



## Welcome to the Adventure Guides!

At the Magdalena Ecke YMCA, we have 5 separate Nations of Adventure Guides (fathers/sons) & 5 separate nations of Adventure Princesses (fathers/daughters). We also have mother/daughter and mother/son programs. A nation consists about 15 tribes and about 175 dads.

The program is designed for ages 5–10 year-olds and their dads. Tribes consist of members from a general geographic area and can be from many schools.

A tribe has about 15 or so dads. They typically meet once a month as a tribe in each other's homes on a rotating basis. Then, the tribes all come together for a nation event one weekend a month. Each nation has a different calendar of monthly events that vary from extremely primitive (bring in your water and pack out your trash) to staying in a nice camp with bunk beds and all meals provided. The cost of each event varies from about \$28-50/person for the weekend to as much as \$140-\$160/person for the weekend. Dads seem to attend about 66% of the events in any year.

The equipment needed to attend a primitive weekend event would be a small tent, sleeping bags, cooler, flashlight, clothes & sand chairs at the minimum. The tribes quite often work out their meals together and can therefore share cooking supplies. They decide ahead of time who will bring what for the upcoming event. A weekend at a full service camp would require only flashlight, clothes and a sleeping bag.

Each year a club participant pays for the annual dues of \$75 (YMCA member price)/\$90 (non-member price). All club members may view their nation calendar, flyers, maps and other pertinent information online, at the Magdalena Ecke Family YMCA website:

[http://eckecamp.org/pub/adventure\\_guides/](http://eckecamp.org/pub/adventure_guides/)

Also, in your first year, there are other miscellaneous expenses for things like the material packet and perhaps the vest and most tribes have tribal t-shirts or sweatshirts.

We encourage you and your son to attend our Welcome Back and Recruiting Picnic on September 7<sup>th</sup>. This event will be held from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at San Dieguito Park for Adventure Guides. This event will give you a chance to meet other dads and sons in the program. There will be games, a craft, BBQ picnic and more! Don't forget to register so that we know how many to expect. At this fun, FREE event you will be placed in a tribe and nation.

If you know someone in the program already, you can join their tribe if the tribe says it's okay.

I hope this helps. If you have additional questions, please contact Tommi Mann @ 760-942-9622 ext. 1022.