



# ~Smoke Signals~

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## Chief's Message



It is an honor and privilege to serve as your Longhouse Chief this upcoming year. We have many great events planned in 2006-07. There are the old favorites: Rocket Launch, Nature Hike, Late Nighter, and the Pine Car Derby to name a few. Also planned are some events that were on hiatus last year, like the Rain Gutter Regatta and Buffalo Naval Park. Please check the events schedule and have your tribe volunteer to sponsor one of the events.

Recruiting, both at the informal and formal level are the backbone of sustaining our awesome organization. Asst Chief Gary Pitzer, the Nations Chiefs, and I have been planning our formal recruiting activities that will begin with school visits and open house booths. We will conclude with the Recruiting Rally on September 13<sup>th</sup> and the Induction Dinner on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Remember, the best way to recruit is to talk up our great organization to other dads and kids who might be interested year round.

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. It has been both a wet and wild June and July. Our booths and the Brecksville and Independence Home Day's were a huge hit, thanks to all who volunteered. The rain during the Pool Party did not dampen the fun. Even though we had to move the event indoors, the mighty Cheyenne tribe who sponsored the event and Trailblazers who assisted did not miss a heartbeat in making this a well run event.



Attention: If you wish to continue receiving the Smokes by US Mail you must resubscribe by contacting J.T. Kurtz, our Information Chief. Please consider viewing the Smokes via our website to help us save on mailing costs.

Congratulations to everyone who marched in the Independence Home Day's parade as we took 1<sup>st</sup> place for best float and our group was best in the parade. Thank you to Gary Pitzer, John Boblick, Guy Savastano, Steve Hadick, and Dave Speck for constructing the CVNSND pirate ship. A special thanks to Mike Zubic for his conceptual design and artistic ability in bringing the ship to life and also for lending his driveway and garage as our dry dock to build this mighty vessel. Arrrrrrr!

Finally, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to our departing officers, especially Chief Rex "Snakebite" Mack who brought a new level of energy and excitement to our group.

Chief John "Broken Back" Falko



If you want to see me, see page 4

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## Scheduled Events

Month	Event	Date	Location	Sponsor	Family
September	Recruiting Rally	9/13	Oak Grove Pavilion	Cheyenne	No
September	New Dad's Orientation	9/20	Chippewa School Gym	Assistant LH Chief	No
September	Induction Dinner	9/23	Independence Civic Center	Comanche	Yes
October	Rocket Launch	10/8	Broadview Heights Fields	Shoshone	Yes
October	Fall Campout	10/13	Camp Fitch	Medicine Man	No
November	Nature Hike	11/4	TBD	Cowichan	No
November	Ice Skating	11/19	IceLand USA Skating Rink	Seminole	Yes
December	Brecksville Holiday Parade	12/3	Downtown Brecksville	Nation Chiefs	No

\*Times and dates are subject to change. Please verify by visiting [www.cvnsnd.org](http://www.cvnsnd.org).

### *Sponsors Needed!*

We are in need of sponsors for the Rain Gutter Regatta, Buffalo Naval Park, Winter Campout, and Spring Campout. We are also in need of co-sponsors for the Recruiting Rally, Rocket Launch, Induction Dinner, Late Nighter, Pinecar Derby, and the Rain Gutter Regatta.

Looking over last years events and who is currently signed up, Navajo, Seneca, and Dakota have not sponsored an event. Please contact the Longhouse Chief, John Falco, to sponsor an event.

## Independence Home Days & Parade Recap

Elder Dan Ogorek reports our Home Days booth ran smoothly and we received a good amount of potential new members names for the recruiting season. Congratulations to Alexis Hoprich of Independence for winning the drawing for a scooter.

And once again CVNSND came out victorious in the parade contest, winning not one but TWO FIRST PLACE trophies for Best Float and Best of Parade. Congratulations to our Nation Chiefs and their construction crew for a spectacular job in designing and constructing the CVNSND Pirate Ship.



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## Recruiting Rally

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Wednesday, September 13th, 6:30-9:00 PM

Oak Grove Pavilion, Cleveland Metroparks Brecksville Reservation, Valley Parkway

Map: <http://www.cvnsnd.org/images/maps/Brecksville.gif>

Dad and Kid's Event, Free

Our annual recruiting rally will be the first event for our new members-to-be, and we would like to make a great first impression. You can look forward to some great food, a giant inflatable "bounce house", a Native American story presented by our CVNSND Storyteller "Laughing Crow"(Don Baran), rocket launch demonstrations, free paper airplanes and handmade yo-yo's for the kids, and lots of fun!

All CVNSND members are encouraged to attend and enjoy the festivities. Please invite other dads & kids to see how much fun the Cuyahoga Valley Native Sons & Daughters have. You never know.....they may just want to join our group! The Recruiting Rally is also a great time to sign up for the fall campout or to purchase some CVNSND clothing (T-shirts, hats, sweatshirts, etc.) for more information, contact Mike Weisbarth at 216-838-4469.

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## New Dad's Orientation

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Wednesday, September 20th, 7:00-8:30 PM

Chippewa Elementary School Gym, 8611 Wiese Rd., Brecksville

Dad's Only Event

The new Dad's Orientation is a VERY IMPORTANT meeting for incoming CVNSND Dad's! All new dad's should make plans to attend.

You'll get lots of important information about getting started in our organization. Topics will include:

- Learn about our organization
- Get your tribe assignment
- Meet other dad's within your tribe
- Plan your first tribe meeting
- Learn how to run a tribal meeting
- Sign up for the Fall Campout (last chance)

This is a Dad's *Only* event where you can meet our first year tribes and help them get started in the program. If you would like to serve as a tribe advisor or help out at the orientation, call Gary Pitzer at 440-915-4448 (cell), or email him at [gpitzer@tarolli.com](mailto:gpitzer@tarolli.com).



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## Induction Dinner

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Saturday, September 23rd, 5:00-7:00 PM

Independence Civic Center

Family Event, Free for the Immediate Family (Parents and Children), \$10.00 for Other Guests

Come join us to celebrate the induction of new tribes and members into the Cuyahoga Valley Local Longhouse. This is the second annual Induction Dinner event. The event promises to be a great introduction for new members and their families into the traditions of our organization. The induction dinner will include a terrific menu of Italian food, including pasta, sauces, bread and beverages - all cooked by the mighty Comanche dads. There will also be activities for the kids.



Following dinner, we will conclude the evening with the CVNSND induction ceremony. Chief "Broken Back" John Falco and other chiefs will welcome all new tribes and present the children with their Indian headbands, feathers and patches. For more information, contact Gary Pitzer.

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## Fall Campout

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October 13-15th, Arrival Time: 6:00-8:00 PM

Camp Fitch, North Springfield, PA

Cost: \$145 for Dad and 1 Child, \$30 Per Add'l Child, No Fee for Horseback Riding

Registration Deadline: September 30th

This year's Fall Campout will be held on October 13th to 15th at Camp Fitch in Pennsylvania on the shores of beautiful Lake Erie.

The Friday night activities will include our annual Halloween party so kids (and Dad's) wear your costumes. As an exciting bonus, Friday night will also include the return of Jungle Terry (the show starts at 8:00). On Saturday, hayrides to the candy store and pumpkin patch will be available. In addition, horseback riding, archery, canoeing, paddleboats, and crafts are some of the other activities that are being scheduled.



Registration is on first-come first-served basis! The deadline for sign-up is September 30th. It's shaping up to be a great time for all, so don't wait until the last minute to sign up. This campout fills up FAST and ALWAYS sells out!

Don't forget to coordinate with your tribe members regarding what to bring as far as large items such as grills, etc. in order to avoid duplication.

### General Items to Bring:

Bring adequate (and extra) clothing appropriate for the time of the year/weather forecasts, boots, 2nd pair of shoes, jacket or sweater, ponchos, vests/headaddress/etc.

### Food & Cooking Equipment:

Coffee pot, matches, wood, saw/hatchet, grill, charcoal lighter, skewers, cooler, pop, canteen, snack food, (hot dogs, burgers, chips etc.), paper cups, plates, towels, folding table

### Toiletries:

Toothbrush/paste, comb, washcloth, towels, soap, razor (or not), sunscreen

### Miscellaneous:

Flashlight, torch & rag (for the Sat. night torch march), bug repellent, lawn chairs, rope, clothespins, first aid kit, sleeping bag/pillow, sports equipment, camera/film, plastic bags, games

### Friday Night Order of Events:

1. Halloween party activities (6:00 start time)
2. Jungle Terry (8:00 start time)
3. Costume Party
4. Ghost Story

### **Directions:**

Take Rt. 90 East into Pennsylvania to Rt. 215 (exit 6). Turn left onto Rt. 215 North. After you pass Rt. 5 look for signs directing you to Camp Fitch.

Drive time is approximately 1.5 hours.

Contact Medicine Man, Mark Evans, with any questions.

Thanks to the Saratoga tribe for assisting with the Friday activities.

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## Fall Campout Registration

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### Fall Campout 2006 Registration Form (Due September 30th)

Dad's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Tribe</u>	<u>Dad's Cabin*</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: \$ 145 (1 Dad and 1 child)  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$30 per additional child)  
Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Make checks payable to: CVNSND

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

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## 2006-2007 CVNSND Dues

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You will soon receive your 2006-2007 dues invoice. This year's dues are \$60 per family, a \$10 reduction from the previous year. 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! Membership renewal forms and dues invoices will be mailed to all current members in late August.

Submit articles via e-mail: [smokes@cvnsnd.org](mailto:smokes@cvnsnd.org)

## Fun Stuff!

### August Birthdays

Apache	Greg Synek
Apache	Jordan Sollinger
Buckeyes	Sophia Dobronos
Catawba	Madeline Baldwin
Cheyenne	McKenna Weisbarth
Chippewa	Andrew Leonard
Comanche	Matthew Pitzer
Cowichan	Alison Grgat
Crow	Christian Sorige
Dakota	Ashley Leonard
Lakota	Kimberly Rega
Lakota	Sophie Piteo
Mohawk	Madeline Pinto
Navajo	John J.T. Zawada
Navajo	Patrick Grimone
Saratoga	Thora Reagan
Seneca	Andrew Havranek
Trailblazers	Caitlin Koprowski
Trailblazers	Jamie Speck
Trailblazers	Justin Koeth

### September Birthdays

Chippewa '05	Adam Reel
Cowichan '02	Olivia Bryan
Crow '03	Jimmy Henyey
Lakota '04	Daniela Ortenzy
Lakota '04	Marielle Becker
Lakota '04	Sarah Hamerly
Saratoga '04	Grace Ritchie
Seminole '04	Mark Krusinski
Seminole '04	Nathan Mingus
Seneca '05	Matthew Georgevich
Shoshone '03	Alyssa Sliter
Shoshone '03	Jamie Cowen
Shoshone '03	Marissa Wojtala
Tomahawk	Tom Baran
Trailblazers	Allison Baldwin

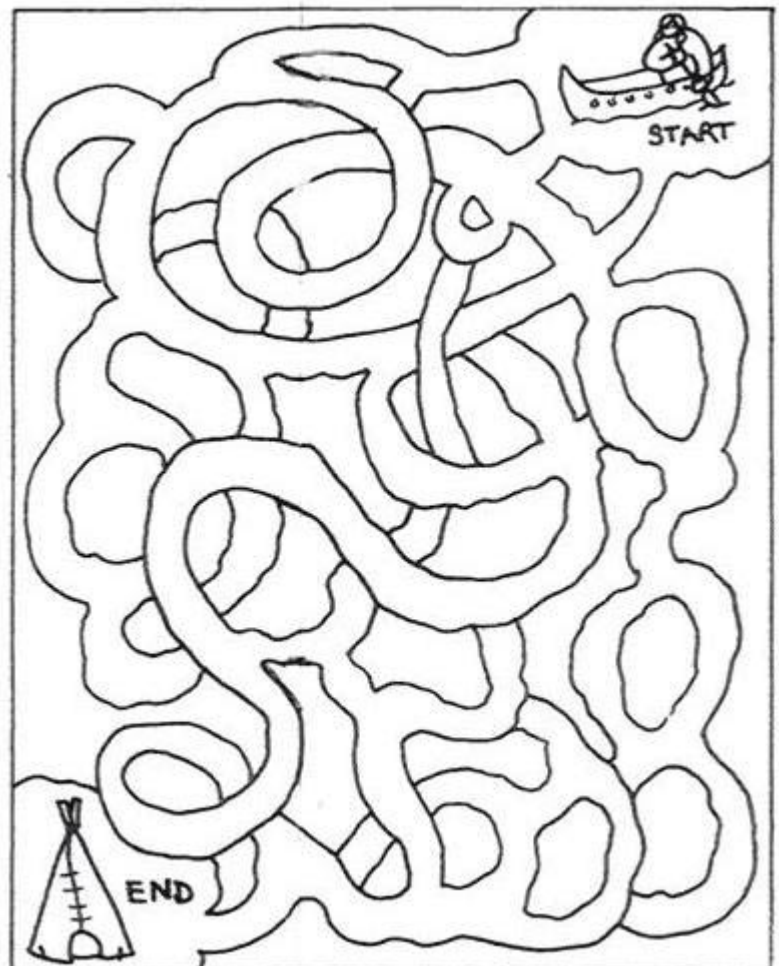
### Did You Know...

At the time of first European contact, probably close to 1,000 American Indian languages were spoken in North, Central, and South America. Although the number of languages in daily use has steadily declined because of persecution and pressures on the Indians to adopt English, Spanish, and other originally European languages, well over 700 different American Indian-- or, as they are sometimes called, Amerindian or Native American--languages are spoken today.

(see: [www.indians.org](http://www.indians.org) for more information)



Help this Comanche brave find his way home



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