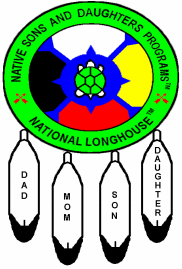


Native Sons and Daughters Programs™



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Two Feathers Longhouse*

November 2007



Chief's Talk from Doug "Big Black Hawk" Isham

Greetings 2 Feathers Native Sons and Daughters™

The late October Longhouse **Swim** event was very successful and well attended. This was a FREE family event for our members. It was nice to see so many families get together for an afternoon of fun and food especially when the weather outside was cold and damp. The Westlake Recreation Center and it's proximity to our communities was very nice and the facility suited our members from the youngest to the oldest quite well. Thanks to everyone that participated and special thanks to Tara Prior and the Shoshone Tribe for sponsoring the event.



November's "Nights on Lake Erie" at the **Great Lakes Science Center** proved once again to be loads of fun and learning. I was cool to watch and participate in the various demonstrations such as "The Shocking Truth about Electricity" where we learned how cool electricity can be, "Hogwarts: There's More than Meets the Eye" where we experienced optical illusions and learned more about how you see, and "Potions and Charms for Wizards, Witches, and Muggles too" where we explored Muggles' science to create potions and charms just like Harry Potter and his friends. These where 3 of the 7 exciting demonstrations we were able to participate in. I think the "Shocking Truth about Electricity" was Tristan's, Jane's, and my favorite demonstration. It was fun to see many of the children dressed up in costume like Harry Potter characters. Many members took advantage of the opportunity to tour the S.S. William G. Mather Saturday morning.



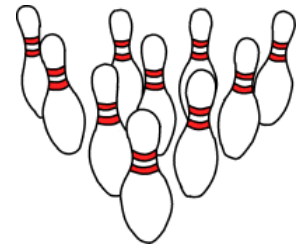
This month our two Assistant Longhouse Chief's Dan Drellishak / Apache, Comanche & Chinook Tribes and Karl Satorius / Apache & Comanche Tribes attended the **Fall GLRAL meeting** down in Columbus, Ohio. GLRAL represents "Great Lakes Regional Advisory Lodge"; which 2 Feathers Longhouse is a part of along with 6 other Longhouses within the region. The purpose of this meeting is for the various Longhouses within our region to share and discuss ideas on ways to improve the program. Thanks needs to go out to Dan and Karl for taking time out of their already busy schedule to participate and represent 2 Feathers Longhouse at this meeting.

Print out this newsletter and share it with your family and friends.

As I look at our calendar I see more great events coming up. I know there are all kinds of things competing for our time during this busy part of the year. The **Ice Skating** event early next month at the Rocky River Recreation Center would be a great opportunity to get away for a couple of hours and just have some good old fashioned fun with the kids. I encourage you to come on out to skate a few laps with us. Don't worry if you're not the best skater, the kids don't care and that's all that really matters. This is a family event sponsored by Helena Hrinchenko and the Shoshone Tribe, so round up your tribe members and come out and join us. See you there.



In January, we are looking to have another membership drive of some sort. Details are being worked on now and we hope to be able to share these details with you soon sometime next month. Each of you will be an integral part of this membership drive. We all know the most effective advertising and recruitment tool we have to this program is each of us and our word of mouth. If you truly believe in this program then please appoint yourself as a Goodwill Ambassador for Two Feathers Longhouse and spread the good word. Please tell a friend or two about the program and how it has enriched you and your child's life.



Also in January, we have **Cosmic Bowling** sponsored by the Erie Tribe.

Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays are rapidly approaching, along with the hustle and bustle that goes with this holiday season. This is a special time of year for our children and one of the most precious gifts we can give to them is our time. Your participation in the Native Sons and Daughters Programs is a great way to dedicate time to just being together with your family. As it's been said before, the memories you make today will last two life times, yours and your child's.

I hope you have a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday.

Ton-ka-hey!!
Doug "Big Black Hawk" Isham

Ice Skating For the Entire Family

Join us for a fun afternoon of ice skating on Saturday, December 1

2:00P-4:00P



Location: Hamilton Ice Arena at the Rocky River Rec Center

Please tell the receptionist that you are with 2 Feathers Longhouse to receive \$1.00 off the admission fee.

Under 5 years - \$1.00

6 - 18 years - \$2.50

Adults - \$3.50

Seniors - \$2.50

Ice
skate
rentals
\$2.50



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December Chiefs Meeting

*******IMPORTANT*******

Date: Thursday, December 6th, 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:** 2007-2008 Chiefs/Officers need to attend this meeting. Any Longhouse member is also welcome to attend any of these meetings.

Event Schedule for 2007-2008 (Reserve these dates on your family calendar now)

September 5, 2007 – Skajuna (Avon Heritage North)

October 5-6-7, 2007 - Camp Y-Noah (Cabin Camping)

October 27 – Westlake Rec Center (Family Swim)

November 9, 2007 - Great Lakes Science Center Sleep Over (Harry Potter Theme)

December 1, 2007 - Ice Skating (Family Event)

January 19, 2008 - Bowling (Family Event)

February 1-2-3, 2008 - Camp Fitch (Cabin Camping with the famous Snow Snake Race)

February 23, 2008 - Parent/Child Dance (Family Event)

March 8, 2008 - Pinewood Derby (Family Event)

April 12 – Buffalo Naval Park Sleep Over (Sleep on a real battle ship)

May 17, 2008 – Rock Climbing (Family Event)

June 13-14-15 - Duct Tape Festival & Parade (Family Event)

July 18-19-20, 2008 - The famous **Gathering of Nations Campout** is back – Location TBD (Family tent camping event with other Longhouses within our Great Lakes Region.

**TOP 10 REASONS
TO VOLUNTEER TO SERVE AS A 2 FEATHERS LONGHOUSE TRIBE CHIEF OR OFFICER**

10	By Serving in a leadership position, you will have greater opportunities to provide your input to the decisions of this group.
9	By being more involved, you will have even greater opportunities to work with and get to know more great people in this organization, even better.
8	You stand a better chance of getting a cabin assignment at Camp Fitch where there is hot and cold water in the showers.
7	More new leaders mean more fresh ideas and creativity to the organization and its programs.
6	Your existing tribe chiefs and their predecessors have all taken a turn serving – now it's your turn.
5	You get a really great patch for your vest – your child gets the same patch and a banner that says "My Mom/Dad is _____"
4	The other kids in your tribe will probably stop playing tricks on you if you are the chief.
3	You and your child/children get to be personally involved in the ceremonies performed. Look into the eyes of the children standing next to their parents at the next ceremony and you will know how significant this is.
2	Like the old saying goes, "The more you put into something, the more you get out of it." I can personally attest to this, regarding 2 Feathers Longhouse. The rewards are immeasurable.
1	Your child will never forget that you did.

Please let your tribe chief know as soon as possible your willingness to serve as a tribe chief for next year and please let Dan Drellishak, Bob Bakaitis, or myself know of your willingness to serve as a Longhouse officer for this year and/or next.

We still have a few positions that need to be filled within the organization. All positions offer membership dues discount that will be reimbursed back to you. If interested please inquire with me for further detail.

- **Tally Keeper.** In this position you will help by keeping meeting minutes during our monthly Officers & Chiefs Meeting which are held 1st Thursday of every month at Avon Lake Library, 7P.
- **Pathfinders Chief.** In this position you will be responsible for coming up with some additional events and activities throughout the program year for the older children, 4th grade and up. These events are typically more often focused on community service activities.
- **Membership Committee.** We are also looking for members to join Bill Wido on the membership committee for the remainder of this year and into next. It is the most important committee we have. With our idea of having a mid-year membership drive this upcoming January we can use all the extra help we can get. Remember many hands make light work. All members are encouraged to consider stepping forward to help.

HELP!



Longhouse Officers 2007-2008

Longhouse Chief	Doug Isham (Shawnee)
Assistant Chief	Dan Drellishak (Apache)
Assistant Chief	Karl Satorius (Comanche)
Wampum Bearer	Scott Thomas (Shawnee)
Tally Keeper	Joyce Palur (Arapaho)
Drum Beater	Bill Amato (Erie)
Sand Painter	Helena Hrinczenko (Arapaho)
Sachem	Bob Bakaitis (Cheyenne)
Web Spinner	Jim Ziegelmeyer (Cheyenne)
Pathfinders Chief	Still Need This Position Filled
National Longhouse Chief	Jim Fyffe

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