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Chief's Message

"Winding Down?"



Hi all! It is hard to believe that my tenure as Longhouse Chief is over. The headdress has been passed to Assistant Chief J.T. *Smoking Gun* Kurtz at the Spring Campout. It seems like just yesterday that Chief *Dancing Buckeye* passed on the headdress to me. I attribute

this to all the help I've received from the CVNSND officers and membership throughout the year. I guess it's true that many hands make light work!

Though my tenure as Chief is winding down, our Event Calendar is still going strong. The Ice Cream Social will be June 14th, and we will work the booth at Brecksville Homedays the weekend of June 26th. See more about these events in this edition of the *Smokes*. Rounding out this year's calendar will be our annual Pool Party on July 10th, and, last but not least, our Summer Campout and Canoe Outing at Camp Toodik on July 31st – August 1st.

The 2009-2010 recruiting plan will be spearheaded by new Chief J.T. Kurtz. Anyone interested in helping with recruiting or helping with new event development should let me or J.T. know. We will begin the planning process in June.

About 30 hardy men of the Cuyahoga Valley braved the wind and weather to attend the Father-Son Lacrosse Game on May 1st. We managed to dodge the raindrops during the cookout, where we dined on steak burgers, dogs and a whole heap o' fixins'. It started to rain during the game and though the Bees Varsity lost to Benedictine, the JV team coached by Elder John *Broken Back* Falko whomped on the Bengals.

Thanks to the Seneca and Lakota Tribes for sponsoring this year's Rain Gutter Regatta – another smoothly run event, and between the wacky races, magician, balloon guy & "bubble chamber" a fun time was had by all! Congrats to all sailors who participated, and a special Yotta Hey to the "windiest of the windy" – the RGR winners.

Speaking of ships, I'd like to shout out a huge pilamaya ye (thank you) to Nation Chief Jim Senick for arranging the Buffalo Naval Park sleepover. On behalf of the 80 CVNSND that attended the Buffalo Naval Park trip – great job, Jim!!! This was the first time that Wildflower and I have gone to BNP, and we were simply blown away! Wildflower must have taken over 100 pictures, so we could show her Grandpa "Red". "Red" was a Machinist's Mate in the Navy during WWII and Korea, and she can't wait to ask him about the ships he served on and hear about his adventures in the South Pacific.

'Til next month (when I'll be introducing your new Longhouse Chief)...Chief *Sky Bear* and Princess *Wildflower* Savastano

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Scheduled Events

Month	Event	Date	Location	Sponsor	Family
June	Ice Cream Social	6/14	Independence Kiwanis Pavillion	Kickapoo Tribe	Yes
June	Brecksville Home Days	6/26 - 6/28	Brecksville Town Square	Nations Chiefs	Yes
July	Family Pool Party	7/10	Independence Outdoor Pool	Hopi Tribe	Yes
August	Family Summer Campout and Canoeing	7/31 - 8/2	Camp Toodik, Loudenville, Ohio	Longhouse Sachem	Yes
August	Independence Home Days and Parade	8/7 -8/8	Downtown Independence	Nations Chiefs	Yes

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

Ice Cream Social

Sunday, June 14th, 2009, 1.00 – 3.00pm
Independence Kiwanis Pavillion (located off Selig Drive)
Admission: Free; \$1 charge for each sundae/cone

Come join the Kickapoo Tribe at a fun event for the entire family. Ice cream sundaes and cones will be made available with all the fixins! Admission is free for all and there will be charge \$1.00 per ice cream cone or sundae.

There will be music and fun for the whole family. Activities and entertainment are being finalized - keep reading the Smokes or check out our website: <http://www.cvnsnd.org> for more information.

This year we would like to try something different at the Ice Cream Social. To kick off our 2009-2010 recruiting year, we would like your son/daughter to "invite a friend and their dad" (who are not CVNSND) to come along with them to the social. If your child brings a friend to the event, they will receive a special patch for their vest...AND...if your child brings a friend *and* their dad, they will receive an additional prize.



Family Pool Party

Friday, July 10th, 8.00-10.00 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 Hopi tribe is planning on a wet and wild pool party at the Independence outdoor pool. CVNSND and our Pathfinders 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.

Friday, June 26th through Sunday, June 28th
Brecksville Public Square
Family Event



The annual Brecksville Home Days Celebration is right around the corner, and the CVNSND booth is back for 2009! 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 2009-2010 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 below.

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 Wednesday June 24th to: Sachem Guy Savastano, by e-mail (thesavs@wowway.com) or by phone (216-406-3033).

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

Friday, June 26th

4:00-5:30 Sachem Sky Bear Savastano (4:00 set-up; booth opens at 5:00)
5:30-7:00 Buckeye
7:00-8:30 Mohican
8:30-10:00 Lakota

Saturday, June 27th

1:00-2:30 Zuni
2:30-4:00 Arapaho
4:00-5:30 Mohawk
5:30-7:00 Apache
7:00-8:30 Cherokee
8:30-10:00 Chippewa

Sunday, June 28th

1:00-2:30 Hopi
2:30-4:00 Cheyenne
4:00-5:30 Kickapoo
5:30-7:00 Iroquois
7:00-8:30 Seneca
8:30-10:00 Saratoga (tear-down at 10:00)

Rain Gutter Regatta Recap

Mike Urbanowicz, Medicine Man/Seneca Tribe Chief

On Sunday April 26th the Seneca and Lakota tribes took over the Old Independence Rec center by storm to host the semi-annual raingutter regatta. The Lakota tribe took care of making sure everyone had their fill of hot dogs from the kitchen, while the Seneca tribe staged the soggy sluices for what turned out to be quite a competition. While the kids were waiting for their turns to race, they were being entertained by a magician, balloon twister, and the Seneca version of the bubble lady. A fun time was had by all. Thanks Seneca and Lakota. Following are the award winners:

Most Creative Design	Jason Edwards	Iroquois	
Kindergarten	First Place Bob Sobszak Zuni	Second Place John Niezgoda Zuni	Third Place Garrett Kehoe Zuni
First Grade	First Place Sarah Eickholt Cheyenne	Second Place Christopher Midis Seneca	Third Place Olivia Guardado Apache
Second Grade	First Place Aaron Geotgevich Seneca	Second Place Jenna Scheinenberg Hopi	Third Place Jeff Urbanowicz Seneca
Third Grade	First Place Nathan Beaver Chippewa	Second Place Alex Barsotti Chippewa	Third Place Cassandra Girardi Lakota
Fourth Grade	First Place Alexander Sorige Seneca	Second Place Christian Sorige Seneca	Third Place Lindsey Budzowski Lakota

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 Pathfinders.

Friday, July 31st through Sunday, August 2nd
Camp Toodik, Mohican Area, Loudonville, OH
CVNSND & Pathfinders Family Event



Costs: Camping is \$30.00 for the weekend for 1 adult/1 child.
Each extra person is \$3.00.
Canoeing is \$25 per 1 adult/1 child, each extra person is \$3.00.

A great weekend campout has been planned for the entire family. This event will feature camping (beginning Friday night), and canoeing (late Saturday morning). We will also have a bonfire on Saturday night. Our goal is a full campout experience for the whole family.

To campout, you must call Camp Toodik *directly* to reserve your camp site, and they will require a \$40.00 deposit via credit card. All sites have full hookups (water and electricity). Advance reservations are required by July 17, 2009. Tell them you are with Cuyahoga Valley Native Sons Native Daughters. Contact Info for Camp Toodik: Phone: 1-877-886-7866. Additional information may be found at www.camptoodik.com. For camping, please be sure to bring your own tent, camper or opt to sleep under the stars, and pack enough food for the weekend.

On Saturday evening we will have a group picnic. The Longhouse will provide the charcoal and lighter & Toodik has the grills. Just bring your own main entrée (meat), and a dish to share with the group – *Native sons* bring a *dessert* and *Native daughters* bring a *side dish*. We'll have a picnic feast fit for a Chief!

Feel free to call/e-mail Sachem Guy Savastano at 216-406-3033 or thesavs@wowway.com with questions.

DIRECTIONS to Camp Toodik: Take I-71 South to Exit # 173 (Mansfield / Lucas exit) to St. Rt. 39/60. Go East on St. Rt. 39/60 through Loudonville (approximately 18 miles). Take left on Toodik Road, which is about 2 1/2 miles east of Loudonville. See <http://www.camptoodik.com/getting.html> for more directions.



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