

ILLINI LONGHOUSE INDIAN GUIDES

MEETING PROCEDURE

BEATING OF THE TOM-TOM: All big and little braves quickly be seated in a circle around the Tom-Tom bearer. After all braves are seated twelve (12) distinct beats are given and the pledge is spoken in unison:

"WE, FATHER AND 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 SPIRIT."

MEETING RITUAL: Now, two (2) distinct beats on the Tom-Tom.

CHIEF: "Tom-Tom beater, why do you beat the Tom-Tom?"

TOM-TOM BEATER: (Usually son the Big Brave Host)
"Chief, my Tom-Tom calls the Tribe to Council."

CHIEF: "Tribe, what are the six (6) aims of the Y-Indian Guides?"

TRIBE: "TO BE CLEAN IN BODY AND PURE IN HEART; TO BE FRIENDS FOREVER WITH MY DAD/SON; TO LOVE THE SACRED CIRCLE OF MY FAMILY; TO BE ATTENTIVE WHILE OTHERS SPEAK; TO LOVE MY NEIGHBORS AS MYSELF; TO SEEK AND PRESERVE THE BEAUTY OF THE GREAT SPIRIT'S WORK IN FOREST, FIELD AND STREAM."

CHIEF: "What is the slogan of the Y-Indian Guides?"

TRIBE: "PALS FOREVER"

CHIEF: "Little Braves, who are Y-Indian Guides?"

LITTLE BRAVES: "THE Y-INDIAN GUIDES ARE BIG BRAVES AND LITTLE BRAVES WHO DO THINGS TOGETHER, LIKE MY DAD AND I."

CHIEF: "Wampumbearer, call the roll and please collect the Wampum." (Usually \$1.00 per little or big brave - or any amount the tribe decides.)

WAMPUMBEARER: (Approaches each little brave and when he is near the little brave stands up. The little brave steps forward, says his given name followed by his Indian name, takes the "Talking Stick" and tells the tribe how he earned his Wampum. After the little brave tells the tribe how he earned his Wampum, the tribe responds: "TONKA HAY!" After all the little braves have reported, the Wampumbearer says: "CHIEF, THE ROLL IS CALLED AND THE WAMPUM IS COLLECTED."

CHIEF: "Does any little brave have a scouting report?"

LITTLE BRAVE: (Tells anything he likes to about what he did or saw since the last meeting. He is recognized to speak by being given the "Talking Stick" while he is speaking.)

CHIEF: "Does any little brave and big brave report the earning of a feather award?"

BRAVES: (Each little brave and dad are recognized by the Chief, given the talking stick, and tell what feather is earned or will be earned. The Feather Bearer awards whatever feather is earned.)

CHIEF: (New business, old business. Discuss Nation events, next meeting, etc.)

HANDICRAFT: Host Little and Big Brave conduct craft, game, story, songs, etc.

CLOSING CEREMONY: (With arms extended high and gradually lowered, the entire tribe recites):

"FATHER, A NEEDY ONE STANDS BEFORE THEE. I THAT SPEAK, AM HE. TONKA HAY!"

CHIEF: "Braves, the Council is ended."

REFRESHMENTS: "Drinks, cookies, etc. Depart from home."