



# ~Smoke Signals~

FEB-MARCH '07 UPDATE

## Chief's Message



We kicked off 2007 with some great events. The first event of the year was Tobogganing hosted by the Pathfinders. Thanks to Jeff Krejci and Ed Baldwin for putting together a fun nighttime event. Over 150 of the CVNSND and Pathfinders families enjoyed Anne

Baldwin's homemade chicken noodle soup, chili, and the CVNSND staples, hot dogs and donuts.

The endless hours of snow dancing by Medicine Man Mark Evans paid off for our winter campout at Camp Y-Noah. The temperature remained cold enough for most of the weekend to keep the sled hills opens for business. Everyone enjoyed the 10 superb chili entries during the cook off on Friday night. Thank you to all our judges who braved many of the three alarm entries. The Christmas-at-Y-Noah decorating competition was fierce. I heard that Northeast Ohio was experiencing a brown out caused by this year's winners, the Saratoga and Lakota tribes. We capped off another great campout with the torch march and warming bonfire from our Firemakers Bill Niro and Jim Watroba and of course, a great story from Laughing Crow.

Recently over 220 sons, daughters, and dads overtook the Independence Civic Center for our annual Late Nighter. Guy Savestano and the Buckeye tribe did a phenomenal job with this well run event. There was swimming, basketball, a craft from the Mohawk tribe, jugglers, a bubble lady, and a magician. What more could you ask for? John Kennedy of the Buckeye tribe amassed 50 prize packages valued at over \$1,500 for this year's raffle. Congratulations to all the raffle winners. To top off the Late Nighter, CVNSND donated 150 cans of food for the local food bank.

Next up, the Pine Car Derby is scheduled for Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Crow tribe Chief Joe Prindle and the Crow tribe will have the pits ready to get the derby off in grand fashion. If you still need a pine car kit please contact Joe Prindle ([ippy30@highstream.net](mailto:ippy30@highstream.net)). In April get ready for Bumper Bowling at Cloverleaf Lanes on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Hopi tribe and the return of the Rain Gutter Regatta on Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Lakota tribe.

As spring really kicks into high gear an overnight trip to the Buffalo Naval Park is scheduled for May 12<sup>th</sup>. At the Naval Park you will get a chance to sleep on an actual WWII U.S. Navy ship.

Assistant Chief Gary "Dancing Buckeye" Pitzer has been hard at work planning for the upcoming year. All of our events happen because of the enthusiasm and hard work from our tribes. Please make sure your tribe hosts an event in the upcoming year. Also "Dancing Buckeye" is accepting nominations for anyone interested in becoming a Longhouse officer. If you are interested in volunteering please contact our Assistant Longhouse Chief.

As spring approaches, let's not forget why we are here: to celebrate and build upon the bonds with our children the same way the Native American father did with his offspring. Because of the time we spend with our children, the relationship between us will grow, building memories that will last a lifetime.

Chief John "Broken Back" Falko

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Be sure to check the Buffalo Naval Park article if you plan on visiting Niagra Falls on the Friday before.

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## Scheduled Events

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Month	Event	Date	Location	Sponsor	Family
March	Pine Car Derby	3/11	BBH Middle School	Crow	Yes
April	Bumper Bowling	4/15	Cloverleaf Lanes	Hopi	No
April	Rain Gutter Regatta	4/29	Old Indy Rec Center	Lakota, Shawnee	No
May	Buffalo Naval Park	5/12	Buffalo, NY	Seminole	No

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

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## Tobogganing Recap

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Over 150 brave Native Sons, Native Daughters, and Trailblazers enjoyed an evening of thrills at the Cleveland Metroparks Chalet. The group worked up a serious appetite as we went through over 100 doughnuts (special request of Chief Falko), 200 hot dogs, 10 quarts of chili, 10 quarts of chicken noodle soup, and 10 gallons of hot chocolate. An intermittent light drizzle made the chutes exceptionally fast, which resulted in a number of spectacular runs. I was told that almost all of the course records were broken. A huge thanks goes out to all of the kids who carried their own toboggan up the steps. Thanks also to Jeff Krejci, Hank Petro, Ed Baldwin, and the Trailblazers for sponsoring the event. See you next year!

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## Winter Campout Fun

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## Late Nighter Recap

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This year's Late Nighter was simply awesome! A total of 99 families (that's 230 dads & kids) had a great time "running around" and "staying up late"...but that's what the Late Nighter is all about. Kids and Dads enjoyed swimming, playing in the gym, making friendship bracelets, eating lots and lots of chicken nuggets, pizza and chili...not to mention the three tables full of desserts! They were tickled pink when "put in a bubble", were "wow-ed" by the St. Ignatius juggling team (how did that one kid juggle 5 balls?) and they rolled in the aisles during magic act of Zap the Magician.

Thanks to the generosity of local businesses, our raffle included 50 prize packages. The three grand prizes were won by Marielle Becker from the Lakota tribe (portable DVD player), sisters Madison and Kylan Krupa of the Lakota and Mohican tribe (TV/DVD combo) and Kyle Streibel from the Cherokee tribe (Stratocaster Guitar & Amp). And thanks to *your* generosity, we collected 8 large boxes of food to donate to the Cleveland Food Bank.

Thanks again to the Buckeye and Mohawk Tribes for coordinating this outstanding event!

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

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## Pine Car Derby

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Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

Doors Open at 12:00 PM. Races Start at 1:00 PM

Brecksville-Broadview Hts. Middle School (Gymnasium), 6736 Mill Road

Family Event

Cost: \$3 Per Car

Son's and Daughter's, it's time to get your racecars ready for the annual Pine Car Derby sponsored by the Crow tribe. Car kits and weights will be sold at the Late Nighter. Car kits are \$5.00 and weights are \$2.00. You can also contact Joe Prindle (email: [ippy30@highstream.net](mailto:ippy30@highstream.net), phone: 440-746-9363) to obtain a kit.

A few rules to keep in mind when designing your car:

- CVNSND purchased kits only
- Do not substitute any components
- Do not modify any components
- 4 Wheels Required
- Axles can be relocated
- Max Weight: 5 ounces
- Max Height: 4 inches
- Max Width: 2 ¾ inches
- Max Length: 7 inches
- Min Undercarriage Clearance: 3/8 inch

Further clarification:

- The maximum allowable weight is 5 ounces. You may add weights (e.g., washers, coins) to the kit. The weights sold by NS/ND are perfect for getting the car up to the maximum weight. Each car will be officially weighed at the event. Consider using a Post Office scale to check the weight prior to race day. A scale and several stations will be available at the event where you can add and subtract weight. Please bring your own tools. There will be a limited amount of weights and car parts available on race day.
- You cannot substitute any car components – the wheels, wooden dowel axle housings, axle screws, and pine block provided with the kit must be used. Do not use any type of bearings, washers, Teflon parts, etc. on the axles and do not modify the wheels. The pine block can be shaped. Paint and other decorative items can be added to the kit as long as the car remains within the maximum dimensions.
- Powdered graphite is the only lubricant allowed and will be provided at the event.
- Cars from previous years may be used as long as they meet the above guidelines.
- The doors will open at 12:00 noon. Cars will be weighed and registered from 12:00 to 12:45 PM. There will be a registration fee for each car (new or used). Racing is scheduled to begin at 1:00 PM. Please arrive early if your car needs fine-tuning.
- Prizes will be awarded for the 1) fastest cars in each nation, 2) best looking design and 3) most creative design. Frank Madonia has offered to bring in his racecar and challenge the children in the Reaction Time test prior to race time. Reaction time trophies will also be awarded. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase.
- Please visit [www.cvnsnd.org](http://www.cvnsnd.org) for a complete set of official rules.



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## Bumper Bowling

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Sunday, April 15th

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM, Arrival Time: 12:45

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

Native Sons/Daughters and Dad's Event

Cost: \$8.50 Per Person

Sign up now for this year's Bumper Bowling event, sponsored by the Hopi Tribe. The cost of this event is \$8.50 per person and includes two hours of bowling, shoe rental, hot dogs, chips and soda. Advance registration is required by Monday, April 9th. Registration is limited to 150 people, so don't wait! Watch the Smokes for the official registration form. Due to the limited amount of lanes available, this is a father/child only event.

Cloverleaf Lanes is located at 5619 Brecksville Road (Rt. 21) in Independence. Take Route 21 North approximately one mile north of Rockside Road. Cloverleaf Lanes is on the right.

Contact Dave May with any questions. Home phone: 440-526-4991 or email: mrdavemay@aol.com

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### **Bumper Bowling 2007**

**Registration Deadline: April 9, 2007**

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

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Checks payable to: CVNSND Mail ASAP to: Dave May, 4809 Snow Blossom Lane, Brecksville, OH 44141

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## Rain Gutter Regatta

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Sunday, April 29th

Registration at Noon, Races Starts at 1:00 PM

Old Independence Recreation Center, Elmwood Park (North End), Independence

Native Sons/Daughters and Dad's Event

Cost: \$2.00

It's the event where your Native Son/Daughter's wind power pays off. Those sloshing sections of gutter are back at the Independence "Old Recreation Center". The Lakota, Shawnee, Choula and Mojave tribes will be staging the watery race tracks and your child will be blowing their spiffy spinnakers down the soggy sluices in a triple elimination showdown. It's the Pine Car Derby on water with a lot of hot air. Registration is \$2 and includes food, drink and crafts. Because of the small venue, this is a father/child event.

Boat kits will be available at the Pine Car Derby for \$5, or contact Jeff Budzowski (Lakota) at tpchomes@aol.com. Help your child build it, let them decorate it, and then set sail. Awards will be given to the blow-hard winners at each grade level for and first, second and third place in the races, and best/creative design.

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## Overnight at the Buffalo Naval Park

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Saturday, May 12th

Check-in Time: 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Buffalo Naval Park, Buffalo, New York

CVNSND & Pathfinders Event

Cost: \$42 Per Person



Once again, the CVNSND and Pathfinders are "shuffling off to Buffalo " to spend the night at this historic naval park. Registration includes an overnight stay on the USS Little Rock missile cruiser, dinner and breakfast in the ship's galley(where our Native Sons and Daughters will assist in the food service line!), one three-minute ride on the British torpedo jet motion simulator, and a tour of all three ships docked in port at the Naval Park.

In addition to the USS Little Rock, ship tours will include the USS Crocker submarine, and the destroyer USS Sullivans. On-board activities for Saturday night include a movie, a scavenger hunt, and much, much more!

Lights out on Saturday night is at 10:30 pm. Dads will be taking shifts for fire and safety watches throughout the night. Breakfast on Sunday morning is at 6:30AM. sharp(remember, it is the military!)

Nearby attractions include Niagara Falls, The Maid of the Mist, and Fort Niagara. For those wishing to visit Niagara Falls on Friday, May 11, rooms with two double beds are available at the Quality Inn for \$89 (and tax). The hotel has an indoor pool and is connected to a Family Fun Center that includes a "Bounce House", rock wall, batting cages and arcade. Call (716)282-1212 to reserve your room. Don't forget to bring extra clothes if you plan on visiting the Maid of the Mist or the Cave of the Winds. You will get wet!

Look for directions to the Naval Park in the next Smokes.

**For more information about  
the Buffalo Naval Park, visit:  
[www.buffalonaivalpark.org](http://www.buffalonaivalpark.org)**

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### Overnight at the Buffalo Naval Park 2007

**Registration Deadline: April 6, 2007**

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

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$42/Person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed

Make checks payable to: CVNSND

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