



Hello Guides & Princesses:

We started out our new season with a brilliant turnout at Skate Night. The total attendance was actually undocumented however the total number of people skating was the highest on record with 219 people. Taking into account that there were several conflicting events on the same night such as 'back to school night', it was a great job by all. The Mohave and Sioux North tribes provided us with a great looking patch for the event.

The second Longhouse meeting took place last week at Haskell Elementary School to discuss our upcoming events.

Whilst Camp Fox is still months away, it is still a major priority on our list. I want you all to know that Jim Jenkins of the Blackfeet tribe is working diligently (and has been for a couple of months) to make arrangements for an alternative mode of transportation to the 'Barf Barge'. I will keep you all updated as and when news is available.

The Ga-Sioux Nation Picnic is the next event on the calendar which will be held at O'Melveny Park on Sunday 19th October. Once again, this is a family event so bring along your whole family! You are responsible for your own food and drinks at this event so be prepared. The Chumash tribe are the hosting tribes and will start the Nation Games promptly at 2pm. As the patches for this event will not be ready to hand out at the park, they will be mailed to your Chiefs. The cost of the patch will be \$5 each.

Following the picnic, our next event will be the Pilgrim Feast and Induction Ceremony being held at Our Lady of Lourdes School on Friday November 21st at 6:30pm. The date and time for this event will be clarified shortly.

As usual, the Chumash and Blackfeet tribes will host this meeting and it will be a father / child event only. Please be sure to call Josie or book

on line to make your reservation in advance as we ran out of food last year due to the fact that we had so many people just show up on the night. Remember to bring your own drinks and desserts. The cost has not been finalized yet so stay tuned.

We will be having a raffle this year at the Pilgrim Feast to help raise money for our program with at least two major electronic prizes! Be sure to bring a few extra bucks to participate and take home an early holiday gift! Please bring some canned food goods to be donated to families less fortunate than ourselves.

If you have not yet registered at the Y, please do so immediately so Josie can keep track of you all.

We are going to try something a little bit different this month and include a puzzle for you and your children to enjoy. The theme this month is soccer!

See you all at the Picnic.

Chief Prowling Bear

NATION CALENDAR 2003 - 2004

Ga-Sioux Nation Picnic	Oct. 19
Pilgrim Feast	Nov. 21
Granada Hills Parade	Dec. 7
Camp Whittle	Jan. 2 - 4
Cosmic Bowling	Feb. 7
Camp Fox	March 12 - 14
Nation Event	April
Sports Event	May
Spring Family Campout	June 4 - 6

TRIBAL NEWS

MOHAVEE TRIBE

The Mohavee tribe kicked off its first meeting of the year in fine fashion by welcoming our newest members: Ed and Chris Riley (a.k.a. Claw of Grizzly and Wild Wolf). Rumor has it that the tribe will be expanding further.

Second order of business was to layout the busy calendar of events for the upcoming year. Dads and sons are looking forward to many fun and exciting activities.

The tribe has decided that for this year rather than complete a particular project, members will explore science through experimentation. This month's experiment involved mixing vinegar, water and baking soda and using the resulting reaction to blowup a balloon – messy and educational, too much to be true!

SIOUX NORTH TRIBE

Chief Big Bucks (Sid Blum) and Princess Little Dear (Jessica) welcome back the Sioux North Tribe members for another exciting season of adventure. Many thanks to Broken Wing (Art Hadnett) for serving as last year's Chief. He was awarded an Eagle's feather to help mend his wing.

Things got rolling early this year with the tribe sponsoring Skate Night. Thanks to Running Rabbit (Dan Faigan) and Little Bunny (Erin) for setting a higher standard in design as their embroidered skating dinosaur patch included all key elements of a good patch: simplicity, name of the event, month/year of the event, name of the event and the YMCA "Y" symbol.

Our first meeting of the year off to a big splash with the Indian Princess jumping in the jacuzzi while the men contemplated the meaning of the Sioux Indian story that was read to the girls during the meeting. We also heard the story of legendary Sioux Chief Sitting Bull. Our tribe has learned that teeth fall out when we are near water. Princess Little Dear lost two teeth during a party a couple

years ago and at this first meeting Princess Leah lost a tooth thanks to a Carmel Apple that bit back. Broken Wing (Art Hadnett) tried to conquer the mystery of starting a lanyard and after about 30 minutes no one recalls a first knot being successfully tied...must have been that broken wing getting in the way. Fortunately, Beauty Pony (Courtney) was able to secure the lanyard from Broken Wing so have to figure that first knot has been tied by now.

We look forward to welcoming back to our next meeting Randy Fass, Princess McKenna and new members Rashed Khzam and Princess Rouba.

APACHE TRIBE

Happy Halloween from the Apache. It's so hard to believe that it is that time of the year again. We all gathered at Harrison's house to meet our new members, to talk about coming events and to decorate Halloween masks. Making some very scary masks were D.J., Corey, Ryan, Matthew, Evan, Zachary, Jacob, Anthony, Gabriel and Harrison. Oh, and we can't forget Evan's dad David.

I would like to welcome the new members of our tribe: D.J. Bianchi and his dad Bill; Alexander Feldman and his dad Fernando; Ryan Karzcaq and his dad Stephan; Zachary and Jacob Mendoza and their dad Gabe; Anthony Sabir and his dad Marty; and Gabriel Stein and his grandfather Stan.

We were all very excited to hear about the success of the skate night and we hope that is a sign that attendance will be up all our events this year. We know that those of us who attended the skate night had a great time!

Well, I'll wrap it up here, but I want to wish you all a safe Halloween and the Apache look forward to seeing you all at the Nation Picnic.

Chief Hungry Bear

CHIPPEWA TRIBE

Hey Mighty Chippewas,

The new Indian Guide Season is well underway. The Chippewa's September meeting was a great time to have fun with returning members and welcome some new friends. Returning veterans include; Daniel, Gregory, Kyle, Ian, Jeffery, Tyler, Ashton, and Nickey. The Chippewa's welcomed Jesse, Ryan and Corey into the tribe. Additionally at least two other new members are planning to join Max and Jason. With these great new recruits the Chippewa Tradition will live on strong and proud.

Chippewas had a great time at skateland. I am happy to report there were no major injuries this year.

All Chippewa fathers and sons are anxiously looking forward to the annual Chippewa camping trip to the Sequoias. This years turn-out is going to be strong and the weather and fishing should be great!

That's all for now,

Randy 'Wise Old Owl'

SHAWNEE TRIBE

How How from the Mighty Shawnee Tribe!

Last Friday was our first meeting of the year and it was great! Claw of Grizzley (Ed Riley and Stephanie and Danielle) sponsored a fantastic swim party at the Y. The girls had a wonderful time as did the Dad's. We also got to welcome two new families to our tribe, David Nelson (*not* of Ozzie and Harriet fame!) and his daughter Paige and Jim Boyer and his daughter Gwenn. We warmed up the holiday season with a pumpkin art activity. Talent abounds in the Shawnee. Thank you to Rachel K, Lacey, Rachel Z., Meghan, Melissa, Paige, Gwenn, Lizzy, Gabriella, Stephanie and Danielle for your great spirit and talent. We look forward to the next activity at O Melvaney Park. See you there.
Peace

Big Buffalo

CHINOOK TRIBE

"I've got a brand new pair of roller skates, you've got a brand new key..." The Chinook were certainly out in full force at Skateland for Skate Night 2003. Newcomers Kyra, Mackenzie, Hannah, Juliette, and Megan started off beginners but were skating like old pros by the end of the evening; Morgan, on the other hand, looked like she had definitely skated before as she zoomed around the floor.

Picking up right where we left off last year were Emily, Stephanie, Delaney and Reanna. (A warning to my fellow guides: Never challenge Reanna to a race on skates.) And the tribe was especially happy to reunite with Molly (whose mom, Pam, was skating circles around many of the dads on the floor, myself included).

It was amazing that they had skates big enough for dads Thomas, Chris, Ralph and Mike, who have to be among the tallest guides in the Nation. (Anyone interested in some intertribal basketball?)

We're looking forward to our October meeting at the Shafers' tepee and a fun-filled (and hopefully beeless) day at the Nation Picnic on October 19th. Chinook Rocks! (Or should I say rolls?)

Chief Singing Wind

MOHICAN TRIBE

The Mohican's tribe is back and in full swing with our first event at Edison field for the Angeles game Sept 7th and our first tribe meeting at Skyler's Teepee. Our great group of girls includes: Abbi (Wild Horse) / Justine (Tiger Lily) / Rachel (Flowering Rose) / Hannah (Flapping Bird) / Claire (Whistling Wind) / Skyler (Little Sky)/Ana (Gentle Bear) /Charlotte / Laurel / Ember / Samantha / Heather. Looks like we are going to have a great year!

Chief Lot's O' Bull

Ga-Sioux Nation Picnic

Sunday, October 19th

1:00 p.m.

at

O'Melveny Park



Join us at O'Melveny Park in Granada Hills for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. This is a family event, so everyone is welcome. You can bring a picnic lunch or just snacks for your family or just show up to have some fun. Nation Games begin at 2:00 p.m. which will be hosted by the Chumash and Shawnee tribes. Patches are \$5 and you will pay at the event. For more information, contact your tribal chief or Josie at the YMCA at 818-368-3231 ext. 2305.

Directions to the Park: From Rinaldi and Balboa, go north on Balboa Blvd., make a left at Sesnon Blvd. Drive down Sesnon and the park will be on your right hand side. Pack light, it is a walk from the parking lot to the grass area.

**North Valley Family YMCA
11336 Corbin Ave.
Northridge, CA 91326
818-368-3231**

Pilgrim Feast

Friday, November 21
6:30 p.m.
at
Our Lady of Lourdes School
18437 Superior St.
Northridge



Tribal Members Only
\$14.00 per person
PCS: 806-26

Location: This event will take place at Our Lady of Lourdes School. The school is located on Superior St. just east of Reseda Blvd.

Tribal Responsibilities: Each tribe will be responsible for their own drinks and desserts. Dinner is provided.

Food Donations: Please bring 2 – 3 canned goods which will be donated to a local charity.

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

Registration: Everyone attending the event must register and pay for the event by Friday, November 14th. A late fee will be added to those who do not register in time.

Please wear your Vest
Sponsored by the Chumash and Blackfeet Tribes

T-Shirt Design Contest

You have the opportunity to design a t-shirt for the Ga-Sioux Nation. Grab your crayons, colored pencils, markers or turn on the computer and make your design. All entries must be submitted on an 8½x11 sheet of paper by Wednesday, November 26th. No late entries will be accepted.

What's the theme? It is the Ga-Sioux Nation (the parent-child program), what it means to you. If you want to put the tribes names in the design here they are:

Apache, Arapaho, Blackfeet, Cheyenne, Chinook, Chippewa, Comanche, Chumash, Cree, Flower Wolves, Mohave, Mohawks, Mohican, Rising Stars, Seminole, Shawnee, Sioux North, and Zuni.

Everyone who goes to Camp Whittle will receive a t-shirt at camp. If you can't make it to camp, you will have the opportunity to buy a shirt.

Let's not make this a competitive event but one in which people can share and express their thoughts through their entry.

Who can participate? Anyone in the program. Remember, all entries are due by Wednesday, November 26th.