



NATIONAL LONGHOUSE DRUM BEATS

THE NATIONAL NEWSLETTER OF NATIVE SONS & DAUGHTERS PROGRAMS



Snow Shoe Moon
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Welcome to the 6th edition of National Longhouse Drum Beats, the national newsletter of Native Sons & Daughters Programs. The purpose of this newsletter is to broadcast news and information, both fun and important, to the membership in all Longhouses across this great program of ours. Be proud in knowing that you belong to a growing program that is coast-to-coast across our great country.

From the Teepee of your National Chief

Big How!! I hope everyone had a great holiday and that you were able to spend time with your families!

I would think that by now our new members are getting settled in and are enjoying the program. I am sure your Longhouse are hard at work planning camp outs and outings for you and your tribe. I want to welcome our two new Longhouses to the program, the mighty Eola Federation out of Orlando, Florida and the Tocabaga Federation out of Tampa, Florida.



I know that a lot of Longhouses are struggling with recruitment these days. As your National Chief I recognize these issues and am determined to come up with some solutions. We have such a great program that I want other men and women to experience what we all experience every time we spend time with our kids. Getting the word out there is key and everyone can help with this. Don't be afraid of social media and tell your friends, family and neighbors about your personal experience in the program. I was glad 15 years ago that a bunch of strange men informed me about it and am proud to say that these same men have become my best friends.

Keep doing what you are doing, it shows well that we have role models being produced from our program and future leaders of tomorrow. We are all in this together and if you have any suggestions or recommendations on how to grow our program, please let me know. May the Great Spirit allow the sunshine to thaw your sacred camping grounds in time for spring.

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Bryan "Big Wolf" Davis

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National Longhouse News

National Council of Officers



The 2014-16 National Council of Officers was confirmed on May 3rd, 2014 at the National Longhouse Annual Meeting. These Great Chiefs have stepped up to fill these important national positions. The NCO officers and their positions are as follows:

Name	Position	Email
Bryan "Big Wolf" Davis	National Chief	nationalchief@nationallonghouse.org
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New National Longhouse Website Launched

National Longhouse is proud to announce the launch of their new redesigned website in January 2015. Hours of hard work were invested by Web Spinner Scott Klueppel to design this new and fresh looking website for NLL Native Sons & Daughters Programs. Check out resources and information that are easier to navigate and locate! More resources and additional materials are planned for the near future.

<http://www.nationallonghouse.org>

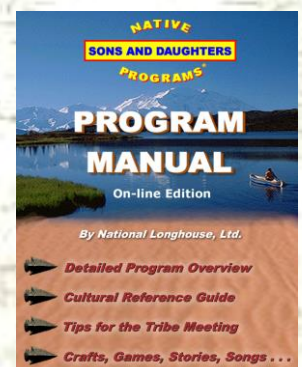
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MEMORIES
WITH YOUR KIDS**

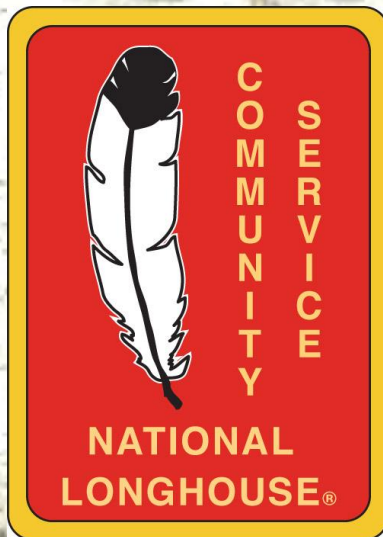


NSD PROGRAM MANUAL

Now Available for download on the new NSD website-Click on the Program Manual tab.

A vast resource of helpful materials for all membership. Program history, National Longhouse structure, Tribes, Awards, Campouts, Native American Program Theme, etc. View and/or print as you like!





The Community Service Project 2014-2015

Deadline for submitting reports is March 15th, 2015

Awards distributed by April 15, 2014

See the full brochure, project detail and reporting form at...

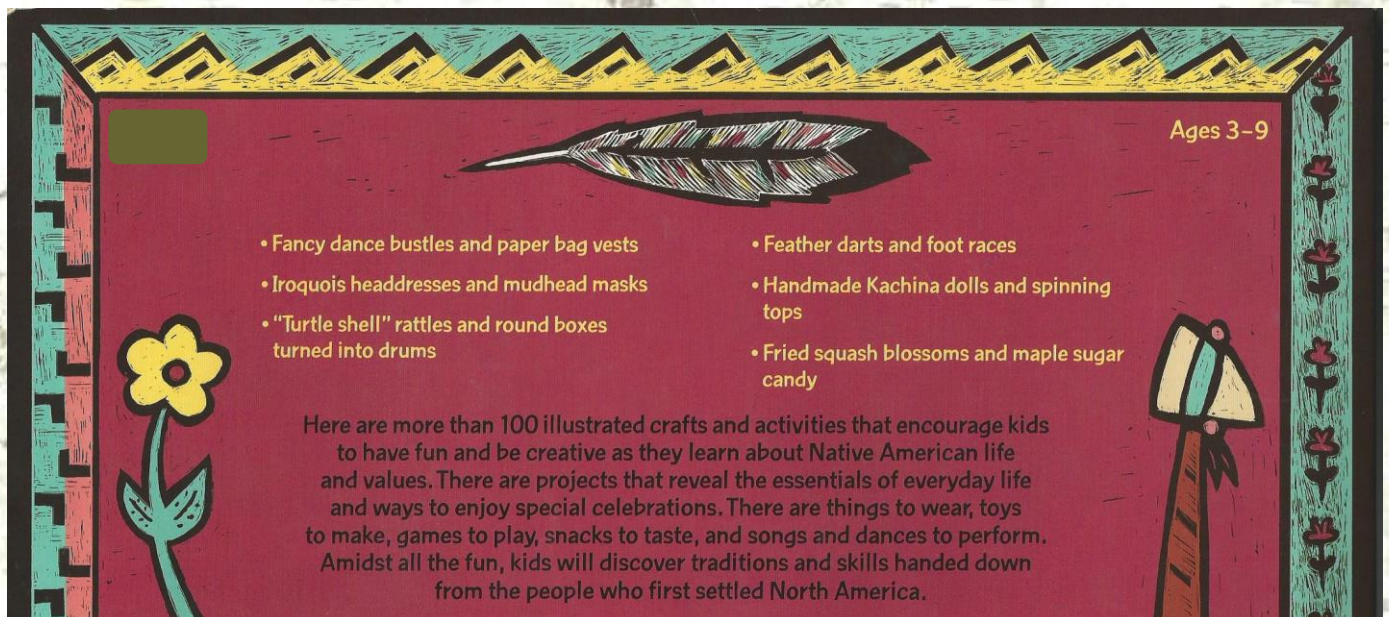
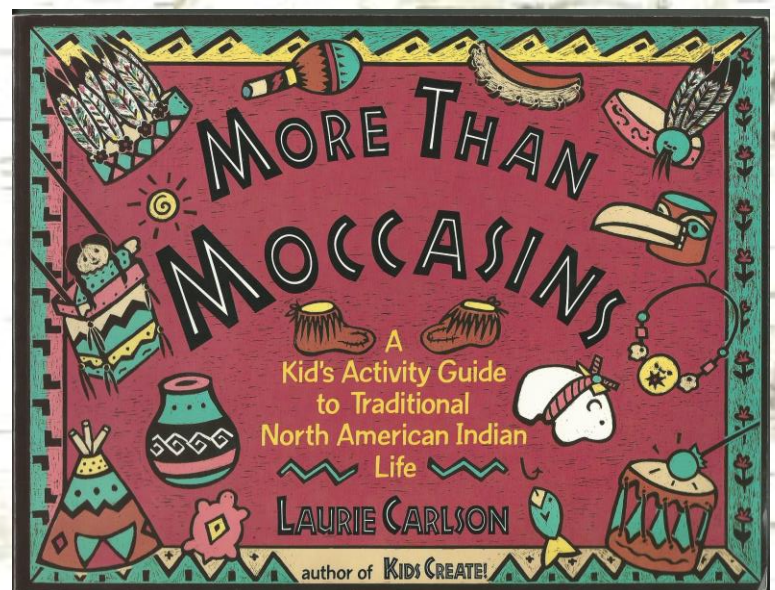
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National Longhouse invites all Longhouses and tribes to participate in this worthy program-wide project. We are certain that many Longhouses are performing various service works in their communities. Report on your service works and be recognized!



A Great Activity Book for Tribes with Younger Sons & Daughters

**Available through online
and bookstore retailers**



2015 NLL Annual Meeting Dates Announced

The National Longhouse Annual Meeting will be held May 1st-3rd, 2015 in Gatlinburg, Tennessee at Sydney James Mountain Lodge, located in the heart of the Great Smoky Mountains. All other details are soon to be announced in RAL/Longhouse Leadership email communications and on the NLL website. Regional Advisory Lodges will be sending delegates to this important meeting. If you would have interest in volunteering as a delegate for your region, contact your Regional Chief, Longhouse Chief as well as National Chief Bryan Davis at nationalchief@nationallonghouse.org.



<http://sidneyjames.com/>

Great Lakes Regional Advisory Lodge

Representing the Longhouses of Ohio, Michigan & Indiana

Early Spring 2015 Meeting Date is March 28th

Great Lakes RAL announces the Spring 2015 meeting will be held on March 28th, 2015 at the Strongsville Fire Station #1, 11297 Webster Road in Strongsville, Ohio.

This meeting is open to all GLRAL adult leadership and membership. A minimum of 2 representatives from each Longhouse should attend but there is no limit. Meeting begins promptly at 10am and conclude by mid-afternoon. Lunch will be provided.

A primary agenda discussion will be the Longhouse summary report that will be taken to the NLL Annual Meeting in early May 2015 to voice the concerns and needs of the Regional Longhouses. Additional agenda will focus on recruitment ideas sharing and the NSD brand, as well as Longhouse operations and finances.



Also to be discussed will be the potential of a staging a 2016 Regional Campout. Your ideas and input are needed!

Also concerning the coming NLL Annual Meeting will be a discussion of who will be volunteering to represent GLRAL at that meeting. This is a great volunteer opportunity to represent your region and get exposure to the national level of the organization. Please consider volunteering.

This is a great sharing experience and an important opportunity for GLRAL Longhouses to network. Make plans to attend and represent your Longhouse!!

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Florida Regional Advisory Lodge

Notes and pictures submitted by FLRAL Chief Brian "Flaming Arrow" Quirk



The Florida RAL held its Fall 2015 meeting on October 25th, 2014 outside of Daytona Beach. All 4 NSD Longhouses were represented at this event and more than 375 total attendees participated in the first Great Sun/Timucuan joint Longhouse Campout. Also, many thanks to Mike Kimble from the new Eola Longhouse and Ryan King from upstart Tocabaga Longhouse for jumping on their ponies and making the long ride to attend.

The Timucuan Federation was represented by Chief Keith Armstrong and Medicine Man Mike Ryan; Great Sun Nation was represented by Nation Chief Stuart Borie; Eola Federation was represented by Chief Mike Kimble and upstart Tocabaga Nation was represented by Founding Chief Ryan King

and Dave Thomas. Florida RAL was represented by State Chief Brian Quirk.

The RAL meeting, conducted during the campout, included a Sage Blessing by Wild Eagle and many important discussions such as Recruiting, Brand Recognition, Community Service, Use of the Native American Theme, the Background Check program instituted by NLL this program year, Succession Planning and the upcoming March 2015 Florida Statewide Pow-Wow. The Pow-Wow includes all parent-child programs from the State of Florida.



FLRAL Meeting Participants



Some serious pumpkin carving by campers



Longhouse Spirit on Display

From FLRAL Chief Flaming Arrow in his 2015 New Year Message... As the Native Americans have stated, "Tell me and I'll forget. Show me, and I many not remember. Involve me, and I'll understand." Let the teachings of our forefathers guide us in our decisions in the New Year and continue to allow us to create the memories of a lifetime for our children. Each of us has seen the sun set on one more summer with our braves and princesses. We only have 18 summers to make a difference in our children's lives!

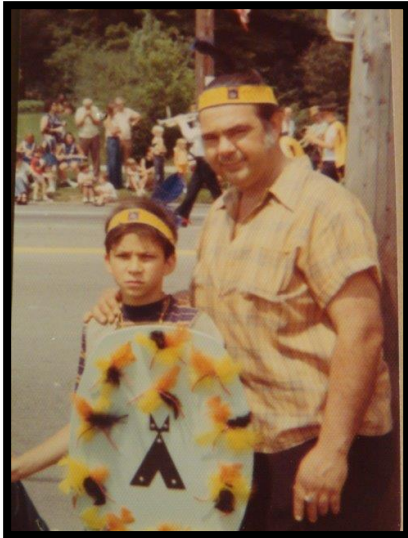
Longhouse Spirit

Crooked River: One Father's Lifetime of Memories

Submitted by Anthony, "Bald Eagle" Granata, Crooked River Longhouse



A LIFETIME OF MEMORIES



Young Bald Eagle with Father,
Bald Eagle, c 1972



Our program literature frequently makes references to creating a lifetime of memories, well here is some proof! I recently had a milestone birthday, and as one of my gifts my wife Lynne arranged to have some portrait studio pictures taken of my children that included their Crooked River vests! Below is one of those pictures, along with some older pictures of my son Alex and daughter Sofia and even one with my father (left). I hope all of you in the program can make similar memories!

Anthony Granata

Chief Bald Eagle, Sachem

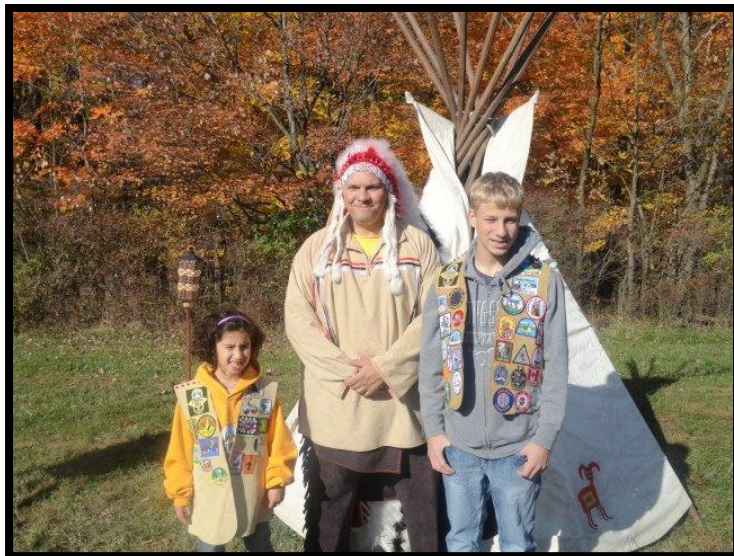
Father of Moonlight, Fox Tribe 2012 - present
Father of River Otter, Wichita Tribe 2004 - 2012,
Pathfinders 2012 - present
Son of Bald Eagle, Sioux Tribe 1970 - 1973



With River Otter, 2004



With Moonlight, 2013



Moonlight, Bald Eagle & River Otter, 2013



River Otter & Moonlight, 2014

Longhouse Special Story

Alabama Longhouse-Heroes Among Us

Submitted by Ben Tate, Alabama Longhouse

I would like you to read below an article from a community watch email. It talks about Adam Dixon, the Chief of our Choctaw Tribe (Koasati Nation) and his recent heroic act of pulling people from a burning house in November of 2014. My wife first saw it mentioned on Facebook. When I talked to Adam, he only mentioned that he had to go home and change clothes from the smoke afterwards, nothing else!! The most humble response from a heroic act!!! What makes the story even greater is the real magnitude of this fearless & dangerous act of saving 1-2 lives from a burning house fire! I wished I would have been there to help!!

HUNTSVILLE, Alabama--Two Huntsville men were awarded Medals of Valor Thursday night at the City Council meeting for their brave act of heroism. Captain Frank McKenzie with Huntsville Fire and Rescue said that Adam Dixon and his father-in-law Jeff LaRose saved a woman from a burning home on Nov. 16 in the 1000 block of Montdale Road. According to McKenzie, LaRose went to the doorway of the home and saw another woman inside. That's when Dixon went into the burning house and led the woman to safety. The two men were able to keep everyone out of the house until the fire department arrived. Although the woman who was rescued from inside the home, she was taken to the hospital, McKenzie said that if it weren't for the actions of the two men the results from the fire could have been much worse. "The actions of these two brave gentlemen deserved to be recognized for their heroic efforts," said McKenzie.



Adam "Roaring Tiger" Dixon with his daughters Lindsey "Silver Star" (L) and Lila "Diving Dolphin" (R)



Adam Dixon (left) and his father-in-law Jeff LaRose receive Medals of Valor at the Huntsville City Council meeting on Dec. 18, 2014.



Aftermath of the house fire, November 16, 2014

Longhouse Special Events

West Toledo Longhouse-Successful Recruiting Events

Submitted by: Steve "Lone Wolf" McLaughlin, Black Swamp Nation Chief

The Toledo Native Sons and Daughters program has a long history, but its membership had declined over the past 12 years. Beginning in 2014, we have made a concerted effort to market the program and attract new members. The Great Lakes Regional Advisory Lodge (GLRAL) and National Longhouse graciously chose to donate funds to assist with these efforts.

Our main focus this past year was to generate brand awareness and name recognition of the Toledo NSD program. To that end, a large portion of the GLR's donated money went to printing flyers. These were passed out to local schools, and several members of our group went to the schools' Orientation Days at the beginning of the school year. The majority of the flyers were for our Fall Campout and our first ever Recruiting Rally at a local Metropark. Also at the Rally, we had the unveiling of our group's new teepee, which was purchased with combined funds from the GLR and from our own fundraising efforts. A picture of the teepee was used in the flyers for the Rally, and served as a conversation piece at the Metropark. This Rally attracted record numbers of local residents interested in learning more about our program.



Longhouse members around the new nation Teepee



Sack races at a West Toledo recruitment Rally

Since then, we have had several new families join, and there is continued interest from the Rally. We have also been focusing on marketing, including articles in several local newspapers, the Toledo Area Parent journal, and a several-minute spot on a local news channel.

Remaining funds will be used to pay for flyers at upcoming activities including our Winter Campout, Pinewood Derby, and Spring Campout. Our recruiting efforts have been slowly but surely attracting new members, and we feel that we will be even more successful as people have now heard of our group several times now. We have continued to see an improved response from our efforts, and we are expecting our numbers to double this year.

We would like to extend a big Heap How to Mike Ivan of the GLRAL for his help with our efforts and to National Longhouse. The donated funds gave us the financing boost that we needed to begin marketing our program. Thank you so much for all that you've done to help us. It means so much to us to know that we have the continued support of the regional and national organizations. We hope to continue to report the growth in our local program.



Share Your Stories in the Drum Beats Newsletter

Does your Longhouse or Tribe have a great story to share? Share the news and pictures of your special events with all of Native Sons & Daughters membership. Send them to NSDNewsletter@nationallonghouse.org

Longhouse Special Events

Timucuan Federation-Toys for Tots and Costume Bowling

Submitted by: Brian "Flaming Arrow" Quirk, Timucuan Elder



Toys for Tots & Ice Skating Event

For the 9th consecutive year, on December 6th, 2014, the Native Sons and Daughters Timucuan Federation partnered with the U.S. Marines and their Toys for Tots holiday program. Over 100 of our children brought an unwrapped gift for a deserving boy or girl. Event coordinator, Michael "Wild Eagle" Ryan states, "Not every child is blessed to be able to open a gift on Christmas morning. This program teaches our children the importance of helping those less fortunate and is in line with one of the basic principles of the Native Sons and Daughters program." One of the corner stones of our program is Community Service and each member of each tribe is expected to volunteer in one of our many service projects throughout the year. This annual parent/child event is further highlighted by going ice skating at Jacksonville Ice. Paul "Howling Wolf" Hutchins was in charge of the entrance/exit onto the ice as this prevented him repeating his tumble at last year's event. All in all, our children had a great time skating with their parents and their friends. May the joy of the New Year transcend each of your families!



Also, the Timucuan Federation Native Sons and Daughters chapter braved spider webs, creepy noises, flickering lights, thunder, lighting and a fog filled room to gather for their annual Costume Bowling with their fathers. More than 100 of the club's children donned their very best costumes in order to compete with their dads for one of the coveted winning bowling pins. Event Co-hosts, Blue Fox and Kicking Buffalo took to the microphone and displayed the ability to overcome their own fears as the ghosts, goblins, werewolves, witches and other scary creatures were paraded by the judges. After much deliberation, the following were announced the winners of this year's contest.



Laughing Bear – Pathfinders
Soaring Bird – Pathfinders
Screaming Eagle – Pathfinders

Dancing Bear (R2D2) – Sahaptin Tribe
Giggling Bear (Shower) – Lake Tribe
Wildcat (Cinderella) – Cherokee Tribe



Costume Bowlers –winners listed below

Nightwolf (astronaut) – Yuma Tribe
Wandering Lizard (grim reaper) – Kickapoo Tribe
Little Fox (Igor) – Chippewa Tribe



Longhouse Special Events

Crooked River Longhouse-Welcomes Five New Tribes

Submitted by: Adam "Big Eagle" Rawlings

The Crooked River Longhouse in Northeast Ohio had a great recruiting season and welcomed 5 new tribes into our membership this year! The Tatanka, Ojibwa, Pawnee, Chippewa and Yuma tribes all became part of the Great Crooked River Longhouse and were welcomed at our annual Induction Ceremony in November. The parents and children exchanged vows to be "Pals Forever and Friends Always" during the White Feather Ceremony at the event. Chief Adam "Big Eagle" Rawlings was passed the torch of Longhouse Chief by outgoing Chief Aaron "Fishing Bear" Olson, who became Sachem and joined fellow Sachems Mike "Growling Bear" Ivan, Mike "Thunder Cloud" Sobera and Anthony "Bald Eagle" Granata who were also present to welcome the new tribes into the Longhouse!

As the new tribes were starting their journeys together, the Chief and Sachems made surprise visits to the new tribe's initial monthly tribe meetings to see how things were going. Many of us have been a part of Native Sons & Daughters for many moons, so it was a treat for us and exciting to see the wonder and awe in the eyes of the new young children as we arrived at the meetings and saw their work on their crafts and banners! All were excited to share their Native American names with the Chief and Sachems and it was encouraging to see the energy and excitement of each of the new tribes! The Chief and Sachems talked about The 6 Aims with each of the new tribes and also about how to "coup" an officer when they see one out in the community to be able to receive a "coup" feather at a campout from that officer to be able to add to their "coup" stick. The Chief and Sachems also presented each child with a "coup" feather to get their "coup" stick started!



The Five New Tribes of Native Sons & Daughters Programs Crooked River Longhouse

NSD PROGRAM LEGACY

Tribal Totems-A Long and Proud History

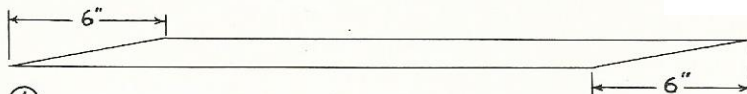
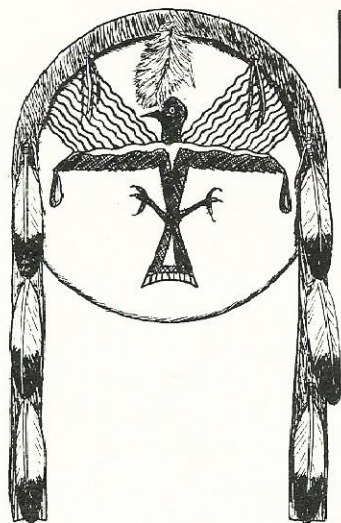
Tribal Totems have been a part of program tradition dating back to the early days of the original program, founded in 1926. Totems were commonly created for each tribe. Often, at the founding of a new tribe, the tribe would decide what design type of totem they would build to be part of the tribal property. One popular model was constructed of wooden blocks (or any stackable configuration) that would be placed onto stem base that would hold all the blocks up as a pole. A common tradition was for each family to receive a bare wooden block (hollow or solid) and they would be responsible to carve and/or paint design on it. Often, one side was a series of letters to spell out the tribe name. Other sides would often be carved or painted to represent the Indian names of the parent & child.



The picture above was taken in 1937 at a large gathering of tribes for the purpose of displaying their tribal property for other tribes to see and sometimes for competitive judging. These totems are a fine example of the pride and craftsmanship taken in building tribal; totems and in turn building tribal spirit. These traditions live on today in many Native Sons & Daughters tribes.

Native American Craftwork

DANCE SHIELD

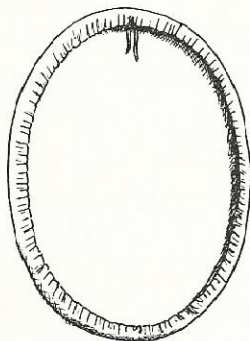
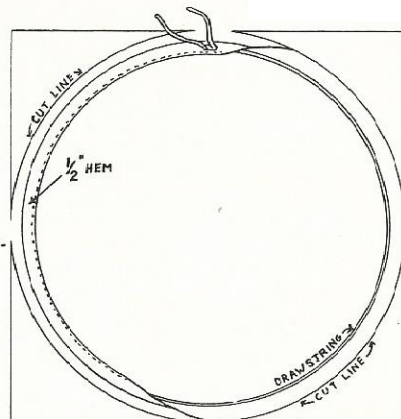


- ① CUT RATTAN AS SHOWN FOR 6" LAP.

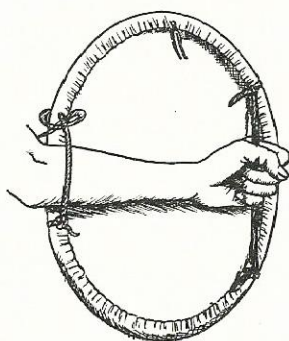


- ② FORM HOOP. WRAP LAP WITH TAPE AND DRIVE SMALL NAIL THRU LAP TO HOLD.

- ③ CUT CANVAS IN LARGEST POSSIBLE CIRCLE. SEW DRAWSTRING INTO $\frac{1}{2}$ " HEM ALL THE WAY AROUND. MAKE SLOT IN TOP OF HEM FOR DRAWSTRING TO EMERGE.



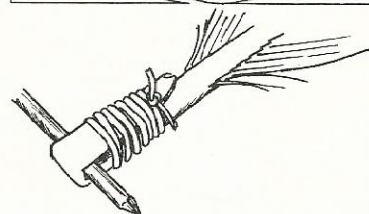
- ④ PLACE CANVAS OVER HOOP AND PULL DRAWSTRING TIGHT. A DESIGN MAY NOW BE PAINTED ON.



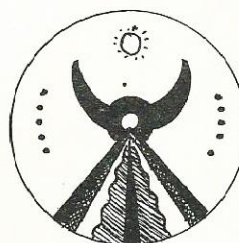
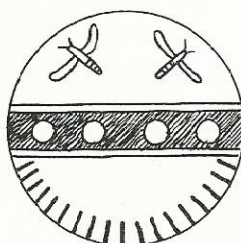
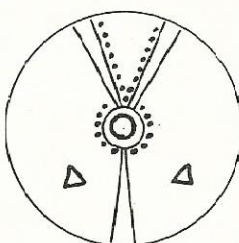
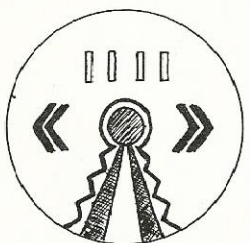
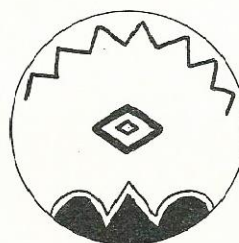
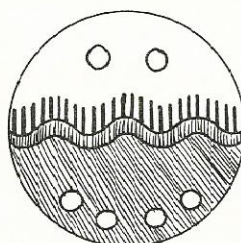
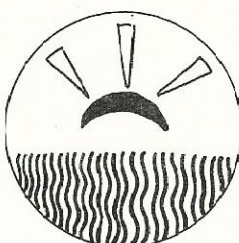
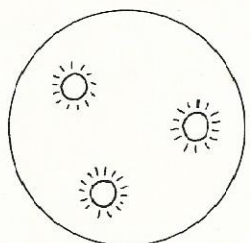
- ⑤ LEATHER THONGS ARE TIED ON THRU CANVAS AND AROUND HOOP. ONE SHORT AND ONE LONG AS SHOWN.



- ⑥ FELT IS FOLDED OVER TOP OF SHIELD AND TIED ON WITH LEATHER THONGS, RUN FROM BACK TO FRONT.



- ⑦ QUILLS ARE FOLDED OVER A LARGE NAIL AND WRAPPED WITH STRING TO FORM LOOPS. FEATHERS ARE SEWN TO FELT BY LOOP. FLUFFY CAN BE ADDED AT TOP OF SHIELD.



THE DESIGNS ARE BEST PAINTED ON WITH POSTER PAINTS AND WILL LOOK MUCH MORE AUTHENTIC IF DONE RATHER ROUGHLY. BACK GROUND COLORS MAY BE WHITE, YELLOW OR TAN.

MAKE UP YOUR OWN DESIGN IF YOU WISH YOUR SHIELD TO BE DIFFERENT FROM EVERYONE ELSE'S. PERHAPS USING A COMBINATION OF DESIGN FROM THOSE ON THE LEFT. EXTRA FEATHERS AND FLUFFIES MAY BE BOUGHT AND ADDED IF DESIRED.

SHIELD DESIGNS

Kids Korner: Native American Word Search

Native Americans



APACHE	CROW	PIUTE
ARAPAHO	HOPI	SHOSHONE
BLACKFEET	KIOWA	SIOUX
CADDO	NAVAJO	UTE
CHEROKEE	OSAGE	YUMA
CREEK	PAWNEE	ZUNI

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