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Chief's Message



“That Could Be Enough...”

As the full “Beaver Moon” of November rises over the Cuyahoga Valley comes the time to of year when we traditionally give thanks for our many blessings. Here in the Longhouse, I, your humble Chief, have much to be thankful for, so here goes. Thanks to all the tribes who stepped up to sponsor events this year...that could be enough. Thanks to all the dads who helped with recruiting this year...that could be enough. Thanks to the Saratoga and Iroquois tribes who somehow ordered up perfect weather for this year's Rocket Launch. I think they launched a record number of rockets that day...that could be enough. Thanks to the Arapaho tribe for the outstanding Halloween Party at the fall campout...that could be enough. Thanks (I think) for all the skits that I got to be a part of at the campout – I may have gotten a pie in the face but at least I didn't get soaked with water...that could be enough. Thanks to Assistant Property Chief Tim Rickert for the many things he does behind the scenes to help Medicine Man Mark Evans at the campouts...that could be enough. A *special* thanks to Steve “He-Who-Brings-Fire” Rega, Sam “Silent Wolf” Thomas and the Iroquois and Lakota tribes for setting up THE best ceremonial bonfire ever...that could be enough. Thanks to my fellow Buckeye tribe members for a great Nature Hike last weekend...that could be enough. Thanks to our Longhouse officers, who all act above and beyond the call to help our program run so smoothly...that could be enough. Thanks to Sachem Gary “Dancing Buckeye” Pitzer and Elder John “Broken Back” Falko for giving me their help and guidance this year...that could be enough. And thanks for all friendships Nina and I have made over the last 4 years...that could be enough. Yes, any *one* of these things could be enough to be thankful for, but I am truly blest to be *wa-do* (thankful in Cherokee) for them all!

I'd like to congratulate the winners of the Best Design contest at the Rocket Launch - one boy and girl winner were picked from each grade level. Winners were Mitchell Eakin (Zuni), J. J. Walters (Iroquois), Ethan Pallone (Mohawk), Ryan Zygmunt (Chippewa), Jeff Urbanowicz (Seneca), Paige Harker (New Girl 1),

Marisa Silvestro (Apache), Gillian Maitland (Hopi), Jamie Holkovic (Buckeye) and Kate Falko (Saratoga). Way to go!

Finally, I'd like to congratulate the winners* of the Halloween Costume Contest at the Fall Campout – trophies were given out for Funniest, Scariest and Best Costumes. Overall this was the most creative collection of costumes yet, and it was really hard for the judges to narrow it down. For Funniest Costume, the winners were Andrew Steinbrenner (Iroquois) for the Man in the Yellow Hat and David Wisniewski (Pathfinders) for his Gnome costume. For Scariest, Dylan Kurtz (Chippewa) dressed as a Bloody-faced Zombie and Ethan Mack (Mohawk) was the Headless Horseman. Lastly, Best Costume prizes were won by Nicholas Mihalich (Pathfinders) for Mr. Roboto, Nina Savastano (Buckeye) as a Box of Popcorn and Jason Bronstrup (Crow) as a Stadium Vendor. Nice job, guys!

*Til next month...Chief Guy *Sky Bear* and Princess *Wildflower Savastano*

*I have *most* of the winners - any I missed I'll make sure to acknowledge next month – sorry!

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Scheduled Events

Month	Event	Date	Location	Sponsor	Family
November	Ice Skating	11/16	Ice Land Rink Strongsville	Cherokee	Yes
November	Brecksville Christmas Parade	11/30	City of Brecksville	Nations Chief	No
January	Bumper Bowling	1/11	Cloverleaf Lanes	Mohawk	No
January	Winter Campout	1/23-25	Camp Y-Noah	Medicine Man	No
February	Late Nighter	2/7	Independence Civic Center	Nations Chief	No
February	Tubing	2/22	Brandywine's Polar Blast Hill	Mohican	Yes
March	Pine Car Derby	3/9	TBA	Chippewa/Zuni	Yes
April	Rain Gutter Regatta	4/25	Old Independence Recreation Center	Seneca/Lakota	Yes
May	Buffalo Naval Park	5/16	Buffalo, New York	Nations Chiefs	No

*Times and dates are subject to change. Please verify by visiting www.cvnsnd.org.

Adopt-A-Family

Jeff Brubaker, Information Chief

As the holiday season draws near, it provides us all with the opportunity to reflect and give thanks for all of the blessings that we possess. In an effort to bring joy to those who may not be as fortunate as ourselves, CVNSND is participating in the 2008 Yuletide Adopt-A-Family Program through the Brecksville Dept. of Human Services.

The program provides individuals and organizations the chance to bring some holiday cheer to a local family, who otherwise, would not have such a joyous season. We have been provided a family of 4 – mother, 2 boys (ages 8 and 13) and a girl (age 9). The mother has filled out a 'wish list' for the kids, which mainly includes clothes, as well as, some household items. We are asking for your donation to this wonderful program. Please send your donations so that CVNSND volunteers can 'shop' for the necessary gifts. Make checks payable to: CVNSND (include in the note section – Adopt-A-Family #62) and mail to:

Jeff Brubaker
8385 Wyatt Road
Broadview Heights 44147

Please send your donation no later than November 30th so that there is ample time to shop for gifts – which are due to the Brecksville Dept. of Human Services by December 8th. In addition, we would like to provide Giant Eagle gift cards – something that will allow this family to share a nice holiday meal together. If you would rather do the shopping, please contact me at brufamily@cox.net or 440-717-9769 and I can provide a specific item.

Thanks to all of your generosity, CVNSND can continue to be looked upon as not just an excellent father-child program, instilling the values of kindness and thankfulness in our children, but as one that is committed to community as well.



Ice Skating

Jim Senick, Earth Nation Chief

Sunday, November 16th 12.00 - 3.00PM

Ice Land Skating Rink, 15381 Royalton Rd. (Rt. 82), Strongsville, 440-268-2800

Family Event

Join us at our family ice-skating party, as we get ready for the start of winter. The event is open to **NS/ND members, Pathfinders** and their **families**. When you get tired of skating, relax in the lounge and watch football on one of several large screen TV's.

The event costs \$8.00/person. This will include skate rental, a slice of pizza, drink, snack and a whole lot of ice-skating fun. Contact Jim Senick with any questions. Home phone: 440-546-7832 or email: james.senick@sbcglobal.net

Ice Skating Registration Form (due ASAP)

Father's Name: _____

Tribe: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Total number of skaters (Members & Non-Members) _____.

Cost: \$8.00/person. Make Checks payable to CVNSND.

Mail to: Jim Senick 6903 E. Sprague Road, Independence, Oh 44131

Brecksville Christmas Parade

John Falko, Smoke Signals Editor

Sunday, November 30th

Meeting Time: 3.30pm (Parade starts @ 4.00pm)

Location: Downtown Brecksville

All CVNSND kids and dads will march

The holidays will be here before you know it, and holiday time means parade time. Brecksville's annual Christmas Parade is Sunday, November 30th at 4:00pm.

For this year's theme, the CVNSND officers have chosen "A Christmas Story". Be careful with your Red Ryder BB gun or you'll shoot your eye out. Get ready with your leg lamps, pink bunny suits, and don't forget the Bumpas' dogs. Also I triple dog dare you to put your tongue on the flag pole.

Float construction will take place on Saturday, November 29th tentatively beginning at 4pm while there is light. Assembly will be at the home of John Falko in Brecksville, 6576 Glen Coe Drive. Please call John at 440-746-1145 if you need directions.

There may be a brief pre-construction meeting to talk through what supplies are needed, so stay tuned.



Bumper Bowling

Dave Barchet, Mohawk Tribe Chief

Sunday, January 11, 2009 12.30pm - 2.30pm

Cloverleaf Lanes, 5619 Brecksville Road, Independence 216-524-4833

CVNSND Dad's, Son's and Daughter's event

Sign up now for the Bumper Bowling sponsored by the Mohawk Tribe. Cost is \$8.50 per person for two hours of bowling, shoe rental, hot dogs, chips and soda.

Advance registration is required by Monday, January 5th, but don't wait registration is limited to 150 people. This is a father/child only event.

Arrive by 12:15 pm for lane assignments, shoe rental and best ball selection! Bowling starts at 12:30 pm. Cloverleaf Lanes is located at 5619 Brecksville Road (Rt. 21) Independence. Directions: Take Rt. 21 North less than two miles North of Rockside Road. Cloverleaf is on the right hand side under the giant time/temp sign that can be seen from I-77.

Contact Dave Barchet with any questions. Work phone: 216-642-1806, Home phone: 440-838-8821 or e-mail: david.barchet@cigna.com

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Bumper Bowling Registration

Due: Monday, January 5th

Dad's Name: _____ E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____
Child's Name: _____ Tribe: _____
Child's Name: _____ Tribe: _____
Child's Name: _____ Tribe: _____

Number of People: ____ @ \$8.50/Person = \$ _____ Total Amount Enclosed

Make checks payable to: CVNSND

Please mail your registration to Dave Barchet at 8015 Robin Lane, Brecksville, Ohio 44141

Pathfinders Corner

The December Hall of Fame trip is scheduled to leave Independence Civic Center at 9am, transportation is being arranged in cooperation with the City of Independence. An anticipated return time is 2.30pm. Admission (pay at the door) is \$9 (ages 6-14), \$11 (ages 15-21), \$14 (ages 22-61), and \$10 (over 62).

Seating is limited and we need at least 12 participants to make this event happen. Please RSVP ASAP to Kenn Synek at ksynek@zsacpa.com if you are interested. Release forms signed by a parent will be required to ride the bus.

Month	Event	Date	Location
December	NFL Football Hall of Fame	12/6	Canton, Ohio
January	Cosmic Bowling	1/9	Seven Hills Lanes
January	Winter Campout with CVNSND	1/23	Camp Y Noah
March	Laser Tag	3/22	LaserQuest, Montrose
April	Indoor Rock Climbing	4/9	Kendall Cliffs, Penninsula
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Winter Campout

Mark Evans, Medicine Man

January 23rd-25th 2009, Arrival Time: 6.00-8.00 PM

Camp Y-Noah - Clinton, Ohio

Cost: \$150 for Dad and 1 Child, \$45 Per Add'l Child, Horseback Riding is included

Registration Deadline: January 15, 2009



Once again CVNSND will be migrating south (albeit just a little bit South) for the 2009 Winter Campout to be held at beautiful Camp Y-Noah from Friday-Sunday (January 23rd-25th). This is a HUGE favorite every year!

Activities all weekend will include: winter hiking, BB guns, archery and horseback trail/corral riding. As always, let's hope for lots and lots of snow and some great sledding!



Special activities for Saturday will include: "Christmas at Camp Y-Noah, a torch march, and Saturday nights skits. You won't want to miss this Campout! Perhaps our Storyteller, Seven Cubs will have a wonderful Native American story to share with us as well.

Pathfinders are also invited to register and attend the 2009 Winter Campout at Y-Noah! We have some special activities planned for the Pathfinders, in addition to all the usual camp fun. Please fill in registration form and under tribe indicate "Pathfinder".

With the addition of the Pathfinders I anticipate many fathers having more than one child at the camp out. So, if registering more than one child, take an extra minute to think about and indicate which child will be staying with their dad and in which tribe cabin you prefer to stay. Or, indicate if your child is ok to stay in a cabin without their father. More than one child can stay with their dad. For Pathfinders please indicate on registration form any friends or former tribe mates whom they would like to stay with. Every effort will be made to fill all requests.

Each child is encouraged to bring his/her own sled (for safety reasons - **NO METAL RUNNER SLEDS**, please). Also, please have your name written clearly on your sled.

DIRECTIONS:

I-77 South to Exit 120 (Arlington Road - approx. 30 miles from Route 82).

South on Arlington Road approx. 6 miles

Right on Mt. Pleasant Road

Right into Camp Y-Noah entrance (approx. 1/2 mile off Arlington Road)

2008 Annual CVNSND Camp Y-Noah Chili Cookoff

Once again, we'll kickoff the Winter Campout with our annual Friday night Chili Cookoff. Last year's offerings were excellent, ranging from mild to sweet to hot - an impressive plethora of styles. EVERYONE is encouraged to participate. The goal is for 1 entry per Tribe. All entries are to be in the dining hall by 7.00pm Friday night to allow the judges enough time to sample each entry. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place recipes. IF your chili is extra spicy/hot - please mark it "HOT" so no one loses taste buds!!

Christmas at Camp Y-Noah

Dads DON'T put those Christmas lights away just yet! Bring them down to the Winter Campout and decorate the exterior of your cabin for our Saturday night, "Christmas at Camp Y-Noah". A specially designed patch will be issue to each resident of the most remarkable cabin. Don't forget the extension cords!



Winter Campout Registration

Winter Campout 2009 Registration Form (Due January 15, 2009)

Dad's Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Tribe</u>	<u>Dad's Cabin*</u>	<u>OK Alone*</u>	<u>Childs Age 1/23/09</u>	<u>Horseback Riding</u>
1)	1)	()	()		Yes / No
2)	2)	()	()		Yes / No
3)	3)	()	()		Yes / No

*Note to Dads w/children in multiple tribes: Please place an 'X' in the () next to the child's name to indicate which cabin you would prefer to sleep in. This will help with cabin assignments.

() Indicate here if you have a daughter and a son and would like a separate coed cabin. I will do my best depending on cabin space.

Base Cost: \$ 150 (1 Dad and 1 child)
\$ _____ (\$45 per additional child)
Total: \$ _____ Make checks payable to: CVNSND

Mail ASAP to: Mark Evans, 5893 Fawn Circle, Brecksville, OH 44141

Late Nighter

Craig Bender, Apache Tribe Chief

Saturday, February 7, 2009 7.30pm - 11.30pm
Independence Civic Center-6363 Selig Drive, just 1/3 mile west off of Route 21 in Independence.

Where else could you have so much fun for so little, but at the CVNSND Late Nighter! One of our most popular events of the year, the event takes place at the Independence Civic Center on Saturday, February 7th, from 7.30 p.m. to 11.30. p.m. Scheduled activities include use of the indoor pool, playing games in open gym, crafts, three entertaining shows, and, of course, food & desserts. The menu will include pizza, chicken nuggets, chili, snacks, drinks & homemade desserts.

Dads won't have to worry about getting their daughters ready to swim, because we will have older girls in attendance helping out in the girl's locker room.

We will have a raffle with numerous smaller prizes, a few larger prizes, and a special grand prize.

You can get Pine Car Derby kits, buy CVNSND apparel, and the Awards Chief will have past event patches on sale, too.

Admission is \$10 with a canned food donation for the local Food Bank, and there is no additional cost for dads bringing more than one son or daughter. The admission price includes 5 raffle tickets. Additional raffle tickets can be purchased at the event.

This is a father and son/daughter event only, sponsored by the Apache tribe. We need a co-sponsor to handle the craft.....come on tribes, who's going to step up?

For more information, contact Craig Bender at benderc@empacoequipment.com or 330-352-6915.



What is a "fluff"? A fluff is the small fuzzy feather, like the one you received with your "eagle" feather and Native Son and Native Daughter headband in your new member packet. The color combination of the eagle feather and the fluff you received is unique to your tribe...no other tribe has that combination of colors! You also received a leather fluff cord in your packet. The fluff cord is where a Native Son or Daughter can attach any additional fluffs they earn.

Ahhhh, now how can a Native Son or Daughter earn these additional fluffs, you ask? Any time a Native Son or Daughter spots a Longhouse Officer outside of a Longhouse or tribe event (for example, at the grocery store, etc...) they can approach the officer and ask him for a fluff. The officer may ask the son or daughter what their Indian Name is in order to "earn" the fluff. The officer then gives the child a fluff from the bag of fluffs he is supposed to carry everywhere he goes. If the officer doesn't have his fluffs on him at that time, the officer owes the child two fluffs the next time he sees him/her. Sometimes a tribe even plans a "fluff raid" as a tribe activity. After notifying an officer that they were coming, the



whole tribe would "appear" at the officer's house, and demand fluffs for all!

What to do with the fluffs and fluff cord? The fluffs can be glued to the fluff cord (hint: hot glue works well). The fluff cord can be attached to the back of your child's headband to add additional decoration to his/her headdress. Or the cord can be attached to a "coup stick". A coup stick is a strong wooden stick or dowel about 1" in diameter...it can be decorated Native American-style and topped off with the fluff cord. Or some children just like to collect the fluffs - whatever is the most fun for them!

So, your Native Son or Daughter can earn fluffs...just remind them that anytime they see a Longhouse Officer outside of a Longhouse event they can "fluff" him.

Yotta-Hey!!

CVNSND 2006 - 2009 Dues

You should have received your 2008-2009 dues invoice. This year's dues are \$60 per family. For each new child member, a one-time \$10 fee is due to cover the cost of the National Longhouse patches and instructional literature for all new members. Native Sons and Native Daughters has a policy of including everyone regardless of their ability to pay. Should you or someone you know be experiencing financial difficulties, please contact a Longhouse Officer. Wampum Bearer Kenn Synek thanks you in advance for your prompt payment of this year's dues!

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