



NORTH VALLEY FAMILY YMCA

# SMOKE SIGNAL

November 2004

## Greetings from the Chief

### Calendar 2004 - 2005

**Pilgrim Feast**  
Saturday, November 20

**Granada Hills Holiday Parade**  
Sunday, December 5

**Camp Whittle**  
January 7 - 9

**Cosmic Bowling**  
February 5

**Camp Fox**  
March 11 - 13

**Vasquez Rocks**  
April

**Jethawks Baseball**  
May

**Spring Family Campout**  
June

Hello Dads, Guides & Princesses:

Skate Night was quite a success. We had 265 paid skaters. In addition, we had an indeterminate number of non-skating attendees. From the recollection of everyone involved, this was the highest attended event in our program's history. Let's keep up the wonderful participation.

As you all know, we had to postpone the nation picnic that was scheduled for October 17. Mother Nature decided to dampen Northridge Park and the rest of the city, so we will discuss the possible rescheduling of this event in our next Longhouse meeting. What a difference a year makes. Last year we were battling the wildfires in our neighborhoods and this year the "bucket brigade" is trying to keep the water out.

The Pilgrim Feast and new member Induction Ceremony is the next scheduled event. It will be taking place on November 20 in Stroup Hall at Our Lady of Lourdes. Details are elsewhere in this Smoke Signals and please remember this is a father / child event only. Please remember to make

the food drive a success by bringing canned food.

Be good and I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Pilgrim Feast.

Chief Shooting Bull

## Mohave Tribe

Tiny Trojan and Big Ram (a.k.a Matthew P. and his dad J. P.) played host for the Mohave's October meeting. Turn out was strong, present were: Matthew M., Ethan, Matthew L., Bradley, Justy, Ryan, Chase, Craig, Joel and their respective dads.

After cleaning out the candy-corn bowl and watching a little bit of the American League Baseball Championship, the tribe got down to business. In the tribal circle we gave thanks and each of the boys briefly recapped the good deeds he had performed during the prior month.

The tribe has decided that as a project over the next few meetings we will construct kites based on a number of different designs. The plan is to fly these masterpieces at the family campout in June.

And how about that Nation Picnic...oh, yeah it rained. Just means we'll need to have an extra fun time at the Pilgrim Feast – hope to see you all there.

Until next time.

## Shawnee Tribe

The Shawnee started October off with a "Rockin" good start. Our first meeting of the season was spectacular thanx to Running Horse and her dad Falling Rock. Way to go Guys! When I say "Rockin"! I really mean "Rockin"! That's right, we were visited by the Rock hounds, Maxine and Patty who brought with them an exciting collection of rocks, gems, and petrified woods and bones. Also special at that meeting was the addition of new members Chris Goode and his daughter Nina. Welcome aboard!!! The Shawnee tribe was met with some adversity this month when mother nature spoke from the sky canceling our nation gathering. Hopefully it will be slated for a future day, as we missed not seeing our fellow brothers and sisters. Pilgrims feast is around the corner and the Shawnee can't wait, as we give thanx to the great spirits above and grub down on some delicious feast, and pray that this years Arrows Stick! see you there! How! How!

Sitting Bull

## Rising Stars Tribe

New year, new meetings, new members - we started as a group of 6 girls two years ago, and today, we have 13 girls (welcome Shelby!) joining 10 dads to make some very large and interesting meetings.

I remember driving up to the parking lot at the Nation Picnic and seeing the Rising Stars banner waving in the wind with 50 people gathered around - Moms, Dads, siblings - everybody having fun. Sharing laughs and food and good times. It's something I will always treasure. (Note to self: remember to rewrite the paragraph in case the picnic gets cancelled due to rain).

We are looking forward to our next meeting, the Pilgrim Feast, and maybe even working on another song for Camp Whittle. The best to all.

The Raven Chief (aka Starshine's Dad)

**Pilgrim Feast**  
**Saturday,**  
**November 20**

**Register at the YMCA**  
**by Friday,**  
**November 12**



## Cheyenne Tribe

They Cheyenne all had a great time at Castle Park miniature golf last weekend. Our Thanks go to Bear Tooth and Coyote Hunter for hosting this event. Double Eagle, Tomahawk, Coyote Hunter and Cool Wind all hit some great hole in one's along with some water traps. We also playing video games and won many glorious prizes in the arcade. We had fun in the sun eating pizza and cookies in the park while horsing around on the playground equipment. We

look forward to the upcoming pilgrim feast in December and Stuffing ourselves with candy next weekend during Halloween.

Happy Halloween  
Chief White Horse

## The Mightiest Fernandeno Tribe

All dressed up and no where to play -- rain/rain go away come again another day. So the rain did come back and it chose the day of the Nation Picnic so all princesses were deeply disappointed they could not share in some YMCA

fun.

The next tribe meeting will be November 15 at 6 pm for dinner or 7 pm for activities at the home of Big Thunder (Paul Vokchok) and honorary assistant chief (Leah). Thanks to Hungry Bear (James Asa-

numa) and assistant chiefs Little Ladybug (Emily) and Little Butterfly (Elizabeth) for hosting the October meeting!

## Apache Tribe

The Apache gathered at the home of Bear Fisher for our tribal gathering to celebrate the month of the fallen leaf. The boys all worked together to craft our tribal talking stick. After all the hard work the finished product resembles a true Apache artifact. We all then snacked on authentic smores roasted over an open flame (the scars

should heal quickly). The Apache have 5 new members since our last meeting. The new members are Bradley (Little Squirrel), Justin (Red Cloud), Keanu (Screaming Bear), Jordan (Soaring Eagle), and Owen (Howling Wolf). The others in attendance were Harrison (Swimming Turtle), Nathan (Bear Fisher), Evan (Yoda), Jacob (Lightning

Bolt), and DJ (Snow Lizard). Everyone is looking forward to the Pilgrim feast and induction ceremony to show our Apache colors.

Chief Snow Warrior

**Save the Date**  
**Granada Hills**  
**Holiday Parade**  
**Sunday, December 5**



## Cree Tribe

The Cree had our first meetings at Samantha and Dan Adams Teepee. The Girls made clear scented candle with sea shells (Thanks Tom Hull for letting me steal your idea!) it was a really fun craft for the girls. The girls, with help from their dads, polished off a huge 28" pizza from Vincenzo's.



The Cree was the sponsoring tribe for the Ga-Sioux Nation Picnic. The good news is no one complained about the games and how the event was hosted. The bad news is it was postponed due to rain so we will get a do over when the weather cooperates.

Our second meeting was held at Big Z's pizza in Simi Valley, and was hosted by Tayla and Tom Hull. The girls had a great time and even got to perform a few karaoke songs. In the photo below they must have been singing "One of us doesn't belong." Rumor has it that I make a residual income every time I mention Tom Hulls name or show his face. This is a falsehood. " ; ^ )

The 2004-2005 Cree Family want to welcome our newest members Carly & Matt Small of Granada Hills. Carly attends 1<sup>st</sup> grade at Van Gogh elementary. The Smalls attended their first meeting Thursday October 21<sup>st</sup> at Big Z's.

The Cree also want to welcome Gabrilla & Gerald Quarry of North Hills. Gabrilla attends Chime Charter. We met the Quarrys at Shatenight, and even showed up at the GA-Sioux Nation Picnic.

We have a few fence sitters still pending so if and when they join you'll know

Cree Cree Cree

## Chinook Tribe

Greetings Ga-Sioux Nation and Mighty Chinook -

I would like to extend a Mighty Chinook welcome to Steve and his daughter Jessica. Jessica is in first grade and has a few friends in the tribe already - Emily A. and Hannah. Welcome Steve and Jessica!

After a busy start the Chinook have settled into the new school year. Of course the picnic has been postponed, leaving us with one event this month. That event, which we are all looking forward to, is a combination Meeting / Costume Party at the Ambrose residence.

For November, we are looking forward to the meeting at the Simons residence, and the Pilgrim Feast...

Again, a big thanks to all those families that have volunteered to host meetings and/or events. I bring this up again because we have a big tribe and hosting a meeting is no small task!

Friends Always,

Laughing Buck

## Mohican Tribe

The Mohican tribe was disappointed that the Nation Picnic was rained out. They are looking forward to an enjoyable Pilgrim Feast, which is sure to be a success. The girls are already actively looking for donations for the canned food drive. We had a great turn out for our last meeting. It was held at the Holl teepee. John and Samantha (the Running Deer Family) were great hosts. Once again, there was a creative craft and way too much pizza.

The girls are not only strengthening their bond with dad, they are forming great relationships with each other. This is apparent to all who can hear the laughter and observe the older girls mentoring the younger girls during the reading portion of the meeting. They are establishing some positive memories that will guide our young daughters through these impressionable years.

There are many individual accomplishments within our tribe. From perfect test scores on spelling tests to multi-goal scoring achievements in soccer. All the girls in our tribe make their parents very proud.

See everyone at the Pilgrim Feast.

Chief Thundering Cloud



NORTH VALLEY FAMILY YMCA  
GUIDES AND PRINCESSES

## **PILGRIM FEAST**

Saturday, November 20, 2004

5:30 p.m.

at

Our Lady of Lourdes School

18437 Superior St.

Northridge

**TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY**

\$15.00 per person

Source Code: 550.FL.0806.46

**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 Friday, November 12th.

Please wear your Vest

Sponsored by the Blackfeet, Chumash & Mohican Tribes

# Granada Hills Holiday Parade

Sunday, December 5

1:30 p.m.



## “Holidays Around the World”

**Staging Area:** We will be meeting on Petit St., north of Chatsworth.

**Cost:** To be announced. Chiefs or a tribal representative will collect the money for the tribe at the parade for the patches.

**Time:** Parade starts at 1:30 p.m., make sure you are there at least 1/2 hour before we start.

**Hint:** Leave cars at the end of the parade route and carpool to the start of the parade. It will save the two mile walk back.

Parade is held rain or shine.

Look for more information on our next newsletter.