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

Dear Guides, Princesses and Dads,

Last Saturday, as I sat watching my girls play soccer and my son play flag football, I couldn't help but think how fortunate we are to live in a country like ours. In my college years, when we were having a good time, my friends and I would always say, "they're not doing this in Russia." The fact that my children, especially my daughters, have the ability, the wherewithal, and the right, to participate in sports speak volumes of the every day freedoms some of us take for granted.

The President has asked all of the children of America to help the poor children of Afghanistan. I, as Nation Chief, ask you to do the same (not that I have more influence than the President). Ask your children to set aside a portion of their allowance or savings and send it along to help the Afghani children; while you're at it, put in the money you'd normally spend on your morning coffee or lunch. It doesn't sound like much, but it only takes one drop to make ripples on a pond. You can send your contributions to:

American Fund for Afghani Children  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20509

Last night I met with the new boys tribe, who decided to call themselves the Cheyenne. I was impressed with their enthusiasm. I noticed how small the boys all seemed (they are all either kindergarten or first graders). I was reminded of the first meeting I had with my son's tribe (the Blackfeet), we were a new tribe consisting of kindergartners and a first grader. All of those original tribal members graduated last spring. Time really flies as you watch your child grow up. I know the friendships that my son made with the boys and the ones I made with the dads will last well beyond graduation. This is one of the things that make our program so special.

Skate night was a success with over 225 skaters. I always look forward to skate night, not because I am a good skater (I'm not), but because it's the beginning of the program year. I especially enjoy seeing all of the old familiar faces and the new ones as well. Our Pilgrim Feast and induction ceremony will take place on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Look for more information in the Smoke Signal.

Thanks for your continued support of our program.

Chief Two Bucks

## TRIBAL NEWS

### SEMINOLE TRIBE

Howdy, Howdy to Our Wheel-Footed Friends!

Looks like we skated into the month of October with another successful Skate Night. Rolling with their tribal brothers on October 4 were Fire Bear, Running Wolf, Wild Wolf, Soaring Arrow, Screeching Hawk, Swimming Wolf, Barbecued Buffalo and two of our to-be-named free agents, Bobby A. and Stephan G. The Numbers Game and the Plates Game were especially big hits, and the night was a blast.

Our last meeting at the home of Soaring Arrow and Shooting Breeze also was most enjoyable. The first meeting of the season got off to a great start with coin-bank-teepee construction. Look out all you contractors, cause we've got some real builders in our tribe!! The glue was sticking, the ink was flowing, and hopefully by now everyone's teepee is filled with wampum.

Keep On Rollin!  
Chief Shooting Breeze

### MOHICAN TRIBE

To those of you returning, welcome back. For the new members, welcome to our tribe. Once again we have a good size tribe. Our Mohican tribe includes "White Dove," "Dancing Bear," "Tiger Lily," "Little Moose," "Climbing Bear," "Swimming Dolphin," "Tumbling Weed," "Little Sky," "Feather Necklace," "Little Feather," "Little Rain Dancer," Caitlin, Celeste, Valerie, and there Dads. Skate night was a great night for all who came. Our next meeting is in November, hosted by "Balding Eagle" and "Prowling Bear." We are all looking forward to the grand Pilgrim Feast, and a great year ahead.

Chief Walking Deer

### SHAWNEE TRIBE

Hello, Shawnee princesses and dad's! I hope everyone enjoyed Skateland night as much as I did. It is nice to have an event where the entire family can participate in, get some exercise and spend some time with friends. I want to thank all the moms brothers and sisters who attended skate night for their tribal support and for helping to make it a fun evening. I am happy that our new members Randy & Rachel K., Al & Laura M. and Issam & Gabriella N. could attend our first event. I hope everyone had a good time! My son Christopher wanted me to thank Rick E. & Chris S. for taking him for a spin on the skate rink, while dad rested his ankles a bit...How about teaching me that backward skating technique, Rick? Special thanks to the Mohave & Sioux North for putting together a fun event.

Claw Of Grizzly

## MOHAVE TRIBE

The Mohave tribe had a very busy month. We had our first tribal meeting with almost perfect attendance. The braves all got acquainted and got down to business. The Mohave are embarking on a yearlong project to create lean, mean racing machines. The tribe is going to handcraft pinewood derby cars. Each brave is going to mechanic his own car to present a noble aspect of his own Y Guides name. At the end of the year we will hold the first annual Mohave Pinewood Derby.

The Mohave had a super time at Skate Night. Our boys did us proud by skating circles around their significantly aging dads. With only one no-show we had over 95% turnout. We would also like to thank the Sioux North for co-hosting this spectacularly fun event.

The Mohave welcome our newest members Ryan and Jeff L..

Chief Silent Buffalo

## COMANCHE TRIBE

Welcome back to another exciting year of Y Guides! The September meeting of the Comanche Tribe was held at Standing Bull and Running Fox's house. We had a terrific turn out for the meeting! Thanks to Dan and Ben, Scott and Julian, Craig and Tyler, Steve and Cole, and Andre and Daniel for attending the meeting. The theme of the meeting was United We Stand. The boys had a great time writing to President Bush and coloring the American flag. We hope to hear back from him soon! Our next event was Skate Night, which was a blast. The kids are getting to be really awesome skaters! It was great to see John and Tony at Skate Night. I am excited to be Chief this year. It is important to spend time with our kids and Y-Guides is a great program to foster our relationship with the boys. As I always say, "It's all about the kids!" I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our October meeting and at El Torito Night as well as the Pilgrim Feast. There is much more fun to come so, Stay Tuned!  
Until we meet again.....Peace.

Standing Bull and Running Fox

## CHUMASH TRIBE

YeaaaahhhhhHHH.....CHUMASH!!

We had a great first meeting last month and gave a candlelight induction to our newest members Shooting Star, Climbing Rock and Rolling Rock. Their Dad's, Head of Rock and Flying Cloud, glowed with pride as our Chumash family welcomed them. We then proceeded to learn a few Chumash words and find out more about how they lived. It was a lot of fun, especially noticing how many ways the Chumash kids and today's kids do many of the same things!! However, they didn't have the pleasure of squirting silly string off a truck! (yes, the parade is coming) :)))

Everyone really enjoyed skate night and we are all looking forward to the wonderful events we will be sharing this season.

Chief Music in the Air

## PILGRIM FEAST Saturday, November 17

The Pilgrim Feast will be held on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Lourdes School, located at 18437 Superior St. in Northridge. The fun begins at 5:00 p.m.

The cost is \$11 per person and this is a tribal member only event. The fee includes dinner, a patch and use of the facility. Reservations for this event must be made by Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. You can make your reservation in person at the YMCA, by calling Josie at 368-3231 or by e-mail to [JosieRea@ymcala.org](mailto:JosieRea@ymcala.org).

Each tribe is responsible for bringing their own drinks and dessert. After dinner, there will be an induction ceremony for all new members and a campfire. Be sure to wear your vests.

Chiefs, please submit the Tribal names of all of your new tribal members to Josie at the YMCA by Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. This information is needed for their certificates.

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).



## NATION CALENDAR

Pilgrim Feast  
Saturday, November 17

Granada Hills Parade  
Sunday, December 2

Camp Whittle, Big Bear  
January 4 – 6

Cosmic Bowling  
Saturday, February 2

Camp Fox  
March 15 – 17

Nation Picnic  
April

Sports Event  
May

Spring Family Campout  
June 8 – 10

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## GRANADA HILLS HOLIDAY PARADE Sunday, December 2

Be sure to save the date for an afternoon of fun. The parade begins at 1:30 p.m. More information regarding this fun and exciting event will be in the next newsletter.