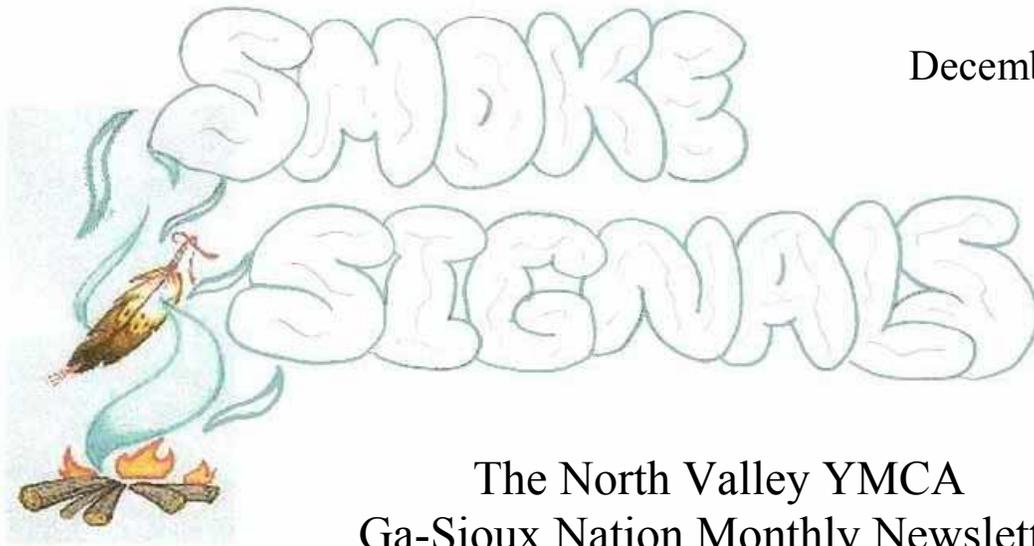


December 2001



## The North Valley YMCA Ga-Sioux Nation Monthly Newsletter

Dear Guides, Princesses and Dads,

There are always a couple of events in my life that help me get into the spirit of the holidays. Besides the obvious ones of scrambling to get presents, hearing the Christmas music, seeing the holiday lights, etc., there are two events that stand out. One hasn't occurred yet-- my children's Christmas production at their school. The other is the Granada Hills Holiday Parade. I am happy to say that the Guides and Princesses, along with the youngsters who participate in the Papoose program, made up one of the largest contingents to march in the parade. We were given a couple of hours of nice weather just for the event, and the new trailers we used to tow the children worked out great. Our thanks go to Joe Orr, Scott Ebbesmeyer and the Apache tribe for helping decorate the trailers and getting the hay bales. A huge and sincere thanks goes to Greg Hamlin and the Sioux North tribe for securing the trailers; we couldn't have done it without you.

Winter camp at Camp Whittle in Big Bear is shaping up quite nicely. If the weather continues its current pattern of storms and cold weather, there should be snow at the camp for the first time in years. The renovation of the dining hall should be completed prior to our weekend (there's contingencies if it isn't). The camp will be open for us starting Friday, January 4, although no meals will be served in camp that day. Plan on doing some skiing or snow

play that Friday. The cost for Camp Whittle is \$65 per person and the registration deadline is December 31. We do expect to sell out so get your reservations in by the deadline. See the flyer in this issue of the Smoke Signal for more information.

Beginning in the New Year, you will undoubtedly hear about the Y's annual campaign. During this campaign, volunteers raise money to be used to provide scholarships to needy individuals and families who wish to participate in the many programs the Y offers, but are financially unable to do so without some form of financial aid. The money goes to kids, who want to go to camp, or families, who need after school care, or kids who want to learn to swim, or kids who want to play basketball. A lot of times, some of us take these activities for granted, and while it might be a stretch for some, most don't think twice when spending money on such worthwhile programs. When you are approached by one of the campaign volunteers, be it a mom of a kid who was able to go to camp, or a dad in the Guide in Princess Program, or a Y staffer, please consider a gift for those less fortunate than you. You'll feel good doing it, knowing your donation went to help someone participate in the various programs the Y offers.

May God continue to bless you and your families during this joyous season of hope.

Chief Two Bucks

## TRIBAL NEWS

### MOHAVE TRIBE

The Mohave tribe has sure kept busy the last month or so. We had a near perfect turnout at the Pilgrim Feast. The great campfire and ceremony will shine in the eyes of our new Indian braves for many moons to come. The Mohave inducted 7 new braves into the nation: Ryan G., Joel, Braxton, Matthew, Noah, Michael L. and Jeff L.

The rain gods looked kindly upon our nation this year. The weather for the Granada Hills parade was just right. The Mohave were out in force and had a blast, as usual. I'm not positive but we may be in the running for the tribe with the most cans of silly string expended before the float even started moving! Crazy me, I never conceived of all the uses of silly string until experiencing them first hand during the parade route. New to me were the silly string nasal spray, deodorant, eye rinse and the oh so tasty mouthwash. Tears welled up in my eyes as the older braves showed the younger braves (by example) how to properly spray silly string on unsuspecting fathers and parade attendees. Great fun was had by all.

The tribe has made super progress on our Pinewood derby cars. Our future NASCAR entries are shaping up well as the boys have helped prep their own cars using copious amounts of sandpaper, wood glue and primer. Next up are the painting and decorating phases.

The Mohave tribe would like to wish the entire Ga-Sioux Nation a happy and safe holiday. Looking forward to see everyone at Camp Whittle.

Chief Silent Buffalo

### SHAWNEE TRIBE

Greetings Shawnee princesses and dads! I hope everyone had a great time at the Granada Hills parade, we had a huge turnout from the Shawnee tribe and the mighty sun god blessed us all with good weather. If the parade was a sample of things to come watch out camp Whittle! The Shawnee tribe looks like a rowdy bunch that takes no prisoners. The princesses were relentless with their attacks of Silly String shooting their poor dads every chance that they had. I did see some fathers shooting back but only in self defense. Thank you Apache tribe a good time was had by all.

Our meeting this month was hosted by Al "Gray Wolf" & Laura "Little Wolf" M. at their Teepee in Northridge. The tribe feasted on a beautiful spread of Mexican food, cold drinks and some low calorie cookies, yea right! The crafts for the evening were Christmas decorations, each package had about 50 small pieces that had to be glued and assembled. With a fair amount of patience by the dads and the creativity of the girls we finished the decorations in record time. My daughter Little Hummingbird is still looking for that Santa nose that fell under the table. Thank you Gray Wolf & Little Wolf for your hospitality and for a fun meeting. I want to wish my tribe and the entire Ga-Sioux nation a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone at camp Whittle next year.

Chief Claw of Grizzly

## SIOUX NORTH TRIBE

Wahoká YMCA Guides & Princesses

Time is fleeting, Happy Holidays from the Sioux North. We're excited about this time of year. We had a nice turnout at our tribal meeting Nov. 30th, all the kids were present. The Granada Hills Parade was excellent, what a fun time. All tribal members were in attendance. We can't wait for the Camp Whittle trip. We'll be having our monthly tribal meeting on Dec. 28th. just too sure up our Whittle trip and hopefully practice our skit for camp. We also got great news that we might have a new Father/Daughter joining our tribe. Take care for now and we'll see you at camp.

Sincerely,

Chief Laughing Bear

## COMANCHE TRIBE

Greetings Comanche Tribe

Let me start out by wishing everyone Happy Holidays and a healthy and prosperous New Year! Unfortunately, no one was able to make it to the parade this year due to the cold and unpredictable rainy weather. Looking forward to seeing everyone at Camp Whittle in 2002! We should all have a great time! I hope everyone will be able to attend this great camping adventure.

Hoping to see you all in 2002!

Chief Standing Bull

## MOHICAN TRIBE

Happy Holidays Mohicans,

Our tribal members in attendance, "White Dove," "Balding Eagle," "Dancing Bear," "Thundering Earth," "Tiger Lily," "Laughing Bear," "Feather Necklace," "Little Feather," "Two Strikes," "Climbing Bear," and "Chief Walking Deer," had a great time at the Granada Hills Christmas parade. The traditional silly string spraying of the Guides and Princesses and the spectators accompanied the couple mile walk. It was a wonderful time and even the weather cooperated. Joe and Josie, Our Princesses thank you for the trailers this year. We had a lot of room and they were clean and safe. We are all looking forward to Camp Whittle, where, it looks like we should have snow and a new dining hall ???

Everyone have a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!!

Chief Walking Deer

## ARAPAHO TRIBE

Christmas is in the Air...

...so is lots of silly string. Well, our annual parade down Chatsworth Street was a blast. The kids were covered with silly string. My wife almost killed me when she saw my son's brand new jacket.

Between Adam F., Spencer, Jason, Joshua A., Joshua S., Noah and Elliott, they must have gone through 3 dozen cans, and loved every minute.

Whose kid brought the shaving cream?

We all are looking forward to Camp Whittle. Pray for snow.

Chief Eat Much Cow  
Arapaho

## SEMINOLE TRIBE

Howdy Howdy Fellow Parade-goers!

Well, the Silly String has finally washed out of my hair (and clothes, and camera, and ...), but it was all worth it. Mother Nature really cooperated, the Holiday Parade was a great success, and everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. I think next year the dads will have to be equally equipped with Silly String, so we at least have a fighting chance. Special thanks to Greg H. for the trailers! The braves traveled in luxury.

Parading Seminoles included Howling Wolf and Running Wolf, Screeching Hawk and Growling Bear, Swimming Wolf, Jumping Wolf and Screaming Wolf, Snow Wolf and Fire Wolf, Little Bruin and Big Stick, Barbequed Buffalo and Lazy Buffalo, and Soaring Arrow and yours truly! Great turnout dads and braves!

Looking forward to Whittle!

Chief Shooting Breeze

## CAMP WHITTLE

Friday, January 4 to Sunday, January 6

Join us at YMCA Camp Whittle for a weekend of fun and adventure. Camp Whittle is located about two miles from Big Bear Lake. Hopefully we will have lots of snow to build snowmen and to go sledding!

The fee is \$65 per person. Accommodations at camp are cabins which sleep 12. The fee includes lodging, four meals and all camp activities. Registrations are due by Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Enclosed are a map and a list of what to bring. Be sure to bring lots of warm clothes.

For more information, please contact your tribal chief or Josie at the YMCA at 368-3231 or by e-mail at [JosieRea@ymcala.org](mailto:JosieRea@ymcala.org).

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### NATION CALENDAR

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|------------------------|---------------|
| Camp Whittle, Big Bear | Jan. 4 - 6    |
| Cosmic Bowling         | Sat., Feb. 2  |
| Camp Fox               | March 15 - 17 |
| Nation Picnic          | April         |
| Sports Event           | May           |
| Spring Family Campout  | June 7 - 9    |



Winter Camp Whittle  
January 4 - 6, 2002  
Register by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.  
Fee: \$65 per person  
PCS: 1000-42