



Parent Child Program

A New Direction

Beginnings...

In the early 1920's, **Harold Keltner**, A YMCA Executive in St. Louis, Missouri and **Joe Friday**, an Ojibway Indian hunting guide **founded a Y Parent Child** program called Y Indian Guides. This program is based on Dignity, Patience, Endurance, Spirituality, Feeling for the Earth and Concern for the family.



Therefore, keeping the legacy of Harold Keltner and Joe Friday always in mind, we present...

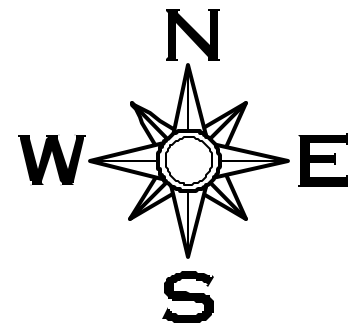




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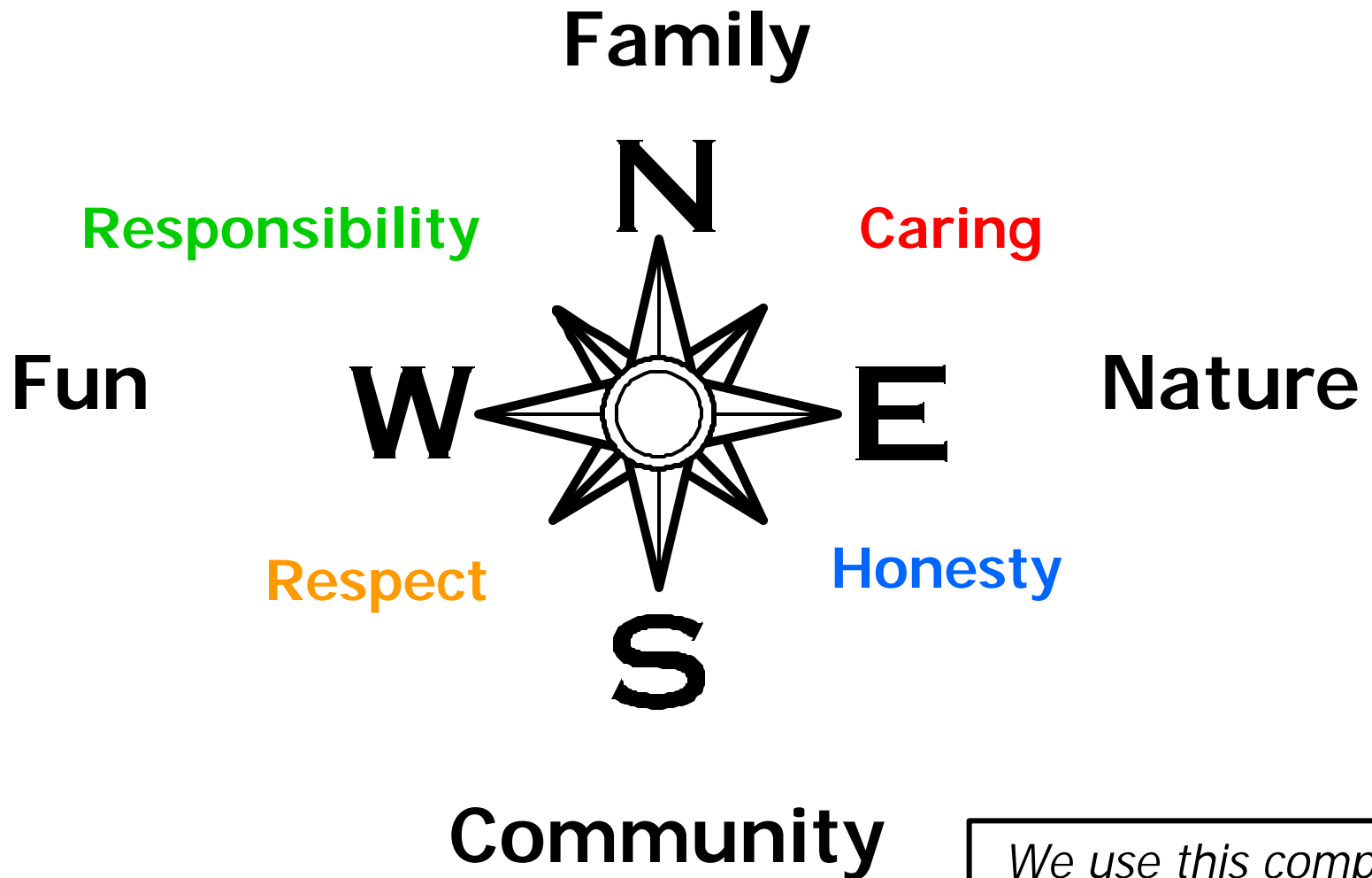
*“Parents & Children
on a
Journey Together”*

“Friends Forever”





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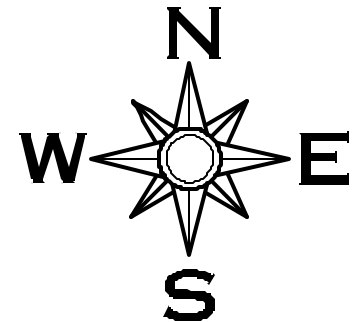


We use this compass as a tool to navigate the journey.

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Explanation of the Program Compass

- The **Family** is True North – the focal point of the program
- **Nature** and the camping experience is integral part of the program
- The spirit of the program is experienced through belonging to a small **Community**
- **Fun** is the Magic of the Program



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Explanation of the Program Compass – cont.

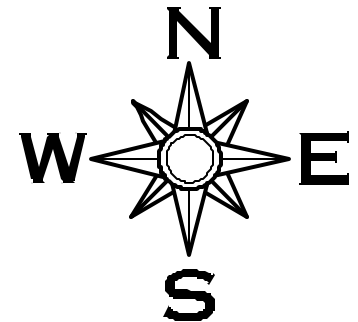
The YMCA Core Values provide direction as parents guide children on their journey

Caring

Honesty

Respect

Responsibility



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Program Aims and Purposes

Purpose: The purpose of the YMCA Adventures Program is to foster companionship of parent and child.

Slogan: "Friends Forever"

Aims:

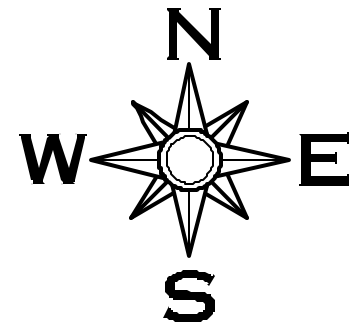
- ❖ To be clean in body and pure in heart
- ❖ To be Friends Forever with my Father/Mother/Son/Daughter/Family
- ❖ To Love the sacred circle of my family
- ❖ To listen while others speak
- ❖ To love my neighbor as myself
- ❖ To respect the traditions and beliefs of all people
- ❖ To seek and preserve the beauty of the Creator's work in forest, field and stream.

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In the Y Adventure Guides Program

The Parent is the Y Guide
The Child is the Y Explorer

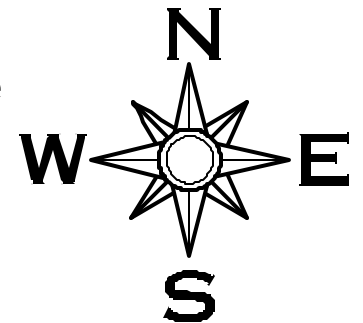
and... sometimes the roles will reverse!



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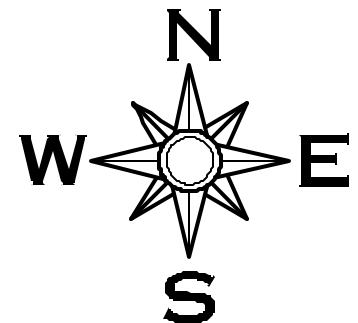
- Maintains strong emphasis on parent and child doing activities TOGETHER in a small group community
- Introduces and welcomes FAMILY participation
- Continues emphasis on volunteer participation and leadership
- Allows the local Y the creativity to expand the MAGIC!



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The program has the following additional elements:

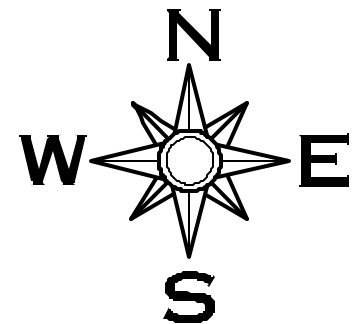
- Patches to recognize participation in events, organization positions etc.
- Apparel including a vest to place the patches and baseball caps
- Guides and Explorers will select program names that reflect their personal interests or personality traits.
- Element of spirituality



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The program will include the following elements:

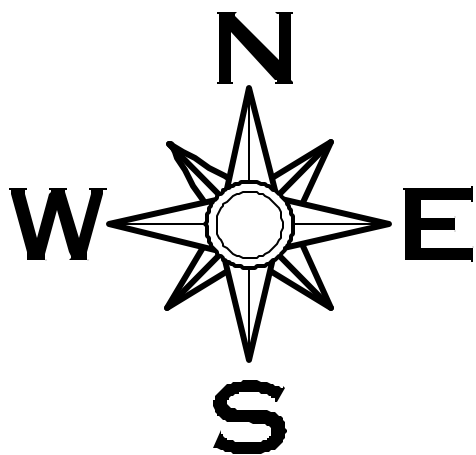
- Songs
- Skits
- Stories
- Ceremonies
- Arts/Crafts
- Activities
- Program Property
- Awards
- Greeting
- Family Opportunities
- Leader Apparel
- More ideas for creating the “MAGIC”



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