

# SMOKE SIGNALS

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for Indian Princesses & Indian Guides

OLD PORTAGE LONGHOUSE

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## Winter/Spring, 2010

### FROM THE BIG CHIEFS

#### **Chief Blind Squirrel:**

Greetings Again Princesses and Braves,

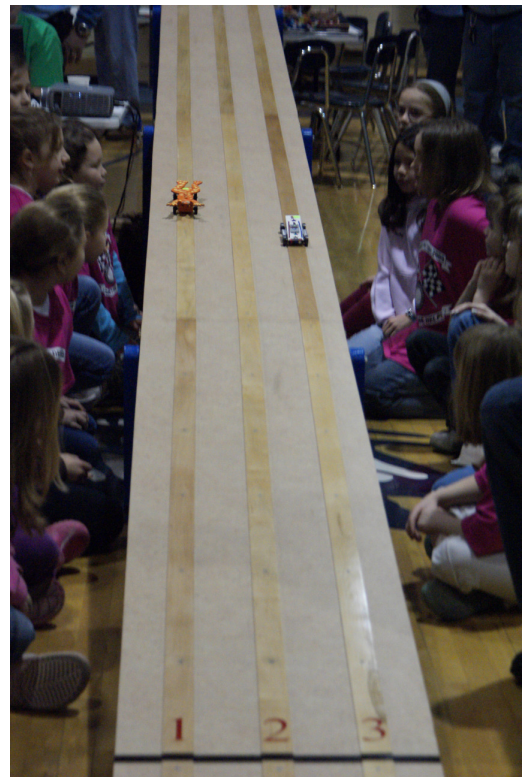


I am Jim Koewler. In Indian Princesses, I am called Blind Squirrel, and I am from the Yellow Creek tribe. My daughter, Miranda, called Blooming Rose, is a seventh grader at Revere Middle School. I consider it an honor to serve the great Ipany Longhouse as Chief of Chiefs again this year.

We had great events in January, February and March, keeping up the momentum from our strong start to the year.



In January, we had our annual tobogganing day with the Indian Guides from the Old Portage Longhouse. It was a great success. More than 220 of us rode the toboggans. With the light snow that was falling, the sleds went past the end of the toboggan chutes all the way to the road. That was a blast! Thanks go out to the Princesses' Chippewa tribe for organizing the event.



In February, we had our annual Powder Puff Derby car races. The last February snowstorm forced us out of Copley Middle School. Big thanks go out to Shoshone Chief Jeff "Tail Gator" Moshier for getting us

into St. Paul's Church on just a few hours notice. We extended the weigh-in to Saturday morning, moved the start of the races back a couple of hours, and, with the use of a borrowed Cub Scout Pinewood Derby track, ran the younger Princesses' races and the older Princesses' races at the same time. Despite the weather, we finished everything Saturday afternoon. 119 different Princesses raced. Our winners were:

#### Races – 9 and younger

1<sup>st</sup>: Erin Stock – Shawnee  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Evelyn Thoman – Shawnee  
3<sup>rd</sup>: - Angela Peterson – Shawnee  
(The Shawnee sweep has prompted threats, in jest, I'm sure, to launch an investigation.)

#### Best Design – 9 and younger

1<sup>st</sup>: Margaux Miller – Tiger Lilies  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Kelsey Juchnowski – Tiger Lilies  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Sara Schoenknecht – Yellow Creek

#### Best Indian Theme – 9 and younger

1<sup>st</sup>: Molly Moshier – Shoshone  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Rachel Fox – Shoshone  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Sophie Weeks – Shoshone

#### Races – 10 and older

1<sup>st</sup>: Evelyn Solis – Yellow Creek  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Hannah Kenyon - Chippewa  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Shannon Leffler - Omaha

#### Best Design – 10 and older

1<sup>st</sup>: Bridget Weidt - Shawnee  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Cali Amato - Omaha  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Sarah Shriber - Tiger Lilies

#### Best Indian Theme – 10 and older

1<sup>st</sup>: Sophie Weeks - Shoshone  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Christina Gorey – Fox/Cayuga  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Lindsey Spann – Yellow Creek

Congratulations to all of our winners, and thanks to all of our participants who braved the elements!

Kudos to the Princesses' Shoshone tribe for putting the event together and to the Old Portage Longhouse for its cooperation in

arranging the Princesses' and Guides' races on the same weekend. Additional thanks go out to the moms chosen from the audience who judged the design contest.

In March, we had our Adventure Day with the Old Portage Longhouse Indian Guides. More than 100 people attended for a day of field games, hot dogs, cave exploring, and a scavenger hunt. The weather was fantastic, and everyone had a great time. Thanks to the Fox/Cayuga tribe for organizing Adventure Day again this year.

Next, we have our annual Spring Campout. At the spring campout, I expect to step down as Chief of Chiefs. My successor will be elected at the April Chiefs meeting.

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, with an Akron Aeros game probably in June. (We'll again try to get tickets for a fireworks night at the Aeros game.) We will have a family picnic in early August followed just a few days later by parades in Richfield, Bath, and, perhaps, Copley. I look forward to seeing lots of Princesses and Braves at these events.

A proposal has been made to amend our Constitution and Bylaws. It has been proposed to add a member to the Council of Elders who would be in charge of the Ipany Longhouse's processions at campouts and its participation in parades in the community. In honor of an historical Indian leader who traveled from tribe to tribe attempting to forge peaceful relations, this new position, if it is enacted, will be called Tecumseh.

Let's keep our Longhouse growing. 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, even a campout. Then, they can see how much they'd enjoy Princesses.

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 at our events.

Friends Always!

Jim "Blind Squirrel" Koewler  
Chief of Chiefs, Ipany Longhouse

### **Chief Thunder-Hawk:**

Greetings again, Guides and Braves of the Old Portage Longhouse!



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.

Spring is finally here and along with looking forward to the sunshine, warmer weather and longer days we have our spring campout just around the corner.

In January, we had our annual tobogganing day with the Indian Princesses from the Ipany Longhouse. It is always a fun and is well attended event with over 220 thrill seekers in attendance. Thanks go out to the Princesses' Chippewa tribe for organizing the event.



In February, we had our annual FAScar (Father and Son car) Derby car races. This event is also coordinated with the Indian Princess and we owe a great big "Thank You" to Jeff Moshier of the Shoshone tribe for helping arrange last minute accommodations due to a snow cancellation at Copley Middle School. The boys put together some awesome cars and everyone had a ton of fun. Additional thanks go out to Dave Basinski for manning the brackets, Mike Carino - we just call him "Audio" for Emceeing and use of his equipment, Brian Kenyon and Toby Rosenthal for running the cars... And let's not forget Russ Marchetta for his help in some last minute track adjustments.... Russ, the track is awesome!!!! Every racer also got a t-shirt that we hope they will wear proudly. We had 57 Boys in the race.

Our winners were:

### **Races – 8 and younger**

1<sup>st</sup>: Charlie Durkin – Winnebago

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mike Eichoff – Erie

3<sup>rd</sup>: Patrick McGrath - Sioux

## Races – 9 and over

1<sup>st</sup>: Corey Zaher - Sioux

2<sup>nd</sup>: Will Petit - Winnebago

3<sup>rd</sup>: Joe Kenyon -Sioux

We also had several winners in the best Indian them, Non Indian Theme and Best Spots design... Here are a few highlights...

Joe Kenyon's, "Guitar Car", Ben Rosenthal tribute to the Olympics and the Awesome "Snow Board Car", Ethan Gutknecht had an amazing "Camp Y-Noah Car", Jack Basinski ran straight and true with his "Arrow Car" Owen Presper had a Cool "Pirate Car" and let's not forget the Halloween tribute car: "The skeleton on wheels' by Neil Donohue.

Congratulations to all of our winners, our Longhouse showed some incredible craftsmanship, creativity and you can tell all had fun at the Derby. Best of all the boys got to have "Fun with Dad"

Let's make next year's event even bigger, Spread the word – the Derby was really fun.

Thanks to the Indian Princess Fox/Cayuga tribe for hosting the March Longhouse event – Adventure day at Virginia Kendall. They had events like the scavenger hunt, hike to Ice box cave, crafts and incredible Hot Dogs. The weather was fantastic, and everyone had a great time.

At the end of April we have our Spring Campout. It's scheduled for April 30- May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Make sure you let your tribe chief know if you can attend. The years go by fast and the boys really look forward to the campfires, activities and just hanging out with dad. We plan on having the Zip Line again this campout which was a huge hit during the fall. I'm looking forward to seeing many fathers and sons at the campout. Don't forget your torches as the procession plus boys carrying fire equals lifelong memories.

We've expanded activities beyond the spring campout with activities in the summer. In

May, we will have our outing to Fun-n-Stuff in Macedonia, with an Akron Aeros game probably in June. We are coordinating a "Camp in the outfield" night at Canal Park as well. (We'll again try to get tickets for a fireworks night at the Aeros game.) We will have a family picnic in early August followed just a few days later by parades in Richfield, Bath, and, perhaps, Copley. Last years parades were incredibly fun for the guides, many rode on the floats while others enjoyed passing out headbands and candy along the routes. If you can make this years you should. Last year we won an award at the Fairlawn parade for our float entry.

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We need to continue to add new members, Organic growth by word of mouth is essential to growing the Longhouse, spread the word with neighbors, schoolmates and friends. Those who do not participate do not get to enjoy the bond that you can only get between a father and son through Indian Guides.

Should you have any comment, suggestions or want to more involved through participation, please let me know. I can best be reached at (330) 864-7704.

Remember "time spent with your child is never wasted".

Pals Forever!

Chief Thunder Hawk, aka...Jeff Gorbach  
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](mailto: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:**

**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

