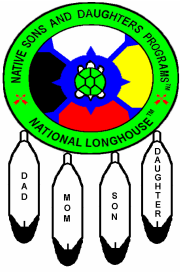


Native Sons and Daughters Programs™



Smoke Signals Two Feathers Longhouse



February 2007

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Chief's Talk from Bob "Grazing Moose" Bakaitis

What a great two weeks we have had with Camp Fitch and the Parent/Child Dance. These may have been the best two events Lauren and I have attended during our four years with Two Feathers.

Camp Fitch was great. The weather was great, plenty of snow, good food, great people and great events. The Seminole Tribe, particularly Tom Mitchell and Brent Betts, get tremendous credit for organizing the cabin assignments and overall events with the people at Camp Fitch. Also, Bill Herrmann and the Cheyenne Tribe did their usual great job with organizing the snow snake race.

The Parent/Child Dance was a great event. This was the first time we have attempted this event and it may have been one of our best events. Everyone looked great, the food was good, and the DJ kept the night rolling for four solid hours. Tim Bresnahan gets all the credit for putting this event together. Thanks also goes out to Tara Prior of Silver Fox Florist for providing the balloons and roses. The room looked great and the kids loved the

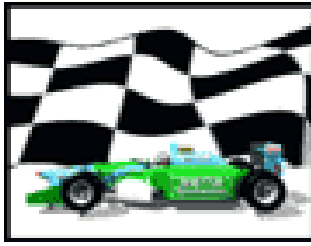
balloons. (Special to the Dads and Sons: You missed a great time!!! Don't miss this next year.)

The year is not over with great events. Pinewood Derby, rock climbing, the magic show/ Ice cream social, Duct Tape Festival, and camping. Look for more details inside this newsletter. I'm expecting a great turnout for the Derby. The Shoshone Tribe is putting together a concession stand and could use **help manning and providing baked goods**. Contact Nancy Bernard at bernard4@prodigy.net to offer your help.

Finally, please start discussing among your tribes as who will be tribe chiefs next year. The chiefs play an important role in getting out information to the membership and coordinating tribe activities. It is my hope that the tribe members pitch in and work with the tribe chief to arrange activities and meetings. The executive board would like to have all the new chiefs for next year attend the May 2nd Chiefs meeting to get acquainted with the procedures.

See everyone at the Pinewood Derby!!!





Pinewood Derby

March 10th, 2007

Sponsored by Shawnee and Erie

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

The Pinewood Derby is derby cars, built from kits, raced on a 12-foot high, 64-foot long, four-lane track. There will be different competition classes determined by child's grade and an open class for parents. Only Pinewood derby kits purchased from the Two Feathers Longhouse are eligible for the race in order to keep things fair for all participants. Complete rules are included in this newsletter.

Family members are welcome to come and watch the races. We do not run a single or double elimination competition like some other organizations. Each class of racers will run in about eight different heats and there could be over 20 heats per class depending on the number of entries. Times are recorded for each heat and the car with the fastest total time for all their heats is the winner in the class.

The cars are also judged for best design and each year there are some really creative and innovative designs. Use your imagination; going fast isn't the only way to bring home a trophy. If you are new to Pinewood Derby, ask a lot of questions. There are plenty of people in the longhouse that will offer advice and give you some pointers. Good luck and see you at the races.

2 Feathers Longhouse Pinewood Derby Manual

Rules

Please read carefully. Derby cars not meeting this specification may be disqualified at weigh-in.



General Rules

1. Cars cannot be reused from previous years races.
2. Only one car entry per contestant.
3. All derby kits must be purchased from 2 Feathers Longhouse.
4. All cars must be completed by weigh-in day, usually two days before the race.
5. All cars will be weighed, inspected and measured at the designated weigh-in site.
6. The race committee will keep all cars after weigh-in and hold them in a secure area until race day.
7. The race committee will assign a number to each car at weigh-in, numbered stickers will be used.
8. Over or under weight cars may be adjusted at weigh-in. Cars not meeting specifications must be returned to the weigh-in site for inspection and re-weighing on the designated nights.

Wheels and Axles

1. You must use the wheels and axles provided in the kit.
2. The tread on the wheels may be sanded smooth. Overall gross dimensions may not be changed (i.e., no “skinny” wheels).
3. No wheel bearings or bushings of any kind are permitted.
4. Axle length and position cannot be changed; burrs may be removed and axles may be polished.
5. Washers may be used on the axles.
6. Any type of lubricant may be used on the wheels. Cars must be race ready and lubricated prior to weigh-in; **no lubrication may be added once the car is turned in to the race committee, even on race day.**

Pine Block

1. You must use the pine block provided in the kit.
2. You cannot alter the wheelbase cut into the pine block.
3. The body of the car cannot be wider than the axles.
4. The body of the car may not be longer than the original pine block.

Completed Car

1. Weight may be added, the total weight cannot exceed 5 ounces (142 grams).
2. Maximum height of the car cannot exceed 2-1/2 inches or it will not fit under the finish line sensor.
3. Minimum clearance underneath the car cannot be less than 3/8 inches or it may drag on the guide strip.
4. Windshields, decals, numbers, etc., may be used to decorate the car. Please attach securely.

Building Suggestions

1. Weight should be added to bring the car up to the maximum 5-ounce limit. The car will go faster if it is at the maximum allowable weight.
2. Weigh your car before you bring it to the weigh-in (try local post office scale). Have an easy way to add or subtract weight at weigh-in so it can be fine tuned.
3. Weight added to the bottom of the car should be recessed to maintain 3/8-inch clearance or it may drag on the guide strip. *(This is one of the most common problems at weigh-in).*
4. If you're a novice, bring your car to the first weigh-in date so adjustments can be made by the second weigh-in night.
5. There is also a contest for best design, so try your hand at a theme based or innovative design. Going fast is not the only way to win a trophy.

PINEWOOD DERBY

SPONSORED BY ERIE & SHAWNEE



Date: March 10th, (11:00am – 5:00pm)

Car Costs: \$9.00 – first kit
\$8.00 – additional kits

Location: Avon Heritage North School, 35575 Detroit Rd., Avon (east of Rt. 83)

Weigh-In: Tues. March 6th and Thurs. March 8th. AVON Heritage North School (6:00PM-8:00PM)

Pinewood Derby Car Kits – Are now available at: **Marty's Cycle Center / Avon Lake, (440) 933-4204**, located in the center of Avon Lake at the corner of Walker Rd. & Avon Beldon Rd. (Rt. 83). Website for Marty's is: www.martycycle.com. A weigh scale will also be available at Marty's for you to fine-tune your car(s) prior to the official weigh-in dates of March 6th and 8th.

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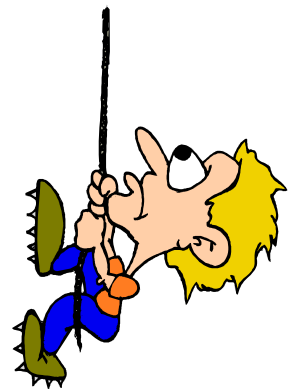
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If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 440-934-0834.

Doug "Big Black Hawk" Isham / Shawnee

Rock Climbing



Location: Kendall Cliffs, Peninsula
www.kendallcliffs.com

Date: Saturday, April 21

Time: 7-9 PM. Special time for 15 or more climbers.

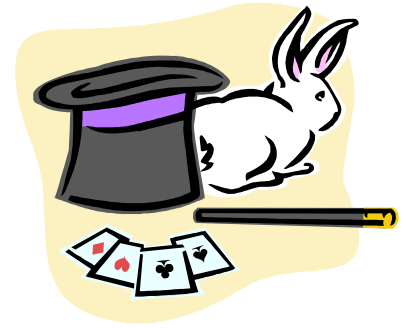
Cost: \$18 per climber. Snack and drink included.

All equipment and instruction provided.

Great for beginner and advanced climbers.

Sign-up deadline: Registration and collection of fees must be made by April 12. Registration in March and April newsletter.

Magic Show



Event: MAGIC SHOW AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Cost: Family Event. NO CHARGE

Time: 7-9 Pm

Location: Learwood Middle School, 340 Lear Road, Avon Lake

Date: Friday, May 11

The magic show will be presented by A Touch of Magic who has been presenting the magic shows for over 20 years. An Ice Cream Social will follow the magic show and we are hoping the gym will be available to shoot baskets for an hour. This will be a free, family event. We will need a head count before the event so we have enough ice cream for everyone.



2 Feathers Longhouse – 2007 Preliminary Events Schedule

Date	Event	Sponsoring Tribe(s)
March 10 th	Pinewood Derby (Avon Heritage North School)	Shawnee, Erie
April 21 st	Indoor Rock Climbing (Kendal Cliffs)	Cheyenne
May 11 th	Magic Show & Ice Cream Social (Free Event)	Cheyenne, Shawnee
May	Avon Lake Memorial Day Parade	
June	Duct Tape Festival	
July	Summer Campout	
July	Captains Game	

Chiefs Meeting

*****IMPORTANT*****

Date: Weds, March 7th, 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.

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, Ojibwa tribe has the kit, contact Randy Twyman at 930-9093 or twyman3@aol.com to arrange delivery or pick-up.**

Other Items of Interest

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 Hrinczenko at 440-930-2748 or hhrinczenko@yahoo.com, to place an order.

Our website: www.2feathers.org

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 Hrinchenko			Objibwe(FD)	Randy Twyman		
Cheyenne(FD)	Bill Herrmann			Seminole(FD)	Tom Mitchell		
Comanche East(FS)	Karl Satorius			Shawnee(FS)	Scott Renette		
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 Hrinchenko (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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