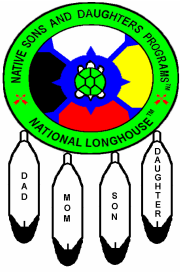


Native Sons and Daughters Programs™



Smoke Signals Two Feathers Longhouse



December 2006

Visit our Web Site at: www.2feathers.org

Chief's Talk from Bob "Grazing Moose" Bakaitis

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone! I know each of you is pulling out your hair trying to get ready for the holidays. In a couple of weeks it will be all over and the kids will be wondering when the next Two Feathers event will be.

The Arapaho Tribe sponsored our annual ice skating party at Rocky River Ice Rink. This is good time for those who like the slippery stuff. Helena Hrcincenko tried to hijack the Zamboni machine. Fortunately Rocky River Police did not press charges. For the third year in a row I managed to stay upright, no thanks to Judy Jirka. Everyone had some good laughs and lots of fun.

Next up is the Pathfinders tobogganing event on December 28 from 6-8pm. This is open to everyone, but you must meet the requirements set up by the Metro Parks. The Cheyenne Tribe has been there before and had a terrific time. Hopefully we will get some colder temperatures and snow. Snow is not required. The track is refrigerated, but cold temperatures are still needed. Check out the information inside the newsletter.

January bring the family bowling event. This is always well attended. The Erie tribe will be sponsoring the event. Again check inside for details on the date and time.

Two of the years biggest events are coming up quickly in Camp Fitch and the Parent/Child dance. Camp Fitch, February 2-4, is our biggest campout each year and the snow snake race is always fun. Make sure to get your registration and fees in on time. Information is inside the newsletter.

Two weeks after Fitch, on February 17, will be our first Parent/Child dance at Fountain Blue. This really sound great with dinner and a DJ provided. We will need a head count and fees in late January for this new event. Plan ahead so you do not get shut out. The officers of Two Feathers are aware of having these two big events back to back. It is unfortunate that these will fall so close together. It is just the way the calendar worked out this year. We will try to adjust in future years.

March will bring the Pinewood Derby and April will be rock climbing. I am trying to plan a new event for late April or May. Details to come!

Special thanks to all of the Tribe Chiefs, Officers, and those who help to put on these events. They don't happen without the dedication of many people to children and this organization.

Merry Christmas!!!

Chiefs Meeting

*****IMPORTANT*****

Date: Weds, January 3rd, 2007

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Avon Lake Library – Friends conference room right inside the door (Library is located on Electric Blvd between Rt 83 and Jaycox).

*****Note:** 2006-2007 Chiefs/Officers need to attend this meeting. Any Longhouse member is also welcome to attend any of these meetings.

2 FEATHERS LONGHOUSE 2006-07 Preliminary Events Schedule

Sept. 13th - Skajuna, Avon Heritage North

Sept. 23rd - Kickoff Family Event, All American Sports Center (Shoshone Tribe)

Oct. 27-29 - Camp Y-Noah (Comanche East & West)

Nov. 11th - Cuyahoga Valley Train Ride (Objibwe)

Dec. 3rd - Ice Skating (Arapaho)

Dec. 28th - Pathfinders Tobogganing Event
Strongsville Metro Parks

January 20th - Cosmic Bowling (Kickapoo)
Saturday, January 20th (1:45pm-4:00pm)

Feb. 2nd- 4th - Camp Fitch (Lakota & Seminole) (Cheyenne-
Snow snake race) Feb 2-4, 2007

Feb. 17th - Parent/Child Dance (Cheyenne)
February 17th (6:00pm-10:00pm @ Fountain Bleau)

Rock Climbing – TBD

March 10th - Pinewood Derby (Shawnee & Erie)

April - Wright Patterson Air Force Base or Buffalo

May - Avon Lake Memorial Day Parade
New Event (TBD)

June - Duct Tape Festival

July - Campout (Possible Captain's Game)

Did You Know.....

If you would like to submit a short statement about your tribe's history or recent tribe news/events please give the information to your tribe chief for him/her to take to the monthly chiefs' meeting or email Doug Warren at: dwarre@leeca.org or war@centurytel.net.

Other Items of Interest

*****IMPORTANT*****

Two Feathers Sweatshirts:

"Sport Grey" with NS&D Logo on the front and Two Feathers Logo on the back. See order form & pictures on the website.

Sizes Available:

Adult: Small, Medium, Large, XL, XXL

Youth: Small, Medium (Adult Small is equivalent to a Youth Large). Add **\$1.00** for XXL.

Hooded: \$16.00

Crew Neck: \$14.50

Add **\$2.00** each if you want your tribe name on the back (12 order minimum).

Two Feathers T-Shirts:

"Western Sky" Blue or Red with NS&D Logo on the front and Two Feathers Logo on the back.

Sizes Available:

Adult: Small, Medium, Large, XL, XXL

Youth: Small, Medium (Adult Small is equivalent to a Youth Large). Add **\$1.00** for XL or larger.

Short Sleeve: Blue - \$10.00

Long Sleeve: Red - \$15.00

Vests: See the above page for the **VEST KIT Order Form**.

Please contact your Chief or Helena Hrinzenko at 440-930-2748 or hhrinczenko@yahoo.com, to place an order.

Our website: www.2feathers.org

Attention all Chiefs:

The Longhouse has a leather stamping kit that is available to any tribes to use at any meeting or event. Stamps, mallets, sponges and some leather shapes are included in the kit, all you need is a hard surface (metal or marble) to work on. Currently, Nancy Bernard has the kit. If you would like to use it, please contact Nancy at home phone 440-934-6107 or home email bernard4@prodigy.net to arrange delivery or pick-up.

Pathfinders

Tobogganing Event



Where: Metro Parks in Strongsville
Chalet Recreation Area

Cost: Adults \$8.00
Children under eleven: \$6.00

When: Thursday, December 28, 2006
6:00-8:00pm (Open until 10:00)

* **Must be a minimum of 42 inches tall.**
Gloves or mittens are required.



Family Event

Cosmic Bowling



Date: Saturday, January 20, 2007

Time: 1:45pm-4:00pm

Location: Brunswick Lanes, 38931 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville

Cost: \$10.00 per person – to be collected at the door.

Reservation Due Date: January 10, 2007

- Includes shoe rental and two hours of bowling. Also included is one cheese pizza (one slice per bowler) and a pitcher of soft drink per lane.
- Please reserve your spot by email at: amatow@yahoo.com or call Bill Amato at: 937-5321

**A FAMILY EVENT!!!
BRING EVERYONE!**

**2FL Valentine's Day Dance
Sponsored by the Cheyenne Tribe
February 17, 2007 from 5-10:00p.m.**

The Fountain Bleau

635 Miller Road, Avon Lake

DJ from 6-10:00p.m.

SEMI-FORMAL ATTIRE PLEASE!!!
(You can leave the vests at home for this event!)

Two Entrees, three side dishes, rolls, dessert, hall rental, (gratuity included), and DJ for 4 hours. Soft drinks included are "Coke" products; i.e. Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite etc. You are permitted to bring alternative beverages for you and your children if you do not drink the selected beverages.

**Cost is \$28.00 per adult AND per child for children age 11 and older.
Cost is \$20.00 per child for children age 10 and younger.**

Deadline for payment and reservations is January 26, 2007.
Please submit your payment with the slip below.
Space is limited; first come first served.



(detach)

Name _____ Tribe _____

Number of adults attending _____ x \$28.00 = \$ _____

Number of children age 11 and older attending _____ x \$28.00 = \$ _____

Number of children age 10 and younger attending _____ x \$20.00 = \$ _____

Total submitted with reservations = \$ _____

Please note: return reservations and checks to the attention of:

Tim Bresnahan, P.O. Box 401, Avon, Ohio 44011
Make checks payable to: Two Feathers Longhouse

Camp Fitch

Camp Fitch

Sponsored by the Seminole & Lakota Tribes

Date: Friday, February 2, 2007 to Sunday, February 4, 2007

Time: Fri 6:00pm to Sunday 11:30am

Location: North Springfield, Pennsylvania

Directions: Follow I – 90E to exit 6 (old exit 2) in PA., then North on Rt 215 to the camp site. Follow signs into camp!

Camp Fitch is situated on the shore of Lake Erie about 2 hours from Avon / Avon Lake. Everyone, especially new members or first time campers, is encouraged to experience a great weekend with your children and fellow Longhouse members. The camp is fully staffed by the YMCA and provides our meals and coordinates the activities; except for the famous Snow Snake Race, which will be organized and run by the Lakota Tribe.

Camp Fitch con't

Sleeping accommodations are heated buildings (with indoor plumbing) throughout the camp. There is a large dining hall where we will be checking in, eating our meals and holding the Induction ceremony for first time campers. Remember as you are driving; if you are absolutely sure that you are lost and have gone way too far, relax and keep going - you are almost there.

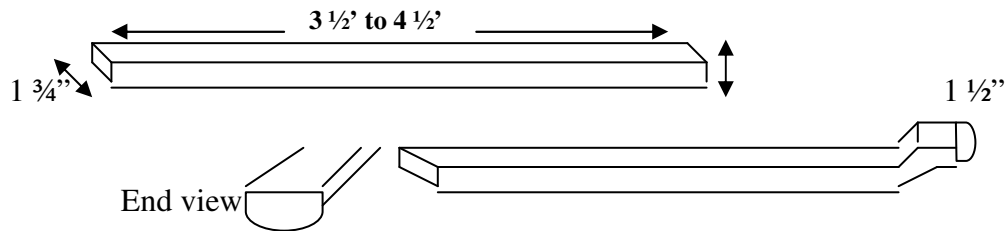
Activities to enjoy at Camp Fitch include: archery, riflery, horseback riding, indoor wall climbing, crafts (candle making), ice skating on Lake MVIMA, tubing, sledding, indoor floor hockey, scavenger hunt for the letters CAMP FITCH 2005 to be painted and mounted on a piece of wood, nature center, pony rides, hiking and of course, the famous Snow Snake race – instructions attached. Pathfinder activities from 1:00pm to 2:30pm Sat may include Firebuilding, Shelter Building or Low Impact Camping. Be conscious of the times of events so you don't schedule more than one activity at the same time.

Be sure to dress in layers for winter weather. Extra socks, shoes, boots and gloves are highly recommended. Other things to bring are Longhouse vest, sleeping bags, pillow, toiletries, towels, ice skates (snow shovel for lake), sleds (plastic only allowed on little hills not for use on tubing hill, no runners allowed at all), snacks, slippers or shoes for inside, cameras and film, table display, flashlight and Snow Snake.

Sometimes we have to get creative when there is little or no snow for the snow snake race. Please make your snow snake with a wide blunt head so that it does not pierce the "artificial" snow. Spears or pointed sticks are not allowed.



Snow Snake



Height = 1 and 1/2 inches (Minimum) **Unrestricted Head Height**
Length = 3 and 1/2 feet (Minimum), and 4 and 1/2 feet (Maximum)
Width = 1 and 1/2 inches (Minimum), 1 and 3/4 inches (Maximum)

During the winter months of heavy snow and cold weather, Indians had several ways to keep themselves amused. One way involved contests with snow snakes. A snow snake is a long, straight piece of wood carved to resemble a snake. The Indians would throw this snow snake down a long trough made of snow and ice. The Indian who threw the snow snake the farthest was the winner. The game inspired great competitions among the tribes and gave the Indians some of the basic skills they needed to survive in the wilderness. It has been reported that some Indians could throw their snow snakes as far as a mile down this iced track.

The track is a long, straight, narrow bank of snow about 2' high, 1' wide and as long as needed. The top of the bank is flattened and a chain link is dragged over the flat surface of the bank to make a trough or track in the snow. This trough is then iced to make it as slippery as possible.

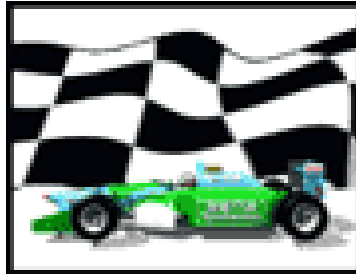
Before you can play this old Indian game, you must make a snow snake. Carve your piece of wood into a shape similar to the one in the illustration. Round the bottom corners. If the head is *too high* the snake will roll over when tossed. Make sure it is not top-heavy. This is important so the snake can fit into the icy trough.

Use your imagination to make unique heads. Put upholstery tacks in for eyes. Paint your snake with Indian designs and last of all, varnish the wood.

Regulations for Snow-Snake Derby

- The snow snake must be made of wood.
- Regulation size is $4\frac{1}{2}'$ maximum length, $3\frac{1}{2}'$ minimum length; $1\frac{3}{4}''$ maximum width; $1\frac{1}{2}''$ body height and unrestricted head height.
- The snow snake must be similar in shape to the one shown in the instructions above. Spears or pointed sticks are not allowed.
- The snow snake must be painted.
- Any kind of wax, ice or snow may be added to the snow snake.
- There are no restrictions on weight.
- The snow snake must be thrown underhand.
- Competition is divided according to age and sex.

- Runners are not allowed on the snow snake.
- This is a parent-child project – both should be involved in making the snow snake and playing the game.



Pinewood Derby

March 10th, 2007

Sponsored by Shawnee and Erie

Kit will be going on pre-sale at January's Cosmic Bowling event (Saturday Jan. 20, 2007).

- \$9.00 – first car kit
- \$8.00 – additional car kits

Avon Recreation Winter Programs

Are the winter blues setting in yet? Do the kids keep saying, "There is nothing to do?" Then check out the Avon Recreation web site at www.cityofavon.com for a variety of programs that we are offering for the next few months. From basketball to magic, we hopefully have something for adults and kids to join. If you don't see anything that you like and have an idea for a program, please call me at 937-4461 and let's get the "ball rolling."

Sincerely,

Donna Russian
 Avon Recreation Coordinator

Tribe Chiefs 2006-2007

Tribe	Chief	Phone	Email Address	Tribe	Chief	Phone	Email Address
Apache(FD)	Keith Furnas			Lakota(FS)	Tom Mitchell		
Arapaho(MS)	Helena Hrinzenko			Objibwe(FD)	Randy Twyman		
Cheyenne(FD)	Bill Herrmann			Seminole(FD)	Tom Mitchell		
Comanche East(FS)	Karl Satorius			Shawnee(FS)	Scott Rennette		
Comanche West(FS)	John Nose			Shoshone(MD)	Nancy Bernard		
Erie(FS)	Bill Amato			Hopi (MS)	Julia Jones		
Chinook(FD)	Dan Drellishak						

MD = Mother/Daughter
 FD = Father/Daughter

MS = Mother/Son
 FS = Father/Son

Longhouse Officers 2006-2007

Longhouse Chief	Bob Bakaitis (Cheyenne)
Assistant Chief	Doug Isham (Shawnee)
Assistant Chief	Dan Drellishak (Apache)
Wampum Bearer	Scott Thomas (Shawnee)
Tally Keeper	Judy Jirka (Arapaho)
Drum Beater	Doug Warren (Shawnee)
Sand Painter	Helena Hrinzenko (Arapaho)
Sachem	Tim Bresnahan (Cheyenne)
Web Spinner	Jim Ziegelmeyer (Cheyenne)
Pathfinders Chief	Brent Betts (Seminole)
National Longhouse Chief	Jim Fyffe
National Treasurer	Ray French

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