



SMOKE SIGNALS

December 2010

Chief's Message

Thanksgiving is a good time to reflect on all the blessings that we have and the Cuyahoga Valley Longhouse has many. We are blessed with great community support for our organization, with schools that provide, permit and assist us in our membership recruiting and our cities that provide low cost rental of their facilities. We have CVNSND Officers that work hard to growing our organization and many fathers that help out however they can. Most of all we are thankful for the families that join our organization to spend time together creating memories.

This fall about 260 of our members spent time at Camp Fitch creating memories. Mike Urbanowicz our medicine man did a great job organizing the campout and even brought some nice weather. It was nice to see many of our new members at camp. Friday started out with the Halloween party and Jungle Terry. The Nation Chiefs had a very difficult job picking winners in the costume contest. I'm glad I didn't have their job. Saturday, Lake Erie calmed down a little to allow the dads and kids to have rock skipping, rock collecting contests on the beach. I expected to claim my family's rock skipping championship for the 3rd year in a row, but my son had a few good throws and now I'm the ex-champ. I know how Mike Tyson feels... I don't want to talk about the campout any more. We had about 55 entries for our Rain Gutter Regatta. The Seneca and Cheyenne tribes do a nice job running this event. The people making Balloon figures were top notch. It was entertaining just to see what balloon figures they would make next. There were many tight races in the Regatta, eventually we were



able to declare a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner for each grade and one best looking boat winner. The Seminole Tribe organized this year's Ice Skating Party at Ice Land in Strongsville. The weather outside was terrific but we still had 150 members show up to skate. Three hours of ice skating is a lot of skating, but when the day was over I could not believe how quickly the time had passed.

Hope everyone has a Happy and Safe Holiday Season! Chief "Howling Coyote" Wisniewski

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Scheduled Upcoming Events

Month	Event	Date	Location	Sponsor	Family
December	Brecksville Holiday Parade	12/5	Brecksville Square	Nation Chiefs	No
January	LateNighter	1/8	Indy Civic Center	Dakota/Arapaho	No
January	Winter Campout	1/21	Camp Y-Noah	Medicine Man	No
February	Snow Tubing	2/20	Polar Blast	Mohawk	Yes

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

Brecksville Christmas Parade

John Falko, Asst. Longhouse Chief

Sunday, December 5th at 4:00 PM

The Holidays will be here before you know it, and Holiday time means parade time! Brecksville's annual Christmas Parade is Sunday, December 5th at 4:00 PM.

For this year's theme we are taking a futuristic approach to Christmas by incorporating the CVNSND rocket. This year's parade is the kickoff to the 2011 bicentennial celebration for Brecksville. Instead of looking back we are looking forward to the next 200 years and what Christmas may look like in 2211.

Please come as elves, presents, reindeer, or any other Christmas character with the exception of Santa Claus. You can even put a futuristic flare to your attire.

This year the parade will be going in the opposite direction from past years. Please assemble no later than 3.30pm on Stadium Drive. We will march from Public Square east on Route 82 then turn south on Route 21 and continue on to City Hall where events will go upscale with a Christmas show and fireworks.

Candy to pass out will be made available at the float before the parade begins. Candy must not be thrown, in the past parade watchers have been injured from thrown candy.

This is a Dad and Son/Daughter event, and a fun way to start the holiday season.

The parade will go on snow/rain, or shine so dress appropriately. We also need volunteers to help with the float tentatively Saturday at 2pm, if you are interested please contact John Falko at 440-746-1145 or send an email (john.falko@sbcglobal.net). We are looking forward to seeing you all there!



Late Nighter

Kevin Jones, Dakota Tribe Chief

Saturday, January 8, 2011, 7:30 PM to 11:30 PM

Where else can you have so much fun for so little, but at the *CVNSND Late Nighter*? One of the most popular events of the year, the event takes place at the Independence Civic Center on Saturday, January 8th, from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Scheduled activities include basketball and inflatables in the gym, swimming in the indoor pool (older girls from Pathfinders will be able to help the younger girls in the locker room so dads need not worry), crafts, face painting, and the magic of Rick Smith Jr. featuring a brand new show for 2011. Also, new this year we are adding a "Minute to Win It" contest for the kids and a card-throwing contest for the Dads. Do you think you can throw a playing card farther than Rick Smith Jr.?

We will also be raffling off numerous prizes including a Nintendo DSi, an Apple iPod shuffle, Cavs tickets, a full size Cornhole set, CVNSND merchandise and many other wonderful prizes. 5 raffle tickets will be included in the price of admission and additional tickets will be available to purchase the night of the event.

And, of course, we will have plenty of food including pizza, *Chick-fil-A* nuggets, mega amounts of snacks, bug juice, and homemade desserts.

This is father and son/daughter event only. Admission is \$15 per dad (bring all the kids for one low price!) with a canned food donation for the local food bank. I challenge you to find a better deal anywhere for a night of fun featuring multiple kid (and dad) friendly activities, entertainment, food and chance to win major prizes.

This event is sponsored by the Dakota and Arapaho tribes. For more information or to make a tax deductible raffle prize donation from you or your business please contact Kevin Jones at kma_jones@yahoo.com or (440) 717-1870.

The Independence Civic Center is located at 6363 Selig Drive, just 1/3 mile west of Route 21 in Independence.

Winter Campout at Y-Noah

Mike Urbanowicz, Medicine Man

January 21st-23rd 2011, Arrival Time 6:00-8:00 PM

Camp Y-Noah- 815 Mt Pleasant Rd., Clinton, Ohio 44216

Cost:\$155 for 1 Dad and 1 Child, \$50 per Add'l Child

Registration Deadline: January 14, 2011

Once again, CVNSND will be heading South for the winter (only 45 minutes) for the first campout of the 2011 year. Our Winter Campout will be held at Camp Y-Noah Friday 1/21-Sunday 1/23.

Weekend activities include: winter hiking, BB guns, archery, horseback riding, and crafts. As always, hope for snow for some fantastic sledding. Special activities for Saturday include: "Christmas at Camp Y-Noah", torch march, bonfire, and skits. Perhaps Seven Cubs will have a spectacular Native American story to share with us as well.

Pathfinders are also invited to attend the 2011 Winter

Campout. Please indicate "Pathfinder" in the tribe location on the registration form.



With the addition of Pathfinders, many fathers will have more than 1 child at the campout. Please indicate which child the father would prefer to stay with. If possible, it may be arranged so both children are able to stay with their father (this may mean that a Pathfinder is grouped with their younger siblings tribe). If the child is able to spend the night without their father in the same cabin, please indicate so on the registration form and put possible friends/former tribe mates that would make them feel more comfortable without their Dad in the same cabin. Every effort will be made to fill as many requests as possible.

Each child is encouraged to bring their own sled with their name clearly written on it. For **SAFETY REASONS**, Camp Y-Noah *prohibits* **METAL RUNNER SLEDS**.

Directions: I-77 South to exit 120 (Arlington Rd – approx. 30 miles from Route 82). South on Arlington Rd. approx 6 miles. Right on Mt. Pleasant Rd. Right into Camp Y-Noah (approx ½ mile from Arlington Rd)

2011 Annual CVNSND Camp Y-Noah Chili Cookoff: Once again, we'll start off the winter campout with our annual Friday night Chili Cookoff. Last year there was an impressive showing from all tribes ranging from sweet-hot. The goal is to have 1 entry per tribe. All entries need to be in the dining hall by 7 pm in your own crock pot so it has time to warm and the judges have enough time to sample all the entries. Prizes will be awarded. If your chili is extra spicy/hot, please mark it as "HOT" so people know what to expect. In addition, we plan on having the Grilled Cheese station up and running.

Christmas at Camp Y-Noah: Dads, here's an excuse to get the decorations out of your yard before Easter!!! Bring them to the Winter Campout and decorate the outside of your cabin for judging on Saturday night. A specially designed patch will go to all residents of the most remarkable cabin that were involved in the decorating. Don't forget your extension cords.



Winter Campout 2011 - Registration Form (Due January 14, 2011)

Dad's Name: _____ E-mail _____

Child's Name	Tribe	Dad's Cabin*	OK Alone*	Child's Age on 1/21/11
1) _____	_____	()	()	_____
2) _____	_____	()	()	_____
3) _____	_____	()	()	_____

*Note to Dads w/ children in multiple tribes: Please place an "X" next to the child that you would prefer to stay in a cabin with. This will aid with the cabin assignments.

Base Cost: \$155 (1 Dad and 1 Child)
\$ _____ (\$50 per additional child)

Total: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: CVNSND

Mail form and check ASAP to: Mike Urbanowicz, 3584 Antony Dr., Broadview Heights, OH 44147

December Event: Rock Climbing

Indoor Rock Climbing (4th grade tribes are invited, too)

Wed., Dec. 29th, 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Kendall Cliffs

60 Kendall Park Road, Peninsula, OH 44262

330-655-5489

Join the Pathfinders over the holiday break at Kendall Cliffs, the only professionally designed rock gym in Ohio. Kendall's experienced staff will provide all the equipment and expert guidance you need to climb like a pro.

Climbing will begin at 6:30 pm, but arrive 15 minutes early to process waivers & get your gear. Waiver forms can be downloaded and completed ahead of time www.kendallcliffs.com.

Drinks and light refreshments will be served at the event. The cost will be \$18.00 per climber.

To reserve a spot or questions contact Tony Apolczer at apolczer@sbcglobal.net. 216-642-5534

January Event: Whirlyball

Friday, January 14, 2011, 7:30 - 10 pm

Pathfinder's Dads and Kids Event

Whirlyball/Laser-Sport

5055 Richmond Road, near Richmond and Miles

Bedford Heights, OH 44146

Pathfinder's, get ready for the craziest fifteen minutes on wheels. Whirlyball is an exciting team sport, combining the action of jai alai, basketball and hockey...in bumpercars!

Plan to arrive at 7:30 pm to set up teams of 5 and sign waivers(oh, yeah!) The friendly Whirlyball team will provide a brief orientation and training session, and the games will begin at 8:00 pm sharp.

\$15 per person gets you two games on the court. Pizza and soda will be served once the games are underway.

Whirlyball/Laser-Sport also offers laser tag for \$6 a game. You're on your own here, just bear in mind that we will be unable to delay Whirlyball matches for any player who is MIA at match time for any reason.

Space for this event is limited to 40 spots, so sign-up soon! Registration is due by Monday, January 10, 2011.

For questions, contact john.falko@sbcglobal.net.

For more information about the game, visit www.whirlyballcleveland.com.

Pathfinder's Whirlyball Registration - Due by Monday, Jan 10, 2011

Father's Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Total number of players: _____ x \$15.00 = \$ _____

Make checks payable to CVNSND.

Mail to: John Falko, 6576 Glen Coe Drive, Brecksville, OH 44141

RAIN GUTTER REGATTA RECAP

Ahoy Mates! We had 55 members show up to sail their boats through our mighty rain gutters of doom. There was a steady wind a blown that Saturday with some occasional strong gusts but our fearless captains managed to keep their boats straight and steady to reach the finish. The Seneca and Cheyenne did a great job organizing the event and had a very good balloon couple making balloon figures for the kids.

Congratulations to our winners:

Winners by age in Order: 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Kindergarten: Zachary Zawacki, KaleighUrbanowicz, Cameron Georgovick

1st grade: Jack P, Joey Szczpak, Nathan Owens

2nd grade: John Niezgoda, Bob Sobczak, Mitchell Eakin

3rd grade: Christopher Midis, Jack Falko, Dan Wiczewski

4th grade: Joseph Wisniewski, Adam Restifo, Jenna Schniegenberg

Most creative: Jessica Zawada



FALL CAMPOUT RECAP– A distant memory with plenty of sunshine and activities.



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