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Chief's Message



"Something Old, Something New..."

No, I'm not going to finish with "Something Borrowed, Something Blue". But as I was shoveling even MORE snow in my driveway today, and thinking about what to write in this edition of the Chief's Message, that is the phrase that popped

into my head. Here's why...

After taking a hiatus for the holidays, our event calendar is back in full swing – and the mix of *old* and *new* events has Princess Wildflower and me really juiced up!

Coming up we have a few "old" favorites - the Winter Campout at Y-Noah and the Late Nighter – see details inside. But February also brings a "new" event – Snow Tubing at Brandywine. This event is replacing the Tobogganing event we have done in the past. Let me tell ya, Nina and I just can't wait to go bombing down the Polar Blast hill at Brandywine. BTW – check out this "old" picture on page 3 taken about 8 years ago when the Pathfinders went Tubing. Look closely and yes, that's me Sky Bear on the left with my arm up in the air. Nina's older sister Elena is somewhere there in the pile-up!

In March, we have a perennial "old" favorite, the Pine Car Derby on the 8th. If you're anxious to start carving a winner, kits will be available at the Campout and Late Nighter events. And March brings another "new" event – the Father-Daughter Dinner on the 22nd. Dads and daughters will dress up, enjoy a great meal, then dance the evening away. And don't worry Fathers & Sons, we are planning a "new" event just for you later in the year – you'll be tailgating at a BBH Lacrosse game...date TBA. Oog, Ugh, lacrosse, a manly game!

Now back to shoveling snow. While my nose & toes were beginning to freeze, I thought about how this theme of "old" vs. "new" fit within the basis of our Program. Here we are, living in this "new" age of i-Phones, i-Pods, e-mail, Wii and Xbox, yet as fathers in the CVNSND we strive for the "old" ways. It's like the original co-founder of the NSND program, Ojibway Indian Joe Friday, said way, way back in 1926: "The Indian father raises his child. He teaches his child to hunt, track, and fish, to walk softly and silently in the forest, and to know the meaning and purpose of life and all that he or she must know". True dat, Joe. What we want in this "new" fast-moving world is something "old"-fashioned - slowing down and taking the time to spend quality time with our children.

Lastly, thanks to the mighty Mohawk tribe for an awesome Bumper Bowling (another oldie but goodie) event. They made it look easy – scheduling over 150 dads, sons & daughters to lanes, and making sure everything went smoothly at the alley. Way to go Mohawks!

'Til next month...Chief Guy *Sky Bear* and Princess *Wildflower Savastano*

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Scheduled Events

Month	Event	Date	Location	Sponsor	Family
February	Late Nighter	2/7	Independence Civic Center	Apache/Cheyenne	No
February	Tubing	2/22	Brandywine's Polar Blast Hill	Mohican	Yes
March	Pine Car Derby	3/8	Independence Civic Center	Chippewa/Zuni	Yes
March	Father-Daughter Dinner Dance	3/22	St Michael's Woodside	Nations Chiefs	No
April	Rain Gutter Regatta	4/25	Old Independence Recreation Center	Seneca/Lakota	Yes
May	Buffalo Naval Park	5/16	Buffalo, New York	Nations Chiefs	No

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

Late Nighter

Craig Bender, Apache Tribe Chief

Saturday, February 7, 2009 7.30pm - 11.30pm

Independence Civic Center-6363 Selig Drive, just 1/3 mile west off of Route 21 in Independence.

Where else could you have so much fun for so little, but at the CVNSND Late Nighter! One of our most highly attended events of the year. Scheduled activities include use of the indoor pool, **Huge inflatable bounce house with obstacle course** set up in the gym, crafts, **Rick Smith Juniors magic and card throwing show** <http://www.ricksmithjr.com/>, face painters and of course, food. The menu will include pizza, chicken nuggets, chili, snacks, drinks & homemade desserts.

Dads won't have to worry about getting their daughters ready to swim, because we will have older girls in attendance helping out in the girl's locker room.

We will have a raffle with prizes including a Nintendo Wii, Indians tickets, a round of Golf, Gift Baskets and much more.

You can get Pine Car Derby kits, buy CVNSND apparel.

Admission is \$10 with a canned food donation for the local Food Bank, and there is no additional cost for dads bringing more than one son or daughter. The admission price includes 5 raffle tickets. Additional raffle tickets can be purchased at the event.

This is a father and son/daughter event only, sponsored by the Apache and Cheyenne tribes.



Snow Tubing

Matt Krupa, Mohican Tribe Chief

Sunday, February 22, 2009, 1.00pm – 4.00pm
Brandywine Skiing Snow Tubing
1146 W Highland Rd
Northfield, OH 44067

Family Event

Snow Tubing at Brandywine's Polar Blast is a brand new event that is sure to offer a full afternoon of fun! This is family event so all are welcome.



Anyone can enjoy snow tubing! There is no minimum age to snow tube, but every snow tuber must ride on his or her own tube. Tubers are allowed to go down the chutes together; the maximum number of tubers allowed in a chute at once depends on the conditions.

Several chutes offer different rides. Cruise down the basic chutes... whoosh across the one that contain a few bumps, catching a little bit of air as you go... or plummet down the chutes we build up with a steep grade at the beginning. No matter what gets your adrenaline going, you'll find it at the all new Polar Blast Snow Tubing Park!

Don't worry about dragging your tube back up the hill for another run. Polar Blast has conveyor lifts to take you effortlessly back up to the top for more--you simply step on and enjoy the ride.

No snow, no worries. Polar Blast has 11 state-of-the-art SMI snowmaking fan guns. To warm up and recharge for more fun, a brand new lodge building provides a place to stop in and enjoy a snack, or a cup of hot chocolate on a snowy day.

Sign up now! Cost is \$20 for adults and \$15 for children which includes three hours of tubing and tube rental.

For more information on Polar Blast, see <http://www.bmbw.com/plan-and-buy/snow-tubing-polar-blast>.

Contact Matt Krupa with any questions at mjkrupa@wowway.com or at 216-212-4347.

Snow Tubing Registration Due: Friday, February 8th

Dad's Name: _____ E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Number of Adults: ____ @ \$20/Person = \$ _____

Number of Children: ____ @ \$15/Person = \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: CVNSND

Please mail your registration to Matt Krupa at 4805 Great Oaks Pkwy, Independence, OH 44131.

Sunday, March 8th 2009
11.30am - 12.30(Check-In); Races begin @ 1.00pm
Independence Civic Center
Family Event - RACES are for CVNSND members ONLY
Cost: Registration is \$1 per car

Ladies and Gentlemen.....Start your Engines!!!!

It's that time again to get the Race Cars ready for the annual CVNSND Pine Car Derby sponsored by the Chippewa Tribe. Car kits and weights will be sold at the Winter Campout and the Late Nighter. Kits are \$5 and weights are \$2.

We will be having all kinds of activities including face painting and a balloon artist plus the ever popular Reaction Dragster with awards going out to the best reaction times for each grade level (K - 4). Awards will also be given out for the best looking cars for the top 3 fastest cars for each Nation and the top 3 Best Looking cars and the top 3 Most Creative cars in both boys and girls categories

Please contact J. T. Kurtz @ 216-276-0638 or leoss@wowway.com for your kits or more information.

A full concession stand will be hosted by the event co-sponsors the Zuni Tribe...so come hungry!!! Remember to check out the event page at the CVNSND website for full racing rules and regulations!!! 5 oz. MAXIMUM WEIGHT!!!

http://www.cvnsnd.org/PagesASP/events_article.asp?ID=224

Upcoming Events:

Late Nighter, February 7, Saturday, 7.30 pm – 11.30 pm. Independence Civic Center, Pathfinder are invited to attend the Late Nighter. Attending Pathfinders will be asked to help out for ½ hour on various assignments. Please plan to join the fun.

Tubing at Brandywine, February 22, Saturday. Brandywine's Polar Blast Hill. See Smokes article for Preregistration details.

Laser Quest, March 22, Sunday. Please plan to join the fun. Details to follow

Past events:

In December the Pathfinder's toured Channel 3, WKYC TV Studio and watched a live broadcast of **Good Company Today**. Twenty five showed up to see the behind the scenes activities and meet some of the local news and weather broadcasters.

In January the Pathfinder's went Cosmic Bowling at Seven Hills. Everyone had fun knocking down pins. The event was a sellout for the second year in a row.

Look for the new Pathfinders Page on the www.cvndns.org for future Pathfinder events



Father-Daughter Dinner Dance

Dave May, Sky Nation Chief

Sunday, March 22, 2009
5.00-7.30pm
St Michael's Woodside
5025 East Mill Rd.
Broadview Hts. Ohio 44147

Where else can you spend an evening with your dad/daughter and have so much fun.

You will be treated to

Dinner –Prime Rib for Dads and Chicken breast for Daughters

DJ – dancing along with games and activities

Corsage – to be received at check-in

Photo – Professionally done.

Patches

Just a plain old good time.

Cost:

Dad and Daughter \$40 additional Daughters \$15

Dress:

Sport coat or shirt and tie for dad

Dress or dress clothes for daughter

RSVP by March 16, 2009

Contact Dave May 440-915-7086 or mrdavemay@aol.com

Father-Daughter Dinner Dance Registration

Due: Monday, March 16, 2009

Father/Daughter Dance

Due: March 16, 2009

Dads Name _____

Daughter(s) Name _____ TRIBE: _____

Daughter(s) Name _____ TRIBE: _____

Number Attending:

Dad/Daughter _____ @ \$40.00 _____

Add'l Daughter _____ @ \$15.00 _____

Total Amount enclosed \$ _____

Checks Payable to: CVNSND

Mail registration to: Dave May 4809 Snow Blossom Lane, Brecksville, Ohio 44141

Buffalo Naval Park

Jim Senick, Earth Nation Chief

Saturday, May 16, 2009
Buffalo, New York
CVNSND and Pathfinders

"Ahoy CVNSND Landlover"

The Cuyahoga Native Sons and Daughters and are "shuffling off to Buffalo" to see the historic Naval Park. There is only room on the ship for (80) campers, so don't be left out.

Trip Includes:

An overnight stay on the USS Little Rock Missile Cruiser, dinner and breakfast in the ship's galley where the N S & ND will assist in the food serve line, (1) ride on the British torpedo jet motion simulator (3 min. ride) and a self guided tour of all three vessels docked in port at the Naval Park. They are the USS Sullivans, a destroyer, the USS Little Rock, a guided missile cruiser, and the USS Crocker a submarine. There will be (3) hours of free time the night of our arrival.

Stay as long as you like on Sunday touring the Museum the Artifact Display Yard and exploring the three Naval Vessels. The exhibits in the new museum and on board USS Little Rock begin with the War of 1812 and move forward to Desert Storm.

Take a step back in time as you walk thru the Artifact Display Yard and see some the equipment and vehicals that helped change and make history. They include a H-1 Huey Helicopter, a M42 Walker Bulldog Tank, a Navy F4JB Fury Jet and much more. Enjoy an onboard movie on Sat. night. The ships crew has a number of activities planned thourhout the evening.

Lights out Sat. night at 10.30 pm. Dads are responsible for taking shifts for the fire and safety watches throughout the night. Breakfast Sun. morning is at 6:30AM. sharp (remember, its the military).

Check-in time is between 4-5 PM Saturday May 16. The cost is \$43.00 per person.

Nearby activities include: Niagara Falls, Maid of the Mist, [Cave of the Winds](#) & Fort Niagara. (Niagra Falls is approx. 35 minutes from the Naval Park).

For those that want to visit Niagara Falls on Friday, May 15 look in the Smoke's next month for hotel accommodation information. This will be an additional cost to the trip.

You will need to bring a sleeping bag, pillow and toiletries.

If you are going to go to Niagara Falls , plan on bringing a change of clothes if you walk thru the Cave of the Winds or Ride the Maid of the Mist (You will get wet).

Ovenight at Buffalo Registration

Due: Wednesday, April 16th

Dad's Name: _____ E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Child's Name: _____ Tribe: _____

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Number of People: ____ @ \$43.00/Person = \$ _____ Total Amount Enclosed

Make checks payable to: CVNSND

Please mail your registration to Jim Senick 6903 E Sprague Rd. Independence , Ohio 44131

Email questions to Jim Senick at james.senick@sbcglobal.net

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