

Native Sons and Daughters Programs™



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Two Feathers Longhouse

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Inaugural Chief's Talk from Dan "Big Big Wolf" Drellishak

Greetings Two Feathers Longhouse Members!

Welcome to a new program year of Native Sons and Daughters Programs™ Two Feathers Longhouse can trace its local roots back over 15 years to the day when the organization was originally formed. The group and has been "building memories to last two lifetimes, yours and your child's" ever since!

The beginning of each program year is packed with behind the scene activities such as: preparing for the membership events, camp/event planning, longhouse officer introductions to their new positions, and much more to make sure the longhouse members have plenty of activities to enjoy this upcoming year. Here are a few key items that all members need to take note of:

- ⇒ **ON-LINE REGISTRATION** Is now activated and all existing members need to log-in and register for the 2008-09 program year. Please register TODAY so the membership committee can begin to update the longhouse roster before the Membership Events.
- ⇒ **MEMBERSHIP EVENTS** Two membership events have been planned for this year! The addition of new members to our group helps to keep our longhouse strong and makes all of our events more entertaining and fun! Both membership events are an excellent opportunity to "show and tell" new members about our great organization! The events will consist of a general information meeting, a simple craft building for new potential members, and since the meetings will start around dinner time **PIZZA and DRINKS** will be provided to all members and guests that attend the gathering! **ALL EXISTING MEMBERS** are **ENCOURAGED** to attend the meetings....wear your NS&D vest and any other items that will show new members what our group is all about!

New Member Event locations and dates are as follows:

Thursday Sept. 11th
6pm – 8pm
Northgate Park Community Center
2155 Eaton Dr. (Off Rt. 611)
Avon 44011

Wednesday Sept. 17th
6pm – 8pm
North Ridgeville Senior Center
7327 Avon Belden Rd. (Rt. 83)
North Ridgeville 44039

MOST IMPORTANTLY.....TELL A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR about the fun you have had with the group and your children in the past and encourage them to attend one of the membership meetings! The membership committee has spent many hours discussing/debating on the best way to increase our membership and the resounding conclusion we all agreed upon is that ***YOU are best form of advertising!*** Most existing members joined Native Sons and Daughters™ because they were encouraged by a family member or neighbor that were already participating in the program... If you have enjoyed being a part of Two Feathers Longhouse, please help us grow by “spreading the word” to new potential members!

⇒ **CAMP Y-NOAH** October 3rd-5th This great cabin-camping weekend is just around the corner! Mark your calendars and plan on attending one of the best events of the year! Hopefully the Great Spirits will duplicate the excellent weather we had for last year’s camp!

****ATTENTION**:** Do you like to play with fire? We are looking for someone to fill the role as “Fire starter” for Camp YNOAH and Camp Fitch. The starting of the council fire is always a highlight of each camp. Please contact Chief Big Wolf (Dan Drellishak) if you would be willing to put your pyrotechnic skills to good use!

⇒ **TWO FEATHERS LONGHOUSE COUNCIL MEMBERS** I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of your Two Feathers Longhouse Leadership Team that have volunteered to hold positions for the 2008-09 program year:

Longhouse Chief:	Dan Drellishak (Apache/Chinook)
Asst. Longhouse Chief	Karl Satorius (Apache/Comanche)
Wampum Bearer (Treasurer)	Mark Denison (Apache)
Tally Keeper (Note Taker)	Tim Parker (Shawnee)
Sachem (Last year’s Chief)	Doug Isham (Shawnee)
Web Spinner (Web Master)	Jim Ziegelmeyer (Apache/Chinook)
Drum Beater (Newsletter)	Tony Koziarz (Apache)
Membership	Bill Wido (Chinook)
Membership	Steve Dawe (Chinook)
Membership	Kevin Laviano (Chinook)
Asst. Longhouse Chief	OPEN
Sand Painter (patches, vests)	OPEN
Media (local press coverage)	OPEN
Pathfinder Chief	OPEN
Fire starter	OPEN (NEED TO FILL BEFORE Y-NOAH!)

The longhouse could not exist without the dedication of volunteers that help to manage the activities of the organization. PLEASE CONSIDER joining the Longhouse Council to help with one of the positions that remain open. “Many hands make light work”

In closing, I would like to share 3 simple goals that I would like to accomplish as your new Longhouse Chief:

1. Encourage monthly tribe meetings for each and every tribe. **Having a strong Longhouse revolves around having regular monthly tribe meetings.** If you are a member of an existing tribe, make sure you have scheduled your monthly meetings as a tribe.
2. Increase number of new members. As some of our long-term members “graduate” into teenagers, the longhouse needs to add new members to fill their moccasins.
3. Have fun! Enjoy the events and the time spent with our children as part of this unique group. Children grow up quickly....be thankful that all of us took the time to participate TOGETHER with our children to build memories that last two lifetimes...yours, and your child’s!

Chief Big Wolf (Dan Drellishak)

Visit our local organization website:

www.2feathers.org

Visit our national organization website:

www.nationallonghouse.org

September Chief’s Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 3rd (Note change in date)

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).

Registration Reminder

Besides getting the kids ready for back to school it's also that time of year again when we need to renew our Two Feathers Longhouse membership for the new 2008-2009 program year. Good news is that dues remain the same at \$65 per family. What a steal of a deal for all the fun and opportunities we have to build strong loving relationships with our children and family.

As always, registration timing is critical since Y-Noah camp event is right around the corner (Oct-3-4-5) and membership committee has to get our membership count and tribe assignments complete two weeks before camp time. Needless to say, we only have weeks to get everyone re-registered so I ask that you please help us out by not procrastinating and to register as soon as possible. Hopefully today!

Registration process is beginning now.

1. Register on-line and pay by credit card through the **Two Feathers Longhouse** website at www.2feathers.org. We provide a direct link through our website to the National Longhouse Club Express registration site.
 - a. If you are a returning member the process is extremely fast and simple. You should have received a login username and password during last year's registration process. Hopefully you've kept that information. If you have forgotten your information, or are experiencing any technical problems, you can make a quick and easy call to the Club Express helpline at 1-866-457-2582.
 - b. Once at the National Club Express website simply log-in through either "login" or "Member Signup" and click **Two Feathers Longhouse** as your Chapter. No need to fill in all your personal information again. It's already there from last year.
 - c. Follow the quick process to complete your registration. Process literally should take no more than a minute or two.
 - d. Once done sit back and get ready to enjoy another fun full year with your children and family and the Two Feathers Longhouse family. It's going to be another really fun year again!
2. Secondly, another option you have is to register on-line at National Longhouse Club Express website through the **Two Feathers Longhouse** website at www.2feathers.org and mail in your payment to our local PO Box; **Attn: Membership Committee, PO Box 117, Avon, Ohio 44011**. Again members can call the Club Express helpline at 1-866-457-2582 should you have any technical problems.
3. Thirdly, we are still offering manual registration. Simply complete the Two Feathers Longhouse paper registration packet found on our website at www.2feathers.org and mail along with \$65.00 dues payment to Attn: Membership Committee, PO Box 117, Avon, Ohio 44011.

Remember we are the Two Feathers Longhouse Chapter and our annual family membership dues for the new program year remain at \$65.00

P.S. If for some reason you decide you are not rejoining 2FL this new program year I kindly ask that you please let either Bill Wido or I know as soon as possible. This will certainly help membership committee with firming up the membership rosters and tribe assignments. Bill's & my contact info:

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Doug Isham: T: 934-0834, E: disham@centurytel.net

Regards,

Doug Isham, 2FL - Sachem