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

Dear Guides, Princesses and Dads,

As you read this message, we will have already celebrated Thanksgiving, even though I am writing it the Monday before Thanksgiving. Today I am playing in a golf tournament sponsored by the Ventura County Firefighters; the proceeds will benefit the families of those firefighters who valiantly lost their lives in the World Trade Center bombings. With the tragic events of September 11, I wonder if this holiday will have an even more special significance. The first Thanksgiving was celebrated to mark the Pilgrims' successes in the new land. During that first year, many of the pilgrims had died. They probably wondered if the journey to the new world, if the quest for freedom from tyranny, was worth the risk. Looking back, we can say without a doubt that the risk was indeed worthwhile as we live in the greatest nation in the world. We all have many things in our lives for which to be thankful-- let's not take any of these blessings for granted.

Last weekend we welcomed in many new dads, princesses, and braves at our Pilgrim Feast and Induction Ceremony. It was probably the biggest turnout we've had in a few years, partly because the event was held indoors, and partly because we have so many new members. Last year, we graduated the largest group of dads and kids in recent years and I'm happy to report our numbers this year are

slightly higher than last year's. This is a strong testimony to the quality of our program and the quality of people in our community.

I want to thank Chief David Grossman and the Chumash tribe (which happens to be the second largest tribe in the Nation) for all of the hard work they did in making the Pilgrim Feast a success. They contacted the caterer, handled all of the money at sign-in, and served approximately 225 people at the feast. I also want to thank Chief Jim Jenkins and the Blackfeet tribe for their assistance in setting up and taking down the tables and chairs in the hall. Thanks also goes out to the clean-up crew, which included the Blackfeet as well as many Our Lady of Lourdes dads. Thanks to all of the tribal chiefs for organizing their tribes and making the turnout so successful. Lastly, I want to thank Josie and Terry for leading us at the camp fire, which was held out on the O.L.L. school field. I received many comments from those parishioners who were leaving 5:30 Mass as we were singing at the camp fire.

I pray that all of you and your families have a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday.

Chief Two Bucks

## TRIBAL NEWS

### Sioux North Tribe

As November comes to a close, we from the Sioux North would like to send our thanks to Josie, Terry, Joe the Nations Chief, Chumash and Blackfeet for a great Pilgrim Feast. Good job guys. In attendance were Flying Elbow & Bright Star, Laughing Bear & Shooting Star, Red Sky, Red Feather & Rachel, who's princess name I do not remember. lol None the less she's mentioned. Also present at the feast were Broken Wing & Beauty Pony, Big Buck & Little Deer, Running Rabbit & Little Bunny and last but not least our newest members, please welcome Little Thunder Cloud & Big Lighting. We all had ablask. Our next Tribal meeting will be held Friday Nov. 30th. and we look forward In helping represent the Ga-Sioux Nation on Sunday Dec. 2nd. in the Granada Hills Parade. The girls are having a great time in this tribe and we know it's only going to get better. See you on the Parade route.

Sincerely,

Laughing Bear  
Mike



### Comanche Tribe

Greetings Comanche Tribe,

This month we had a great time at Dan and Ben's house, thank you for hosting the meeting. We had a wonderful turn out for this meeting. The boys really enjoyed learning about how Indians made fire and also had fun putting together the Thanksgiving craft. Thanks to Steve and Cole, Craig and Tyler and Sebastian and Nicholas for coming to the Pilgrim Feast. A good time was had by all who attended, and the food was good too! We missed the rest of the tribe but look forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Parade on December 2nd. I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. I feel very thankful to be a part of a terrific tribe. It is great to see the boys becoming closer friends this year.

Until we meet again.....peace.

Chief Standing Bull

Y-Guides & Princesses  
Camp Whittle  
Big Bear  
January 4 - 6, 2002  
Think Snow!

## Blackfeet Tribe

The Blackfeet are back again for another year of Y-Guide mayhem. We may look a little different this year but we still have the same spirit and attitude! Our tribe has said goodbye to some old veterans, who have gone on to reek havoc with the Trailblazers. And we have welcomed in new members during our first meeting of 2001. We have 3 new fathers and sons who are probably wondering what they are in for. Scott M., "Big Bear", and his son Brian, "Little Cub", along with Jeff V. "Kicking Bird" and Aden "Gold Eagle" are new to the Y-Guides, so Morning Bear and White Lightning are doing all they can to start them off right. Brian Williams "Prowling Bear" has also joined our tribe with his son Oliver "Hungry Bear". Prowling Bear is a veteran of the Y-Princesses, and he can't wait to give it a go with the Guides. - Yeah Baby!!

## Chumash Tribe

What a great month we're having. First we had a wonderful meeting at Rolling Thunder's home. Liora and Elianna were great hostesses and we made Totem poles as our after meeting art project. Cool project, girls!! In the tradition of the Great Chumash, we continued our musical work as a tribe. This very special song will have its world premiere at Camp Whittle. We can't wait to share it with everyone! Two days later, all 29 members of our Tribe joined in the Pilgrim feast celebration. It was such a special evening and we felt such unity with our fellow Y-Guides and Princesses. We look forward to seeing everyone again at the Granada Hills parade.

Here's to being....."Friends Forever" !

Music in the Air

## Shawnee Tribe

Greetings Shawnee princesses and dads! I would like to thank Chris & Marina S. for hosting our tribal meeting this month at Shakey's pizza parlor. The princesses and dads had a great time munching down pizza, drinking gallons of soda and finishing it off with a tray of holiday cookies. How do such small girls eat so much food? I enjoyed watching all the dads and daughters work hard on their turkey craft for the Thanksgiving holiday, it's amazing what you can make with a small clay pot, a few dead leaves, glue and some imagination. I hope everyone enjoyed this year's Pilgrim Feast there was lots of food for everyone the weather was warm for a change and we were able to spend a special evening with our daughters and friends. Thank you Blackfeet and Chumash tribes for a well-organized and enjoyable event! Our next big event will be the Granada Hills Holiday Parade next month, this is one of my favorite events and a great kick-off for the holiday season. I would like to wish the entire tribe a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday!

Chief Claw of Grizzly

## Seminole Tribe

Howdy Howdy Ga-Sioux Feasters!

We enjoyed seeing many of you at the Pilgrim Feast--and what a feast it was! The food was great, the setup was comfortable, and a great time was had by all. "Two suckers on a stick"—yikes!!

Our last meeting was held at the teepee of Big Stick and Little Bruin and was lots of fun. Tribal Brother Howling Wolf started us off with some Native American folklore. Later we adjourned to the stitching room to assemble our medicine pouches. Tribal sons Little Bruin, Screeching Hawk, Snow Bear, Fire Wolf, Screaming Wolf, Jumping Wolf, Soaring Arrow, Wild Wolf, and Running Wolf each made a heroic effort trying to stitch those pouches, but it didn't take too long for them to figure out that they could leave the stitching area and go roughhouse and play with Harry Potter toys. Needless to say, when it was all said and done, the dads ended up with the callused thumbs. But the company was great and the éclairs were awesome!

See you at the parade!

Chief Shooting Breeze



## GRANADA HILLS HOLIDAY PARADE Sunday, December 2

Join us at the Granada Hills Parade on Sunday, December 2. The parade begins at 1:30 p.m. and starts at Petit St. in Granada Hills.

The staging area is on Petit St., north of Chatsworth St. Guides and Princesses are assigned a parade number, just look for this number on Petit St. As of press time, the number is not known, contact your tribal chief after November 27<sup>th</sup> to find out our parade number.

The parade goes down Chatsworth St. all the way to Zelzah Ave. We will be traveling on two trailers and also walking alongside the trailers.

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

Granada Hills Parade	Sun., Dec 2
Camp Whittle, Big Bear	Jan. 4 - 6
Cosmic Bowling	Sat., Feb. 2
Camp Fox	March 15 - 17
Nation Picnic	April
Sports Event	May
Spring Family Campout	June 7 - 9

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