



## CUYAHOGA VALLEY LONGHOUSE NATIVE SONS & NATIVE DAUGHTERS

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# ~Smoke Signals~

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## Chief's Message



### "Tempus Fugit..."

Holy Joe Friday! Time sure flies when you're havin' fun. It's hard to believe it's already April. Our kids have started their fourth quarter at school...and that means only 10 short weeks until summer vacation – with a week off for spring break thrown in there for "mental health".

Now that the weather is getting nicer, we all seem to get even busier – yard work (ugh!), baseball, soccer, vacations, etc... So, Chief Sky Bear & Wildflower suggest "pencil in" the upcoming CVNSND events on your calendar *now*. That way when the yard needs mowed, you can say, "Sorry, but I've already planned to spend the day with (fill in son/daughter's name) at the (fill in event name) building memories together". As I've said before, and will probably say again, that's what makes this program so special to me – spending time with Wildflower and making memories that will last a lifetime.

Another important facet of our program that sometimes gets overlooked due to warm-weather distractions is the monthly tribe meeting. Our tribes are the foundation of our program, so do your best to continue meeting with your tribe over the spring and summer...it keeps the bonds within our organization strong. Use your creativity to incorporate the nice weather into your tribal meeting – for your tribe meeting plan a kickball or softball game, go to Honey Hut and split a "Destroyer", have a putt-putt "scramble" at Swings-N-Things, take a ride on the Goodtime 3 – anything that your creative juices can think of will probably be fun for you and your tribe.

Coming up after Easter break we have the Rain Gutter Regatta on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Arghhh mateys, this is way easier than building a pine car...the boat kit practically assembles itself! Just help your child decorate it and "away she blows". Don't worry; you can still get boat kits – just give Mike Urbanowicz an "ahoy" at [msurbs@cox.net](mailto:msurbs@cox.net).

May 1<sup>st</sup> brings the Father-Son event – a Brecksville-Broadview Hts. Lacrosse Game and Tailgate Party. Chief Sky Bear will be doing the grillin', and the Bees Lacrosse

team will provide the thrillin'. We'll meet outside the high school stadium before the game for a tailgate party then root for the Bees LAX team and assistant coach Elder "Broken Back" Falko.

The Buffalo Naval Park event is May 16<sup>th</sup>. Note that this event is only held every other year, so don't miss out on the chance to sleep over on a decommissioned WWII Destroyer. I haven't made this trip before, but Wildflower and I really looking forward to it this year. There's still room, so sign up today – see the sign-up sheet inside.

We will march the Memorial Day Parade in Broadview Heights on May 25<sup>th</sup>. March in solidarity with your CVNSND brethren as we commemorate the true meaning of Memorial Day – honoring those who have sacrificed so much for our continued freedom.

Lastly, our Spring Campout at Tippecanoe will be the last weekend in May – the 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>. For those of you who haven't been there, Tippecanoe is situated on the shores of Lake Clendening. It is the remotest and wildest of the Y-camps we visit; a beautiful but rustic camp – a "diamond-in-the-rough". Besides the fantastic setting, some highlights of this campout are the traditional CVNSND wing burn-off *and* a cardboard boat race – so don't miss this one!

Lastly, thanks to the Chippewa and Zuni tribes for taking on the Pine Car Derby. This is one of the most labor-intensive events we do, and they made it look so easy. Many dads commented that this was one of the smoothest-running Pine Car events they ever attended. Once again, a huge Yotta Hey to Chippewa Chief J.T. Kurtz and Zuni Chief Whit Eakin and all Chippewas and Zunis for an extremely well-run event. Also, I must thank Sky Nation Chief Dave May for first of all suggesting that we bring back an old event we haven't run in a long time – the Father-Daughter Dinner. Then he went about single-handedly planning the event and it was, to put it simply, wildly successful! Nearly 100 fathers and daughters dined & danced – yes we all did the Chicken Dance, Macarena and Y-M-C-A – and had great fun doing it (you can see the fun in pictures)! I know Wildflower will remember this one for a long, long time. Thanks again, Dave.

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

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**Scheduled Events**

Month	Event	Date	Location	Sponsor	Family
April	Rain Gutter Regatta	4/26	Old Independence Recreation Center	Seneca/Lakota	No
May	Father-Son Lacrosse Game Tailgate Party	5/1	BBH High School Stadium	Longhouse Chief	Yes
May	Buffalo Naval Park	5/16	Buffalo, New York	Nation Chiefs	No
May	Broadview Hts. Memorial Day Parade	5/25	Broadview Heights	Nation Chiefs	No
May	Spring Campout	5/29 - 5/31	Camp Tippecanoe	Medicine Man	No

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

**Rain Gutter Regatta**

*Mike Urbanowicz, Asst. Medicine Man/Seneca Tribe Chief*

Sunday, April 26, 2009

Registration opens at Noon, Races Start at 1.00 PM

Old Independence Rec Center, Elmwood Park (North End), Independence  
 Native Sons/Daughters and Dad's Event

Cost: \$2.00



"Auntie Em, Auntie Em , it's a Twister"- "No Dorothy, it's just the Native Sons and Daughters, the Raingutter Regatta is back this year". That's right CVNSND Members, it's time to put your childs lungs to use. The Seneca and Lakota tribes will be setting up the watery race tracks and your child will be blowing their creative clippers 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 games. Due to the small venue, this is a father/child event.



Boat Kits will be available at the Pine Car Derby for \$5, or contact Mike Urbanowicz at [msurbs@cox.net](mailto:msurbs@cox.net). Help your child build it, let them decorate it, then set sail. Awards will be given to the blow-hard winners at each grade level for first, second, and third place in the division, and best/most creative design.

Friday, May 1, 2009

5.30pm Tailgate, 7.30pm Face-off

Discounted tickets at the gate, \$4 per adult, \$2 per child

Brecksville Broadview Hts High School Stadium

6380 Mill Road

Broadview Hts. Ohio 44147



Come watch the fastest sport on two feet and the fastest growing sport in America. Lacrosse was first played by Native Americans throughout the United States, now the Brecksville Broadview Hts Bees play lacrosse right in our own backyard. Bees lacrosse has been a varsity High School sport for only two years but has a dedicated following. The team is fully supported by the parents and all coaches volunteer their time to teach and coach lacrosse. Our own Elder John "Broken Back" Falko is one of the coaches.

Longhouse Chief Guy "Sky Bear" Savastano will be hosting a pregame tailgate party in the parking lot outside the Brecksville Broadview Hts High School Stadium. The party starts at 5.30pm with the Chief grilling hot dogs and hamburgers to order. If you are attending with a Kindergarten through 3rd grader please bring a side dish to share or if you are attending with a 4th grader or Pathfinder please bring a dessert to share.

Make sure to wear your CVNSND gear to receive your discounted ticket price at the gate.

The Bees are playing the Benedictine Tigers, trying to avenge a tough loss last year. Face-off is at 7.30pm.



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## Buffalo Naval Park

*Jim Senick, Earth Nation Chief*

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

"Ahoj CVNSND Landlover". Time is running out to sign up for the Buffalo Naval Park. There are only 34 spaces left on the ship and you don't want to be left on shore for this encampment.

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 thourghout 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).

Any one interested in going up to Niagara Falls on Friday May 15, 2009? The best rate I was able to find on the American side of the falls was at the Quality Inn. Just a few blocks from the American Falls. The rate for one night is \$129.00 plus tax. The AAA rate is \$116.00 plus tax. The telephone number for the Quality Inn is 716-282-1212. Remember if you are planning on going over to Canada you need a Passport.

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).

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### **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](mailto:james.senick@sbcglobal.net)

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## Spring Campout

Mark Evans, Medicine Man

Friday, May 29, 2009 - Sunday, May 31, 2009

Check-in begins at 6.30pm

Camp Tippecanoe - Tippecanoe, Ohio

\$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.



Back by popular demand is 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 15, 2009 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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# Spring Campout Registration Form

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## Spring Campout 2009 Registration Form (Due May 15, 2009)

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

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Tribe</u>	<u>Dad's Cabin*</u>	<u>OK Alone*</u>	<u>Childs Age 5/29/09</u>	<u>Horseback Riding</u>
1)	1)	( )	( )		Yes / No
2)	2)	( )	( )		Yes / No
3)	3)	( )	( )		Yes / No
4)	4)	( )	( )		Yes / No

\*Note to Dads w/children in multiple tribes: Please place an 'X' in the ( ) next to the child's name to indicate which cabin you would prefer to sleep in. This will help with cabin assignments.

( ) Indicate here if you have a daughter and a son and would like a separate coed cabin. I will do my best depending on cabin space.

Base Cost: \$ 125 (1 Dad and 1 child)  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$35 per additional child)  
Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Make checks payable to: CVNSND

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

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Pathfinders Corner

*Carl Wisniewski, Fire Nation Chief*

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### **Upcoming Events**

**Rock Wall Climbing, Wednesday, April 8, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Kendal Cliffs**, 60 Kendall Park Road, Peninsula 330-655-5489. Come join the Pathfinders for an evening of Rock Wall Climbing. There are walls for all levels of climbers from novice to expert. Cost is \$15/climber.  
Contact: Tony Apolczer, [apolczer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:apolczer@sbcglobal.net), Phone # 216.642.5534

**Buffalo Naval Park, Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**, Join the CVNSND spend a night aboard the USS Little Rock at Buffalo Naval Park in Buffalo, NY. Check this edition of the Smokes for details.

**Morgan Water Treatment Plant Tour, May date TBD**, Look for details soon.

Look for the new Pathfinders Page on the [www.cvnsnd.org](http://www.cvnsnd.org)



## 2009 Pine Car Derby Results

**CVNSND 2009 Champion: Jimmy Senick**

**Girl Nations Champ: Carli Kubek**

<b>Sky Nation Finalists</b>	<b>Sun Nation Finalists</b>
1. Carli Kubek - Kickapoo	1. Kate Falko - Saratoga
2. Jenna Schniegenberg - Hopi	2. Rianna Thomas - Buckeye
3. Kristen Kubek - Hopi	3. Allison Rickert - Saratoga

**Boy Nations Champ: Jimmy Senick**

<b>Earth Nation Finalists</b>	<b>Fire Nation Finalists</b>
1. David Pietrow - Comanche	1. Jimmy Senick - Cherokee
2. Nick Mihalich - Chippewa	2. John Niezgoda - Zuni
3. Chas Backman - Comanche	3. Luke Pandy - Chippewa

### Best Design Awards

<b>Best Looking – Girl Nations</b>	<b>Best Looking – Boy Nations</b>
1. Christina Meyers - Mohican	1. Ethan Pallone - Mohawk
2. Collete Liepert - Mohican	2. Jordan Mallernee - Cherokee
3. Kailey Johnson - Pathfinders	3. Christopher Midis - Seneca

<b>Most Creative – Girl Nations</b>	<b>Most Creative – Boy Nations</b>
1. Allison Rickert - Saratoga	1. Erik Liebel - Pathfinders
2. Christy Pitzer - Hopi	2. Matthew Pitzer - Comanche
3. Allison Evans - Saratoga	3. Kyle Streibel - Cherokee

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Father-Daughter Dance Photos

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