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2009-2010 Sierra Nation Navigator Speech at Jones Gulch

On Saturday night October 3, 2009 at the annual Jones Gulch camp-out, Sierra Nation Navigator John C. Fox (aka "FireFox") and his 8 year-old Princess Olivia Fox (aka "Butterfly Fox") acted out an inter-active conversation about the courage and self-esteem being an Adventure Princess brings. Princess Ali Fox (aka "Playful Fox") was not in the amphitheater that night since she was away on a soccer adventure.

What follows is the script FireFox and Butterfly Fox used to engage the over 125 gathered Princesses in a discussion of the courage they were building as Indian Princesses.

Fox, John

Subject: Courage To Be An Adventure Princess

DAD:

WELL BUTTERFLY FOX, YOU
HAVE NOW BEEN IN ADVENTURE
PRINCESSES FOR 4 YRS, RIGHT?

OLIVIA:

YES. SINCE KINDERGARTEN.
I'M A THIRD GRADER NOW.

DAD:

DO YOU REMEMBER HOW
EVERYTHING USED TO BE
SO SCARY WHEN YOU TRIED
IT THE FIRST TIME?

OLIVIA: OH YES.

DAD:

DO YOU REMEMBER STANDING
UP AT YOUR FIRST CIRCLE
MEETING TO SAY YOUR
INDIAN NAME?
...HUGGING MY LEG

OLIVIA:

YES. I WAS TOO AFRAID.

DAD:

DO YOU REMEMBER HOW YOU
SURVIVED THAT MEETING?

OLIVIA:

YES. YOU HELPED
ME. YOU SAID MY PRINCESS
NAME FOR ME.

DAD:

SURE. JUST LIKE I AM
ALWAYS THERE TO HELP YOU.
WHAT ELSE WAS SCARY?

OLIVIA:

MEETING THE
OTHER GIRLS AT THE
CIRCLE MEETING

DAD:

HOW DID YOU GET THE
COURAGE TO MEET THE

OTHER GIRLS?

OLIVIA:

I DON'T KNOW.

I JUST DID.

DAD: AND IT WAS SCARY TO MEET

THE DADS AT THE CIRCLE

MEETINGS, WASN'T IT?

OLIVIA:

YES! VERY SCARY!

BUT NOT AS SCARY AS SEEING

THEM AT JONES GULCH GET UP

IN THE MORNING WITHOUT

COFFEE AND WITHOUT **SHAVING!**

DAD: THE ONE THAT I REMEMBER

THE MOST SCARY AT MEETINGS

WAS SAYING HOW YOU EARNED

YOUR WAMPUM.

OLIVIA:

THAT WAS SCARY BECAUSE I HAD TO

EXPLAIN TO THE CIRCLE SOMETHING

SPECIAL I DID.

DAD:

SO HOW DID YOU GET THE COURAGE?

OLIVIA:

I WOULD ASK YOU WHAT TO SAY.

DAD: YEAH, SO WE COULD WORK
TOGETHER, LIKE A TEAM.

BOTH: WAYNOON!

DAD: YOU KNOW, I WAS VERY
NERVOUS WHEN I HAD TO BE
THE PYRO GUY.

OLIVIA: YEAH. YOU NEVER
FINISH GETTING NERVOUS
BEING THE PYRO GUY WITH
THINGS ALWAYS BLOWING
UP AROUND YOU!

OLIVIA: REMEMBER WHEN YOU
STARTED THE BACK DOOR AND
THE BACKYARD ON FIRE

TRYING OUT AN INDIAN PRINCESS

PYRO TRICK!?

DAD: WELL, MAYBE WE SHOULDN'T
TALK ABOUT THAT.YOUR MOTHER
WILL GET OVER THAT...EVENTUALLY.
AND YOU KNOW, RIGHT, THAT YOU
WERE NEVER IN ANY REAL
DANGER! IT JUST LOOKED THAT
WAY TO YOU AND OUR NERVOUS
NELLIE NEIGHBORS, RIGHT?

DAD: HEY, LET'S TALK ABOUT

JONES GULCH. BECAUSE THERE
WERE SOME SCARY THINGS HERE,
TOO.

OLIVIA:

YES. THE CLIMBING WALL WAS
VERY SCARY THE FIRST TIME.
BUT IT SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN.

DAD: HOW DID YOU GET OVER
THAT AND GET TO BE SUCH A
GREAT CLIMBER?

OLIVIA:

YOU KEPT SAYING I SHOULD

DO IT. YOU HELD MY HAND.

WE WALKED OVER THERE.

AND I DID IT.
AND I FOUND I LIKED.

NO, **I LOVED IT!!!**

DAD:

HOW ABOUT THE ONE ABOUT WHICH
I AM MOST PROUD? PARTICIPATING
IN THE SKITS!!?

OLIVIA:

YES. NOW I AM IN THE SKITS,
AND I EVEN WRITE THE SKITS.

DAD:

YES. AND THERE WAS EVEN ONE
LAST YEAR I UNDERSTOOD!
THAT WAS GREAT!

DAD:

DO YOU REMEMBER ONE OF
THE SCARIEST THINGS?
ALI. YOUR SISTER. PLAYFUL FOX.
BEFORE SHE GRADUATED,
SHE SHOT A FLAMING ARROW
TO START THE BON FIRE HERE AT JG.
REMEMBER. THAT WAS SO SCARY
BECAUSE SHE HAD TO BRING THE
FIRE RIGHT DOWN ONTO HER
KNUCKLES WHEN SHE PULLED
THE ARROW BACK TO SHOOT?

OLIVIA:

YES. PLAYFUL FOX WAS VERY BRAVE.

DAD:

HEY, DO YOU WANT TO SHOOT A
FLAMING ARROW? AND SEE IF
YOU CAN HIT THE TARGET AND
START THE MAIN BONFIRE?

OLIVIA: YES. BUT, YOU HAVE TO HELP ME.

DAD: OK. LET'S DO IT TOGETHER.

DAD:

WHAT ABOUT THE ZIP-LINE?

OLIVIA:

THE MOST SCARY

BUT THE MOST FUN!

DAD: SO, HOW DID YOU GET
THE COURAGE TO DO THE ZIP?

OLIVIA:

YOU DIDN'T HELP ME, BUT I KNEW

YOU WERE THERE TO HELP ME IF

I NEEDED HELP. YOU'RE ALWAYS

GOOD ABOUT BEING THERE

WHEN I NEED YOU.

DAD:

OH, YOU SWEET PRINCESS
FOR SAYING THAT. YOU WILL
JUST HAVE TO HAVE ANOTHER
SMORE TONIGHT FOR SAYING
THAT. BUT, DON'T TELL YOUR MOM.
YOU KNOW THE RULE!

TOGETHER:

WHAT GOES ON IN JONES GULCH
STAYS IN JONES GULCH!

DAD: PRINCESSES IN THE AUDIENCE:

WHAT WAS SCARY FOR YOU?

BUTTERFLY FOX:

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY

TO THE PRINCESSES WHO

ARE DOING SOME OF THESE THINGS

FOR THE FIRST TIME?

OLIVIA: JUST DO IT!

DAD:

PRINCESSES: THE MORALS OF THE

STORY ARE YOU HAVE TO HAVE

COURAGE TO CONFRONT YOUR FEARS.

YOU HAVE TO HAVE COURAGE TO OVERCOME
YOUR FEARS.

AND YOU HAVE YOUR DAD TO BE THERE WITH

YOU AND HELP YOU. SO, ITS ALL GOOD!

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