



NATIONAL LONGHOUSE DRUM BEATS

THE NATIONAL NEWSLETTER OF NATIVE SONS & DAUGHTERS PROGRAMS



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Welcome to the 7th 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 year with your Longhouses and that your fall and spring campouts created lots of memories for you.

I want everyone to know that we had a successful National meeting this year. Your National Council Board will be working hard in the upcoming months to promote our program in your area. Part of this will include reviewing opportunities to run a National advertising program.

We realize that recruitment is one of our biggest obstacles to overcome. If you have any suggestions or ideas to help with recruitment, please feel free to contact me or anyone on the National Board.

Retention is critical to our overall success and I hope that our first year members see the value in our program by now. We need your help in recruitment, tell your family and friends about your experiences this past year.

To those members who are aging out this summer, I wish you all the best of luck and I can tell you from experience that the time you have spent with each other will pay huge dividends for years to come. Hug your children today for tomorrow they will be grown.



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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:

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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 constantly being added.

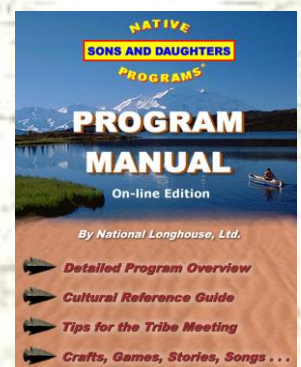
<http://www.nationallonghouse.org>



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!



AT THIS TIME OF
MEMORIAL DAY



TO THOSE WHO
COURAGEOUSLY
GAVE THEIR LIVES...

AND THOSE WHO
BRAVELY FIGHT
TODAY...



THANK YOU

GOD BLESS
AMERICA

2015 NLL Annual Meeting-Highlights

The **National Longhouse Annual Meeting** was held May 1st-3rd, 2015 in Gatlinburg, Tennessee at Sydney James Mountain Lodge, located in the heart of the Great Smoky Mountains. National, Regional and Local Longhouse Program representation from around the county gathered to discuss the current & future direction of NSD Programs. The opening prayer was a Native American Prayer to the Six Directions with several of the Elders and Chiefs participating. After introductions, National Chief Bryan "Big Wolf" Davis led the meeting with an agenda that focused on taking the program to the next level. Highlights of discussions included...



- Marketing strategies will be a prime concern and focus this coming year for the program that can be used by and benefit all Longhouses. A roundtable discussion on marketing strategy successes and failures was of benefit to all and gave some insight to future directions.
- Regional Lodge Chiefs & delegates shared their regional reports on the Longhouses within their regions.
- The Native American Theme was discussed in that all Longhouses seem to be using it to some degree but the focus was on how to uplift the use of the theme across the program.
- A new monthly national conference call will be launched to try and better connect the Longhouses with National Longhouse in a more direct way. An open invitation will be announced. The first call is anticipated to occur in June 2015.



Ample time was also allowed so that all could spend time sharing ideas and stories and relax in the surroundings of the mountains and the town of Gatlinburg itself.

The historical Indian Guides collection and the National Longhouse memorabilia collection made the trip and were on display.

NEXT YEARS MEETING IS MAY 6-8TH, 2016. DETAILS TBA... MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!!



More from the 2015 Annual Meeting...

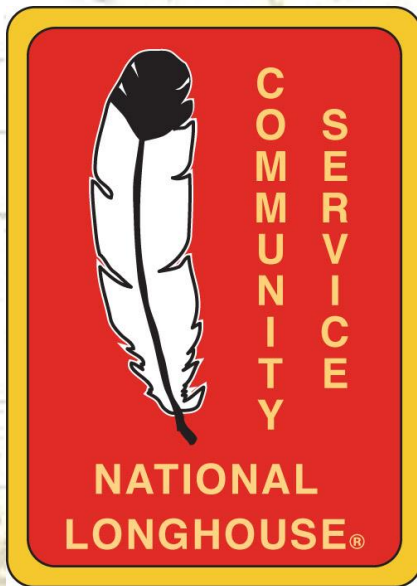


The Indian Guide History and National Longhouse Collections Display



2015 National Longhouse Annual Meeting Attendees

L-R, Back Row: Kevin Fleischmann, Don Bittala, Ed Bittman, Keith Armstrong, Joe Craciun, Stuart Borie, Michael Banish, Steve McLaughlin, Bryan Davis, gator head, Jim Advent, Dave Garberson, Greg Measor.
Front Row: Brian Quirk, Mike Ryan, Jay Hader, Ray French, Mike Ivan, Dave Pumpelly.
In Frame: Joe Friday & Harold Keltner



Community Service Project-UPDATE 5/2/15

The process for submitting reports and receiving awards has been changed and improved...

- Project reports can now be submitted at any time.
- Awards will be processed and distributed at that time.

See the full brochure, project detail and reporting form at...
<http://nationallonghouse.org>

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!

Welcome New NSD Longhouse

Tocobaga Nation – Tampa, Florida



National Longhouse now officially announces and welcomes the Tocobaga Nation as the latest Longhouse to join the NSD family. Tocobaga holds a unique position in that they are the first-ever NSD Longhouse to start up completely from scratch. Tocobaga hails from Tampa, Florida and brings in 18 families to start. Nation Chief Ryan King is excited and honored to take on the lead role in the building their program. Much thanks also goes to Florida RAL Chief Brian Quirk for his role in supporting the new Longhouse from its start.

The Tocobaga Nation takes its name from the historical Tocobaga Native American's that lived in the Old Tampa area and first recorded in the early 1500's until fading in the later 1700's.

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

Find Past Issues of National Longhouse Drum Beats:
<http://nationallonghouse.org/> - use the Nat'l Drum Beats tab

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Great Lakes Regional Advisory Lodge

Representing the Longhouses of Ohio, Michigan & Indiana

Spring 2015 Meeting, March 28th, 2015

The Spring 2015 Meeting of the Great Lakes regional Advisory Lodge convened on March 28th, 2015 in Strongsville, Ohio. This was the first live meeting held since November of 2013. GLRAL Co-Chiefs John Falko and Mike Ivan organized and conducted the meeting. The meeting opened at 9:30 am and concluded by 3:00 pm. Lunch was ordered for those in attendance.

Representatives of **Crooked River, Cuyahoga Valley, Tarhe, Two Feathers** and **Toledo Longhouses** were in attendance. Several National Longhouse Officers & Elders were in attendance as well.

Big Walnut, Chagrin Valley, Hillcrest and Lakeshore Longhouses did not attend.

The focus of the meeting was to share ideas and best practices, understand what Longhouse needs are and how they can be helped and discuss the future direction for GLRAL. Highlights of the meeting included:

- **Longhouse Reports** from those Longhouses in attendance.
- Sharing of recruiting successes and failures as well as other program ideas such as ceremonial,
- **NLL Banner Reimbursement Program:** Review of the program. All Longhouses are eligible to receive this.
- **GLRAL Website:** Rebuilding the site to get regional connectivity re-established.
- **Pathfinders:** Discussions on what works best for each of the Longhouses that has this program level.
- **National Longhouse Q&A:** The NLL Elders and Officers in attendance fielded questions and gave presentations on a number of key interest subjects.



- **Spring 2016 GLRAL Pow-Wow Gathering of Nations:** This discussion laid the groundwork for a regional day-long event, envisioned to include a picnic, Olympics-style and traditional outdoor activities as well as a Longhouse property, crafts and regalia judging. It is hoped that this event will either become a regular occurrence or even a possible springboard to a new Gathering of Nations Campout that was an annual event of GLRAL for 10+ years. **Dates to be selected and announced soon! It is the intent that all GLRAL Longhouse put this event on their Longhouse calendars for 2016!!**

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Florida Regional Advisory Lodge

Submitted by FLRAL Chief Brian "Flaming Arrow" Quirk

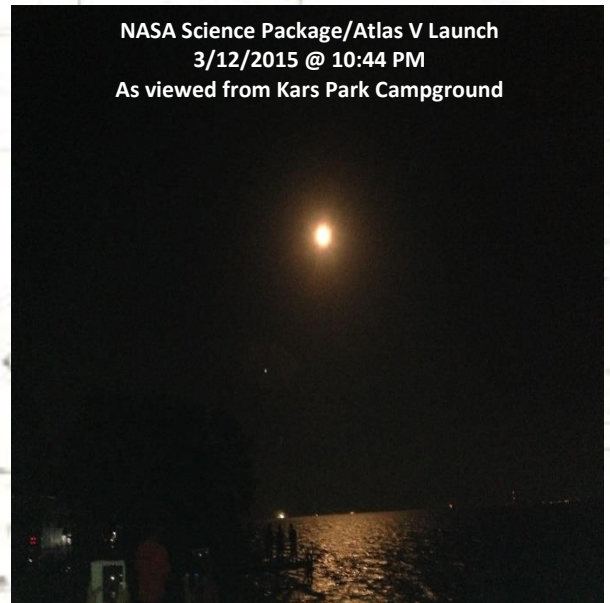
REPORT FROM THE FLORIDA STATE POW-WOW

During the windswept March 12th -15th weekend, more than 700 participants arrived at beautiful Kars Park in Merritt Island Florida for our annual State Wide Pow-Wow. This year's event was hosted by the Canaveral Federation and they treated the entire group to an evening launch of a satellite rocket. For many in attendance, this was the first live rocket launch that they or their children had witnessed in person.

For the third consecutive year, The Timucuan Federation chapter of Native Sons and Daughters won the top honor at the event. The Best Tribal Display is awarded to the organization that showcases and has the best representation of Native American related regalia. Longhouse Chief Keith "Red Wolf" Armstrong and his daughter Maya "Running Wolf" Armstrong, Medicine Man Michael "Wild Eagle" Ryan and his son Aiden "Bull in China Shop" Ryan along with Elder Brian "Flaming Arrow" Quirk and his son Evan "Growling Bear" Quirk accepted the award from the State Pow Wow Chief.



Chief Red Wolf states, "This award is a testament to the passion displayed by our fathers in their consistent adherence to the teachings of our Native Fathers. Incoming Longhouse Chief Wild Eagle added, "These opportunities to spend one on one time with my children, in an electronic free environment, are priceless. Elder Flaming Arrow reminded all in attendance that each father only has 18 summers to make a difference in their child's lives and to relish the chance to view the program activities through the eyes of their children.



Community Service

Timucuan Federation and Great Sun Nation

Joint Longhouse Community Service Event

Alex's Lemonade Stand to Fight Childhood Cancer

Submitted by: Brian "Flaming Arrow" Quirk, Timucuan Elder
and Stuart "Chupacabra" Borie, Great Sun Chief

2015 marks the 10th consecutive year that the Timucuan Federation Longhouse (Jacksonville, FL) has hosted Alex's Lemonade Stands at multiple Publix locations throughout southern Duval County. Mike "Wild Eagle" Ryan states, "this year is a special milestone as our sister chapter, The Great Sun Nation out of Boca Raton, FL has joined in the fight to find a cure for childhood cancer. On May 9th, 2015, more than 15 Lemonade stands were manned and attended by more than 200 volunteers of our programs. This joint event raised thousands of dollars for the charity.

Stuart Borie, Nation Chief of the Great Sun Nation says, "Our entire organization is excited to join in the fight to find a cure for childhood cancer".

One of the core building blocks of the Native Sons and Daughters program is showing our children how we support the communities we live in. To see Alex's story and the research being conducted to find a cure for this form of childhood cancer, please visit Alex's website at www.alexislemonade.org





Longhouse Special Events

Crooked River Longhouse-Buffalo Naval Park

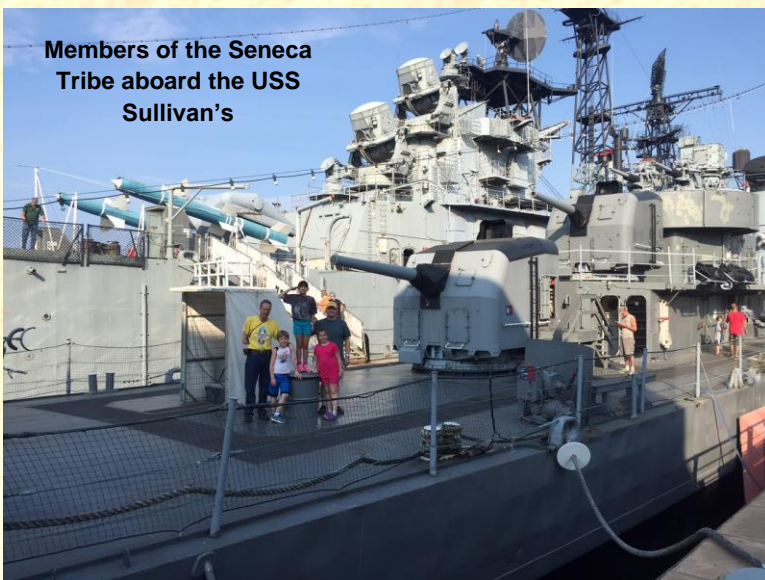
Submitted by: Longhouse Chief Adam "Big Eagle" Rawlings

Greetings from the Crooked River Local Longhouse! Recently Crooked River spent a weekend at the Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park in Buffalo, NY for an encampment aboard the USS Little Rock! It's an event that we do only once every three years and it is always a great time! There were 101 kids and parents that got to experience what it was like to stay aboard the Cleveland-class cruiser USS Little Rock. We had the opportunity to walk throughout the ship which has many displays and memorabilia to look at and read about the history from the WWII era, as well as the other wars and conflicts that the United States has been involved in. The shipyard also has 2 other naval ships to explore and walk through, including the Fletcher-class destroyer, USS Sullivan's (named after the 5 Sullivan brothers who died after the ship they were on, the USS Juneau, was sunk by the Japanese cruiser the Nagara) and the Gato-class submarine, the USS Croaker (which later in WWII, sunk the Japanese cruiser Nagara). It was interesting to learn the ties that these 2 ships had with one another and are now both here together!

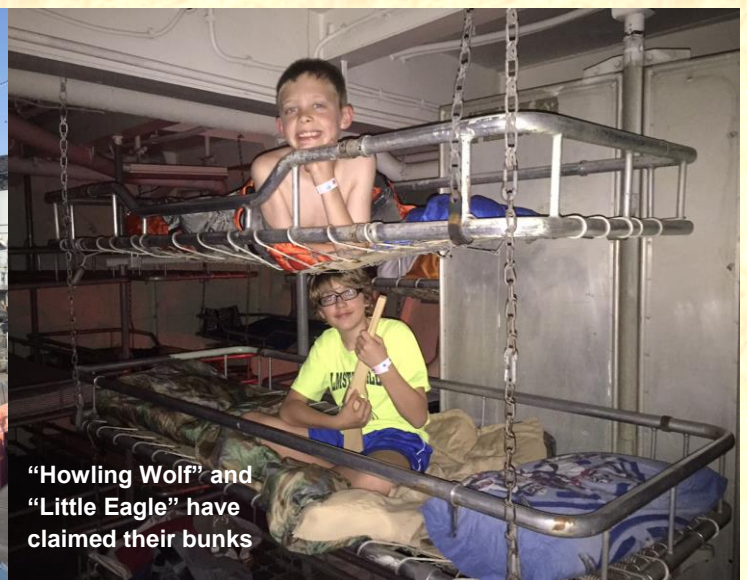
The kids had a great time picking out their berthing quarters where the actual sailors would sleep on the ship. The kids had no problem getting up and into these close, cramped quarters, but there were some good laughs watching the parents navigate trying to get in and out of the bunks! We got to experience going to chow in the mess hall for dinner on Saturday and then they had popcorn and movies after that as well as a hands-on, informational presentation by a local WWI re-enactment group that allowed the kids and parents to ask questions about the history of the different weapons from the WWII era. On Sunday morning, everyone was woken at 0630 to the bugle sound of "Reveille" – a lot of the parents now know the secret to getting their kids up in the morning! Some of us had never saw our kids wake up so fast! On Sunday, we had morning chow in the mess hall and then got to spend the rest of the day taking guided tours or walking amongst the other exhibits that Buffalo & Erie County Naval Shipyard had to offer! Some of the members also seized the opportunity to travel another 30 minutes north to view and tour Niagara Falls! All in all, it was a great weekend and enjoyed by everyone! NUNWAY!.



A salute to mothers on Mother's Day from the deck of the USS Sullivan's.



Members of the Seneca Tribe aboard the USS Sullivan's

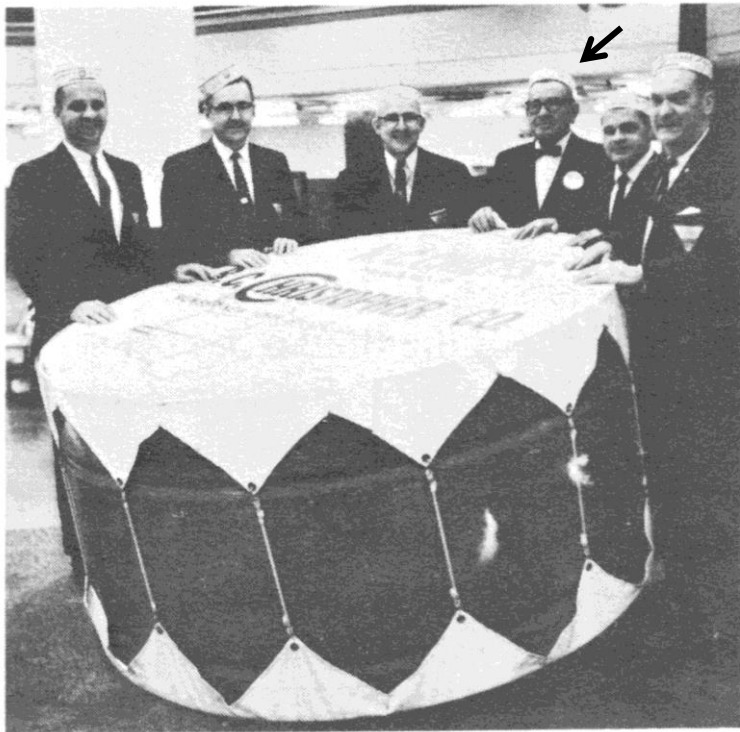


"Howling Wolf" and "Little Eagle" have claimed their bunks



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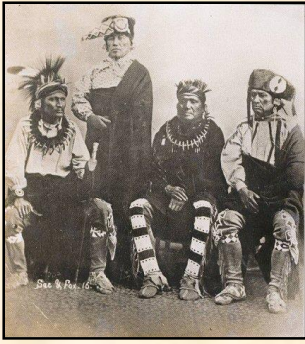
Treasured Photo's from the Archives...



At the 1967 National Longhouse Convention, held in Minneapolis, MN, a group of program leadership gathers around what is billed as the "World's Largest Drum". Although presumably just an advertising prop based on its canvas-looking drum heads, its size is quite impressive. Standing 3rd from right is original program Co-founder Harold Keltner.

In 1965, at that year's National Longhouse Convention, held in St. Louis, MO, one Big Brave and two Little Braves are honored to hold the famous ceremonial dress shirt of Ojibway Indian and original program Co-founder Joe "Ahtik" Friday, who had passed away in 1955. The Indian name "Ahtik stands for Caribou in the native Ojibway language.

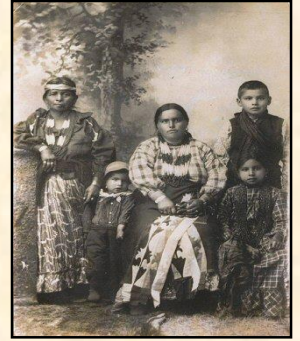




Native American Heritage

The Fox Tribe

Presented by: Anthony Granata, AKA "Chief Bald Eagle"



The Fox Tribe is a father/daughter tribe that joined Crooked River Longhouse in November 2012. There are currently 11 families in the tribe and 14 girls. Presented here is a look at the cultural history of the Fox Tribe.

History

The Sac/Sauk and Fox tribes were originally two distinct groups of Algonquian speaking people of the Woodland culture whose ancestors came from Canada, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska. Sac (pronounced "sack") and Sauk (pronounced "sock") both come from the native name Asakiwaki, which means "yellow earth people." The Fox tribe originally called themselves the Meskwaki or Mesquakie or Mesquaki and is pronounced "mesk-wah-kee", which means "red earth people." During the 1700s, a French attack on the Foxes caused the two tribes to join forces and form a close alliance which helped to affect unification.

The Sac and Fox tribes were close allies with each other, and also with the Kickapoo tribe. Sometimes these three tribes traded with the Chippewa and Potawatomi tribes, but other times they fought each other. The Sac and Fox tribes were frequently enemies of the Iroquois Confederacy and the Sioux tribes. There are currently three bands of Sac and Fox tribes recognized by the U.S. federal government, and they all have their own distinct government and enrollment processes:

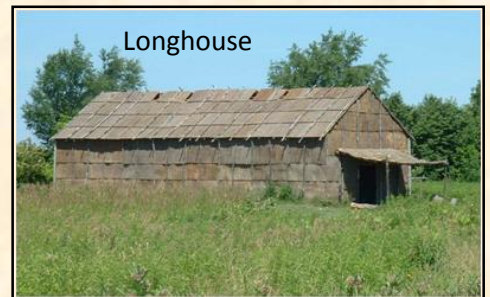
- Meskwaki - Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa
- Sakiwaki - Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma
- Nemahahaki - The Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska.

Traditional Life

The Fox tribe typically lived in either dome-shaped houses called **wigwams**, and rectangular **lodges or longhouses** with bark covering.

The Sac and Fox were farming people. Sac and Fox women grew corn, beans, and squash on small farms on the outskirts of their village. Sac and Fox men hunted deer, small game, and sometimes buffalo. The Sac and Fox also ate berries, fruit, and honey, baked cornbread, and cooked soups.

Sac and Fox Indian tribe used birch bark canoes (made of birch bark stretched over a wooden frame) and dugout canoes (made from hollowed-out logs). Over land, the Sac and Fox tribe used dogs as pack animals (there were no horses in North America until colonists brought them over from Europe.)



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Wigwam



Sac and Fox women wore wraparound skirts. Sac and Fox men wore breechcloths and leggings. Shirts were not necessary in the Sac and Fox culture, but people wore ponchos when the weather was cool. The Sac and Fox also wore moccasins on their feet. Later, Sac and Fox people adapted European costume such as cloth blouses and jackets, decorating them with distinctive silk appliqué.

The Sac and Fox didn't wear feathered headdresses like the Sioux. Traditionally, Sac and Fox men wore caps made of otter fur. Sac and Fox women usually wore their hair in a long braid or a bun gathered at the nape of their necks. Sac and Fox warriors often wore their hair in the Mohawk style or shaved their heads completely except for a scalplock (one long lock of hair on top of their heads). Sometimes they added a porcupine roach to make this hairstyle more impressive. Sac and Fox men and women both painted their faces with bright colors for special occasions. The Sac and Fox tribes originally used different colors and designs of face and body painting, so that a Fox Indian and a Sac Indian looked different even though their clothing styles were the same. Sac and Fox artists are known for their quill embroidery, pottery, and beadwork.

In the past, the Sac and Fox tribes were each ruled by two chiefs. The **peace chief**, who inherited the position from his father, was in charge of diplomatic and domestic affairs. The **war chief**, who was elected by the other warriors, was in charge of military and police affairs.

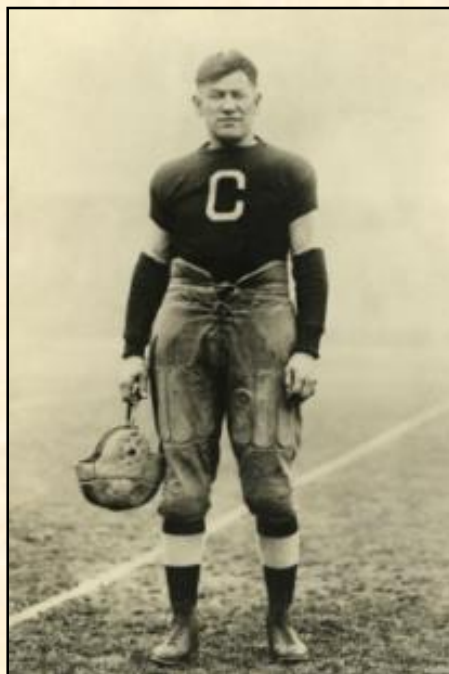
The most famous member of the Fox nation was Jim Thorpe (1888-1953) of the Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma. Thorpe won gold medals in the decathlon **and** pentathlon at the 1912 Stockholm Olympics, played amateur and professional football, baseball and basketball, is a charter member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, and is considered by many to be the Greatest Athlete of the Twentieth Century!



Chief Kee-Shes-Wa 1842



Chief Keokuk, 1835



Jim Thorpe, Olympian and Football Hall of Fame Member



Native Sons & Daughters Spirit



A big shout of Native Sons & Daughters Spirit goes to Ray "Creaking Oak" Junk and his daughters Silver Sky and Golden Meadow, members of the Powhatan Tribe in the Timucuan Longhouse (Jacksonville, FL). Ray has great passion for the program and has served several years as a tribal chief and on the Longhouse council as well. Ray found this piece of Cypress wood in a Florida swamp, brought it home, let it dry out for a year or so then shaped, cleaned & carved it as you see here. It is proudly displayed in front of their personal teepee (tent) and as a part of their tribal property. This is just another example of the great pride that we all have in being part of this special NS&D program



National Longhouse at the Florida State Pow-Wow

This past March 12-15, several Chiefs and Elders of National Longhouse made the journey from Ohio to the Florida Statewide Pow-Wow (see separate article in this newsletter) in support of the Florida NSD Longhouses Timucuan, Great Sun, Eola and Tocobaga as well as the NSD Chiefs & Elders from the Florida region. The Native Sons & Daughters name and presence was well seen and heard. The Ohio delegation along with support from the Florida Chiefs & Elders, staffed an NSD booth that was in amongst the other vendors to promote the program, share information and tell the NSD story. There were several NSD promotional items given to any of the children that came by the booth.



NLL Ohio Delegation: (L-R) Joe "Rainbow Sun" Craciun, Jay "Flying Eagle" Hader, Don "Brave Eagle" Bittala, Greg "Gray Horse" Measor

