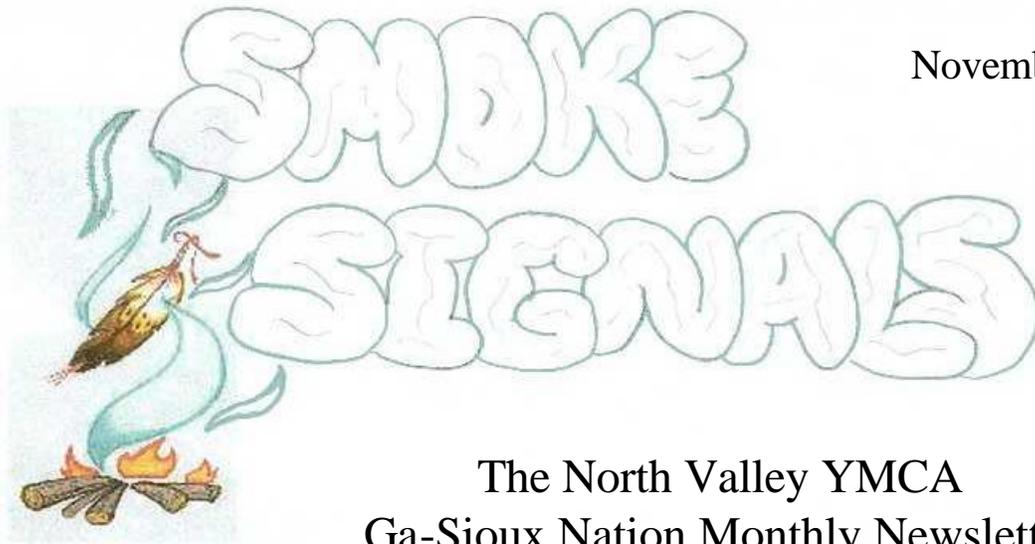


November 2002



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

Dear Guides, Princesses and Dads,

We had a good turnout for the Family Picnic at O'Melveny Park on October 20<sup>th</sup>. I even saw a few household pets included. The weather was sunny and hot and it looked like the tribes brought plenty of food. Of course, in keeping with tradition, the girls beat the boys in the tug of war. (In 11 years the boys have won once to my knowledge.) There were some imaginative new nation picnic games which looked like they could become annual additions. A special thanks to the Chumash and Blackfeet tribes for hosting the event!

This weekend is the Pilgrim Feast. Bring your appetite and some canned goods for those families less fortunate. The YMCA will provide the food to a food bank. Don't forget to bring drinks and dessert and help clean up after your tribe so that we can have campfire right after dinner. After our feast we will go outside for the first campfire of the year! We will have the induction ceremony for the new members and then our traditional campfire with songs and skits. By the time of the family campout in June all the new kids and dads will be ready to teach the moms and their younger brothers

and sisters "Super Lizard" and "Tarzan". We also should have time for some skits for those tribes who want to put on skits.

The Holiday Parade is on December 8<sup>th</sup> and we are number 46 in the parade line up. The theme for the parade this year is "Hawaiian Holidays", so we want everyone to wear your wildest Hawaiian shirt under your vests! For the first time this year we are going to have all the tribes help decorate our YMCA float. Members of the sponsoring tribes, the Apaches and Arapahos will be at the YMCA on Sunday, December 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with paint to decorate the side panels which will be attached to the trailer which has been generously loaned by Fox Studios. Each tribe will be given a section to paint in the outline which has been laid out on the panel. Your tribal chiefs will be arranging the time your particular tribe will meet at the Y to paint. Just make sure that you don't wait until the last minute as the painting ends at 4:00 p.m. and if a tribe hasn't shown up before then, someone else may start completing the project. The painting will take place on either the grass lawn at the YMCA or in the upper

parking lot behind the portion of the building housing the swimming pool.

We also have several other dates to mark on your calendar. Camp Fox is March 14, 15 and 16. That is always a big event. Hopefully this year we make it across the Great Waters! We also have another date scheduled. On Saturday, May 10, at 7:15 p.m. the Nation will attend the Lancaster Jet Hawk baseball game against the dreaded Rancho Cucamonga Quakes. Anyone who attended last year's event learned that, unlike the Dodgers, you can actually go to the concession stand for food and return earlier than the 4<sup>th</sup> inning.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the Pilgrim feast and the parade!

Happy Thanksgiving

Mike Terhar  
Nation Chief



Think Snow!  
Camp Whittle  
January 3 – 5, 2003

## TRIBAL NEWS

### ARAPAHO TRIBE

A great time was had by all who attended the Nation's Picnic. The Arapaho's had a splendid turn out which included – Jayson, Gary, Josh A., Bruce, Josh S., Jason and Art. The Arapaho's came through with another nice showing at the Nation Games.

Our first meeting was sponsored by Spencer and Mark at Red Devil Pizza on October 26. The Arapaho's began the meeting by welcoming their latest members Connor and Robert Warren. The children enjoyed pizza, salad and drinks, followed by a fabulous afternoon of arcade games courtesy of our sponsor. Thanks Spencer and Mark for a great first meeting.

We look forward to the induction ceremony at the pilgrim feast. We will meet our newest members from the Torrance YMCA – Jason and Jeff Kaplan. Welcome to all the new guys.

Chief Art

### CHIPPEWA TRIBE

The Chippewas held their monthly meeting at Little Scorpion and Flying Eagle's cabin in the Sequoia National Forest. It was a time that will be remembered for many years to come.

The guides and their dads had a great time hiking and fishing and of course eating and roasting marshmallows. The Chippewas are looking forward to the Pilgrim Feast and hope to see everyone there.

Happy Thanksgiving,  
The Chippewa Tribe

## APACHE TRIBE

The Apaches were well represented at the Nation Family Picnic last month – who knew that our tribe had such skills as those displayed in the nation games! The tug-of-war revealed no great surprises, but not for lack of effort on the part of our mighty braves (and a few dads too!). Michael Nassour's, Connor Orr's, and Kyle Terhar's efforts were especially remarkable!

Last night we had our third meeting, graciously hosted by Norm and Matthew Kral (and of course, Norm's wonderful squaw Marvinna). The boys managed to burn a lot of energy, but also found time to manufacture a Thanksgiving craft that will be a welcome decorative addition to the tables of their holiday feasts. Well done boys! As an added treat, we were glad to welcome the newest members of our tribe – Big Reader and Yoda, aka David and Evan Gurnic. Welcome guys!

We're looking forward to the upcoming Pilgrim Feast next Saturday, and have begun plans for decorating the float at the December Granada Hills Holiday Parade. To all you other tribes, we look forward to working with you on December 1<sup>st</sup> at the Y to make it an outstanding creative float!

'til next month,  
Hugging Bear

## FLOWER WOLVES TRIBE

The Flower Wolves had a great time at the Nation Picnic, but probably not as much fun as all those bees had eating our food! Several of the Flower Wolves participated in a community event that helped those less fortunate. We donated clothing, food, and even our blood. However, most of the good times were had by making and decorating objects for poor families that have recently moved to the USA. The upcoming Pilgrim Feast will be our first one has a tribe. We are really looking forward to showing off our newly completed tribal banner at the Granada Hills parade.

Chief White Fish

## MOHAVE TRIBE

The Mohave Tribe has met and kicked off its project for the year, which is for each father and son to build a flying model kit of a rubber powered Lancer airplane – for some, quite an ambitious undertaking!

At our kickoff meeting, returning and new members met and started building their airplanes, and then all adjourned to our traditional grand dessert.

The tribe had fun at the Nation Picnic, and looks forward to the Pilgrim Feast, the Holiday Parade and another great Mohave turnout at Camp Whittle!

Tom  
Mohave Smoke Signal Reporter

## SEMINOLE TRIBE

Since this Chief Screaming Wolf last wrote, the Seminoles have had two tribal meetings and participated in the Nation Picnic.

Our October meeting was held at the house of Big Thunderbolt, one of our new members. Fun was had by all and the kids made necklaces with beads and authentic arrowheads. Our November meeting was just held and it was a special one. Our brave tribal members, which included Swimming Wolf and Jumping Wolf, Running Fox, Little Bear with Lion Voice, Soaring Arrow, Bright Sun, Hissing Cat, Little Thunderbolt and Lightning Bolt, gathered at the North Valley YMCA for a swimming meeting. After tiring themselves out, we convened in one of the rooms for a pizza meeting. Our tribal storyteller, Howling Wolf told the members an authentic Seminole tale.

The Seminoles look forward to the Pilgrim Feast where several new members will be inducted into the Y-Guides. These include Jumping Wolf, Little Thunderbolt and Lightning Bolt. We wish our new members many moons of fun and great memories together.

The tribe has spoken!

Screaming Wolf (Gene George)  
Chief, Seminoles 2002- 2003

## BLACKFEET TRIBE

The second Blackfeet meeting was held on 10/25.

Thanks to Cliff and Adam for their hospitality especially due to the fact Cliff was less than 100% that night! The usual high standard of eats, drinks and crafts continued. Adam was happy to share his pet snake with the rest of

the boys however this Chief was not too interested in being anywhere close to it!!!

The third meeting of the season at the Galanti's home last Friday night.

We had a good turn out for the evening but missed Big Bear and Little Cub.

The evening was spent updating the tribal banner which Craig (Morning Bear) had acquired from one of the founding members of the tribe and last years Nation Chief, Joe Allegretti. No details of the acquisition were available!

By the time we go to press, we will all have enjoyed the events and food at the Pilgrim Feast.

Chief Prowling Bear

## MOHICAN TRIBE

What can I say?

Former Chief Lots O'Bull, now "Chef" Lots O'Bull hosted our recent monthly meeting at his home along with Skyler "Little Sky". The girls enjoyed Larry's culinary skills not to mention his storytelling talents!

More new members attended for the first time, Dan "Quiet Rain" Parker with his two daughters Claire "Whistling Wind" and Hannah "Flapping Bird" as well as Steve and Charlotte Resnick. (no names yet)

With these additions, The Mohicans are once again strong in numbers, now 23 although still somewhat short of our record breaking year with forty something!

Chief Prowling Bear

## SIOUX NORTH TRIBE

Flying Elbow and Bright Star (Chris and Amanda) hosted our October meeting in grand style. After the sit down dinner, we got down to business. The girls played father/daughter match game where they had to prove how much they knew about their dads. All in all, the kids came through with flying colors. All at the Nation Picnic had a great time. Little did we know that the hike to the park would nearly exhaust several of the tribal members. Dan, Erin, Sid, Jessica, Art, Courtney, Ron and Leah all found some shade, some lunch and some rest prior to kicking it in gear during the games.

Welcome to new members Mark, Rachel, and Sarah, and Randy and McKenna. Our tribe continues to grow and we hope to have two or three new members by the November meeting. Special thanks to Tiny Cloud (Greg) for getting the floats together for the Holiday parade. The Nation will be styling in our Island dress and fully decorated trailers. Thanks to Running Rabbit (Dan) for putting together the patch for Whittle. Very nice, it will hold a prominent place on any vest.

Next up is our November meeting on 11/22 followed by the Pilgrim Feast. This month we will have the girls nominate new names for our tribe. As the tribal Chief, I think I am in for some editing of our Dad's entries, but at least we will see how creative everyone can get. We look forward to seeing you all at the Pilgrim Feast.

Chief Broken Wing

## CHEYENNE TRIBE

Greetings from the Cheyenne tribe.

Hopefully our scouts will have interesting things to report. All is quiet at Cheyenne camp, thinking of shifting our tribe meetings to anytime other than one week after Longhouse meetings for better tribe updates.

Definitely looking forward to upcoming events, namely parade float decorations. This will be fun for all the children and parents, and boy did this year slip by!

Let your arrows fly true.

Blue Lightning

## CHINOOK TRIBE

The Chinook are having a great year so far. We had a lot of fun at the Nation Picnic, despite having to chase away all those pesky little bees. Although we were small in number, we had a great time watching Stephanie, Kaitie, Reanna and Elizabeth battling it out with the other tribes during the relay races. And of course we were really excited to see the girls beat the boys once again in the tug-of-war.

The Chinook are getting together this Wednesday to discuss upcoming events, make a craft, eat some sweets, and maybe play a little bit too. We might also start working on our skit for Camp Whittle, so look out for the Chinooks this year.

We are all looking forward to seeing everyone at the Pilgrim Feast. See you all there!

Chief Tim

## CHUMASH TRIBE

Since the last Smoke Signals there was the Nation Picnic Event. This year it was in October and at a different location. The locale was pleasant and the weather was perfect. What made it all the better was that the Chumash Tribe co-hosted the event. Thanks to Scott Cohen (Dances with Flowers) for designing the colorful patch. Thank you to all my fellow Chumashers for assisting with the facilitation of the Nation games – which I suppose you can say, had a soccer theme to it. And of course thank you to the Nation and their families who attended the picnic.

Once the Chumash tribe completed their task with the Nation Games, we jumped right into working on our co-hosting duties with the upcoming Pilgrim Feast of November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our tribe member, Doug Aberle (Red Bear) is spear heading the food for the event once again, thank you. The Chumash tribe is looking forward to another great event.

Sincerely,  
Just-The-Chief  
Ronald Kulberg

## SHAWNEE TRIBE

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

The Nation picnic on October 20<sup>th</sup> was an absolutely delightful and wonderful day for which the weather and company couldn't have been better. Special thanks to all who attended (the Shawnee were many in number) and contributed to our feast including, in particular, Running Buffalo (Issam) who, given the simple task of bringing forks, did so albeit about an hour after most had eaten (we're

considering changing Issam's name from "Running Buffalo" to "Running Late").

After lunch and the Nation games (congratulations, girls, on yet another tug-of-war victory), the Shawnee played the "prisoner" variation of volleyball; were it not for a few rule changes along the way by which to bring the game to an end, we'd probably still be there. Still many in number, we then ventured off for a nature hike that, given the time of day, ended earlier than many would have liked it to.

Two questions for the tribes: (1) does anyone know what the "Ga" in Ga-Sioux means? (2) it was suggested that a page or portion of the page in Smoke Signals be reserved for the expression of opinions about Indian Guides and Princesses events, keeping versus doing away with (or allowing it to be done away with) our Native American roots and tribal names (as already stated, the Shawnee hope the proud and respectful traditions of the Ga-Sioux Nation and its tribes continues), etc. Bearing in mind that every institution which hopes for a future builds on its past, any comments?

Until the Pilgrim Feast and November's tribal meeting at Vasquez Rocks,

Chief Falling Rock  
(If you aim at nothing, you will surely hit it.)

## THE RISING STARS TRIBE

Yes, we are a new tribe with one of those new names! As Tribal Chief, I would like to thank Josie, Lloyd Cutler, and our fathers for all of their assistance and support in the startup of our tribe.

During the course of our first 2 meetings, The Rising Stars have selected a tribal name, made a talking stick and wampum pouch and had lots of fun. Everyone enjoyed the Family Picnic and looks forward to the upcoming Pilgrim Feast and campout at Camp Whittle.

The members of our tribe include Rachael "Rainbow" & Ross Yet to be Named, Jaclyn "Starry Bear" and Ira "Snow Bear", Sara & Robert, Abigail "Starshine" & Kevin "Raven", and Jessica "Little Bear", Sarah "Pony", and Jonathan.

Chief Yet to be Named

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Pilgrim Feast Our Lady of Lourdes	November 23 5:30 p.m.
Float Decorating North Valley YMCA	December 1 9:00-4:00p.m
Granada Hills Holiday Parade #46	December 8 1:30 p.m.
Camp Whittle Big Bear	January 3 - 5
Cosmic Bowling Matador Bowl	February 1 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Camp Fox Catalina	March 14-16
Nation Event	April
Jet Hawks Baseball Lancaster	May 10 7:15 p.m.
Spring Family Campout	June 6-8

## CAMP WHITTLE

Friday, January 3 to Sunday, January 5

Join us at YMCA Camp Whittle for a weekend of fun and adventure. Camp Whittle is located about two miles from Big Bear Lake. Hopefully we will have lots of snow to build snowmen and to go sledding!

Accommodations at camp are cabins which sleep 12. The fee, \$69, includes lodging, four meals and all camp activities. Registrations are due by Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>.

A map and a list of what to bring will be in the December newsletter. Be sure to bring lots of warm clothes.

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). PCS: 806-10

# 2002 GRANADA HILLS HOLIDAY PARADE & TREE LIGHTING PROGRAM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> 1:30 P.M.

Join us at the Granada Hills Parade on Sunday, December 8. The parade begins at 1:30 p.m. and starts at Petit St. in Granada Hills. We are number 46 in the line up.

The staging area is on Petit St., north of Chatsworth St. Guides and Princesses were assigned parade number 46, just look for this number on Petit St. Be there 1/2 hour before the parade begins.

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.

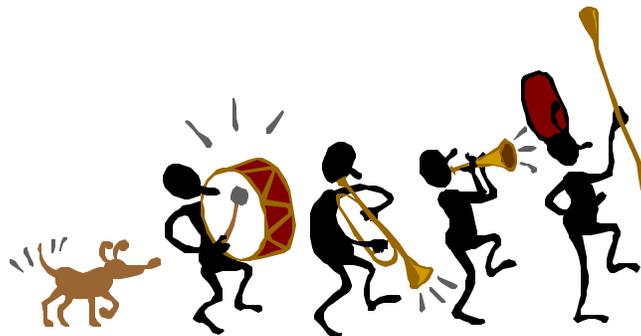
The cost of the parade is \$5 per person. Chiefs or a tribal representative will collect the money and pay at the parade. The parade is held rain or shine.

Be sure to wear your vest and a Hawaiian shirt, as the theme of the parade is "Hawaiian Holidays".

All tribes are encouraged to come to the YMCA on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to help decorate the panels for our float.

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).

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