

October 2004



Greetings from the Chief.

Skate Night was quite a success, yesterday evening. I don't know the final numbers, but it was pretty much standing room only out on the rink floor at times. I especially enjoy seeing all of the "first-time" skaters as they navigate their way around the floor while hugging the walls. Josie, once again, did a wonderful job.

We had quite a turnout for the initial Longhouse meeting. I believe we had 15 chiefs in attendance out of a possible 18, so it was quite impressive. Let's keep up the good work chiefs. We will be meeting again in October and will be looking to duplicate that attendance feat.

Our next event is the Ga-Sioux Nation Picnic, which will be taking place in October (details, elsewhere in this newsletter). Remember that you are responsible for your own food and drinks for this event, so please come prepared. This will be a family event, so we look forward to seeing the Moms and other siblings there as well.

The Pilgrim Feast and Induction Ceremony will be taking place in November, so please look for the details of that event as well. We will try to get another raffle together, which was a HUGE success at last year's Pilgrim Feast. Kudos go to last year's Nation Chief, Brian Williams, for starting that tradition as well as supplying the "goodies" to be raffled. So, remember to bring extra cash in order to take your shot at the goodies again this year. Please remember to bring some canned food goods to be donated to families less fortunate than ourselves, to this event.

We'll see everyone at the Picnic.

Chief Shooting Bull

NATION EVENTS

Nation Picnic
Sunday, October 17 2:00 p.m.

Pilgrim Feast
Saturday, November 20

Granada Hills Holiday Parade
Sunday, December 5

Camp Whittle – Big Bear
January 7 to January 9

Cosmic Bowling
February

Camp Fox – Catalina
March 11 to March 13

Vasquez Rocks
April

Lancaster Jethawks Baseball
May

Spring Family Campout
June

Tribal News

SHAWNEE TRIBE

Skateland Skate Night can only mean one thing! Y-guides 2004 – 2005 is officially here (woopsie-woopsie-wooooo!). What a blast! In attendance for the Shawnee tribal family was Rick, Julie, Lacey, Ed, Patty, Stephanie, Danielle, Chris, Randy, Donna, Rachel, Dan, Tom, Melissa, Meagan, Matthew, Issam, Gabriella, Jim, Gwyn, Carly, Grayson, Kendall, and Troy. It's amazing how different the chicken dance feels when your on a pair of skates. Oh, I know, it's amazing how chicken the chief looked when on a pair of skates too! Hey Now! I wasn't skeredd. Throw in a little dance to the hookie-pookie and free skating to the infamous song YMCA! and whalla! You have what makes quite an event.

Next up is our tribal meeting at the teepee of Falling Rock/Running Horse and our annual nation picnic event. The Shawnee are looking forward to another great year of making more great Ga-Sioux relationships and tons of pictures via the modern wonderous of the digital camera.

Children may close their ears to advice, but may open their eyes to example.

Troy King
Chief Sitting Bull

MOHAVE TRIBE

It's fall 2004 and Mohave is back, BIGGER and BETTER than ever! Our first meeting of the year was held at the home of this year's chief Swift Fox and his son Rolling Thunder, a.k.a. Larry and Chase. Since there was no graduates last year, all the boys: Joel, Craig, Ryan, Matthew L., Ethan, Matthew P., Josh, Christopher, Braxton and Noah are back and ready for another year of fun. Most importantly, this year the tribe is welcoming

several new members: Justy, Bradley, Matthew M., Benjamin and their dads. With a group this size the Mohave will definitely be a force to be reckoned with in all upcoming nation games. There must be some kinda award for having the most Matthews.

The turnout at Skateland was great, almost all Mohave made it. And despite some spills and crashes, it was a fabulous family event. If this was any indication, the 2004 – 2005 program year is going to be fantastic.

Until next time.

RISING STARS TRIBE

Spoke The Raven:

After the long summer, the Fire Keeper released the Rainbow into the dark night sky. First, one Shining Star, and then a Sparkling Star sent Starshine to light the forest. The Bear Star rose over the forest bears: the Snow Bear with his Starry Bear, the Shutter Bear, the Little Bear, and even a Gummy Bear? A Golden Eagle kept watch as a Butterfly listened to an Angel's sweet voice. Little John watched a Pony ride off into the night, while the other direction brought new friends to the forest. To summarize: Abby, Sara, Rachael, Lauren, Jessie, Jackie, Kayla and Nicole welcome Amanda, Jessica, Rebecca, and Hannah to the Rising Stars.

To good friends having another good year

The Raven Chief

APACHE TRIBE

The Apache gathered at the home of Snow Lizard for our first tribal gathering. The boys gathered around a campfire to celebrate the first night of autumn. All the boys had fun playing and snacking on pizza and chips. The tribal drum was dusted off and pounded to begin a new season of Apache. In attendance were Harrison (Swimming Turtle), Nathan

(Bear Fisher), Evan (Yoda), Jacob (Lightning Bolt), and DJ (Snow Lizard)

Our traditional craft ceremony consisted of coloring authentic Inuit drawings of Killer Whales, Wolves and Thunderbirds. We all discussed the crafting of our talking stick which will begin during the month of the mad moon at the home of Bear Fisher. We should have a good turnout for skate night as most boys are looking forward to the event with some of the young Apache practicing early. Thanks to all the young and old Apache for a good start to a new year.

Chief Snow Warrior

MIGHTIEST FERNANDENO TRIBE

Under the stormy wind of the San Fernando Valley, the Mightiest Fernandeno tribe initiated its first meeting with a ritual dinner and jump into the river (or in this case Jacuzzi heated to 100 degrees). We welcome our newest members to the Princesses: James Asanuma (Hungry Bear) and his daughters Emily (Little Ladybug) and Elizabeth (Little Butterfly), Dale Chalfant (Little Foot) and his daughter Rosanna (Pouncing Kitten), Joe McDougall (Spreading Wings) and his daughter Maddi (Starlight), and Paul Volchok (Big Thunder) and his daughter Leah and Chief Sidney Blum (Big Bucks) and his daughter Gabriella (Running Pony). We also welcome to the tribe returning Princess veterans Greg Mogab (Greying Wolf) and daughter Julianne (Bright Eagle). Little Ladybug, Little Butterfly, Starlight, Leah, Bright Eagle and Running Pony all demonstrated their excellent balance and grace at roller skating as they demonstrated the mightiest ability to fly through the air and land so gracefully on the ground. We look forward to a fantastic future and all most the entire tribe starts on their four year quest to graduation.

MOHICAN TRIBE

The Mohican tribe would like to welcome back 10 of our members from last year: Ember, Heather, Ana, Samantha, Sarah, Rachel, Summer, Charlotte, Skyler, and Lily.

The girls all had an enjoyable summer, but are happy to reunite with their friends from school and from their tribe. Most importantly, the Mohican tribe would like to welcome our four new members: Aria, Madison, Sarah, and Alexandra. We are looking forward to introducing them to the many fun activities planned in this new year ahead.

We had a great first meeting at the Gougas teepee. They were gracious hosts, and the crafts were a big hit. The returning girls are becoming more outgoing, especially with the talking stick. The new girls were troopers and stepped right up to the plate and fit right in as if they were veterans.

Skate Night was also a big hit with all the girls. We definitely have some fathers who could make it on the Roller Derby circuit. With no broken bones, we heavily anticipate our upcoming meeting and events.

Chief Thundering Cloud



CHINOOK TRIBE

Watch out Ga-Sioux Nation! The Mighty Chinook are in full force this year!

I would like to welcome back Emily A., Hannah, Makenzie, Kyrá, Rebecca, Mary, Spencer, Stephanie, Juliette, Morgan, Megan M., Molly, Delaney, Anna, Megan S. and Emily W. I would like to extend a Mighty Chinook welcome to new members: Lauren, Sophia and Sydney.

The Mighty Chinook are already three events into the new school year. It all started in early September with a "back to school" swim party / BBQ at the Albrecht Adobe. We had an incredible turnout – with almost all of the families in attendance! The weather was outstanding and the party went well past the rise of the Hunting Moon... Towards the middle of the month we held our first "official" meeting of the year at the "House of Hopp". Big thanks to Big and Little Salmon for hosting the meeting! Last, but not least, we had a nice turnout for Skateland. There were a few sore bottoms, and maybe a sore finger, but all-in-all a great time!

We are all looking forward to the next meeting at the Ambrose Adobe and the school year! Also – a big thanks to all those families that have volunteered to host meetings and/or events. Another big thanks goes out to Chris for doing a spectacular job as Chief last year, and for volunteering for the position of "story-teller". A special thanks to Rick for also taking on the job of Wampum bearer.

Friends Always,

Laughing Buck

CREE TRIBE

The Cree don't need the North Valley YMCA to schedule an event to get together as a tribe. Gregg & Cara Ledergerber hosted our 3rd annual end of summer BBQ / pool party on August 22. The party invitation included the entire family.

The event was hosted pot luck style and everyone chipped in. Gregg BBQ his world famous steak with his secret mustard marinade. My daughter Samantha does not eat steak or mustard, but loves it this style.

We had a few graduates from our tribe stop by too. Reid & Elizabeth Brekke made an appearance even though it was Reid's Birthday.

The Cree also get together a few more times through out the year. We take the Subway to Groman's Chinese Theater. And dine at city walk after. The girls also performed a few of their crowd pleasing tunes at a Chatsworth retirement hotel.



The 2004-2005 Cree Family

The Bararino's
Gabriella "Singing Bluebird" & Sebastian
"Standing Bull"

The Hull's
Tayla "Song Bird" & Tom "Screaming Eagle"
(Our 1st Chief)

The Ledergerber's
Cara "Pocahontes" & Gregg "Crazy Horse"
(Our 3rd Chief)

The Schulkapper's
Cali "Indian Queen" & Michael "Bald Eagle"

The Shaffer's
Peyton "Little Dipper" & Rob "Full Moon"

The Taylor's
Jamie "Swimming Dolphin", Brooke "Dancing
Fox" & John "Shooting Bull" (Our 2nd Chief &
Current Nation Chief)

The Adams'
Samantha "Sun Flower" & Dan "Gummy
Bear" (Current Chief)

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Chief Snow Warrior

CHUMASH TRIBE

The Mighty Chumash Skates Again!

Chumash tribal spirit was strong at this seasons first meeting! Our newest members were quick to assemble their vests and get into the YMCA family spirit. Adrienne "Purple Moon", and her Dad Dave "Blue Moon", did a terrific job decorating their vests, as did Mariah York and "Princess Rose" Cassandra Cohen. We had great participation at Skate Night too, and saw some excellent skating from "Sparkling Spider" Marjoline Bernstein, "Princess Tiger Lily" Courtney Cohen and "Rolling Rock" Elisa Bernstein. Skate lessons might typically be taught by the fathers, but I witnessed "Dancing Butterfly" Ariella Tibor and Marissa York teach their Dads a few new tricks!

Looking forward to seeing everybody at the Nation Picnic.

Chief "Dances with Flowers" Scott Cohen,
Mighty Chumash Tribe

North Valley YMCA Guides & Princesses Ga-Sioux Nation Picnic

**Sunday, October 17
2:00 p.m.**

**Northridge Park
(North side of the park on LeMarsh St., next to the community center.)**



Join the Ga-Sioux Nation for a family picnic. Be sure to bring blankets and chairs, we will be meeting on the field next to the community center. Nation Games start at 3:00 p.m. and they are sponsored by the Cree tribe. There is no need to pre-register, you can purchase your patches at the event. For more information, contact your tribal chief or Josie at the YMCA at 818-368-3231 ext. 2305 or by e-mail at JosieRea@ymcala.org.

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