

THE MANIKIKI NATION



SMOKE SIGNALS

December 2006

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**NEXT LONGHOUSE: 7:30 PM
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2006
Green YMCA**

"BLOWIN' SMOKE"

Greetings Manikiki Nation,

This is a great time of year to be focused on the family. With the busy holiday season upon us, we have lots of activities that occupy our time including; school holiday programs, company parties, the neighborhood house decoration competition, and the inevitable treacherous shopping experience on Christmas eve. Through it all we must stay grounded and remember that it is the family that holds us together and keeps us strong. One of the impressive things about the Dad's in this organization is that our relationship with our children is the most important thing in our lives. We are blessed to be involved with a large group of fathers that have this same set of priorities. Our boys will watch and learn from our behavior and follow in our footsteps. Many of you were Indian Guides as boys and many of your grandsons will be Indian Guides with your sons.

One of the most important events we do all year is your tribes holiday service project. It is a requirement for each tribe to participate but quite frankly it is something we want to do to support our community and show our boys the true meaning an spirit of Christmas. I have asked each tribe chief to use their section of the Smoke Signal to share their tribes plans for this years service project. I encourage everyone to read through each chiefs comments and see some of the great things that are happening within our organization

A Merry Christmas to all,

Scott "Singin' Moose" Summers
Manikiki Nation Chief

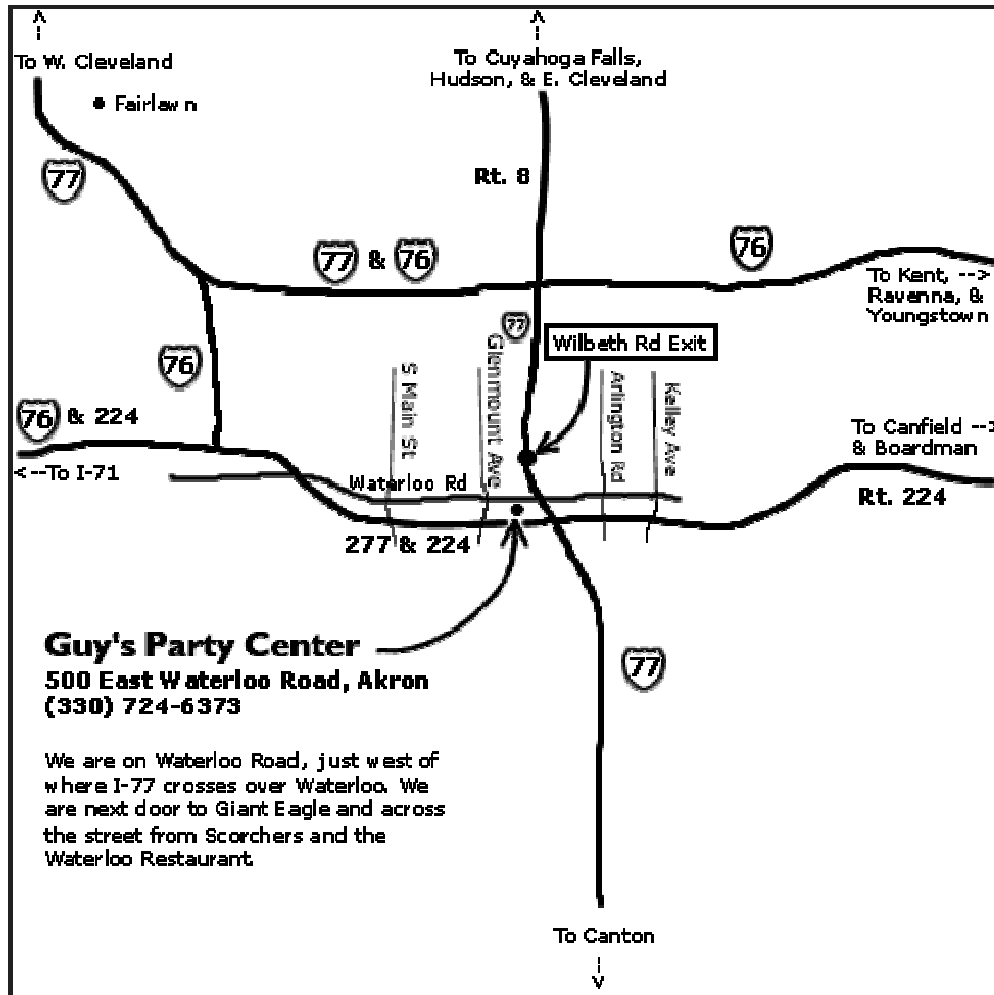
UPCOMING NATION EVENTS

Father - Son Banquet at Guy's Party Center

This is a free event.

Sunday, December 3rd, 1:00 – 5:00 pm

Wear your vests and feathers!



University of Akron Zips Basketball

Ticket cost TBD

Sunday, January 21st, 2:00 pm

LONGHOUSE NOTES

Remember ... All Council members and Chiefs are required attend Longhouse. Chiefs, if you cannot attend, please get one of your tribe members (other than a Council member) to attend and sign in for you. Longhouse meetings are the third Tuesday of every month.

To make sure we get everything done for the Fundraiser in a timely manner, the February Longhouse will be held on Tuesday, February 13th at 7:30 pm.

CHIEF'S ACTION ITEMS SUMMARY

The Apache tribe is to set the date for the Spring Campout by the next Longhouse.

FASCAR kits will be available by the next Longhouse and, hopefully, by the Father-Son Banquet. See Jeff Pearce of the Comanche tribe. The cost remains \$5.00 per kit. Jeff is to recruit an additional co-sponsor so we have three tribes involved in all decisions regarding legality of cars and the competition.

Start promoting the Fundraiser with your tribe members. We need to sell all the tickets and we will need to have a minimum of two items from each tribe donated to the silent auction.

OLD BUSINESS

Smoke Signals update and minutes accepted.

Sachem, Pat Duff, discussed event critiques and passed out critique books.

Jim Cross discussed the Camp Y-Noah service project. All participants will receive a special bead at the Father-Son Banquet.

NEW BUSINESS

Father-Son Banquet (December 3, 2006): Nation Chief, Scott Summers, discussed a council meeting held earlier to deal with details or the Father Son banquet keep the longhouse meeting to a reasonable length. Arapaho Chief, Paul Scheatzle, the event sponsor commented on planning for the Banquet; in addition to Joe Friday, Outstand Service and yearly 100% Participation Awards, any outgoing Brave with 100% attendance for four years will receive a "Superior Attendance " award.

Nation Fund Raiser: The date of the Fundraiser is Saturday, February 17, 2007 at Guy's Party Center. Tickets are to be printed and distributed at the Father-Son Banquet. As in the past, each tribe has a "quota" of three tickets per Big Brave.

Council sponsors this event, but the tribes will have individual tasks assigned at upcoming Longhouses. Scott will set a follow-up meeting devoted to Fundraiser issues. ***To make sure we get everything done in a timely manner, the February Longhouse will be held on Tuesday, February 13th at 7:30 pm.*** This is a one-time departure from the normal schedule of the third Tuesday of each month.

Since our cost has increased \$1/ person this year, Scott emphasized the importance of finding silent auction items and program advertisers. ***Each tribe is expected to provide two silent auction items this year.***

Scott's band will again provide the entertainment.

Medicine Man, John Waller, passed out leadership patches, discussed feather distribution, perfect attendance medallions and additional awards for the Big Medicine winner.

War Chief, Kurt Leibensperger, requested roster updates, especially information about new members and outgoing members.

Tally Keeper, Rich Ashley, requested that *Smoke* reports be emailed not later than 11/24/06.

Wampum Bearer, Duane Haynes, was excused. Tom Turner reported on the Nation's finances. The Wampum Bearer was authorized to "ladder" the Nation's funds into certificates of deposit of varying terms when the present CDs expire.

Big Braves are reminded that Nation Dues of \$47 per father-son, and \$10 for each additional son, are due before the Father-Son Banquet.

Nation Chief, Scott Summers, introduced his plan for expanding the Nation to include 12-14 year old boys. Committees will be formed to pursue this plan.

Scott also discussed the importance of the tribe Christmas service projects and asked what the various tribes were planning. He asked that the Chiefs include a description of their tribe's project in their December *Smoke* reports.

Sachem, Pat Duff, commented on the Nation expansion plan and Father-son banquet. Pat also discussed the dinner he attended on the Nation's behalf at Camp Y-Noah. The Nation was recognized for our assistance in the construction of the obstacle course and Gaga pit. Pat is going to work with Y-Noah on a possible project to restore the old day camp pavilion at Y-Noah. We could then use the pavilion as a Nation meeting place.

NATION OFFICER REPORTS

NATION CHIEF: SCOTT "Singin' Moose" SUMMERS 330-644-9110, 330-606-6965 scotts@rolandus.com

We have an exciting line-up of events for the winter and spring, starting with this weekend Father Son banquet. There will be good food, good company, lots of awards, special entertainment for the kids and photo ops that will bring back memories for years to come. I am looking forward to seeing everyone this Sunday at 1:00pm.

This weekend, I plan to introduce a Manikiki Nation expansion plan. I have been doing some surfing on the net to see how other nations are organized and I have discovered some very interesting approaches. I am looking for some input from fellow nation members, so I will be organizing a committee to discuss this subject in more detail. Please feel free to ask me about it this weekend or give me a call anytime.

WAR CHIEF: KURT "Big Bear" LEIBENSPERGER 330-699-4734, 330-606-1944 kurtleib@hotmail.com

Tonka Hey and Merry Christmas to you and yours! With the passing of another year, it's time to recognize our new braves and dads, as well as to honor the braves who are leaving the Nation. Thanks to the Chiefs who helped assemble the information for the event program.

2007 looks to be another fun year ... I hope to see all of you at the University of Akron basketball game in January. And while we're talking about next year, don't forget to get donations for our Fundraiser in February. It's always a fun time and helps raise money for our events in 2007!

SACHEM: PAT "Running Bull" DUFF 330-244-1730, 330-224-0147, pduff@uakron.edu

We have a Strong and Powerful Nation to be Thankful for this year. I thank everyone for the involvement and fellowship which make our Manikiki Nation successful. Please share some time with us and your brave doing something he will remember for years to come.

Tonka Hey!

MEDICINE MAN: JOHN "Sits By Fire" WALLER 330-867-5726, 330-867-5727 john.waller@wilsonool.com

Tonka Hey! We're just about ready for the 2006 Father/Son Banquet at Guy's Party Center and we will be announcing the Big Medicine Award Winner for the year at the event. We will also announce the Joe Friday and Outstanding Service Awards for Big Braves. Little Braves that achieved 100% Participation for the year will be recognized as well as the Incoming and Outgoing Braves. Tribal feather orders will be filled at that time as well as beads and claws for previous events. Headbands for new members will be available along with info about ordering vests. Add the great food and entertainment and it shapes up to be one of the best events in our schedule. Be sure to let your Chief know you will be attending. See you there!

WAMPUM BEARER: DWAYNE "Big Bad Wolf" HAINES 330-699-0972, 330-419-1002 dghaines@babcock.com

Tonka Hey! Looking forward to the banquet this weekend. What a great event to be with the boys. As Wampum Bearer I must make some mention of money. Remember that our Father-Son Banquet is at no cost as a result of our fundraiser. Please be thinking about what you can do to make this year's fundraiser another great event.

Looking forward to the Holidays with family and friends.

TALLY KEEPER: RICH "Howling Wolf" ASHLEY 330-882-2532, 330-807-9104 rich@rwashley.com

Scott has made some valuable additions to *Smoke*, let's all keep doing our part by getting our reports sent in a timely fashion ...please.

Also, if I've misspelled a name or have not included your Indian name, please let me know.

STORY TELLER: TOM "Sitting Hawk" TURNER 330-493-7380, 330-543-8024 tturner@walsh.edu

WEB SPINNER: JAMIE "Big Dog" WIGGINS 330-603-4661, 330-896-9004, jpwiggo@yahoo.com

There is a little delay in the web site. I am taking the duties over, but need to acquire the website software first, so I am sorry if there is a delay in getting the Guides web site updated.

Here is this month's cool web site: www.craigslist.org

Craigslist is now one of the largest websites (in terms of hits). The best part is that it's FREE.

Craigslist is a local community classifieds and forums - a place to find jobs, housing, goods & services, social activities, a girlfriend or boyfriend, advice, community information, and just about anything else.

It was started by a guy named Craig Newmark. It is not an auction like eBay, but more of an online classified ad. Free to take out an ad and free to respond to an ad. Most area's now have their own list. Here's ours: <http://www.akroncanton.craigslist.org>

TRIBE CHIEF REPORTS

APACHE: CHARLES "Kicking Buffalo" CAMPBELL 330-854-3077, 330-264-5383 x237 ohioherdfan@sbcglobal.net

Happy Thanksgiving from the Apaches!

For our service project, the Apaches will be grocery shopping for a needy family sponsored by the First and Second Grade classes of St. Vincent Elementary School in Akron. We were responsible for providing the holiday meals for this particular family. The boys will choose the food and contribute from their pockets as well as the Dads.

I look forward to seeing all of the Apaches at the Zips Basketball game. The game will be at 2:00, January 21. @ Akron.

Don't forget about the February 17th Fundraiser. We will need items for the Silent Auction as well as potential sponsors.

ARAPAHO: PAUL "Big Foot" SCHEATZLE 330-832-0304, 330-323-7683 paulscheatzle@hotmail.com

The Akron U football game was another great event for all the members of the Arapaho tribe who attended. We had good seats and it was an exciting game.

Our service project this year is going to be the Salvation Army kettles Dec. 16th from 10:00-4:00 at the Fishers on Tuscarawas across from Canton Centre Mall (the old Mellett Mall). We can sign up for time slots at the father-son banquet.

Manikiki nation dues are due as well. \$47 for a father/son and \$10 for each additional son. There is no charge for YMCA members. I'll write one check from the tribe account. I have deposit slips available if you need to deposit more money into your account.

BLACKHAWK: JEFF "Jumping Fish" WILLIAMSON 330-245-1828, 503-704-3580 jwilliamson@purefishing.com

Hope everyone had a good time at the football game, sorry we missed it. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the banquet this weekend.

As everyone knows the Nation asks each tribe to do a service project in December. This year the Blackhawk will adopt a family for Christmas through Open M. Open M is a great Charitable Christian organization that Sandi and I have worked with in the past. The organization will provide a Christmas meal for the family and we will provide gifts for the family. I will give you ages and ideas at the banquet and as a group we can should be able to take good care of family in need.

CHEROKEE: FRANK "Chasing Tail" WILLIAMS 330-794-2707, 330-715-3953 FWilliams@ci.akron.oh.us

The Mighty Cherokee tribe enjoyed the Zips football game and appreciated all the snacks. Most everyone from our tribe is planning on attending the Father/Son Banquet on Dec. 3rd.

Our tribe has decided for our Christmas Project to help raise money for the Little Man Mason Foundation. It is a foundation that was established after an Akron Police officer and his family lost their very young son to an infection that was not discovered in time. We will help set up Christmas trees, tables and tents. Please help out this foundation by purchasing your Christmas trees from this location: CP & Sons, 1660 Collier Rd., Akron. And let them know you're from the Indian Guides.

COMANCHE: JEFF “Last Hawk” PEARCE 330-644-4749, 330-714-7892 jeffp@pearceengineering.com

Tonka Hey! Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, looking forward to Christmas!!

My son and I are planning to visit his school here in Coventry this month to do some recruiting for our Nation. The principal has allowed me and my son to go from room to room with our vests, necklaces and headdresses on, to pass out the new flyers that the Y has made for recruiting purposes. I'll be sure to let everyone know how it went!

The Comanche are looking forward to our Christmas service project. We take names of children close to the age of our young braves from the Salvation Army Gift Tree at Chapel Hill Mall, and then we meet as a tribe at Toys-R-Us and let the young braves shop for them. It gives the young braves a good feeling to help a child have a better Christmas, and it gives us dads a chance to get an idea of what our child wants for Christmas.

We have two December birthdays in the Comanche tribe: First is my special little brave, Tucker “Big Hawk” Pearce on December 6th. Next is our longest standing member, Tom “Fighting Eagle” Knoebel on December 9th. Happy Birthday to both of them. The Mighty Comanche wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

CROW: DAN “Big Rock” HICKMAN 330-896-7164, 330-472-7010 nhickman3@aol.com

Tonka Hey Crow tribe. A great time was had at the Akron Zips Football game. Other than a couple of skittles being thrown at the Bowling Green fans, our boys were well behaved. We as a tribe had over 35 participants at this event. This turnout gave us many medicine points for the year. Thank you for your attendance and participation.

Plans for the Father and Son Banquet were finalized. The Crow tribe has 31 father and sons confirmed to be in attendance. This is a free event for us, but not for the Nation. Cost per person is over \$17.00. If you can not attend please call me as soon as possible and we will cancel your plate and save the Nation those dollars to be spent elsewhere.

Thanks to all that participated in the building of the Gaga Arena. It was a miserable day but the Arena got built despite the mud and the rain. Camp Y-Noah was very appreciative of the work done by the Manikiki Nation, and recognized us at a recent dinner for contributors to Camp Y-Noah. They have other projects in mind for the upcoming year that would both help our Nation and other campers at Y-Noah.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Breven (Yellow Fox) Miller, December 13th, Michael (Little Blue Gill) Mundy, December 17th, and Carter (Grey Feather) Hickman, December 27th.

You've heard many times “Sons do not quit Indian guides..... fathers do”. I can confidently say that all of the fathers and sons in our tribe are very committed to spending quality time with their son's and their fellow tribesman. Taking the small time out needed to make these events with your child will only strengthen your relationship for the many years to come. Not long ago one of our tribesman's Father passed away. He had tears in his eyes at one of the campouts for it reminded him of his father and the great times they spent at camp thru Indian guides. Making memories through this organization is one of the best gifts we can give our sons and ourselves. *Tonka Hey* to the best tribe....The Mighty Mighty Crow. Big Rock Out.

CREEK: KEVIN “Running Pike” ADKINS 330-645-6542 kevina@amerimail.com

The Creek tribe had a great time at the Zips football game. Thanks to whoever was in charge of the weather! Creek tribe birthday wishes go out to Andrew Rohweder and Alex Plum.

The Creek tribe tentatively plans to deliver Christmas trees for the Lake YMCA for our Christmas project.

KICKAPOO: PAUL “Running Deer” MALLUE 330-497-9943, 330-209-4366 malluep@firstenergycorp.com

The Kickapoo tribe enjoyed the Akron-Bowing Green football game and tailgate party. It was an exciting game and great weather contributed to a very successful event. Alex and Nate Mallue both made additions to their t-shirt collections with Akron shirts shot into the crowd.

Very special thanks to everyone in the Nation who contributed their time to the construction of the obstacle course and Gaga pit at Camp Y-Noah. This will truly be something our sons will benefit from at future campouts. The Gaga pit was beginning to look more like a mud wrestling pit while it was being built in the rain. Great job by Jim Cross in coordinating this project.

The Kickapooos will be gathering at Mercy Medical Center in December for their holiday service project. Dads and young braves will be writing and decorating message cards to be put on patients' trays over the holidays.

We have one December birthday - Alex Mallue will be 12 years old on Christmas Day.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Father Son Banquet at Guy's Party Center.

MANDAN: JEFF “White Eagle” RAND 330-899-0735, 330-813-1122 jrand@hbchemical.com

Tonka Hey! First of all.....HOW 'BOUT THEM BUCS!!! It is a good time of year to begin to reflect on the little joys in our lives and I want to encourage all Mandan tribe members to be active in our visit to the Haven of Rest in December. It will be a good time to show the Little Braves how fortunate all our lives are. It will also be a good time to contribute to one of the best shelters I have ever been to.

I hope to see you all at the Father-Son Banquet and the Haven of Rest soon. If I do not see you.....Enjoy the holidays!

MINGO: SCOTT “Sitting Bull” KANIS 330-753-8650, 330-472-2373 scotty-dawg@sbcglobal.net

Tonka Hey from the Mighty Mingo tribe. We are looking forward to the Father-Son Banquet this month. See you all there!

MOHAWK: BRIAN “Golden Bear” MORRIS 330-896-1394, 330-933-2372 bdmorris@aol.com

A big *Tonka Hey* to Jim Cross for all of the organization and hard work he put into the Camp Y-Noah service project in the name of the Manikiki Nation. Thanks to all the other Mohawks who also participated.

The Mohawk service project is fast approaching, so if you haven't signed up, please do so. We will be ringing the Salvation Army bell at the Ellet Acme on December 16th starting at 9am.

Thanks again to all.

NAVAJO: MIKE “Eagle Eye” VINCIGUERRA 330-699-0207, 440-669-3264 MiVinciguer@aol.com

Hope everyone had a good time at the Akron U. game and hope to see all at the father/son banquet on Dec.3.

The Navajo would like to wish a Happy Birthday to: Brian Roberts, Dylan Vinciguerra, Craig Jenkins and Matthew Modena.

The Navajo tribe completed their service project on November 11 helping out a family in need doing chores such as raking leaves, installing gutters, patching drywall, trim work and other misc. chores. Thanks to all!!

Manikiki Nation 2006-07 Event Calendar

October Event:	Family Outing / Corn Maze	November Event:	U of A Zips Football
Place:	Maize Valley Farm	Place:	Akron Rubber Bowl
Date:	October 15 th	Date:	Saturday November 4 th
Time:	1:00 – 4:00 pm	Time:	Tailgate Party 11:00am, Game 1:00
Event Type / Award:	Family / Bead	Event Type / Award:	Family / Bead
Cost:	Adults \$6, Kids \$5	Cost:	Adult \$5
Sponsor / Budget:	Mandan / \$500	Sponsor / Budget:	Mingo / \$200
December Event:	Father-Son Banquet	December Event:	Christmas Project (tribe event)
Place:	Guy's Party Center	Place:	n/a
Date:	Sunday, December 3rd	Date:	n/a
Time:	1:00 – 5:00 pm	Time:	n/a
Event Type / Award:	Father-Son / Claw	Event Type / Award:	Fathers-Son / Special Bead
Cost:	FREE ... paid by fund raiser	Cost:	n/a
Sponsor / Budget:	Arapaho & Council / \$4500	Sponsor / Budget:	All tribes / mand1atory
January Event:	U of A Zips Basketball	February Event:	Bowling
Place:	Akron U JAR Arena	Place:	Park Center Lanes
Date:	Sunday, January 21st	Date:	Saturday, February 10th
Time:	2 pm	Time:	2 pm
Event Type / Award:	Family / Bead	Event Type / Award:	Father-Son / Bead
Cost:	TBD	Cost:	TBD
Sponsor / Budget:	Blackhawk / \$0	Sponsor / Budget:	Creek / \$300
February Event:	Fundraiser – Reverse Raffle	March Event:	Late Night Party at YMCA
Place:	Guy's Party Center	Place:	Green Family YMCA
Date:	Saturday, February 17th	Date:	Saturday, March 24th
Time:	6:00 pm – Midnight	Time:	Overnight
Event Type / Award:	Adults / mandatory event	Event Type / Award:	Father-Son / Bead
Cost:	\$55 / ticket (3 required)	Cost:	TBD
Sponsor / Budget:	Council / \$1000	Sponsor / Budget:	Crow / \$400
April Event:	FASCAR Derby	May Event:	Spring Campout
Place:	Green Family YMCA	Place:	Y-Noah Campground
Date:	Saturday, April 21st	Date:	TBD
Time:	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Time:	Fri evening – Sun morning
Event Type / Award:	Father- Son/Claw or Special	Event Type / Award:	Fathers & Son / Arrowhead
Cost:	\$5 per car kit	Cost:	TBD (\$110 per family)
Sponsor / Budget:	Comanche-Arapaho / \$500	Sponsor / Budget:	Apache-Cherokee / \$1300
Memorial Day:	Memorial Day Parade (makeup)	June Comm. Svc. Proj:	ACS Relay For Life (makeup)
Place:	Green High School	Place:	Green Memorial Stadium
Date:	Monday, May 28th	Date:	TBD
Time:	9:30am lineup, 10:30 stepoff	Time:	Friday night-Saturday noon
Event Type:	Guides-Princesses w' Dads	Event Type:	Family / Special Bead
Cost:	N/A	Cost:	Just a little of your time!
Sponsor / Budget:	Council / \$80 for candy+	Sponsor / Budget:	Council / donation TBD
June Event:	Akron Aeros Game & Fireworks	July Event:	Open (Rodeo, Family Picnic?)
Place:	Canal Park, Akron	Place:	TBD
Date:	TBD	Date:	TBD
Time:	TBD	Time:	TBD
Event Type:	Family	Event Type:	TBD
Cost:	TBD	Cost:	TBD
Sponsor / Budget:	Kickapoo / \$0	Sponsor / Budget:	Cherokee / \$400
August Event:	Open (Rodeo, Family Picnic?)	September Event:	Fall Campout
Place:	TBD	Place:	TBD (Fitch or Mohican?)
Date:	TBD	Date:	TBD
Time:	TBD	Time:	Fri evening – Sun morning
Event Type:	TBD	Event Type / Award:	Father-Son / Arrowhead
Cost:	TBD	Cost:	TBD
Sponsor / Budget:	Navaho / \$400	Sponsor / Budget:	Mohawk-Crow / \$1300

Supplies: \$500, Membership Drive; \$200. YMCA Donation \$1000, Misc: \$3000. Total Budget \$15,000