



Hello Guides & Princesses:

Thanks to those of you who attended the fund raising night at Chuy's. Approximately \$190 was raised on behalf of the YMCA.

Only two more Nation events left this year, Jethawk's Baseball on Saturday, May 10 and the Family Camp-Out, which is the weekend of June 6th. I hope to see all of you at each event. There is still time to purchase tickets for the baseball game from Josie, she has pre-purchased a block of tickets together and there still are tickets left. Even if you are uncertain as to whether you can attend until the last minute, try to reach her first to see if she still has tickets left. Even if she does not, you should be able to walk up and buy tickets on the evening of the game. All who attended last year had a great time, finding it to be a more kid-friendly atmosphere than Dodger Stadium. There were events between most innings to keep the kids occupied and all the seats are right on top of the action, especially compared to the "nose-bleed" seats in Dodger Stadium.

The final event of the year is the family campout. Space is somewhat limited so you should follow Josie's directions and deadlines

for reservations carefully or don't complain. We have quite a few kids graduating this year. For those of you graduating, don't forget that we usually hand out "graduation plaques, which have a picture of each dad with his child in the head-dress. You need to get that picture taken well in advance of the event so the picture can be printed and mounted.

For those of you who are golfers, the North Valley YMCA Kids-To-Camp Golf Tournament is Monday, June 16, at the Porter Valley Country Club. Spaces are still available. The entry fee includes 18 holes of golf, a putting contest, lunch and dinner, drinks on the course and chances at prizes including two new cars (two hole in one locations). Before and during dinner there are both silent and live auctions. This tournament is a blast and raises money for camping scholarships for under-privileged kids. Josie, Terry, Jane and a number of Y staff people play. You will also find a number of past Y guide chiefs including Joe Allegretti, Joe Orr and "yours" truly swinging their war clubs. If you want information, contact the front desk of the Y or Josie.

I just got back from the Trailblazer canoe trip down the Colorado River with Josie, Terry, and 60 dads and kids. What a blast! Canoeing, campfires with games and s'mores, BBQed steaks and baked potatoes, left-over steak and potatoes in the legendary "trailblazer hash" the following morning, hikes to the hot springs and boy scout camp, water fights, and even a "golf outing." For those of you who are graduating in June from Guides and Princesses, it only gets better in Trailblazers. In fact, Trailblazers is so much fun that we have high school age kids who won't leave and keep coming back as junior counselors, friends and mentors. That should tell you something about how fun the Trailblazer program is and the quality of the program. Any program that results in high school kids still wanting to spend weekends with their Dad and help with younger kids shouldn't need much promotion.

If you are interested in the Trailblazer program, you can start right away. Their last event of the year is the white water rafting trip on the Kern River the weekend of June 20th. This is a family event and kids as young as 8-9 can ride in the rafts. Trailblazers is not set up on a tribe basis so feel free to sign up individually. You will find that you know many of the families already from Guides and Princesses since 95% of the Trailblazers come from our program. Talk to Josie for more details on White Water Rafting and Trailblazers.

See you at the baseball game.

Nation Chief Talking Bull

NATION CALENDAR

Jethawks Baseball Game	May 10
Spring Family Campout	June 6 - 8

GRADUATION PHOTOS

If your child is in 3rd grade and will be graduating from the Guides and Princesses program, a graduation photo will need to be taken with the father and child. Please call Josie at the YMCA at 818-368-3231 or e-mail at josierea@ymcala.org to set up a time to have your picture taken. All pictures must be taken by May 30th.

TRIBAL NEWS

SIOUX NORTH TRIBE

Greetings from Sioux North

Randy F. (Grey Wolf) and McKenna hosted our April meeting. The girls and dad's had their pictures taken and printed by Randy and then we all made picture frames. Leah and Ron used a rainbow theme, McKenna, had a 60's thing going, Erin and Dan preferred the minimalist approach, Courtney and Art used enough glitter to set off a metal detector, and Randy had a mess on his hands at the end of the evening.

We are gearing up for the JetHawks in May. I'm just afraid that one of the dad's is going to blow out his arm testing the radar gun. Oh well, that's what medical insurance is all about. Megan and Amanda will be graduating from the tribe at our May meeting. They have been great and we will miss them Chris and Greg next year.

I'm sure that the remaining father's are getting their speeches ready to campaign for Chief. The girls may have made up their minds, so my advice to the contestants is to bring a lot of candy for bribery purposes. I have asked Josie to come to the meeting as an election observer.

Thanks to all of the tribe members for hosting meetings this year. Everyone has come up with a unique story, craft, and the snacks have been great as well. I would also like to thank Ron for getting a couple of potential members to come to the meeting he hosted in March. This is a good program that should be shared. Dana H. has instructed me to tell everyone in the tribe that she expects them to make the spring campout. I understand that the penalty for not going is to be stricken from her famous domino's and martini parties.

At last count, we have run up some serious wampum, which will allow us to have a great end of the year celebration. Several of the girls (lead by Courtney) voted for Las Vegas. A couple of others wanted to head to a local Sushi restaurant. Whatever happened to swim parties or Chick E Cheese?

All the Best
Chief Broken Wing

CHINOOK TRIBE

The Chinook held their April meeting at the home of Molly and her dad Chris. We all had a great time playing in their huge backyard and the girls got to decorate purses with their names and favorite colors. Those purses will be great for holding the girls' prized possessions.

Making up the agenda for our meeting made me realize just how little time we have left in this year. There are just two events remaining. It really seems like we just kicked this year off. I guess it's true what they say about time and having fun. The Chinook have certainly been having a ton of fun.

With the end of this year approaching, it will be time for me to hand over the reigns to a new chief. The Chinook are very excited that Chris F. has volunteered to be their chief for next year. Chris has a lot of enthusiasm for the Princess program and I know he will have plenty of great ideas for our tribe next year. Congratulations Chris!

The Chinook are looking forward to the Jethawks game on the 10th and hope to see you all there. We are also getting ready to do some camping at the beach in June!

Hungry Bear

CHUMASH TRIBE

I want to thank all the Ga-Sioux Nation and their families who attended the first-ever Chuy's Night! The Chumash Tribe and their family had set a time to meet there so that we could enjoy the night as a group.

The April meeting of the Chumash Tribe was an extra special one. Instead of our normal weeknight meeting, we held it on a Saturday. We met at the home of Alan & Maggie's home in Thousand Oaks. We had lunch and conducted our meeting. Following the meeting we used old-fashioned transportation (our feet) to get us to the Chumash Interpretive Center and Painted Caves. Once there we were led on a guided tour by a native Indian. We saw the huge rocks where holes were worn into the rocks that the Indians used to grind their corn. What caught the interest of all was the enormous Bee Hive that was hanging from one of the trees. There were hundreds of bees around it working on the building of their honeycomb. We were told a few ancient stories and were informed that the trees in the area were at least several-hundred of years old. Finally we got to the end of the tour where we all got to go inside a cave and see the actual cave paintings done by the Indians thousands of years ago. After the tour all the remaining Dads and Princess braved it out and walked back to Alan & Maggie's home where everyone was glad to use the more modern form of transportation for the drive back to their own homes.

We are looking forward to having another special time at the JetHawks game.

Sincerely,
Just-The-Chief
Ronald

SHAWNEE TRIBE

Greetings to the mighty Shawnee and other tribes of the Ga-Sioux Nation.

It has been quiet by Princess (and Guide) standards with only Chuy's and our tribal meeting at the L.A. Pizza company in April. Special thanks to meeting hosts Wild Old Owl and Little Brown Bear (Randy and Rachel K.) who made sure there was enough food and drink to fill us all and provided a craft the talented Shawnee girls completed with no or little help from dad(s). Meanwhile, tales were told by those who went to Survival Island, er...., Camp Fox; we also decided on a use for our accumulated wampum and had a lively pow wow about the many possibilities that exist for future tribal gatherings including the CSUN observatory (about which we hear good things), returning to Vasquez Rocks (a classic), hopping aboard the Fillmore Express (Claw???) and going on a short cruise (Gray Eagle???). Hopefully, there will be time for all of these and more.

After passing the ritual Talking stick while hearing the accomplishments and adventures of the Shawnee Princesses, our meeting closed with the shooting of the symbolic arrow toward Sitting Bull's teepee who, with his lovely daughters, will host May's meeting.

Until then, we look forward to Jet Hawks baseball, the return in June to Sycamore Canyon and hope that the Great Spirit of all Spirits is with all of you.

(We can differ and still unite around common goals.)

Chief Falling Rock

MOHAVE TRIBE

The Mohave continue to work on their tribal project of the year, which is the building of a hand-crafted balsa wood working model plane -- a project a few of the sons may now fear is beyond their Dads' obviously limited abilities. Overheard from a mom at Chuy's: "That's a really hard project, (insert dad's name of your choosing) can't figure it out at all!" Overheard from a dad at Chuy's on the same subject: "There're so many little pieces!" Overheard by a kid at Chuy's: "I can't wait until my dad finishes the airplane so we can fly it and watch it crash!" This reporter's son is excited about the computer he and his dad are going to build together as a substitute bonding experience, because this reporter will not likely get his plane completed, let alone airworthy, in this lifetime.

The Mohave turned out in force at Chuy's, feeding their respective families, in addition to which the kids did a fine job feeding the wide array of video/pinball/vending machines. All seemed to have a good time, although Michelin's failure to award Chuy's any stars appeared to some of the Mohave dads not to have been inadvertent.

APACHE TRIBE

Happy belated Passover and Easter! I think I probably speak for everyone when I say that the recent holidays were much needed and much appreciated! As we wind down the year the Apaches are anxiously awaiting the upcoming Jet Hawks game and Spring family campout.

Most recently Teepee Hunter and Red Lightning (Mike and Michael M., respectively) hosted our April get together. While we had a smaller tribal turnout than normal due to missing braves and dads

attending the Trailblazers canoe trip, those represented enjoyed some good hoops playing. Additionally, special consideration must be given to Teepee Hunter's squaw for providing us with an excellent craft for the evening. It was truly a 'hands-on' event (see attached pics!) and we know many of the mom's should be pleased on Mother's Day next month!

Until we see you at the ballgame, may your days be filled with sunshine and many good times with your sons and dads!



'til next month,

Hugging Bear

Saturday, May 10

Game Time: 7:15 p.m.

North Valley Family YMCA at
Porter Ranch
Indian Guides & Princesses
Trailblazers

Join the YMCA at the Jet Hawks baseball game on Saturday, May 10. The game begins at 7:15 p.m. and it is Mini Bat Night. Free bats to the first 1500 fans in attendance.

Directions: From the 14 Fwy, exit at Avenue I in Lancaster and go west to Valley Central Way. At Valley Central Way turn left. Main parking is on the left side of Valley Central Way.

Lancaster Jet Hawks



Fee & PCS Codes:

Game Ticket: \$6.00 PCS: 806-16

Patches: \$3.00 PCS: 806-17

North Valley Family YMCA at Porter Ranch

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*We build strong kids, strong families,
strong communities.*

June 6 to June 8

Big Sycamore Canyon
Point Mugu State Park



SPRING FAMILY CAMPOUT

North Valley Family YMCA

Guides & Princesses



Join us at Spring Family Campout. Activities at the campout include sand castle contest, kite fly, nation games and an awesome campfire. The cost for the event is \$5 per person per night, patches are \$5 per patch. The campout will be held at Big Sycamore Canyon at Point Mugu State Park. Space is limited for overnight camping. These are individual sites that have a picnic table and fire ring. Space is limited for vehicles and RVs (30 ft max.) also.

Highlights

- Nation Games
- Beach Activities
- Graduation Ceremony
- Campfire

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Registrations will be accepted until May 31st or until camp fills, whichever comes first.

**North Valley Family YMCA
SPRING FAMILY CAMPOUT
BIG SYCAMORE CANYON
Friday, June 6th to Sunday, June 8th**

Registration Form

Father: _____

Adult: _____

Child: _____ Tribe: _____

Child: _____ Tribe: _____

Child: _____ Tribe: _____

Number of people _____ X \$5.00 X _____ number of nights = _____ PCS: 806-18

Number of patches _____ X \$5.00 = _____ PCS: 806-19

We are coming just for the day _____ (Pay for parking at the gate, parking will be in the day use parking lot.)

Name of graduating child _____
Please be sure to turn in a graduation picture by Friday, May 30th for the graduation plaque

REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, MAY 31

North Valley Family YMCA at Porter Ranch, 11336 Corbin Ave., Northridge 91326

Fax 818-368-5437

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