

KATORI NATION INDUCTION CEREMONY

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[When the family and friends reach the stage area, they set their folding chairs up several yards behind the permanent benches.]

Existing Tribes: *[When the existing tribes reach the clearing to the stage area, they form a human corridor for the new tribes to pass through, then welcome the new tribes with beating drums, clapping hands, and synchronized chants]*

Hi! HOW ARE YOU?

and

KATORI NATION, YA-TA-HEY!

[After passing through the human corridor, the new tribes sit on the benches in front, and the existing tribes sit behind them.]

[The Nation Chief, Princess Chief, Guides Chief, the Meshenua Chief, and their children stand on the stage.]

Nation Chief: Good evening and welcome to the Katori Nation Induction Ceremony. I am__ (Adventure Name)_, and I have the honor of being the Nation Chief of this mighty Katori Nation. This is my (Son or Daughter), _(Adventure Name)___, and we are members of the _(Tribe Name)_ tribe.

Nation: **YA-TA-HEY!**

It is wonderful to see so many new returning Adventure Dads, Guides and Princesses. You have prepared well, traveled far, and overcome many challenges.

You should be very proud of yourselves.

Nation: **YA-TA-HEY!**

Nation Chief: The Katori Nation begins all its important ceremonies with the Medicine Man lighting the Council Fire. To prepare for this task, the Medicine Man has been searching throughout the Camp Cinco forest for guidance from the Great Spirit. Please help me call him now, by beating your drums, clapping your hands, and chanting "Medicine Man!"

Nation: *[Continue chanting until the Medicine Man reaches the stage.]*

MEDICINE MAN! MEDICINE MAN! MEDICINE MAN! MEDICINE MAN!

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Medicine Man: *[Make grand entrance, study the fire a few seconds, then come onto the stage. Introduce yourself and your child.]*

O Great Creator, we thank You for everything You have given.
We thank You for our family, our friends, and this opportunity to be with them.
We also ask You to bless our nation and its members.
We also ask You to share the warmth and light of your fire with us at this Induction Ceremony.

[The fire starting chemical are activated and the fire should start. If the chemicals fail, the Medicine Man starts the fire with a torch.]

Nation Chief: What a great fire!
Thank you Medicine Man, for getting our ceremony off to a great start!

***The nation would now like to thank the (tribe) tribe for building tonight's fire. Will the (tribe) please stand up and be recognized?

***For their efforts, the (tribe) will receive the Fire Builder patch at the next Longhouse.

***Another tribe that deserves our thanks tonight is the (tribe), for helping to direct the parking. Will the (tribe)'s please stand up and be recognized?

***The (tribe's) reward for their efforts is a free campout here at Camp Cinco.

Nation: **YA-TA-HEY!**

Nation Chief: Let us continue. Tonight as we begin another year as the Katori Nation. We have many returning tribes, and now many new tribes that want to join us. I now ask the Meshenua Chief, the Guides Chief, and the Princess Chief to please come forward.

Meshenua Chief, you have done well. You have brought many new tribes to our Council Fire. Our Nation grows strong. Will you please prepare the new tribes for induction?

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Meshenua Chief: *[Introduce yourself and your child.]*

Katori Nation, tonight we bring before you many new Adventure Dads, Guides, and Princesses. They have heard of our wonderful purposes, slogans, aims and pledge, and they wish to become a part of our great nation.

Guide Chief: *[Introduce yourself and your child.]*

Meshenua Chief, you have brought many new Guides and their Adventure Dads. They may join our nation if they are willing to learn the purpose and aims of the Indian Guides program.

Meshenua Chief: The new Guides and Big Braves we bring you are willing to learn. I now ask all new Guides and their Adventure Dads to stand.

Princess Chief: *[Introduce yourself and your child.]*

We see many new Princesses and their Adventure Dads. They may join our nation if they are willing to learn the purpose and aims of the Indian Princesses program.

Meshenua Chief: The new Princesses and Adventure Dads we bring you are willing to learn. I now ask all new Princesses and their Adventure Dads to stand.

Guides Chief: We have a few more questions. Are these new members willing to accept the duties of friendship and service that come through membership in our nation?

Meshenua Chief: They are.

Princess Chief: Do these new members support our nation's primary goal of enhancing relationships between fathers and their children?

Meshenua Chief: They do.

Nation Chief: __ (Meshenua Chief Adventure Name) __, I am convinced. These new tribes are worthy to join the Katori Nation. Please prepare them for their induction.

Meshenua Chief: New Adventure Dads, face the center of the Council Fire, and have your Guide or Princess stand in front of you, facing you. Now, put your arms over their shoulders to show the love you share.

Nation Chief: Oh Great Creator, master of life, look down upon these new members. Prepare them for the friendship, the fun, and the challenges they will share with each other in the coming years. Since they are willing to learn our purposes and aims, and they support our primary goal, we welcome them into our Nation with a resounding Ya-Ta-Hey!

Nation: **YA-TA-HEY!**

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Nation Chief: Let us now complete the ceremony. Medicine Man, please continue.

Medicine Man: I ask the entire Katori Nation to please stand.

Adventure Dads, face the center of the Council Fire.
Guides and Princesses, stand in front of your Adventure Dads, and face him.
Adventure Dads, extend your right hand and grasp your child's right hand.
Adventure Dads, place your left hand on the shoulder of the Adventure Dad to your left. Guides and Princesses, place your left hand on the shoulder of the Guide or Princess to your left.

Adventure Dads, Princesses and Guides, the position you are now holding signifies the close relationship between father and child with the clasped right hands, and the unity of the tribes and the nation with the left hands on your neighbor's shoulder.

Now, repeat after me, the Katori Nation Pledge.

We, Father and Child,
Through friendly service to each other,
To our family,
To our tribe,
And to our community,
Seek a world pleasing to the eye of the Great Creator.

Nation: **YA-TA-HEY!**

Nation Chief: _(Medicine Man Adventure Name)_, you have done well. Thank you.

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Optional #1 *[If time, weather, and the mosquitos permit, have someone tell a story.]*

Nation Chief: Let us now sit back and relax as (Nation Chief or selected officer) entertain and enlighten everyone with a story.

Meshenua Chief: *[Tell a 3 to 6 minute story.]*

Nation Chief: Thank you, You are indeed very wise.

Nation: **YA-TA-HEY!**

Optional #2 *[If time, weather, and the mosquitos permit, recognize the Nation Officers.]*

Nation Chief: I now ask all the Nation Officers to please join me on the stage.

These are the Adventure Dads that make this nation work,
On behalf of the Katori Nation, I thank every one of you. As a symbol of our
Appreciation, I would like to give you your Nation Officers' patch.

[Give an officer patch to each officer present.]

Katori Nation, these Adventure Dads deserve the loudest Ya-Ta-Hey" you can
muster.

Nation: **YA-TA-HEY!**

Nation Chief: If there are any Adventure Dads in the audience who would like to help us lead
this Nation, please contact any of the officers. We will be happy to match your
talents and desires to our needs.

Optional #3 *[If time, weather, and the mosquitos permit, do a roll call.]*

Nation Chief: Katori Nation, you may now have a seat and relax as we find out which tribes
have come to our Council Fire tonight. I would like one Adventure Dad from
each tribe to stand, state the name of his tribe, and the number of Adventure
Dad, Guides or Princesses with us tonight. Let us begin in the back with the
returning tribes, and work our way forward.

[Allow each tribe to speak.]

Nation Chief: Have all the tribes had a chance to announce themselves?

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- Nation Chief: Can anyone tell me what the Katori phrase “Wa-Ko-Tah” means?
- That’s right! It means “We are a strong nation!”
And does everybody know what “Ya-Ta-Hey” means?
- Well, sometimes it just means “Hello”, but sometimes it means “You are right!”
- So, if I shouted “Wa-Ko-Tah”, what would you shout?
- Nation: **YA-TA-HEY!**
- Nation Chief: That’s right! We are a strong nation. We have strong officers, we have strong returning tribes, and now, we have strong new tribes.
- Nation Chief: Wa-Ko-Tah!
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- Nation: **YA-TA-HEY!**
- Nation Chief: Does anyone else have business to bring before this Council Fire?
- If not, it is time to close this Induction Ceremony. Will everybody please stand?
- Unlike the closing ceremony we do in our homes, after this closing, in this forest, you may make as much noise as you wish.
- After the closing, everyone is welcome to stay and enjoy the fire.
- Thank you, and good night.
- Nation: **AND NOW,
MAY THE GREAT CREATOR,
OF ALL CREATION,
BE WITH YOU
NOW,
AND FOREVER MORE.**
- YA-TA-HEY!**