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Chief's Message



Wow!! What a way to rap up the 2006-2007 program year with a spectacular Spring Campout at Camp Tippecanoe. Thank you Medicine Man Mark Evans for planning such a memorable event. The days were hot and humid but that didn't dampen the fun. I hope everyone was able to pull themselves away from

the refreshing lake to enjoy horseback riding, BB guns, archery, and making a keepsake CVNSND tie dye shirt.

On Friday night the kitchen was hot not only from the ovens but also from the tempting sauces for the wing competition. Congratulations to our wing contest winners; Mike Urbanowicz, Joe Fritzky, and yours truly. A big thanks to Asst. Medicine Man and Seneca Tribe Chief Mike Urbanowicz and Jan Sorige for doing the bulk of cooking. Also, thanks to J.T. Kurtz, Guy Savastano, and Jeff Brubaker for helping out with the Friday night clean-up. Proceeds from the Leukemia Foundation Walk were over \$1,000, thanks to everyone for their generosity and thank you Jeff Brubaker and the Hopi tribe for putting this charity event together.

Saturday morning started out like any other day at Camp Tippecanoe except for a pink flag found on the flag pole. A closer look revealed it was indeed my trademark pink shorts, snatched from my cabin as I slept. They were removed from the flag pole during the Leukemia Walk and were next found on top of the bonfire to be presented as an offering to the fire gods. I have a feeling the Apache tribe may have had a hand in the caper. I'm already planning on my next pair of shorts for I hope another tenure as your Longhouse Chief. It may be another pair of pink shorts or maybe plaid or lime green. Stay tuned and get ready for what may turn up at the Fall Campout in October.

Congratulations to our 57 graduating members of the mighty Cowichan, Cheyenne, Crow, Choula, Mojave, Navajo, Seminole, and Apache Tribes. It was sad not only from seeing all these fine young boys and girls with their dads but also being one of those dads himself with his graduating daughter, Ellen. 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 regattas, rocket launches, hikes, and tribe meetings.

It has been my honor and a privilege to serve as your chief. This has to be the most rewarding position I have ever held.

Seeing the children's excitement and smiles at all our great events over the last year has been truly enriching. There were hectic times being chief but the amount of fun and laughter I had made up for all the hard work it takes to support such a great organization.

Thank you to everyone that made this past year a success. From the Longhouse officers to the tribes that hosted the events, you are what make this organization run as smoothly as it does. In particular, thank you to our past Sachem Rex "Snakebite" Mack and Elder Dan "Scratching Hawk" Ogorek who were mentors to me during my tenure as Longhouse Chief and were always there for words of wisdom. Also, congratulations to coveted Golden Tomahawk Award recipients for 2007 Carl Wisniewski and Jim Senick for their past, current, and future commitment to leading this group.

We will never forget those longtime and dedicated CVNSND members, Steve Hadick, Dan Ogorek, and Don Baran who were presented special awards honoring their dedication and commitment to the CVNSND program. Also, Don "Laughing Crow" Baran was recognized with the Joe Friday Award. This special award signifies an extremely high honor and is awarded only to an individual who has given extraordinary personal services and dedication to the Native Sons and Daughters Programs. Looking back at Don's 13 years of involvement with the program, I can't think of anyone more deserving of this honor. Good luck to all three of our highly esteemed members and we look forward to your continued involvement in Pathfinders.

Let's now welcome our new Longhouse Chief, Gary "Dancing Buckeye" Pitzer, along with our new officers who were introduced at Camp Tippecanoe. Chief Gary is a great leader with a lot of energy, excitement, and new ideas. We are looking forward to the year ahead.

As summer 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. Our group is so exceptional because we are focused on something of immense importance to us: OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS. Because of this focus, I will forever be proud to be a member of The Cuyahoga Valley Native Sons and Native Daughters Program.

Your new Sachem,

John "Broken Back" Falko

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Chief Broken Back, Thanks for a great year!!!

Scheduled Events

Month	Event	Date	Location	Sponsor	Family
June	Brecksville Home Days	6/22-24	Brecksville Public Square	Nation Chiefs	Yes
July	Cornhole Tournament	7/14	Broadview Hts Summerfest	Ass't Medicine Man	Yes
July	Pool Party	7/20	Independence Pool	Chippewa	Yes
August	Indy Home Days & Parade	8/3-4	Downtown Independence	Nation Chiefs	Yes
August	Summer Campout	8/10-12	Mohican Adventures	Nation Chiefs	Yes

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

Buffalo Naval Park Recap

Jim Senick, Earth Nation Chief

Ahoyyyy CVNSND!!!!!!!!!!!!!! On May 12th 58 dads, sons and daughters stepped aboard the USS Little Rock Missile Cruiser and spent a fun filled evening of exploring the three naval ships (USS Little Rock - a missile cruiser, the Sullivan's - a destroyer and the USS Crocker - a submarine), watching movies and touring through the WW II, Korean and Vietnam War exhibits. They slept in the actual bunks used by sailors stationed on the USS Little Rock and ate in the galley that was used by 1,200 sailors a day as well.

We all left with a greater appreciation of what our service men and women endure to protect our freedom. About 18 CVNSND traveled up to Niagara Falls to take in the splendor and majestic power of Niagara Falls. Some went on the Maid of the Mist and Cave of the Winds. Others went to the Skylon observation tower and walked along the Fall's and the Niagara River. They also had a good time at the Family Fun Center that was attached to the hotel. A great time was had by one and all!



Leukemia Walk Recap

Jeff Brubaker, Leukemia Walk Chairman

First, let me give a great big, "THANK YOU" to all who took part in the Leukemia Walk at the annual Spring Campout down at Camp Tippencanoe. Together, walking a nearly 1.5 mile 'course' our sons and daughters raised \$1,000 towards the research and fight against blood-related cancers. Through the Leukemia Society's Team In Training program the funds raised go directly to research, patient care and other costs incurred by family members of those fighting these diseases. Be proud of your efforts!

Here is a breakdown of the top fundraisers:

- Nina Savastano
- Kylee Brubaker
- Ashley Fodor
- Annie Jenkins
- Katie May
- Top Tribe, The Hopi

Thanks to everyone who assisted in helping put together the prize packages, including:

- Mark Evans
- John Falko
- Guy Savastano
- Tim Rickert
- Al Konieczynski
- The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
- Tim Rickert

Spring Campout Recap

Mark "Hungry Bear" Evans, Medicine Man

Thanks to Chief Broken Back's pink shorts, the rains were scared off just long enough for everyone to enjoy the camp out. Many thanks to everyone who helped with the camp out, particularly the Saratoga and Seneca tribes for all their help on Friday night. Assistant Medicine Man Mike Urbanowicz and Jan Sorige cooked up 120 pounds of chicken wings the entire long house enjoyed Friday night.

The campout was filled with activities and contests, congratulations to all the participants. The wing sauce competition was very close but a panel of esteemed judges ate wings and came up with the following winners: 1st Mike Urbanowicz, 2nd John Falko, and 3rd Joe Fritzky. Yes, Chief Broken Back's unprecedented run of food competition championships comes to an end. He will have to wait till winter to regain the throne of CVNSND cooking.

Jennifer Wisniewski and her baseball cap edged out Guy Savastano to win the Laughing Crow look alike contest. Jennifer will be awarded with a \$20 Honey Hut gift certificate. Way to go Jennifer!

Chief Falko presided over the graduation ceremonies Sat. night. Congratulations to all who graduated and we look forward to seeing all of you at the Pathfinder events. Old officers were acknowledged, and new officers installed. Thanks to all who have served.

The highlight of the camp out had to be long time Storyteller Laughing Crow (Don Baran) being recognized by not only our local longhouse but also our regional organization by being awarded the prestigious Joe Friday award for his many years of service to the group. I know that I will remember, and I'm sure that my children will remember, many of Laughing Crow's stories. Thanks for all the memories.

Saturday night's festivities were concluded with first the exploding then the burning of Chief Broken Back's pink shorts. What will we burn of Chief Dancing Buckeye's next year? Every campout sees its share of minor injury's. At this camp, two children had afflictions worth mentioning. Natalie Buccini who forgot to go with her horse, and Alison Rickert who a Wasp thought was quite tasty. Make sure you both get "Boo-Boo" patches from awards chief. I hear both are doing well, but the Wasp didn't make it.

Many camp fires were kept alit throughout the camp out thanks to JT Kurtz and his supply of wood. Lastly, many thanks to Mike Urbanowitz, John Falko, Guy Savastano and Tim Rickert for all their help on not only this camp out, but all the camp outs this year. See you all in the Fall, October 12-14, at Camp Fitch.

Longhouse and Officers Meeting Combined

Gary Pitzer, Chief Dancing Buckeye

Due to popular demand, the monthly longhouse and officers' meetings have been combined into a single meeting. Beginning this June 27th 2007, the combined meeting will be held the last Wednesday of each month at 9:00 PM at the London Pickle Works in Brecksville. This meeting provides valuable information about our longhouse and upcoming events that needs to be relayed back to each member of your tribe. Each tribe is required to have at least one member attend. If you are a tribe chief and are unable to attend, please contact someone in your tribe to attend this important monthly meeting.

Brecksville Home Days

Guy "Sky Bear" Savastano, Ass't Longhouse Chief

Friday, June 22nd through Sunday, June 24th
Brecksville Public Square
Family Event

The annual Brecksville Home Days Celebration is right around the corner, and the CVNSND booth is back for 2007! Our booth activity will be the popular CVNSND Nerf® -dart target shoot game, and we will have new and improved prizes this year. We will distribute CVNSND flyers & wooden nickels, and we will have a drawing for a scooter open to Kindergartners and 1st graders who visit the booth.



Note that this event opens the official 2007-2008 CVNSND recruiting season. This event, along with Indy Home Days, School visits, and the Recruiting Rally are vital recruiting tools for our organization – it's what keeps CVNSND membership strong!

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 assigned time slot on the schedule found on the next page.

Each Tribe Chief is asked to contact his tribe members and coordinate the necessary volunteers for their tribe's time slot. 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 game, but also seeing their friends, showing off their dads, 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 help our recruiting efforts.

Tribe Chiefs should report the names of all volunteers by June 18th to: Gary Pitzer, Longhouse Chief, by e-mail (gpitzer@tarolli.com) or by phone (440-915-4448).

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

Friday, June 22nd

4:00-5:30 Asst. Chief Sky Bear Savastano (4:00 set-up; booth opens at 5:00)
5:30-7:00 Buckeye
7:00-8:30 Lakota
8:30-10:00 Pathfinders

Sunday, June 24th

1:00-2:30 Hopi
2:30-4:00 Mohican
4:00-5:30 Seneca
5:30-7:00 Crow
7:00-8:30 Shawnee & Sachem Broken Back Falko
8:30-10:00 Saratoga (tear down at 10:00pm)

Saturday, June 23rd

1:00-2:30 Mohawk
2:30-4:00 Cherokee
4:00-5:30 Chippewa
5:30-7:00 Comanche
7:00-8:30 Seminole
8:30-10:00 Shoshone

Pool Party

JT Kurtz, Information Chief

Friday, July 20th, 8:00-11:00 PM
Independence Outdoor Pool
CVNSND & Pathfinders 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. Please contact J.T. Kurtz with any questions at 216-276-0638 or 216-524-9794.

Summer Campout - A Family Event

Carl Wisniewski, Fire Nation Chief

August 10-12

Mohican Adventures Campground, Loudonville, OH
CVNSND & Pathfinders Family Event

Costs (you can do any combination of camping, canoeing and/or dinner):

Camping - about \$30.00 per night for family of 2 Adults + 2 kids (extra kids may be more).

Canoeing - \$15.00 Per Person.

Dinner - \$12.50 Per Adult and \$8.00 Per Child

Fast becoming a summertime tradition, the Summer Campout is scheduled for August 10-12 in beautiful Loudonville, Ohio. In addition to the full camping experience, this event will feature canoeing (late Saturday morning) and a catered dinner Saturday night. Saturday's dinner will be held in the Big River Shelter and will include ribs, chicken and all the fixings for adults; burgers, dogs and side dishes for the kids. Soft drinks will also be provided.



To campout, you must call Mohican Adventures directly to reserve your camp sites. Some sites have full hookups (water and electricity). **Advance reservations are required by July 10, 2007.** Tell them you are with Cuyahoga Valley Native Sons Native Daughters. Contact Info for Mohican Adventures: Phone: 1-800-662-2663. Additional information may be found at www.mohicancanoe.com. For camping, please be sure to bring your own tent, camper or opt to sleep under the stars.

For canoeing and the dinner, please send your payment with the registration form below by July 20th. Please be sure to indicate on the registration form if you will be attending Saturday Night's dinner and/or canoeing. Please contact Carl Wisniewski at wis6667@aol.com

DIRECTIONS to Mohican Adventures:

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 large brown and yellow A-frame building.

	Summer Campout Reservation Form Due: July 20th
<p>Dad's Name: _____</p> <p># People canoeing: _____ x \$15.00 # Adults for dinner: _____ x \$12.50 # Children for dinner: _____ x \$8.00</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$ _____ Total Enclosed</p>	<p>Please indicate if you will be canoeing and/or having dinner:</p> <p>Canoeing: _____ Dinner: _____</p>
<p>Please send your payment (check payable to: 'CVNSND') with this reservation form to: Carl Wisniewski, 6667 Beverly May Dr., Independence, OH 44131</p>	

Recruiting Message

Gary Pitzer, Chief Dancing Buckeye

Chief Broken Back proudly gave recognition to our graduating fourth grade tribes at our Spring Campout at Tippecanoe. With a touch of sadness, we watched 57 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 gpitzer@tarolli.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.

Pathfinders' 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? Pathfinders to the rescue!

Pathfinder' 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 Pthfinders.

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

Cornhole Tournament at the Broadview Heights Summerfest

Calling all cornhole players. You can put your skills to the test at this year's Broadview Heights Summerfest on Saturday, July 14th. A cornhole tournament is being run by our own Assistant Medicine Man, Mike Urbanowicz. If you're interested in participating or helping Mike run the show please let him know asap. Mike can be reach at msurbs@cox.net.

Memorial Day Parade Recap

Sachem John "Broken Back" Falko

What a perfect day for a parade!! This year the Broadview Heights Memorial Day Parade had the early kickoff at 9am. Brecksville and Broadview Heights share the High School marching parade and trade off parade start times every year. The earlier start time didn't stop a strong showing of CVNSND Dads, sons and daughters from participating in the parade and honoring our fallen heroes.

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

June Birthdays

Apache Austin Buc
 Cheyenne Libby Kubera
 Chippewa Jakob Wells
 Chippewa Tristan Douglas
 Chippewa Bryce Hasman
 Chippewa Brian Synek
 Comanche Raymond Boblick
 Hopi Julia Cutter
 Hopi Ann Jenkins
 Lakota Lindsey Budzowski
 Lakota Alexa Papanikolaou
 Lakota Abigail Richardson
 Mohawk Nicholas Filipovic
 Navajo Gino Anselmo
 Navajo Owen Stahl
 Pathfinders Morgan Krejci
 Pathfinders Stephen Hadick
 Pathfinders Caitlin Leiby
 Pathfinders Tony Iacobelli
 Pathfinders Darren Krolkowski
 Pathfinders Brandon Niro
 Seminole Anthony "AJ" Senick
 Seminole Johnny Veres
 Seneca Alexander Sorige
 Shoshone Brynne Naughton



July Birthdays

Apache Vincent Silvestro
 Apache Nicholas Niro
 Apache '02 Jacob Watroba
 Cherokee Dave Synek
 Cheyenne Michaela Thomas
 Comanche Keali Kovach
 Cowichan Lauren Genco
 Crow Alan Lacava
 Hopi Julia Peterson
 Mohawk Jack Barchet
 Mohican Christina Meyers
 Navajo Jonathan Paravano
 Pathfinders Shannon Proctor
 Pathfinders Madeline Koeth
 Pathfinders Colin Scott
 Pathfinders Dan Baran
 Pathfinders Ricky Howe
 Pathfinders Michaela Martin
 Pathfinders Vince Iacobelli
 Pathfinders Connor Baum
 Pathfinders Alissa Bevan
 Pathfinders Christopher Hawkins
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 Seneca Justin Long
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