



Dear Guides, Princesses and Dads,

Skate Night was a great success, there were over 200 who skated and more were in attendance as observers. We still have people joining the Nation with Dads and kids looking to join existing tribes. Some are new members and others are from tribes that have shrunk from graduation last year. If any tribe will take on new members please let Josie know. It looks like the Nation will be over 300 members again this year, but we always want to spread the word to those in Kindergarten and First Grade and continue to grow the program.

The next Nation event is the Family Picnic at O'Melveny Park on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Details are attached in this Smoke Signal. As the name implies, it is a family event so bring your moms and, if they are nice, your brothers and sisters. We are already making plans for the Pilgrim Feast on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and the Holiday Parade on December 8<sup>th</sup>. The theme for the parade this year is "Holidays in Hawaii", so we want everyone to wear your wildest Hawaiian shirt under your vest! The Pilgrim Feast is again going to be catered by Rosie's

BBO so bring your appetite. Don't forget to bring your own drinks and dessert. It will be held at the hall at Our Lady of Lourdes where it was held last year and we will follow up with a campfire on the grass field.

We now have received the date for one of our biggest events of the year, the weekend campout at Camp Whittle, which is scheduled for the first weekend in January, January 3 - 5, 2003. Since this is supposedly an "El Nino winter", we could have a lot of snow as during the last El Nino winter Big Bear had a record season for snow fall. It could be a great camp for sledding and snowball fights. Even with the poor snow last year there was still some awesome sledding, although I am not sure that the Moms would have approved of the course layout. Of course this year we will have the benefit of the new kitchen and dining hall so that should be a great improvement over last year. I also hear that continued improvements have been made to the cabins. It's just not the same if you don't sleep in a cabin where the door stops 6 inches above the floor and the heater doesn't work! Where's the adventure? Seriously, Whittle is a blast and leaves the kids

with life long memories. It is a "must attend event" with your tribe.

I know that at least one tribe, the Apaches, have already selected their new name for next year, they will be know as the Jaguars next year and they are already stocking up on Jaguar paraphernalia including Jacksonville Jaguar hats. If any tribes want to reserve new names for next year, please give them to Josie. The earlier you select a name, the less likely that one you have chosen will be taken.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Pilgrim Feast to welcome all the new Nation members.

Sincerely,

Mike Terhar  
Nation Chief

## TRIBAL NEWS

### APACHE TRIBE

The Apaches have gotten off to a fine start this year. We've already had 2 meetings, both of which were fun and productive. My personal thanks to Grey Wolf for all he's done in support of our tribe to get us off and running in the right direction with lots of enthusiasm. In the first, a number of the boys (Scott, Corey, Michael M., & Michael N.) beat the dads in an all-out relay race on the basketball court – leaving the dad's to clean up after the meeting! Also in that initial meeting we introduced our thought that this year was one of 'tradition and transition'. We acknowledged that while there are a lot of changes on the way for this program and that some things may be just a little bit different this year, we also expect to enjoy and build upon a number of the outstanding traditions we've grown to love from years past. As one of the new 'transition' items from that first meeting, we decided that the name we may come to be known by in the future would be the 'Jaguars'.

In our second meeting, our gracious host Red Fox (no, not that Red Foxx!), aka Joe Orr, put together an outstanding evening at his teepee, much of which surrounded the (upcoming) Halloween theme. Two of the newest members of our tribe, Greg R. and his son Matthew, were able to join our existing guides (Will, Tyler, Brendan, Connor, Kyle, Mathew K., Robbie, and those mentioned above) and dads in manufacturing some creepy-crawly candy-holding spiders that were sure to spice up the décor of their own teepees! Thanks again to Mr. Orr for opening up his home to our group.

We're excited about the upcoming Nation Family Picnic this coming Sunday and in meeting in person the two other new members of our tribe David and Evan G.

'til next month,

Hugging Bear

## BLACKFEET TRIBE

Our first meeting went without a hitch as we gathered at Hungry Bears pad!

The returning members, Morning Bear and Soaring Eagle, White Lightning and Lightning Bear, Big Bear and Little Cub, Fast Arrow and myself (Prowling Bear) and Hungry Bear were all happy to welcome our new members Scott and Kyle, Cliff and Adam.

We spent the evening planning our future meetings not to mention eating Pizza.

Balsa wood aircraft were assembled with a couple of test flights for our craft!

We are all looking forward to the Pilgrim Feast, see you there.

Chief Prowling Bear

## CHEYENNE TRIBE

Greetings from the Cheyenne

We are off and running and finally putting some tribal activities onto the drawing board for planning and action. Looking back to last year, Griffith Observatory, four-wheeling, nature hikes and camping, and equal match this season would be satisfaction enough.

And now we grow in numbers, a mighty Cheyenne welcome to new members Dan & Aaron and Dave & Brandon. Blue Lightning, Running Fox, Two Birds, Double Eagle, Running Water, Indian Boy, Windy Bear, Little Bear, White Horse and Cool Wind offering our friendship.

Chief Blue Lightning

## MOHICAN TRIBE

The Mohicans met for their first meeting of the year on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the home of Wild Horse and Prowling Bear.

We welcomed back some seasoned veterans of the program; Balding Eagle and White Dove, Dancing Bird, Laughing Bear and Tiger Lily, Walking Deer and Climbing Bear, Lot's O' Bull and Little Sky, Two Strike and Little Feather.

A warm welcome was extended to our new recruits, Steve and Samantha & Dan and Rachel.

Continuing in Mohican tradition, we ate pizza for dinner and decorated Halloween lanterns for our craft.

The children spoke of their chores that had earned them their wampum.

We are looking forward to a great new season of activities with this great program.

Chief Prowling Bear

## FLOWER WOLVES TRIBE

The Flower Wolves started our first full year as a tribe with a meeting at the house of the "Fish". After the traditional pounding of the drum by Cuttle Fish (Shaina M.) and Angel Fish (Suzie), we welcomed 4 new Flower Wolves, Eva, Emily, Shaina S., and Arielle (Cutie Deer). Chief White Fish showed off the almost completed new tribal banner and the girls had a great time making flower shaped door signs. The girls felt that Tiana's, and Becky's (Purple Planet) were the best. Back by popular demand, Chief White Fish retold the story of the Medicine Man and the bird with lots of help from Daniella (Little Heart), Shaina, Suzie, and Julia (Angel Pedals). Next up was Skateland, where our very own ex-professional skater Fernando (Pounds On Nails) showed off the moves that made him famous. Natasha (Little Blue Eyes) looked like she was born on roller skates. While, Eliana, and Ariella (Tiger Lily) seemed to laugh more than skate. Next up, the Nation Picnic!

Chief White Fish

## CHINOOK TRIBE

The Chinook had a great showing for skate night. Hitting the hardwood were our pro skaters, Emily, Rebecca, Stephanie, Delaney, Reanna, Kaitie and Ariella. I have would have to say the most improved for the night was Stephanie who was hanging onto the wall to start the evening but was giving her dad a run for his money by the end.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Nation Picnic including Anna, Christine, Molly, Megan, Gracie and Melanie.

The Chinook are also very excited to welcome our newest members Elizabeth Asanuma and her dad Jim.

## SHAWNEE TRIBE

Greetings to the mighty Shawnee (fierce warriors per a little research) and other tribes. As new chief, I, along with my daughter, Little Deer (Lacey), look forward to another year of adventures, friendship and memories. Special thanks to Claw of Grizzly (Ed R.) for a job well done as chief last year.

The Shawnee are in tact with tribal elders Ed, Stephanie & Danielle R., Rick & Lacey E. and Chris & Marina S. and becoming elders David & Elizabeth H., Issam & Gabriella N., Troy, M. & Kendall K., Greg & Rachel Z., Randy & Rachel K., Al & Laura M. and Tom, Megan & Missy L. These girls are truly gifts (they're also part of the almost victorious girl's tug of war team).

As others wrote in September Smoke Signals, summer passed all too quickly. It was, nevertheless, good to see those who were able to attend skate night and our first tribal meeting at the Leo's (well done, Tom, Megan & Missy) where there was much discussion about the year ahead as well as the proposal that we abandon our Native American roots and tribal names. The Shawnee, collectively, hope the proposal is jettisoned and the proud and respectful traditions of the Ga-Sioux Nation and its tribes continue.

Until the Nation picnic and November's meeting,

Chief Falling Rock

**North Valley  
Family YMCA**

Sunday, October 20

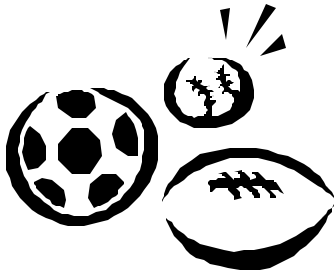
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**O'Melveny Park**

Check in will be at the picnic tables. We have 10 tables reserved for the nation.

**Fee:** \$5 per patch

**PCS:** 806-5



***Guides & Princesses***

# Ga-Sioux Nation Picnic



*Join the Ga-Sioux Nation for a family picnic. Tribes are encouraged to have a potluck. Tables and barbeques are available at the site. Tribes are also asked to bring sports equipment and games for their own tribe.*

## **Highlights**

- Nation Games at 2:00 p.m.



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NORTH VALLEY FAMILY YMCA  
GUIDES AND PRINCESSES

## **PILGRIM FEAST**

Saturday, November 23, 2002

5:00 p.m.

at

Our Lady of Lourdes School

18437 Superior St.

Northridge

### **TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY**

\$14.00 per person

PCS: 806-6

### **LOCATION**

This event will take place at Our Lady of Lourdes School. The school is located on Superior Street just west of Reseda Blvd.

### **TRIBAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

Each tribe will be responsible for their own drinks and desserts.

### **FOOD DONATIONS**

Please bring 2-3 canned goods which will be donated to a local charity.

### **EVENTS**

There will be the induction ceremony and a campfire following all of the festivities.

### **REGISTRATION**

Everyone attending the event must register and pay for the event by Wednesday, November 13th.