WORK, IN FOREST, FIELD,
AND STREAM.

East Wind: *[Make them think you might make them repeat it, then
point to the next wind.]*
YA-TA-HEY!

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TEST OF THE WEST WIND

West Wind: *[Introduce yourself and your child in a dramatic way]*
WHO COMES BEFORE US, AND WHAT DO YOU
SEEK?

Chief: WE ARE THE TRIBES OF THE KATORI NATION,
AND WE SEEK PASSAGE TO OUR COUNCIL FIRE.
CAN YOU SHOW US THE WAY?

West Wind: WE CAN SHOW YOU THE WAY. BUT FIRST, YOU
MUST PASS OUR TEST. CAN YOU TELL US THE
PLEDGE OF THE KATORI NATION?

Tribes: WE, FATHER AND (DAUGHTER OR SON),
THROUGH FRIENDLY SERVICE TO EACH OTHER,
TO OUR FAMILY,
TO THIS TRIBE,
AND TO OUR COMMUNITY,
SEEK A WORLD PLEASING TO THE EYE OF THE
GREAT CREATOR.

West Wind: *[Make them think you might make them repeat it, then
point to the next wind.]*
YA-TA-HEY!

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COUNCIL FIRE CEREMONY

Nation Chief: YA-TA-HEY, KATORI NATION!

Nation: YA TA HEY!

Nation Chief: HAS EVERYONE HAD A GOOD TIME TODAY?

LET US BEGIN BY THANKING THE GREAT CREATOR FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE WITH OUR FAMILY AND OUR FRIENDS, AND BY ASKING HIM TO SMILE ON THIS COUNCIL.

I ALSO ASK THE GREAT CREATOR TO REMIND ALL THE TRIBES OF THIS GREAT NATION TO BE KIND AND GENTLE TO THEIR NATION CHIEF DURING THE SKITS.

Nation: YA-TA-HEY!

Nation Chief: I AM THE NATION CHIEF. MY NAME IS (dad's Name) ,
AND THIS IS (child's name) .

GUIDE AND PRINCESS CHIEFS, PLEASE INTRODUCE YOURSELVES.

Guides Chief: I AM THE GUIDES CHIEF. MY NAME IS (dad's Name) ,
AND THIS IS MY YOUNG GUIDE, (child's name) .

Princess Chief: I AM THE PRINCESS CHIEF. MY NAME IS (dad's Name) ,
AND THIS IS MY YOUNG PRINCESS, (child's name) .

Nation Chief: WE WELCOME ALL THE DADS, GUIDES AND PRINCESSES OF THE MIGHTY KATORI NATION TO THE COUNCIL FIRE.

YOU HAVE TRAVELED FAR AND PASSED THE CHALLENGE OF THE TRAIL. IN FACT, NO ONE FELL IN THE INFAMOUS DITCH OF DEATH.

WE ARE A STRONG NATION. YA-TA-HEY, YA-TA-HEY

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Guides Chief: NOBLE NATION CHIEF, WE HAVE NO FIRE AT OUR COUNCIL.
WE MUST HAVE A FIRE.

Princess Chief:I AGREE, WE MUST HAVE A FIRE AT OUR COUNCIL TO WARM
THE CLEAN BODIES AND PURE HEARTS OF OUR DADS, GUIDES
AND PRINCESSES.

Guides Chief: WE NEED THE MEDICINE MAN TO CALL UPON THE GREAT
CREATOR TO LIGHT OUR COUNCIL FIRE, BUT HE IS NOT HERE.

Princess Chief:I HAVE NOT SEEN THE MEDICINE MAN SINCE HE COLLECTED
ALL OF THE WONDERFUL NATURE GIFTS FROM THE GUIDES
AND PRINCESSES THIS AFTERNOON.

Nation Chief: DID ANYONE SEE HIM ON THE CHALLENGE OF THE TRAIL?
MAYBE HE IS LOST. EVERYONE, HELP ME CALL FOR HIM.

Nation: MEDICINE MAN! MEDICINE MAN! MEDICINE MAN!
(Chant until the Medicine Man appears.)

Medicine Man: (Medicine Man makes a dramatic entrance.)
I AM (dad's Name) AND THIS IS (child's name) .

WE HAVE SPOKEN TO THE GREAT CREATOR, AND HE WILL
HELP US START THE COUNCIL FIRE, BUT WE MUST HAVE THE
RIGHT INGREDIENTS.FIRST, WE MUST HAVE THE PUREST AIR
TO MAKE THE FIRE STRONG. CAN ANYONE GIVE ME THE
PUREST AIR?

Princess Chief:WE CAN. WE HAVE SWAM THE DANGEROUS LAKE AND BEEN
TO THE TOP OF GOAT ISLAND. WE HAVE FOUND THE PUREST
AIR. (child's name) HAS BROUGHT IT HERE FOR YOU.

Medicine Man:THANK YOU, PEERLESS PRINCESS CHIEF. NOW WE NEED THE
PUREST BARK SO THAT THE FIRE WILL BURN LONG AND
BRIGHT. WHO HAS THE PUREST BARK?

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Guides Chief: WE DO. WE WENT DEEP INTO THE CULLEN FOREST, CLIMBED THE STEEPEST MOUNTAIN, CLIMBED THE TALLEST TREE, AND FOUND THE PUREST BARK. (child's name) HAS BROUGHT IT HERE FOR YOU.

Medicine Man: THANK YOU, GUILFUL GUIDES CHIEF. WE NOW HAVE ALL THE INGREDIENTS WE NEED TO START OUR FIRE, EXCEPT THE SPARK. I WILL ASK THE GREAT CREATOR FOR THE SPARK.

Medicine Man: O GREAT CREATOR, THE KATORI NATION HAS GATHERED FOR A COUNCIL, BUT WE HAVE NO FIRE. WE ASK YOU FOR THE SPARK, ONLY YOU CAN GIVE, TO START OUR FIRE, AND WARM OUR COUNCIL.

KATORI NATION, HELP ME ASK THE GREAT CREATOR FOR FIRE BY CHANTING "TONKA" AS LOUD AS YOU CAN.

Nation: TONKA! TONKA! TONKA! (Chant until the fire is started.)

Nation Chief: THANK YOU, MIGHTY MEDICINE MAN.

I NOW ASK THE Firebuilders TRIBE TO COME FORWARD.

ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE KATORI NATION, I THANK YOU, THE Firebuilders TRIBE, FOR BUILDING THIS GLORIOUS FIRE. TO RECOGNIZE YOUR WORK, WE AWARD EACH OF YOU THE KATORI NATION FIREBUILDERS PATCH.

TALLY KEEPER, WE ARE READY TO PROCEED WITH THE ROLL.

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Tally Keeper: I AM (dad's Name) AND THIS IS (child's name) .

I WILL NOW CALL THE NATION ROLL. WHEN I CALL EACH TRIBE'S NAME, THE TRIBAL LEADER SHOULD STAND AND LOUDLY PROCLAIM THE NUMBER OF DADS, PRINCESSES OR GUIDES YOU HAVE BROUGHT TO THE COUNCIL FIRE.

IF YOU HAVE A SKIT TO SHARE WITH THE NATION, COME FORWARD WHEN I ANNOUNCE YOUR TRIBE IS "ON DECK", AND WAIT ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE STAGE (motion to your right). WHEN I ANNOUNCE IT IS YOUR TURN, PROCLAIM THE NUMBER OF DADS, PRINCESSES OR GUIDES, PRESENT YOUR SKITS, THEN EXIT ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE STAGE (motion to your left).

(You may want to arrange beforehand for the Firebuilders to be the first tribe, and have them waiting on the right side of the stage.)

THE FIRST TRIBE IS THE _____,
AND THE _____ TRIBE IS ON DECK.

(Proceed through the roll, generally from the youngest to the oldest tribe. The tribe that found Good Medicine may request to be the last tribe.)

HAVE I CALLED EVERY TRIBE?

NATION CHIEF, THE ROLL OF THE KATORI NATION COUNCIL FIRE HAS BEEN CALLED AND RECORDED ON THE NATION BIRCH BARK SCROLLS.

Nation Chief: THANK YOU, TALLYKEEPER.

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Option #1 (if time and weather permits):

Nation Chief: I NOW ASK THE NATION SAGE TO COME FORWARD TO ENTERTAIN AND ENLIGHTEN THE NATION WITH A STORY.

Sage: I AM ___(dad's Name)___ AND THIS IS ___(child's name)___ .

(Tell story.)

Nation Chief: THANK YOU, SAGE, FOR YOUR WORDS OF WISDOM.

Option #2 (if time and weather permits):

Nation Chief: OK, LET'S FIND WHO HAS BEEN TO CAMP CULLEN THE MOST TIMES. EVERYONE PLEASE STAND UP.

IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST TRIP TO CAMP CULLEN, PLEASE SIT DOWN.

IF THIS IS YOUR SECOND TRIP TO CAMP CULLEN, PLEASE SIT DOWN.

(Continue sitting people down until only a few are left standing. Ask the remaining to state their name and the number of times they have been to Camp Cullen, the sit down.)

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Nation Chief: BEFORE WE CLOSE, THERE IS ONE MORE GROUP TO RECOGNIZE. EVERYONE PLEASE STAND UP.

GUIDES AND PRINCESSES, THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO RECOGNIZE YOUR DAD. GIVE HIM A BIG HUG, AND THANK HIM FOR BRINGING YOU TO CAMP CULLEN.

Nation Chief: I NOW CALL UPON THE MEDICINE MAN TO CLOSE OUR COUNCIL.

Medicine Man: O GREAT CREATOR, WE THANK YOU FOR THIS GREAT COUNCIL, AND WE ASK YOU TO SMILE ON US IN OUR JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE.

WE WILL NOW CLOSE THIS COUNCIL BY RECITING THE TRADITIONAL NATION CLOSING.

Nation: AND NOW,
MAY THE GREAT CREATOR
OF ALL CREATIONS
BE WITH YOU
NOW,
AND FOREVER MORE.