

## **SAMPLE TALLY KEEPER'S REPORT**

As the sun was setting on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, the yet to be named tribe gathered at the house of Rainbow Rock and Chief Stepping Stone.

The meeting began with the striking of the drum twelve times by Rainbow Rock. Raging River thanked the Great Spirit for bringing us together. The tribe then formed the unbroken circle to recite our aims, pledge and slogan.

Then in the evening light, each Princess and Big Guide stood, one by one, and the Princesses shouted their names into the wind:

Elizabeth- Rainbow Rock  
Abby- White Squirrel  
Michelle- Miracle Rock  
Elizabeth- Shining Star Fish  
Rebecca- Singing Sunshine  
Ashley- Babbling Brook  
Caroline- Leaping Lizard  
Tillie- Glowing Wind

Each was followed with a big "How How!"

We then moved on to choosing a tribe name. After many words of wisdom were spoken by the Princesses while passing the talking stick, the decision was made to narrow the list of possible tribe names to two by the raising of hands. With the secret shaking their tail feathers, the winning vote for our new tribe name was "GLOWING STONES!"

Following next was a description of "wampum" given by Wampum Bearer Roaring River. The Princesses gave many examples of ways to earn wampum. Then Chief Stepping Stone gave an explanation of the first year eagle feather awards. Then Tallykeeper Squakin Hawk gave an explanation of attendance beads and bear claws.

Then the Princesses and Big Guides gathered around the great table for drinks of plenty and snacks of bounty. After we quenched our thirst and fed our hunger, we completed our craft (a name badge to attach to our necklace.) Next we raised our voices and sang our theme song "Friendship Always."

Lastly, the meeting came to a close as the tribe called to the Great Spirit once more. The Princesses and Big Guides then scattered into the night to return to their own homes.