



CUYAHOGA VALLEY LONGHOUSE NATIVE SONS & NATIVE DAUGHTERS

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Chief's Message



Wow! This summer was quite eventful. I take great pride in saying that CVNSND definitely put together some great events this summer - not just for

the dads and kids but for the whole family. In July, despite some inclement weather, we had an awesome turn out for the Family Pool Party. The Chippewa tribe manned the grille and cooked up some delicious burgers and hot dogs. In addition, we had about 80 people travel with their families down to Mohican to enjoy camping, canoeing and food arranged by Sky Nations Chief, Carl Wisniewski. Even though the caterers somehow got lost, the food still arrived hot!

Homedays in both Brecksville and Independence provided some excellent exposure with our infamous dart gun game. CVNSND was awarded second place for our float in the Independence Homedays parade. A special thanks goes out to everyone who worked at the Homedays booths this summer and who helped design and construct our float. It never ceases to amaze me how everyone in this organization pulls together as a team when needed. It cannot be overstated how important each dad is - not only to his own family, but to the success of this fantastic group. In addition to raising some extra money for this coming year, the Homedays events were an integral part of our recruiting efforts.

Our recruiting recently culminated with visits to the public schools for Brecksville-Broadview Heights

and Independence and materials that were sent home to the K and 1st graders. I especially would like to acknowledge the efforts of our Nations Chiefs (Dave May, John Kennedy, Carl Wisniewski and Jim Senick) and our Assistant Chief, Guy Savastano. These dads have dedicated significant time and energy to promote this group to new families in our communities.

By now, all returning members should have received the 2007-2008 registration materials via snail mail. Please complete the registration materials and return them with your payment as soon as possible. Please contact Kenn Synek or member services if you did not receive a packet in the mail. Don't forget to urge your friends with kids in kindergarten and 1st grade to sign up - the **Recruiting Rally** is just around the corner!

The officers have planned an exciting new year full of events and activities that are guaranteed to create some unforgettable memories with our children. As always, there will be campouts organized by our esteemed Medicine Man, Mark Evans. Be sure to review our schedule of events (on the website at www.cvnsnd.org) as we have planned a few new events that are sure to put smiles on the faces of our kids - and us too! Remember to be sure to see T-Shirt Chief, Ed Baldwin for the latest CVNSND gear - available for purchase at all of our events.

As we go forward into this new season, let us stay focused on the path that led us to this program: strengthening our parent-child relationships and building life memories with our children.

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Scheduled Events*

Month	Event	Date	Location	Sponsor	Family
Sept	Recruiting Rally	9/12	Oak Grove Pavilion	Shawnee / Lakota	No
Sept	New Dad Orientation	9/19	Chippewa Elementary	Ass't Chief	No
Sept	Harvest Festival/Hay Ride	9/29	Mays' Farm - Randolph, OH	Buckeyes '05	Yes
Sept	Induction Dinner	10/6	Independence Civic Center	Comanche '04	Yes
Oct	Fall Campout	10/12	Camp Fitch	Medicine Man	No
Nov	Ice Skating	11/11	Ice Land USA		Yes
Dec	Brecksville Holiday Parade	12/2	City of Brecksville	Nation Chiefs	No

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Recruiting Rally

Steve Simmons, Shawnee '03

Date: Wednesday September 12th
 Time: 6:30-9:00pm
 Location: Oak Grove Pavilion - Brecksville Metroparks
 Dads and kids event

It's time to kick-off the 2007/2008 Native Sons and Daughters season! Make plans to join us for this year's annual Recruiting Rally on Wednesday, September 12, from 6:30 to 9:00 pm at the Oak Grove Picnic area located in the Cleveland Metroparks Brecksville Reservation.

This event is always a lot of fun! It's a great time to catch-up with all the CVNSND dads you haven't seen over the summer, and the kids are always excited for the official start of another great year. Highlights of the evening will include a rocket launch demonstration, and an authentic Native American tale from Seven Cubs, our esteemed CVNSND storyteller. There will be music, activities, and CVNSND displays. The Longhouse will provide hot dogs, drinks, and desert. Who knows, perhaps our revered chiefs will even lead us in a rousing campfire song or two! This is also a great opportunity to stock-up on official CVNSND apparel, register for the fall campout, and more, so bring your checkbooks!

Don't forget that the purpose of the Recruiting Rally is to introduce newcomers to our organization, so if you have friends who are interested in CVNSND, please invite them to come along for the evening. There will be plenty of information available, and our officers will provide a brief presentation to interested dad's about the Native Sons and Daughters program.

The 2007 CVNSND Recruiting Rally is sponsored by the Shawnee and Lakota Tribes. Please contact Steve Simmons at 216-524-6261 with any questions. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

Driving directions from Route 21 South and Route 82 in Brecksville:

- Take Route 21(Brecksville Road) South 1.2 miles to Valley Parkway.
- Turn left on Valley Parkway, headed east into the Metroparks
- Continue on Valley Parkway 1.2 miles, turn right and head up the hill to the Oak Grove Picnic Area.



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Harvest Festival and Hayride

Guy Savastano, Chief Buckeye Tribe



Date: Saturday, September 29th

Time: 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Location: May's Farm, Randolph, Ohio (330) 325-7796

Cost: \$6.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children (under 12)

Family Event

The CVNSND is kicking off the new year with a new event – a harvest festival and hayride, to be held at May's Family Farm in Randolph, Ohio. May's Farm specializes in all the harvest-time activities that we have memories of from our own childhood – corn mazes, farm animals, pumpkin patches, bonfires, and of course, hayrides. Join us “down on the farm” and make new memories with your family this year!

May's Farm has two different corn “May-zes”. One maze is smaller for the younger set - and the other is more challenging. The kids will love meeting Cocoa & Butter (calves), Salt & Pepper (bunnies), Wilbur, Waldo & Wilma (three little pigs), and who could forget the Three Billy Goats Gruff. May's tractor-drawn hayrides take you on an exciting tour through the woods and through the “Land of the Pumpkin People”, an amazing adventure where you will meet a few of our Pumpkin Friends. The hayride makes a stop in the Pumpkin Field where young and old can pick their very own pumpkin. Note: the Corn May-zes and the Hayrides are NOT haunted – May's Farms' goal is family fun for all ages!

Dinner is included with your admission - the Buckeye tribe will be “grillin’ and chillin’” (hot dogs, burgers, other picnic fixings). The cost for the event is \$6.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child. This is a family event – invite mom, siblings, grandma & grandpa, too. We will be taking pre-registration so we can tell May’s Farm how many NS & ND’s to expect. *Don’t delay* - the registration deadline is Monday 9-24-07.

For more information, you can e-mail/call Guy Savastano at thesavs@wowway.com or (216) 328-0202, or see <http://www.maysfarmfestival.com>

Directions: Take Rt. 77 South to the Rt. 224 exit. Exit Rt. 224 East toward Mogadore. While on Rt. 224 you will pass the intersections of Rt. 91, Rt. 532, and Rt. 43. Continue East on 224 for 5 more miles to Rt. 44 (Randolph). Turn right (south) onto Rt. 44. Go down Rt. 44 for 1/4 mile to first crossroads, Alexander Rd. Turn left onto Alexander Rd., go 1/2 mile, and turn left into May’s Farm. Note: Allow about 45 minutes travel time.

 Hayride Registration Form Due: Sept. 24th	
Dad’s Name: _____ # Adults: _____ x \$6.00 = _____ # Children: _____ x \$5.00 = _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____	Please send your payment (check payable to “CVNSND”) with this registration form to: Guy Savastano 7450 Brecksville Road Independence, Ohio 44131

Induction Dinner

Art Backman, Comanche Chief

Saturday, October 6th, 5:00 – 7:00 PM
 Independence Civic Center (located off Selig Drive)
 Members and Immediate Family: **FREE**
 Additional guests: \$10.00

Come celebrate the induction of new tribes and members into the Cuyahoga Valley Local Longhouse. As always, this 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 menu of Italian food, including pasta, sauces, bread and beverages prepared by the mighty Comanche tribe. Members and their immediate families (parents and siblings) are admitted free. There will be a \$10.00 fee for other guests.

Following dinner, we will conclude the evening with the CVNSND Induction Ceremony. Chief Gary “Dancing Buckeye” Pitzer and other chiefs will welcome all new tribes and present the children with their Indian headbands, feathers and patches.

For more information, contact Comanche Tribe Chief, Art Backman by phone at 440-546-1387, or by email at a.backman@cox.net

Fall Campout

Mark Evans, Medicine Man

Date: Friday, October 12th-14th

Arrival Time: 6:30pm

Location: Camp Fitch - North Springfield, PA

Cost: \$155 for dad and 1 child, \$35 per additional child, NO fee for horseback riding

Registration Deadline: September 30th

Once again, this year's Fall Campout will be held on the beautiful shores of Lake Erie at our beloved Camp Fitch.

The Friday night activities will include our annual Halloween party - so kids (and dads) wear your costumes! As an exciting bonus, FRIDAY NIGHT WILL INCLUDE JUNGLE TERRY (SHOW STARTS @ 8PM). Also, our (not so) scary Ghost Story will be told on Friday night right before heading off to bed! 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 fun activities that are being scheduled.

Registration is on a first-come first-serve basis! The deadline for sign-up is September 30th. It's shaping up to



be a great time for all, so don't wait. This event fills up fast and ALWAYS sells out!!

General Items to Bring:

Adequate (and extra clothing) appropriate for early October. These items include: boots, 2nd pair of shoes, jacket/sweater/sweatshirt, ponchos, vests, headdresses, etc...

Food and Cooking Equipment:

While Camp Fitch cooks up delectable meals, there are those who consider the following items as a necessity. These include: coffee pot, matches, saw/hatchet, grill, charcoal lighter, skewers, cooler, sodas/snacks, canteen, paper products (cups, napkins, plates, towels).

Toiletries:

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

Miscellaneous:

Flashlight, torch & rag (Sat night march), lawn chair,s, rope, clothespins, first aid kit, sleeping bag/pillow, sports equipment, camera, plastic bags, games.

What NOT to Bring:

ALCOHOL

TVs

Grumpy Dads

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP FITCH:

I-90 East to Pennsylvania Rt. 215 (Exit 6). LEFT onto Rt. 215 NORTH. After passing Rt. 5 follow CAMP FITCH signs.

Time is approximately 90 minutes - contact Medicine Man, Mark Evans, with all questions

FALL CAMPOUT REGISTRATION FORM - DUE 9/30/2007

DAD'S NAME _____ E-MAIL _____

CHILD	AGE (10/12/07)	TRIBE	DAD'S CABIN	HORSE RIDING
1) _____	_____	_____	_____	YES / NO
2) _____	_____	_____	_____	YES/ NO
3) _____	_____	_____	_____	YES / NO

Make Checks Payable to: CVNSND and mail ASAP to: Mark Evans, 5893 Fawn Circle, Brecksville 44141

Dads with multiple kids please indicate which child's cabin you would prefer to sleep in as it will aid in cabin assignments

Independence HomeDays - Recap

Carl Wisniewski, Fire Nation Chief

Independence celebrated Home Days this year with a Mexican theme. Our float construction crew built a miniature Mexican village for the parade. We had a good turnout of kids and Dads for the parade many who dressed Mexican. We took 2nd place in this year's float competition.

Our booth ran well this year. All tribes operated the booth for an hour collecting names of potential new members, passing out prizes and CVNSND literature.

Thanks to all who helped build our float, participated in the parade and help operate the booth. A special thanks to the Zubic family for letting us use their driveway and garage for our float construction and providing artistic ideas to help create our award winning float.

Summer Campout - Recap

Carl Wisniewski, Fire Nation Chief

The weekend of August 11th we had our Family Summer Campout and Canoe Trip at Mohican Adventure Park. We had 87 members and family participate in the weekend's events. At the camp ground the kids fished, swam and enjoyed the outdoors with their families.

Saturday morning, members that couldn't camp joined the group for a 7 mile raft and canoe trip down the river. On the trip our members raced, had splash fight, stopped at riverside concession stands for ice cream and hotdogs, and waded in the river looking for crayfish and newts. After the trip most members stayed to play a round or two of putt-putt golf, race around on the go-cart track or hike on some of Mohican State Parks many trails. The fun packed day was capped off with a meal at the riverside pavilion where we enjoyed BBQ ribs, chicken, and hotdogs.

Pathfinders Corner

Jeff Krejci, Pathfinders Chief

New to the Smokes this year will be the Pathfinders Corner.

For those new to the Pathfinder program, Pathfinders is a continuation of the CVNSND group and is open to the graduated daughters and sons & older siblings. The fee is the same as for the CVNSND program.. one payment is good for the entire family.

Here is a partial list of events. As with the younger group the dad's pull together all the events, but we do this as a group instead of by individual tribes. Please let me know if you'd like to help out... Jeff Krejci 440-746-1990

Month	Event	Date	Location	Sponsor	Family
Sept	Harvest Festival/Hay Ride	9/29	Mays' Farm - Randolph, OH	Buckeyes '05	Yes
Oct	Bloodview Haunted House	10/26	Broadview Heights		No
Nov	Ice Skating	11/11	Ice Land USA		Yes
Dec	Independence Holiday Fest	TBD	Assist City of Independence		No

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Longhouse and Officer's Meeting

Gary Pitzer, Chief Dancing Buckeye

Due to popular demand, the monthly longhouse and officers' meetings have been combined into a single meeting. The next meeting will be on September 26th 2007 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.

Longhouse Chief	Gary Pitzer	440-526-0675	gpitzer@taroli.com
Assistant Longhouse Chief	Guy Savastano	216-328-0202	thesavs@wowway.com
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