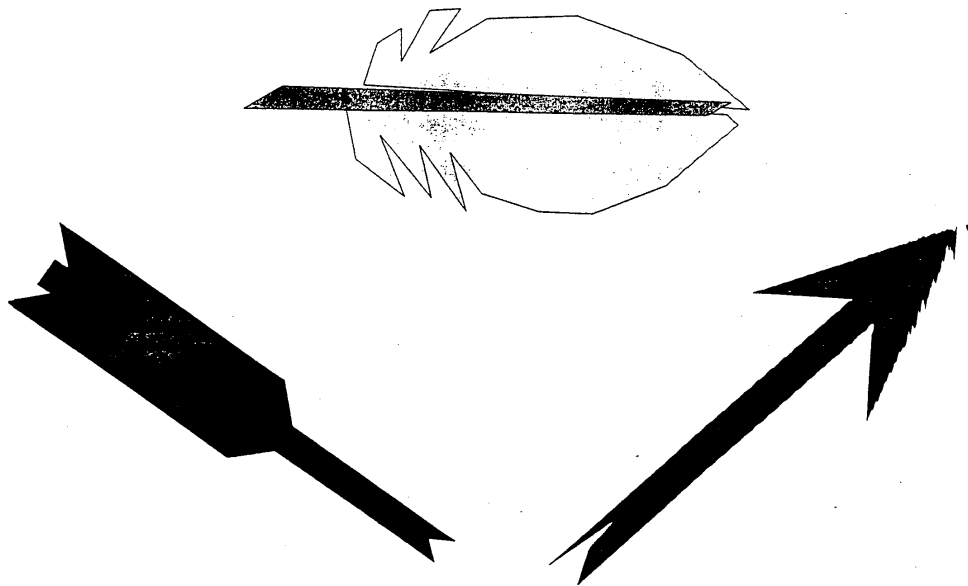


# FEATHER PROGRAM



BROKEN ARROW  
NATION

# YMCA INDIAN GUIDES BROKEN ARROW NATION FEATHER AWARDS PROGRAM

## Award Feathers and their symbolic meaning

**Falcon Sky Feather**, honoring the great sky father which provides the air we breathe, surrounds and protects the great earth mother, is a home to the clouds which give us rain to help grow our food, fill our streams - lakes - and oceans. (Feather Award #1)

**Falcon Earth Feather**, honoring the great earth mother which is our home, and which nourishes and helps all living things to grow. (Feather Award #2)

**Falcon Water Feather**, honoring the great water spirit which is part of all living things, and which all living things require to live and celebrate our lives upon the great earth mother. (Feather Award #3)

**Falcon Life Feather**, honoring all living things (our true brothers and sisters) which share the great mother earth with us, and with whom we all share and participate in life's great circle. (Feather Award #4)

**Eagle Sun Feather**, honoring the great giver of life our sun, which provides our sky father, our earth mother, the great water spirit, and all living things with the warmth and energy to exist in this glorious place and time. (Bottom Portion of Feather Set Awards)

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While the feather awards are an important part of the Indian Guide Program, the Tribe Chief should take care to see that they remain in proper perspective to the overall design of the program.

Awards to Little Braves for various achievements are important and they should not be distributed arbitrarily like prizes in a cereal box. The award should require an honest effort on the part of the Little Brave. The idea is not to see how many feathers can be earned in a limited time, nor to set up competition between Little Braves, but to encourage each Little Brave to work at his own pace with the help of his Big Brave making it truly a co-operative earning of the feather, thus giving the feather a greater value to the Little Brave.

All decisions regarding the awarding of feathers is meant to be done by the Tribe Chief or by the Tribe Chief and his Council.

# **BROKEN ARROW NATION**

## **FEATHER AWARDS Set 1**

### **Light Blue Feather / Black tip**

Know and repeat before tribe the Indian names of each Little Brave.

### **Light Blue Feather / Violet tip**

Repeat all six parts of the "Y" Indian Guide Aims before the tribe.

### **Light Blue Feather / Green tip**

Good conduct at three consecutive meetings.

### **Light Blue Feather / Yellow tip**

Complete three handicraft projects with dad. They must be brought and displayed to the tribe. Examples: moccasins, arm bands, finger puppets, FAScar, dreamcatchers, ect.

### **Light Blue Feather / Orange tip**

Hike two miles with dad. Make a list of interesting things observed on the hike. Turn in a report to the tribe and Tallykeeper.

### **Light Blue Feather / Red tip**

Big Brave and Little Brave take a camping trip for at least one night, cooking own food. With tribe or alone.

### **Light Blue Feather / White tip**

Arrange a night off for mother. Big Brave and Little Brave will plan, purchase, cook and serve dinner - MOTHER WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN KITCHEN. After serving dinner, Big Brave and Little Brave will do dishes. Mother furnishes statement to Tallykeeper.

Upon completion of the first set of feathers, Little Brave has earned for himself and for his father a Falcon / Sky Feather (patch one: light blue feather with gold tip). Patch will be awarded to Little Brave and Big Brave at Nation Campfire.

# **BROKEN ARROW NATION**

## **FEATHER AWARDS Set 2**

### **Brown Feather / Black tip**

Collect 10 different leaves. Mount them on a board, identify them and present them to the tribe.

### **Brown Feather / Violet tip**

Make a warshield that is about 18 inches in diameter.

### **Brown Feather / Green tip**

Draw and identify three animal tracks (tracks must be seen by Little Brave).

### **Brown Feather / Yellow tip**

Athletics: Option - 1 dad & son together do 5 Push-ups, 10 Sit-ups, Jog 1/4 mile (or walk briskly for 1 mile).  
Option - 2 dad & son together do swim of 25 feet, retrieve object from under water (water must be over Little Brave's head), tread water and/or float for two minutes.

### **Brown Feather / Orange tip**

Make and bring to Tribe meeting one home craft (craft must have some Indian Guide flavor or influence).

### **Brown Feather / Red tip**

Insect collection. Collect and identify 10 different insects. (Mount on board, identify, and bring to meeting.)

### **Brown Feather / White tip**

Seed collection. Collect and identify 10 different seeds. (Mount on board, identify, and bring to meeting.)

Upon completion of the first set of feathers, Little Brave has earned for himself and for his father a Falcon / Earth Feather (patch two: brown feather with gold tip). Patch will be awarded to Little Brave and Big Brave at Nation Campfire.

# **BROKEN ARROW NATION**

## **FEATHER AWARDS Set 3**

### **Dark Blue Feather / Black tip**

Learn nine Indian talk hand signals. Demonstrate at a tribe meeting.

### **Dark Blue Feather / Violet tip**

Tell a short story using Indian symbols. Place your story symbols on a poster and present to tribe at meeting.

### **Dark Blue Feather / Green tip**

Locate on a U.S. map the home location of all Broken Arrow Nation Tribes.

### **Dark Blue Feather / Yellow tip**

Name seven fish found in Southern California (salt and/or fresh water) and draw them on a poster board. Present at Tribe meeting.

### **Dark Blue Feather / Orange tip**

Little Brave and Big Brave take a special trip together. Little Brave is involved in planning and navigation - Big Brave serves as guide throughout. Report at Tribe meeting.

### **Dark Blue Feather / Red tip**

Build and decorate a pair of stilts. Present to tribe when completed.

Upon completion of the first set of feathers, Little Brave has earned for himself and for his father a **Falcon / Water Feather** (patch three: blue feather with gold tip). Patch will be awarded to Little Brave and Big Brave at Nation Campfire.

# **BROKEN ARROW NATION**

## **FEATHER AWARDS**

### **Set 4**

#### **Green Feather / Black tip**

Name five species of birds that live in our local area or that are on the endangered species list. Draw or display a picture of each on a poster board. Present to tribe at meeting.

#### **Green Feather / Violet tip**

Locate, identify, and draw three star formations. Present to tribe at meeting.

#### **Green Feather / Green tip**

Demonstrate to tribe how to tie the following knots: square, clove hitch, bowline, two half hitches, taunt line hitch. Draw or make a rope display of these knots and present to tribe at meeting.

#### **Green Feather / Yellow tip**

Demonstrate the proper and safe way to use a knife. Carve a project and present to tribe at meeting.

#### **Green Feather / Orange tip**

Collect, identify, and display to tribe a collection of ten rocks, gems, or minerals.

#### **Green Feather / Red tip**

Identify and draw for display three different cloud formations. Explain why each particular cloud formation occurs and the type of weather each represents.

#### **Green Feather / White tip**

Demonstrate to tribe the proper and safe method of building a fire. List at least five fire safety tips and present to tribe at meeting or at campout.

Upon completion of the first set of feathers, Little Brave has earned for himself and for his father a Falcon / Life Feather (patch four: green feather with gold tip). Patch will be awarded to Little Brave and Big Brave at Nation Campfire.