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JUNE/JULY 2006

Chief's Message



Congratulations to our 35 graduating members of the Rising Moon, Mohawk, Erie, Choula, Mojave, and Mighty Teton Tribes. I wish each of you all the best as you enter this new phase of your life. Our greatest achievement is the memories you have made with your fathers over the last 5 years at your campouts, pine car derbies, pool parties, fishing, parades, late nighter's, toboggan runs, rain gutter competitions, rocket launches, hikes, Aeros games, and tribe meetings.

You should know it has been my honor to serve as your chief. As I watched longtime and highly dedicated CVNSND members Jason Koeth, Ray Martin, and Don Krolkowski experience their last campout a few days ago at Camp Tippecanoe, I realized that it was they and others like you in our group that inspire me. Your passion for your children, your families, and your community is contagious. I am fortunate to associate with fathers like all of you that value your families and with kids like you that love their dad.

Thank you to everyone that made this past year a success. There are some incredible people that made things happen this year including the Longhouse officers, and the tribes that hosted events. In particular, thank you to our Sachem Dan "Scratching Hawk" Ogorek who laid the groundwork for our successful year and "counseled" me to becoming Chief. As Dan moves on to the position of "Elder" in our group, coveted Tomahawk Award recipients for 2006 J.T. Kurtz and Dave Speck rise up in the leadership ranks. I am excited about what is to come with our Longhouse in the hands of leaders like them and your new Chief John "Broken Back" Falko bringing new energy to our group. (continued next column)

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This organization infinitely impresses me. We regularly have over 200 children and their fathers in this group. We are entirely run by those children and fathers acting in a volunteer capacity and with virtually no fund raising being necessary in recent years. I believe our group is so exceptional because we are focused on something of incredible importance to us: OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS. For that, I will forever be proud to be a member of The Cuyahoga Valley Native Sons and Native Daughters Program.

Your new Sachem,

Rex "Snakebite" Mack

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Summer
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Scheduled Events

Month	Event	Date	Location	Sponsoring Tribe/Assist
June	Brecksville Home Days	6/23/2006	Brecksville Public Square	Longhouse Chief
July	Pool Party	7/14/2006	Independence Outdoor Pool	Chippewa
August	Independence Home Days	8/4/2006	Downtown Independence	Nations Chiefs/Apache
August	Canoe Trip & Picnic	8/12/2006	Mohican Adventures Campground	Assistant Longhouse Chief
September	Recruiting Rally	9/13/2006	Brecksville Oak Grove Picnic Area	Cheyenne

*Times and Dates are subject to change. You can verify the above information by visiting www.cvnsnd.org.

Attention Tribe Chiefs: There are event sponsorship and co-sponsorship openings throughout the schedule. Please volunteer your tribe to host an event (better to pick one of your own choosing!). All tribes must sponsor events at one time or another. If it's been a while, or you are a new tribe who has not sponsored an event, look for the Longhouse to assign one to you! Current sponsor openings include: Recruiting Rally (Sep '06), Ice Skating (Nov '06), Tobogganing (Jan '07), Rain Gutter Regatta (Apr '07), and Buffalo Naval Park (May '07). Please contact John Falko at john_j_falko@keybank.com or 440-746-1145 to sign-up for an event.

Brecksville Home Days

Friday, June 23rd through Sunday, June 25th
 Brecksville Public Square
 Family Event

The annual Brecksville Homedays Celebration is right around the corner, and the CVNSND booth is back for 2006! Last year was our first year participating in this community event, and it proved to be a highly successful recruiting tool. Booth activities are being finalized, but will include a drawing open to Kindergartners and 1st graders, the ever-popular CVNSND target shoot with prizes, and maybe even refreshment sales.

In order for this event to run smoothly, we rely on each tribe to contribute time operating our booth. Please take a moment and note your tribe's time slot on the schedule below! Each tribe is responsible for having 2 kids and their dads at the booth for the duration of their designated shift. The kids really have a great time-not only running the games, but also seeing their friends, showing off their Dad's and talking about the great organization we belong to.

Drinks will be provided for the volunteers, and detailed instructions will also be in the booth to aid in our recruiting efforts. To help things run smoothly, each tribal chief is requested to contact his tribe members and coordinate the necessary volunteers for their tribe's time slots.

Tribal chiefs should report the names of all volunteers by June 19th to John Falko, Longhouse Chief, by e-mail (john_j_falko@keybank.com) or by phone (440-746-1145).

The following schedule lists each tribe in a particular time slot for the Home Days event (all times are PM):

Friday, June 23rd

5:00-6:15 Buckeye
 6:15-7:30 Lakota
 7:30-8:45 Asst. Chief Pitzer
 8:45-10:00 Cheyenne

Saturday, June 24th

1:00-2:15 Chippewa
 2:15-3:30 Crow
 3:30-4:45 Comanche
 4:45-6:00 Seminole
 6:00-7:15 Saratoga
 7:15-8:30 Shoshone
 8:30-10:00 Apache

Sunday, June 25th

1:00-2:15 Dakota
 2:15-3:30 Seneca
 3:30-4:45 Navajo
 4:45-6:00 Choula
 6:00-7:15 Shawnee
 7:15-8:30 Chief Falko
 8:30-10:00 Cowichan



Pool Party

Friday, July 14th, 8:00-11:00 PM
Independence Outdoor Pool
CVNSND & Trailblazer Family Event
\$2.00 & One Can of Food Per Person, Pay at the Door

Don't miss this one! The Chippewa tribe is planning on yet another wet and wild pool party at the Independence outdoor pool. CVNSND and our Trailblazers will have exclusive use of all of the facilities including the kiddy pool, waterslide, diving boards and hot tub. Burgers, hotdogs, chips, drinks and ice cream will be served. Don't forget to bring your pool toys... especially SUPER SOAKERS!!!



In case of inclement weather, we will move to the indoor pool and picnic in the Kiwanis pavilion.

Independence Home Days & Parade

Friday, August 4th through Saturday, August 5th (Parade is Saturday at Noon)
Downtown Independence
Family Event

Arrr! Avast me hearties! CVNSND will be setting sail in their pirate ship (I mean parade float) August 5th at high noon as part of this year's "Cruisin' the Caribbean" themed Home Days. If you're brave enough to set sail with this motley crew, plan to arrive by 11:30. We will meet up at the corner of Brecksville Rd and Cherry St. We are parade unit #18. Be sure to wear your CVNSND vests with a splash of pirate pride.

As for the rest of the Home Days, we will be running a booth complete with games and prizes, a kindergarten/1st grade raffle and refreshment sales. Please see the Brecksville Home Days article for additional information and instructions on running the booth.

Tribal chiefs should report the names of all volunteers by July 31st to Dan Ogorek, Elder, by e-mail (dano@scratchhoff.com) or by phone (216-524-4511).

The following schedule lists each tribe in a particular time slot for the Home Days event (all times are PM):

<u>Friday, August 4th</u>		<u>Saturday, August 5th</u>		<u>Saturday (cont.)</u>	
6:00- 7:00	Shawnee	1:00- 2:00	Cowichan	6:00- 7:00	Lakota
7:00- 8:00	Saratoga	2:00- 3:00	Buckeye	7:00- 8:00	Comanche
8:00- 9:00	Seneca	3:00- 4:00	Shoshone	8:00- 9:00	Navajo
9:00- 10:0	Seminole	4:00- 5:00	Chippewa	9:00- 10:00	Cheyenne
10:00-11:00	Crow	5:00- 6:00	Dakota	10:00-11:00	Apache



Officer Update



A special thanks to all the Dads that stepped up to fill our open officer positions. There are two remaining position available: Assistant Property Chief and Assistant Awards Chief. As Assistant Property Chief, your primary duty is to help store and transport gear needed at our campouts. The Assistant Awards Chief helps the Awards Chief with our event patches and other awards. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact John Falko at john_j_falko@keybank.com

Canoe Trip & Picnic

Saturday, August 12th, Canoes Launch at 10:00 AM, Please Arrive Early
Mohican Adventures Canoe Livery, Loudonville, OH
Family Event
\$15.00 Per Person for Canoeing, Pack Your Own Picnic



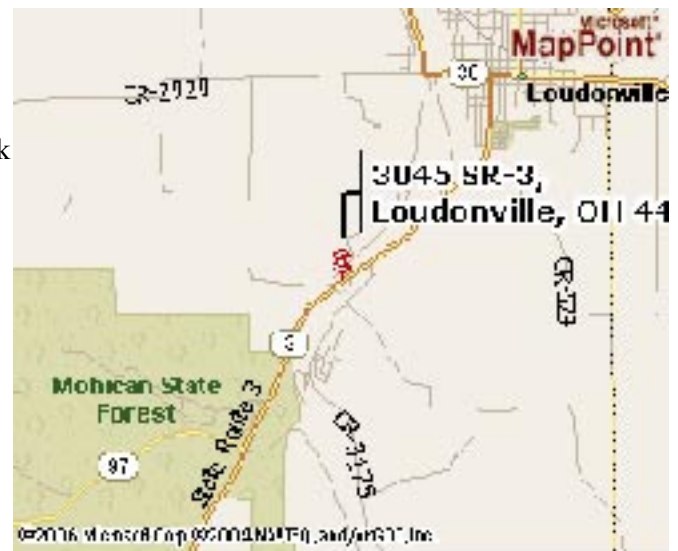
Come out with your whole family for a Mohican canoeing adventure on Saturday, August 12th. This family event begins with a 7 mile canoe trip and concludes with a picnic in a covered shelter. The canoe trip should take about 2 hours depending on water conditions. The picnic will take place in Mel's Large Shelter following the canoe trip. Soft drinks, charcoal grills and electricity will be provided at the picnic. Please bring your own food, snacks and, if grilling out, charcoal. There will also be games for all ages.

There is on-site camping at Mohican Adventures plus several other campgrounds nearby for those wanting to extend the event for themselves. See: www.mohicancanoe.com and www.ohioparks.net/mohican/area_attractions.htm for help in finding a campground. Advance reservations are recommended.

Directions:

Take I-71 South to Exit # 173 (Mansfield / Lucas exit) to St. Rt. 39. Go East to Loudonville (approximately 18 miles). In town, take St. Rt. 3 South about 1.5 miles to Mohican Adventures. Look for a large brown and yellow A-frame building. The trip is about an 1.5 hour drive from the Cleveland area.

Contact Info for Mohican Adventures: Phone: 1-800-662-2663,
www.mohicancanoe.com



CVNSND Canoe Trip & Picnic Registration Form (due Aug. 7th)

Dad's Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

Tribe: _____ Cost to Canoe: \$15.00/person.
Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: CVNSND

Mail to: Gary Pitzer
8120 Creekside Trace
Broadview Heights, OH 44147

“Gathering of Nations” Celebration and Campout

Friday, July 21st through Saturday, July 22nd
Maumee Bay State Park, Oregon, OH
Family Event
\$58.00 For a 2 Day Campsite, \$20 Activity Fee

CVNSND has been invited by the West Toledo Longhouse to join in the “Gathering of Nations”, celebrating 80 Years of Native American themed Father/Child programs sponsored by the YMCA and the National Longhouse.

The two day event includes:

- Story telling and stomp dancing
- Games and prizes
- Crafts
- Friday night outdoor movie
- Saturday night ceremony
- Medicine Man magic performance

The park offers:

- Golf
- Boating
- Swimming
- Trails

**“Friends Always”
“Pals Forever”**

You must contact the park to reserve your campsite. Sites 232, 233, 234, 237 in area one have been set aside. For more information see: <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/parks/parks/maumeebay.htm>.

Contact John Falko if you have questions or if you plan on attending at: john_j_falko@keybank.com.

Recruiting Message

Chief Snakebite proudly gave recognition to our graduating fourth grade tribes at our Spring Campout at Tippecanoe. With a touch of sadness, we watched approximately 35 of our members move on from the CVNSND program. This fall, we will welcome a whole new class of kindergarten and first graders to come and make memories that will last a lifetime. Please don't keep our group a secret! Our program focuses on the one-on-one father child relationship that ALL kids need and deserve. If you have a child that will be entering Kindergarten or 1st grade (who is not already a member) this fall or have a neighbor that does, please send an e-mail to john_j_falko@keybank.com

A recruiting meeting with all Nations Chiefs will be scheduled in July to coordinate recruiting efforts for the upcoming program year. Look for an e-mail soon with the exact date, time and location.

John Falko, Chief Broken Back

Sharing Ideas for Tribe Meetings

Tired of that same old craft room meeting? Looking for an adventure but short on ideas? Well Smokes and CVNSND.Org are working on a place for sharing ideas starting with tribe meetings. If your tribe had an interesting meeting this year please pass on your idea so other tribes can benefit from your creativity. Please send a description of the meeting, its location, cost and any contact information to smokes@cvnsnd.org and we'll see that other tribes hear about it.



Trailblazers' Corner

Now that your child has graduated from the Native Son / Native Daughter program, do you miss the opportunity to make those life long memories? Trailblazers to the rescue!

Trailblazers' is open to kids in the fifth grade and up and is an extension of the CVNSND program. Children who were not involved in CVNSND are also welcome to join.

The group currently has about 30 active families that average one event per month. Most events are father/child, but some include the entire family.

Previous events include paint ball, laser tag, whirly ball, cosmic bowling and moonlight golf. We also paid a visit to a haunted house, toured NASA and The Plain Dealer. Don't miss our lock-in and overnight camping activities.

Annual membership dues follow the same guidelines as the CVNSND program. Best part is that if you already have a son or daughter in the CVNSND program, there isn't a separate charge for Trailblazers.

To obtain more information or sponsor an event, please call Jeff Krejci 440-526-4092



Trailblazer Registration Form

Father's Name: _____

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ E-Mail: _____

Mail to: Jeff Krejci, 9866 Tamarack Trail, Brecksville, OH 44141

Memorial Day Parade Recap

The weather was HOT but that didn't stop a strong showing of CVNSND Dads, sons and daughters from participating in the Broadview Heights Memorial Day parade. The American flags and candy that we handed out were appreciated by the spectators; but, the highlight had to be our own Chief Snakebite dressed head to toe in Native American clothing.

Thanks to Ed Baldwin and the Nations Chiefs for organizing this event. Well done!

June & July Birthdays

Alan Lacava	Jonathan Paravano
Alexa Papanikolaou	Kate Falko
Alexander Sorige	Keali Kovach
Alissa Bevan	Lauren Genco
Allison McCabe	Libby Kubera
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Brynne Naughton	Morgan Krejci
Christopher Hawkins	Nicholas Niro
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Gino Anselmo	Tony Iacobelli
Grant Hawkins	Tristan Douglas
Jacob Watroba	Vince Iacobelli
Jakob Wells	Vincent Silvestro
Johnny Veres	

Photo Gallery



Broadview Hts.
Memorial Day
Parade



Fun Stuff

Graduation Poem

We had numerous requests to print the poem that Chief Snakebite read during our graduation ceremony. Here you go.

"A careful father I want to be,
for a son or daughter will follow me,
I do not dare go astray,
For fear that my child may go the same way.

I cannot once escape his or her eyes,
Whatever she sees me do she tries,
Like me, he says he's going to be,
The child who follows me.

My child thinks that I am good and fine,
Believes in every word of mine.
The imperfections in me she must not see,
The child who follows me.

I must remember as I go,
Through summer's sun and winter's snow,
I am building for years to be,
This child who follows me."

- Author unknown

Thanks
Chief Rex
for a great
year!!!



Less than 130
days until the
Fall Campout.
Guess who's
coming?

Editor's Note:

Thanks to all those who help develop the Smokes each month. Special thanks to Don Krolikowski and Steve Simmons for their time, energy and creative input. Smokes Editor, Dave Speck

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