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IPANY LONGHOUSE

for Indian Princesses & Indian Guides

OLD PORTAGE LONGHOUSE

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Fall/Winter, 2009



FROM THE BIG CHIEFS

Chief Blind Squirrel:

Greetings Princesses and Braves,

I am Jim Koewler. In Indian Princesses, I am called Blind Squirrel, and I am from the Yellow Creek tribe. My daughter, Miranda, called Blooming Rose, is a seventh grader at Revere Middle School. I consider it an honor to serve the great Ipany Longhouse as Chief of Chiefs again this year.

We've gotten this year off to a fantastic start. We had a tremendous turnout at our fall campout, September 18-20. We had over 275 Princesses and Braves! We also had warm, dry weather. It was a great campout!

I want to recognize Shoshone "sound man" Mike Carrino who bailed me out of trouble at the fall campout. The longhouse has a CD player that the Chief of Chiefs takes in the canoe that plays that cool music as the Chief comes to shore. That CD player gave out as we were getting ready for the ceremony. Mike quickly loaded our music, a piece called "O Great Spirit," into his equipment and got it going for our ceremony.

This is the second fall campout in a row that Mike has had to get me out of trouble. As many of you will recall, I was losing my voice during the fall campout weekend in 2008. Mike had a microphone ready for me at the ceremony. Without that microphone, no one would have heard me. Thanks, Mike - twice!

After the campout, we had our annual hayride on October 24 for both the Guides and Princesses. (Thanks to the Shawnee for running this event.) Unfortunately, it was a chilly, rainy Saturday, but those that attended had a good time.

On November 14, we had our outing with the Guides to a Cavaliers game. (Thanks to the Princesses' Yellow Creek tribe for organizing this event.) Seventy-five people attended the game (and sat in the rafters.) Most importantly, the Princesses and young Braves went down on the playing floor during the pre-game festivities and High Fived the Cavs as they come out of the locker room. (If you want to participate in 2010, look for emails around mid-September. The Yellow Creek tribe usually has families sign up during the Princesses' fall campout.) Photos of the High Five Squad are, or soon will be, available at www.liveyouryear.com. (Click on "enter site." Then click on "View/Purchase Photos." Then click on "Action Photos." Then, under Junior High/Middle Schools, Groups & Leagues, select "Cavs Entertainment." Then click on "2009 - 11/14 Cavs Entertainment." Our princesses are shown in photos 109 – 115, and 150 - 216.)

On December 6, we had our annual ice

skating party at Center Ice. (Thanks to the Omaha tribe for organizing this event.) We had a nice turnout, and everyone had a good time.

Next, we have our annual tobogganing outing in January, followed by our homemade car races in February, and Adventure Day in March. In April, we'll have our spring campout.

Then, like we did last year, we will continue our activities into the summer. In May, we will have our outing to Fun-n-Stuff in Macedonia, and an Akron Aeros game probably in June. (We'll again try to get tickets for a fireworks night at the Aeros game.) Finally, we will have a family picnic in August. I look forward to seeing lots of Princesses and Braves at these events.

Best of all about our new year, we welcomed **46 new** Princesses at camp! Pat Gorey, our Medicine Man, along with the Guides' Medicine Man, Brian Kenyon (who is also the Princesses' Tally Keeper,) did an awesome job organizing this year's recruiting effort for the two longhouses. Please give them an "atta boy" when you see them.

Part of the growth in new members probably resulted from the float that the Ipany Longhouse and Old Portage Longhouse entered in the Fairlawn Independence Day parade, the Bath Community Day parade, and the Richfield Community Day parade. The float was beautiful. (Look for photos on the website.) Medicine Man Pat Gorey headed a group that got the float designed and built. We also handed out headbands at the parades. The Princesses, Guides and Big Braves that rode the float or marched alongside had a great time.

Special thanks go out to Jim Nixon, a Hiawatha alumnus, for donating the wagon for the float and pulling the float in two of the three parades. Steve Zeller, of the Yellow Creek tribe, pulled the float in the third parade.

Let's keep this recruiting effort going. Tell your friends how much fun you have with Indian Princesses. Try to get them to join. If they're not sure they want to join, invite them to visit one of our events. Then, they can see how much they'd enjoy Princesses.

Finally, I was sad to see that several of our Shoshone girls took their eagle feathers at the fall campout. They have said "goodbye" to Indian Princesses. As fathers, most of us have some emotional difficulty watching our daughters grow up. For me, as I hand out the eagle feathers, and for Eric "Chief Wozozompey" Smith (our Sachem) as he wishes the departing girls farewell on behalf of our longhouse, this part of the ceremony is emotionally tough as well. (It's probably tough for other dads too, but I know about Eric because we have talked about it.) So, dads, treasure your time in Indian Princesses. All too soon, your daughters will grow up.

By the way, the other dads in my own Yellow Creek tribe tried to talk my daughter into coming down for the eagle feather ceremony at last spring's campout. I think they wanted to see me suffer.

In closing, I ask any of you with a question, a concern, a comment, or an idea about our Longhouse to call me at 330-659-3579 (my office number) or email me at jimip2007@koewler.net. If you prefer to meet with me, my wigwam is at 3578 Burrwood Drive in Richfield.

I look forward to seeing all of you, and some new recruits, at our events.

Friends Always!
Jim "Blind Squirrel" Koewler
Chief of Chiefs, Ipany Longhouse

Chief Thunder-Hawk:

Greetings Guides and Braves,

I am Jeff Gorbach, my Indian Guide name is Chief Thunder-hawk. I have been involved with the Indian Guides program for over ten years. My youngest son Nathan a.k.a. Tom-a-Hawk, and I are members of the Mohawk tribe. It is a privilege for me to serve the Old Portage Longhouse as Chief of Chiefs.

I am also privileged to be a part of the Council of Elders who help guide the Longhouse, coordinate activities, and conduct a lot of behind the scenes work that will help the Indian Guides grow and prosper. This is a group of braves, who like me, have sons in guides and have the unique opportunity to demonstrate leadership through volunteerism to our sons. This is great group of guys. We are lucky to have them.

We had an awesome campout. Thanks to Brian Kenyon our "Medicine Man" who took the lead on recruiting this past summer and fall. We had 170 Braves and guides at Camp. This is well more than double we had in the past few campouts so thanks again Brian! We also had warm, dry weather which was such a bonus for early November. The council fire was "hot" thanks to Toby Rosenthal. You've got to love Toby's motto: "Fire is good". His singing wasn't shabby either as he gave a great rendition of Happy Trails to Campy Y-Noah director Kyle Cooley during an Eagle Ceremony honoring her service to many campers. It was an awesome campout. Spread the word.

We recently had our December Longhouse event, Ice Skating, It was well attended. It was great to see many families at the event. January's Longhouse event is something for everyone to look forward to – tobogganing at the Chalet in Strongsville. Like all of our Longhouse events we participate with the Canal Square Indian Princess program members. Many Dads are members of both and remember families are always welcome

at the Longhouse Events.

In February we will hold the annual FASCAR derby. We have many new boys in our tribe so I'm looking forward to a large turnout. I'll be taking orders in January for car kits. This is a great opportunity for you and your son to work to build not only a cool car but lasting memories. My boys save them and have them displayed in their rooms at home. It will also give you the opportunity to be creative, use power tools spend some quality time with your guide.

March will be here before you know it and we'll looking forward to spring and will have "Adventure Day" at Virginia Kendall. The Spring Campout is scheduled for April. Make sure to spread the word about how great camp is. We need to grow the Longhouse so that at future campouts we will not need to share the camp with anyone. The best way to increase our membership is by word of mouth so get busy and spread the word.

School friends, neighborhood pals, cousins, anyone is welcome to join. During the campout my son Nathan mentioned to me that "Boys that are not here don't know what they are missing." I agree, let's make it fun for more boys.

We had fun during the summer by participating in three community parades, Fairlawn, Bath and Richfield. This was something new the Guides and Princesses; we initially thought these we would be good recruiting events and I'm sure they helped spread the word. More importantly they turned out to be great fun for everyone who participated in them. We will continue these next year and hope to get more folks to join in the fun! Many thanks to a lot of folks who help build the floats, passed out headbands, threw candy and helped spread the word.

"Time with your child is never wasted" I got that saying from Pat Gorey who some of you may know from the Indian Princesses. It's a saying that has stayed with me and I think

about often. As Fathers we have a unique relationship and responsibility to our son's that we should not take for granted – Nor should we put off spending time with them today as “Yesterdays” “Last months” and “Last Years” come way too soon.

Once again I encourage you all to take full advantage of the Indian Guides program and “Spread the Word”. If you want to volunteer to host a monthly tribe event, or better yet introduce a new Longhouse event that would be terrific. We have a great group of dads and an even better group of boys. You get a lot more out of volunteering than you put into it - Trust me - I know.

Should you have any comments or suggestion on how to improve the Indian Guides Program Please contact me at 330-864-7704 or via e-mail at jeffgorbach@neo.rr.com.

Happy Holidays!

Pals Forever!

Jeff Gorbach
Chief Thunder-Hawk
Chief of Chiefs, Old Portage Longhouse

Tribe Meetings

The individual tribes should be continuing to hold their monthly meetings. Your tribe is the heart of Indian Guides and Princesses – within your tribe you will find new friends and new experiences. Make sure to go to as many tribe meetings as you can!

If you have a great idea for a tribe meeting, tell your tribe chief (and volunteer to host the event!) Good meetings make a strong tribe, and a strong tribe makes a great time in Indian Guides and Princesses!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A FUN-FILLED YEAR!

See the schedule below for the remaining events organized for all longhouse members this year.

As a reminder, **all Longhouse events (except for camp) are joint events for both Guides and Princesses and are open to the entire family** so feel free to **bring moms, brothers & sisters**. These are also great events to **bring along a friend you think might enjoy Guides & Princesses as much as you do!** Be sure to let your tribe chief know when you plan on attending an event. Also, be sure to thank the sponsoring tribe for their good efforts! Check the website for updates to the schedule listed below.

All sponsoring tribes should send details of their events to Chief Wild Mustang (Brian Kenyon) bkenyon@rockhall.org, or (330) 668-2410, as soon as possible so that the correct information can be printed in our Smoke Signal newsletter.

Y-Indian Princesses:

April 23-25, 2010
Camp out at Y-Noah

Y-Indian Guides:

April 30 - May 2, 2010
Camp out at Y-Noah

Joint Outings Y-Guides & Princesses:

January 9, 2010
Tobogganing Party - 8:00 to 11:00 am
The Chalet in Mill Stream Run Reservation
Valley Parkway, Strongsville
Tribe Sponsor: Chippewa
See Attached Flyer

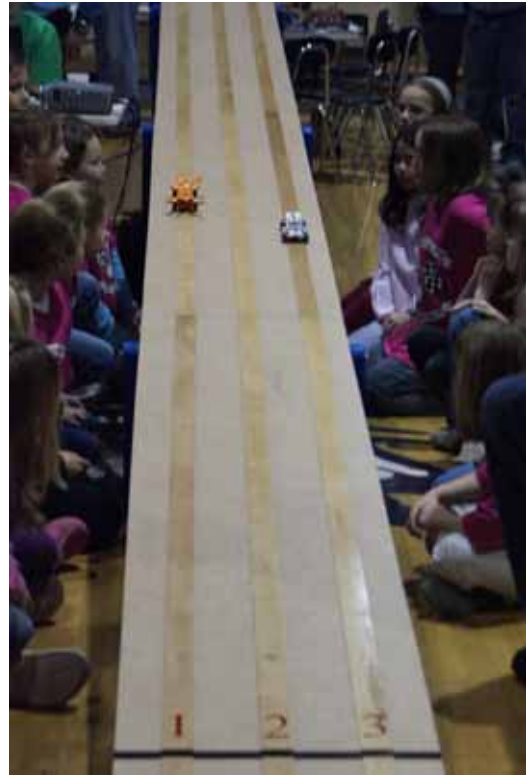
February 2010 (date and time TBA)
Powderpuff and FASCar Races

March 20, 2010
Adventure Day at Virginia Kendall Park
Noon- 4:00 pm
Tribe Sponsor: Fox

May 15, 2010 (time TBA)
Fun-N-Stuff Outing, Macedonia

June, 2010 (date and time TBA)
Aeros Game

August 1, 2010 (time TBA)
Family Picnic



January Longhouse Event Joint Event for Princesses and Guides TOBOGGANING PARTY

Princesses and Guides – Tobogganing Party (Sat, Jan. 9, 2010, from 8:00-11:00 am)

Imagine a sled on steroids, and you've got an idea what it's like to ride a toboggan down the chutes at The Chalet in Mill Stream Run Reservation in Strongsville. The two 1000-foot toboggan chutes are refrigerated ice, so they are fast and super-smooth, and ready to go even if there is no snow on the ground! The Chalet provides toboggans that are just the right size for a family of four, so all you need to bring is yourself. If Mom is nervous, you can reassure her that the chutes are operated with careful attention to safety by the Cleveland Metroparks staff. There is a nice Chalet with fireplaces, restrooms, donuts and hot chocolate for a warm break between the runs. We will have the place to ourselves, and the cost is just \$5.00 per person, which includes use of toboggans and toboggan chutes along with donuts and hot drinks. This is a good activity to bring the whole family, or perhaps a friend who might be interested in joining your tribe.



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Brian Kenyon of the Ipany Chippewa Tribe is in charge of this event. For more info and driving directions, see the next page of this announcement. Thanks to Chippewa Tribe of Ipany Longhouse for sponsoring this event.

January Longhouse Event TOBOGGANING PARTY

Experience the thrill of tobogganing at The Chalet in Mill Stream Run Reservation, located on Valley Parkway between Routes 42 and 82 in Strongsville (a short distance from both I-71 and the Ohio Turnpike). The two 1,000-foot refrigerated ice chutes operate with or without snow the day after Thanksgiving through February, weather permitting. In addition to tobogganing, guests can enjoy the facility with two fireplaces, a large-screen television, indoor restrooms, and a main gathering area.

All children **must be at least 42 inches tall** to ride. Children 11 and under must be accompanied by an adult. **All riders must wear gloves or mittens.**

WHERE: The Chalet in Mill Stream Run Reservation, Valley Parkway, Strongsville (see below for driving directions). For more information on the toboggan chutes, call (440) 572-9990, or see www.clemetparks.com/recreation/tobogganing

WHEN: Saturday, January 9, 2010; 8:00–11:00 a.m.

COST: \$5.00 per person (cost includes use of toboggans and toboggan chutes). Donuts, hot chocolate and coffee will be provided.



The Chalet
16200 Valley Parkway
Strongsville, Ohio 44136
(440) 572-9990

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Cleveland Metroparks
MILL STREAM RUN
RESERVATION

COMING NORTH ON I-71 FROM SOUTH

Exit at Route 82 (Exit 231). Turn right at end of off ramp traveling east. Travel less than 1 mile to first traffic light (Valley Parkway), turn left onto Valley Parkway. The Chalet is down the road approximately 1.5 miles on the left hand side.

COMING SOUTH ON I-71 FROM NORTH

Exit on Route 42 (Exit 234). Turn right at end of off ramp traveling south towards Strongsville. Travel approximately 1.8 miles to fifth traffic light (Valley Parkway), turn left onto Valley Parkway. The Chalet is down the road approximately 1.5 miles on the right hand side.

OHIO TURNPIKE - EXIT 164 (OLD EXIT 10)

Directly after toll booths, take exit to extreme right, Route 42 - Pearl Rd. This exit winds around and goes past Ranger Headquarters on the left, and past RTA Park-N-Ride on right. Continue straight, following sign to Route 42 - Pearl Road. Turn left onto Route 42. At first traffic light (.2 miles), turn left onto Valley Parkway. The Chalet is down the road approx. 1.5 miles on the right hand side.

COMING I-77 TO ROUTE 82

Exit I-77 at Route 82. Take Route 82 west towards Strongsville. Travel approximately 7.6 miles to Valley Parkway. Turn right (north) on Valley Parkway traveling 1.5 miles to the Chalet, located on the left hand side of the road.

COMING FROM EAST SIDE (IN CHAGBIN)

Take I-271 to I-480 west. Continue on I-480 west to I-71 south. Exit I-71 at Route 42 (Exit 234). Turn right at end of off ramp, head south towards Strongsville. Travel less than two miles on Pearl Rd. to Valley Parkway, turn left onto Valley Parkway. The Chalet is on down the road approx. 1.5 miles on the right hand side.

Sponsor: Ipany - Chippewa Tribe. Questions? Contact Brian Kenyon (bkenyon@rockhall.org) home phone: (330) 668-2410