



## CUYAHOGA VALLEY LONGHOUSE NATIVE SONS & NATIVE DAUGHTERS

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# ~Smoke Signals~

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### Chief's Message



The first part of this year has flown by and now we are deep into spring. This means that the weather is warming up, which means the usual increase in

outdoor activities like spring soccer, baseball. Most importantly, spring means summer is not far off and many more opportunities present themselves to us. The later part of winter and early spring has been loaded with many events. It cannot be overstated how the Dads of this organization repeatedly step up and put on some fantastic events - especially over the past couple months. In particular, I would like to thank the Mohawk and Apache tribes for putting on a Late-nighter which was a tremendous success. The entertainment and raffles were phenomenal, raising the bar for next year's event.

The Seminole tribe hosted a fun-filled tobogganing event. I especially would like to thank Carl Wisniewski for stepping up and arranging much of the details for the tobogganing event as well as many other events within the organization. Carl has put in remarkable energy into this group over the past year and his efforts should be applauded by all. The Kalahari day trip was one of those new events that Carl put together - starting as a Pathfinder event it evolved into a new experience that the entire organization could enjoy.

A huge "THANK YOU" goes out to Matt Krupa and the entire Mohican tribe as well as to the Chippewa tribe for hosting the Pine Car Derby under somewhat unusual circumstances. As you know, the original date was cancelled due to the weather. Not only was

the event moved to a new date, it had to be moved to a new venue. The dads moved quickly to secure the old Rec. Center in Independence. Despite the size difference, these tribes and many other Dads and Moms pulled together to get things set up and run very smoothly. My personal thanks go out to each of you who helped out.

What can be said about the ice cream social other than the Iroquois tribe not only served up some delicious ice cream, but also transformed the Old Rec. Center into an old fashioned ice cream shop. After being taunted, I took pleasure in (surprisingly) defeating our wise Sachem John Falko in the dad's ice cream eating contest.

As we go forward into this spring season and further into the summer, it is important for each of us to recall what this organization is about - building a bond between father and child. I commit everyone to spending as much time as you can with your kids, stay involved in their lives and build those memories that will last a lifetime.

The next months are packed with some new twists as well as many traditional events. The spring campout at Tippecanoe is right around the corner, followed by several parades and family events. Please be sure to read on and mark your calendars to be sure you don't miss out.

Chief Dancing Buckeye



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## Scheduled Events\*

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Event	Date	Location	Sponsor	Family
Memorial Day Parade	5/26	Broadview Heights	Nation Chiefs	No
Spring Campout	5/31-6/2	Tipecanoe	Medicine Man	No
Brecksville Homedays	6/20	Brecksville		No
Bike Hike	6/29	Towpath Trail - Station Rd Bridge	Hopi	Yes
Cornhole Tournament	7/7	Broadview Heights Homedays	Seneca	Yes
Pool Party	7/11	Independence Pool	Hopi / Seneca	Yes
Independence Home Days	8/1	Independence		No

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

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## Memorial Day Parade

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When: May 26th - Check In 10:30; Step off @ 11:00 AM

The CVNSND will be marching proudly as in years past in this year's Broadview Heights Memorial Day Parade. The parade is schedule to start at 11:00am. Please plan to arrive by 10:30am in your CVNSND vests, shirts, hats or anything red white and blue. We will be passing out Flags to the parade observers. The parade will start at the **Assumption Church parking lot** located on Broadview Road north of Rt 82.

More details will be provided via e-mail.

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## Spring Campout

*Mark "Hungry Bear" Evans, Medicine Man*

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When: May 30st - June 1st - Check-In begins @ 6:30pm

Where: Camp Tippecanoe - Tippecanoe, OH

Cost: \$125 for dad and 1 child; \$35 per add'l child (horseback riding is Included)

Spring is upon us and it is time to head down I-77 South to beautiful Camp Tippecanoe for our annual CVNSND Spring Campout. This campout is always a great time - swimming on the sandy beach, pontoon rides, archery, nature programs, fishing, canoeing and more! All nestled in the scenic and gently rolling hills of Tippecanoe, OH.

### NEW THIS YEAR

1<sup>st</sup> Annual, CVNSND Cardboard boat race.

Boats are to be built by tribes Friday night at the camp out. Boats are to be made of only corrugated cardboard, and will have to support 2 children from the tribe. The race will be held Saturday after lunch at the lake. This is meant to be a lot of fun and will not be about winning, but about building the boat and seeing if it will make it to the finish line. Races will be by grade. Boats can only be made from corrugated cardboard, duct tape, clear packing tape, and can be decorated with paint. Longhouse will supply tape, but tribes need to bring their own boxes and paints. Boats are to be made at camp Friday night and must be completed by charity walk Saturday morning. Tribes are allowed to enter more than one boat, but children may only race once. Each boat will be supplied with 2 oars from camp (no others are permitted) and, as stated must carry 2 children. NO MOTORS OF ANY KIND ALLOWED.

A variety of activities are planned for Friday evening, along with our traditional Buffalo Wing Burn-Off and Longhouse Spaghetti dinner. Chicken wings will be provided by the Longhouse and all are encouraged to bring along his favorite original sauce (signature blends welcome). Please remember to mark your sauce if it is H-O-T! It's great food and fun for everyone - so get busy now perfecting that secret recipe.

Charity walk will be held Saturday morning after breakfast, look for sponsor sheets and more info to come. Start collecting sponsors!!

The deadline for campout registration is May 17, 2008 and space is limited to 254 people. This campout always fills up fast - so don't delay. This is the FINAL CVNSND campout for our 4th graders and we all hope they will continue into the Pathfinders program.

### Directions:

I-77 South to Rt. 250 East

Rt. 250 East to Rt. 800 South

Rt. 800 South to City of Tippecanoe

Look for YMCA Camp Sign (ON LEFT) -

LEFT onto Norris Road

Norris Rd. for 2 miles - another "YMCA Camp" sign is posted on a tree - just past that turn RIGHT onto YMCA Rd.

Follow YMCA Rd. to the camp (approx. 2 miles)

Right turn into Camp - follow to main lodge

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## Walk for Life Center for Autism

*Jeff "Red Runner" Brubaker*

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Saturday at the Spring Campout, Immediately following breakfast

Check In: Friday Night, Saturday Morning

This year the annual CVNSND fundraising walk is proud to support the Life Center for Autism. Soon, an electronic form will be sent via email. Each child is encouraged to seek donations. The money raised will go directly towards helping those families who have been affected with Autism. The Life Center for Autism provides valuable information and assistance to those in need. As a sign of support we will walk as a Longhouse.

Please turn in your forms and donations Friday night if possible during camp check-in. During breakfast on Saturday we will be collecting any additional donations and tally the totals from the tribes. The tribe raising the most money will receive an awesome award! All participants will receive something special.

Please contact Jeff Brubaker - 440.465.7935 for more information.

# Spring Campout Registration

Please complete the form below and mail your check no later than **May 7th!**

Dad's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name	Tribe	Dad's Cabin	Horseback Riding	Age	Graduate	Indian Name
1) _____	_____	( )	Y/N	___	Y/N	_____
2) _____	_____	( )	Y/N	___	Y/N	_____
3) _____	_____	( )	Y/N	___	Y/N	_____

Dads w/ kids in multiple tribes - place an "X" next to the child's name to indicate which cabin you prefer to sleep in. This helps with cabin assignments.

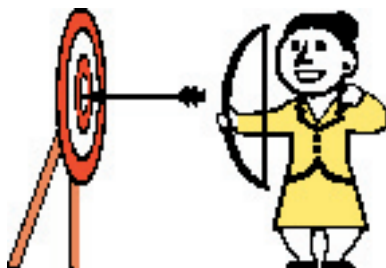
Dads with 4th graders who are graduating from CVNSND. Please circle Y and provide his/her indian name.

Please let me know ( ) if you need a Coed cabin for yourself and your son/daughter if you have a daughter and son. I will do my best to accommodate.

Base Cost: \$125 (Dad + 1 child)  
 \$\_\_\_\_ (\$35/add'l child)

Total \$\_\_\_\_ Make checks payable to: CVNSND

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



When: Friday, June 20th - Sunday June 22nd  
Where: Brecksville Square  
Family Event

The annual Brecksville Home Days Celebration is just around the corner, and the CVNSND booth is back for 2008! Our booth activity will be the popular CVNSND Nerf-like dart target game, and we will have new and improved prizes this year. We will distribute CVNSND flyers and wooden nickels, and will have a drawing for a scooter - open to Kindergarteners and 1st graders who visit our booth.

Note that this event officially opens the 2008-2009 recruiting season. This event, along with Independence Home Days, School Visits, and Recruiting Rally are vital recruiting tools for our organization - it's what makes CVNSND strong. In order for this event to run smoothly we RELY on EACH TRIBE to contribute some time to the schedule (outlined below). Each Chief is asked to recruit 2 kids/dads from his tribe to assist at the designated timeslots. Drinks are provided and instructions will be at the booth for all volunteers. Please send your Tribe's volunteers by June 15th to Guy Savastano ([thesavs@wowway.com](mailto:thesavs@wowway.com) or 216.406.3033).

Here is the schedule for each day(all times PM):

**Friday (June 20th)**

4:00 - 5:30 - Buckeye (4pm setup / booth opens @ 5pm)  
5:30 - 7:00 - Iroquois  
7:00 - 8:30 - Lakota  
8:30 - 10:00 - Pathfinders

**Saturday (June 21st):**

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

**Sunday (June 22nd):**

1:00 - 2:30 - Apache '07  
2:30 - 4:00 - Hopi  
4:00 - 5:30 - Mohican  
5:30 - 7:00 - Seneca  
7:00 - 8:30 - Crow / Shawnee  
8:30 - 10:00 - Saratoga (tear down 10pm)

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**Bike Hike***Gary "Chief Dancing Buckeye" Pitzer*

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When: Sunday June 29, 2008\

Time: 1:00pm (meet in the parking lot)

Where: Towpath Trialhead - Station Road Bridge (Route 82/Chippewa Road and Riverview Rd.)

Bike or hike the whole family along on this great outdoor event. The first leg of the Bike Hike portion of the event will end at the Rockside Road area. The distance between the Station Road Bridge and Rockside Road is estimated at 6.25 miles (12.5 mile round trip). For the younger kids, you can turn around at the 1/2 way point (there will be drink stations) or you can start at Rockside Road and make a one-way trip south.

Upon arrival at the Rockside Road area, CVNSND members can visit the train station as well as head up to Carvel's for an ice cream treat.

Plan now to join everyone for a little relaxation, food and fun following the Bike Hike! No need to reserve a spot - just show up with your bikes.

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend this fun family event. Please contact Gary Pitzer via email at [gpitzer@tarolli.com](mailto:gpitzer@tarolli.com) or by phone at 440.526.0675 or with any questions.

Once again, the CVNSND Pine Car Race was a huge success. It did not come off without the efforts of several Tribes, Dads and Moms - whom Chief Dancing Buckeye recognized in his Chief's Message. Mother Nature did her best to try to cancel the event - but CVNSND would have none of it!!

Congratulations to Chas Backman - this year's LongHouse Champion from the Earth Nation. Smokes did its best to try to interview Chas for this edition, however, we understand that his racing skills and his aerodynamic engineering skills were required for the Sprint Cup Races at Talledega and Richmond Speedways! Smokes will have an interview with the champ and a photo in the next edition!

Below is a complete listing of all winners! Congratulations!

Long House Champion: Chas Backman

Earth Nation 1<sup>st</sup>: Chas Backman  
2<sup>nd</sup>: David Wisniewski  
3<sup>rd</sup>: James Kundmueller

Fire Nation 1<sup>st</sup>: Joseph Wisniewski  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Jimmy Senick  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Luke Wisniewski

Sky Nation 1<sup>st</sup>: Ashley Foder  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Kana Wisniewski  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Christy Pitzer

Sun Nation 1<sup>st</sup>: Kate Falko  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Sarah Piteo  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Christina Tommer

Most Creative Girl: Ashley Rega  
Most Creative Boy: Dominic Niro

Best Looking Car Girl: Daniella Ortenzi

Best Looking Car Boy: Keali Kovatch



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## Pathfinders Corner

Look for the new Pathfinders Page on the [www.cvndns.org](http://www.cvndns.org) for future Pathfinder events.

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## Longhouse and Officer's Meeting

The next meeting will be on May 7th 2008 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.

Trailblazers	Jeff Krejci	440-526-4092	Jeff.Krejci@us.interfaceinc.com
Shoshone '03	Jim Fallon	440 526-5128	fallons@sbcgloba.net
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