



NATIONAL LONGHOUSE DRUM BEATS

THE NATIONAL NEWSLETTER OF NATIVE SONS & DAUGHTERS PROGRAMS



Falling Leaves Moon
October-November 2015

Welcome to the 8th 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 is enjoying your fall campouts and that your recruitment went well this fall. Remember that recruitment should be a yearlong event. If you're like me and are thankful for what this organization has done for the relationships with your children, I know that you would want other parents out there to be able to experience what we have as well.

As the holiday season approaches us, please keep in mind that there are several opportunities to do some great service projects and support your community. If you participate in a meaningful service project, please share this with us as we would like to post this to our website and show what great work you are doing around the country.

I would also like to welcome Three Fires Longhouse in Michigan to NSD. WELCOME and Big How! We are so glad to have you and look forward to working with you.

We will be holding our annual National meeting the weekend of April 29th - May 1st, 2016. I wanted to get these revised dates out there now so that you can schedule accordingly. The venue information is contained inside this newsletter. More information to come in the next month so stay tuned. *Longhouse Leadership*, please plan on attending this meeting.

As always, if you have any ideas or comments on how to grow our program, please reach out to me. We love to hear your feedback.



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"A Man can have many children, but a child can only have one father".



Bryan "Big Wolf" Davis

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National Longhouse News

National Council of Officers



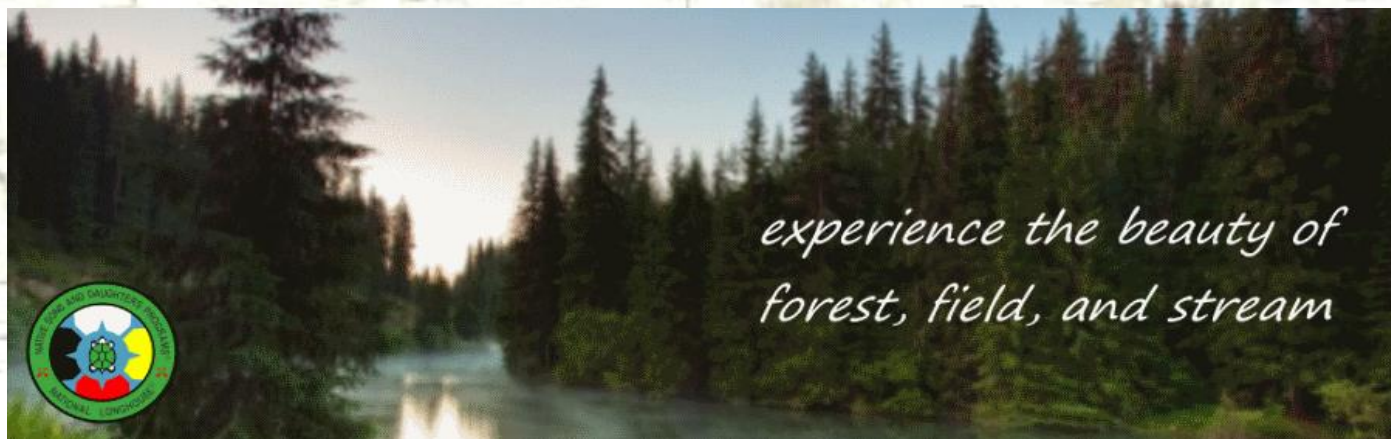
The following are the 2014-16 National Council of Officers. These Great Chiefs have stepped up to fill these important national positions. The NCO officers and their positions are as follows:

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Check out the National Longhouse website for beneficial and interesting resources and information. The site address is <http://www.nationallonghouse.org>

Find us on Facebook! Go to <https://www.facebook.com/nationallonghouse> and like our page to get frequent updates from National Longhouse and featured articles about our program's activity nationwide. One NLL site, there is also a "Find us on Facebook" image on our "Contact Us" page if you'd like to use that.



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forest, field, and stream*

"PALS FOREVER-FRIENDS ALWAYS"® IS NOW A REGISTERED MARK OF NATIONAL LONGHOUSE

The slogan/motto phrase "PALS FOREVER-FRIENDS ALWAYS" became a USPTO* approved registered mark of National Longhouse (NLL) on October 20th, 2015. NLL began the process of acquiring the rights to the phrase over one year ago and is very proud to have achieved this goal for the benefit of all Native Sons and Daughters Programs. All NSD Programs can now officially use and display this slogan.

*USPTO: United States Patent and Trademark Office

2016 NLL Annual Meeting-Details Announced

All Regions-Make Plans to Send Delegates

Dates and venue details for the 2016 are now finalized. Regional Lodges (ARAL, CALRAL, FLRAL and GLRAL) should begin to make plans now to send their delegates to this all-important annual meeting. This is where Longhouses get to give input and make an impact on the future of Native Sons & Daughters Programs. Your participation is key.

Dates: April 29th – May 1st, 2016

Note: Dates revised (moved up one week) from those selected at last annual meeting due to venue availability.

Venue: Blue Creek Cabins, in Helen, Georgia

<http://www.bluecreekcabins.com/index.htm>

Check out the website for all the amenities and surroundings. Ample time will be given to take in the surroundings.



Alpine Helen, Georgia-The Charm of Bavaria, in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains

<http://www.helenga.org/>

Helen is the state's third most visited city. There is no other town that packs so much charm and so much to do into only 2.1 square miles. The town started as a home to the Cherokee, and then to European settlers who came for the gold and the timber. Today, people from all over come for this Blue Ridge Mountain setting and the Southeast's finest Bavarian Village. Cobblestone walkways, shops and Alpine food invite you to lose yourself for a relaxing visit, all surrounded by natural beauty...

Air travel will be in to Atlanta International Airport, then about a 1:45 shuttle to Helen, GA.

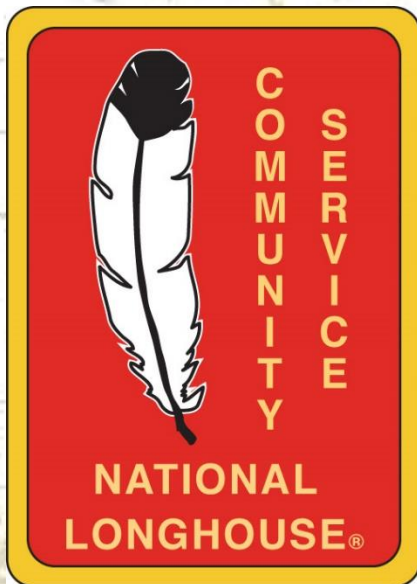
A meeting agenda overview will be announced in the next newsletter. A key topic for 2016 is program promotion!

The 2016 Annual Meeting is also an election year. Elections will be held for the National Council of Officer Positions of National Chief, National Assistant Chief, National Wampum Bearer and National Talley Keeper. Details on the nomination process will be announced in the next newsletter. For more information on any of these positions, please contact National Chief Bryan Davis, nationalchief@nationallonghouse.org

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!!

For additional information on the meeting, contact National Chief Bryan Davis @ nationalchief@nationallonghouse.org





Community Service Project

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

Three Fires Longhouse-Troy, Michigan



National Longhouse now officially announces and welcomes the Three Fires Longhouse as the latest program to join the NSD family. Longhouse Sachem Joe Smith and Nation Chief Ken Budry were instrumental in the program transition to NSD. Three Fires brings many years of history and tradition with it and is excited at the possibilities of being part of NSD.

“Share the Stories, Spread the Spirit”

In the National Longhouse 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

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Next Edition – Winter 2016

Great Lakes Regional Advisory Lodge

Representing the Longhouses of Ohio, Michigan & Indiana

Announcing the 2016 Meeting

Saturday, February 27th, 2016

Location: Ward 1 Fire Station Community Room.
11297 Webster Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136



All GLRAL Longhouses make plans to send representation to this day meeting!

- This meeting is a gathering and sharing of important information and ideas between Longhouses.
 - Determine who will serve as delegates to for 2016 National Longhouse Annual Meeting.
 - Determine future direction of the GLRAL.
 - Seek new/additional leadership for the GLRAL
 - Discuss the plans for a regional Gathering Day for all Longhouses

A more complete agenda and details will be announced in the Winter 2016 edition of this newsletter and also by separate email communications to GLRAL Longhouse Leadership

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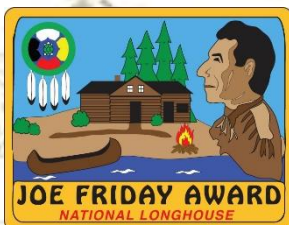
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The National Longhouse Joe Friday Award Presented to Mark "Hungry Bear" Evans-Cuyahoga Valley Sachem

On October 4th, 2016, Mark Evans, Sachem of the Cuyahoga Valley Longhouse, was presented with the special honor of the Joe Friday Award in front of his Longhouse as a part of their New Member Induction Event. Mark was nominated by council members of the CVLL. As quoted from the application, "Mark has been a true leader to Cuyahoga Valley for 14 years. He has volunteered his time selflessly to grow our longhouse, both for the time his children have been involved and for the next generation. His youngest child is graduating into Pathfinders, but Mark will leave behind a strong organization for the next group of dads and kids." Mark has served in just about every officer position, from Tribe Chief to Longhouse Chief.

The Joe Friday Award, named after program co-founder and Ojibwa Indian Joe Friday, is the highest honor given by National Longhouse to a volunteer at any level of the organization. The award is given by nomination and committee acceptance only.



Right: On hand from National Longhouse to present the award to Mark Evans were Don "Brave Eagle" Bittala (center) and Greg "Gray Horse" Measor (right) as well as CV Longhouse Chief Matt Garito (left) (in feathers).



Community Service

Crooked River Longhouse-Alex's Lemonade Stand

Submitted by: Adam "Big Eagle" Rawlings, Crooked River Longhouse Chief



August 8th, 2015... Was a perfect day to run our lemonade stand for our inaugural Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation fundraiser to raise donations for fighting childhood cancer! Crooked River was able to raise \$312.22 to donate to the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation!! We crushed our goal of \$100 and have set the bar high for next year! Great job every one!!

Special thanks go to Shaker's IGA in Olmsted Falls for allowing us to set up our stand, to Giant Eagle Market District in Strongsville for donating monies to allow us to purchase ingredients to make our fresh-squeezed lemonade, and to Olmsted Ice for donating enough ice to keep our lemonade cool and refreshing!

Thank you to everyone who came out to lend a hand and make the stand such a success! We could not have done it without all of your help! Our donation will help Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation fight childhood cancer and our featured personal hero for Crooked River, Alexa Delos Reyes (aka "Princess Lexy") who is 11 years young and has brain cancer with an inoperable tumor and also has neurofibromatosis. You can read more of Princess Lexy's story on our own Crooked River Alex's Lemonade Stand at <http://www.alexslemonade.org/mypage/1148495>.



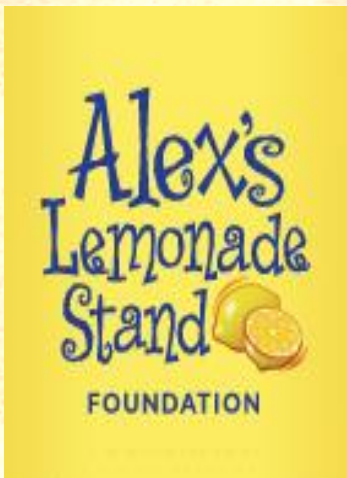
Community Service

Timucuan Federation – Alex's Lemonade Stand

Submitted by: Brian "Flaming Arrow" Quirk



2015 marks the 10th consecutive year that the Timucuan Federation of the Native Sons and Daughters has hosted Alex's Lemonade Stands at multiple Publix locations throughout southern Duval County, Florida. Mike "Wild Eagle" Ryan states, "this year is a special milestone as our sister chapter, The Great Sun Nation out of Boca Raton has joined in the fight to find a cure for childhood cancer. More than 15 Lemonade stands were manned and attended by more than 200 volunteers of our program. 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. The entire essence of our program is for fathers to spend quality time with our sons and daughters building life-long memories.



Alexandra "Alex" Scott was born to Liz and Jay Scott in Manchester, Connecticut on January 18, 1996, the second of four children. Shortly before her first birthday, Alex was diagnosed with neuroblastoma, a type of childhood cancer. In the year 2000, the day after her fourth birthday, Alex received a stem cell transplant and informed her mother, "When I get out of the hospital I want to have a lemonade stand." She said she wanted to give the money to doctors to allow them to "help other kids, like they helped me." True to her word, she held her first lemonade stand later that year with the help of her older brother and raised an amazing \$2,000 for "her hospital." Alex and her family continued to hold yearly lemonade stands in her front yard to benefit childhood cancer research. News spread of the remarkable sick child dedicated to helping other sick children. People from all over the world, moved by her story, held their own lemonade stands and donated the proceeds to Alex and her cause. In August of 2004, Alex passed away at the age of 8, knowing that, with the help of others, she had raised more than \$1 million to help find a cure for the disease that took her life. 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.alexslimonade.org.



Longhouse Special Events

Cuyahoga Valley Longhouse-Induction & Rocket Launch

Submitted by: Matt Garito, Longhouse Chief

On Sunday, October 4th, the dads, kids and moms from the Cuyahoga Valley Native Sons and Daughters group met at The Fields in Broadview Heights, OH for their annual Longhouse Rocket Launch and Induction.

After registration and picnic lunch (served by the Cree tribe), the induction of new members began. Each father and child came forward to accept their welcome packets, and then take part in the induction ceremony which included reciting the Ojibway Six Aims of the Native Sons and Daughters Programs. The Longhouse welcomed nearly 50 new members in all, and formed both a new boy and new girl Kindergarten tribe!

Next came the presentation of the Joe Friday Award to Mark Evans, Longhouse Sachem, who was joined by his wife and daughters. (See the separate article in this newsletter). We offer congratulations to Mark for his many years of service in nearly every possible officer role during his tenure!

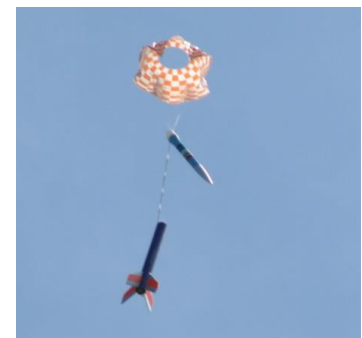
Before the Rockets took flight, medals were provided to the winners (one from each age group) of the "Best Rocket Contest", which is judged by the moms in attendance. Then finally, the launching of nearly 120 model rockets! The launch was conducted with expert precision by the Arapaho Tribe, and it's Chief, Mark Iacobelli, through the use of a new remote launch control designed by Medicine Man, Dan Hegler, also from Arapaho. The control allows each child to push a button to remotely launch their own rocket from a safe distance, and offers great photo opportunities for the families! Many new memories were created and a fun time was had by all!



Launch Pads



Mission Control



Re-Entry

Longhouse Special Events

Tarhe Longhouse-Fishing Derby

Submitted by: Tim "Faux Hawk" Dye, Longhouse Chief



Yahte! The weather was beautiful and the fish were biting... On the weekend of September 25th-27th, during their Fall Campout, the Scioto Tribe of the Tarhe Longhouse sponsored a fishing derby. We had 24 kids in attendance and both the kids and the fish had big appetites. I'm not sure what went faster, the worms or the cookies!

Emily Smith from Scioto Tribe took home the grand prize for her 8-1/2 inch fish. Way to go! Many of the kids caught 7" to 7-1/2" fish and we had a few that measured 8 inches. We also had lots of winners in the raffle drawings. Thanks to all who attended and special thanks to Raising Canes Powell for the Free Kid's Meal certificates, Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the free giveaways and Christopher Battig for the Franklin County Sheriff Department prizes.

Timucuan Federation-Boys Spring 2015 Camp

Submitted by: Brian Quirk, Timucuan Elder

As the days grow warmer and the nights grow shorter, the change of season alerts the Native Sons and Daughters that it is time to gather for their Spring Longhouse (Campout). This year, the boys looked to the west and headed to Blue Springs in High Springs, FL. After setting up their tents and unloading the firewood, all of the boys headed for the main attraction which is the spring. Blue Springs is a private campground and the spring empties into the Santa Fe River. One after another, the boys jumped off the platform and were greeted by the tingle of the 72 degree water. Being spring fed from the Florida aquifer, the water remains a constant temperature year round and provides awesome relief from a hot, humid day.



Under the guidance of Joe "Big Red" Woodlief and Ron "Spirit Bear" Smith, this year's rendition included an archeological dig for the boys. The property owners have found prehistoric bones, arrowheads and other artifacts on their land and allowed the boys to join in on the dig.



Longhouse Special Events

Orange Spirit Longhouse Joshua Tree Campout & Rocket Launch, Roller Skating Events

Submitted by: Scott "Laughing Fox" Fedewa, Longhouse Medicine Man & Greeter

Joshua Tree National Park was the destination for the Orange Spirit Nation in April. In our nation's first visit to the campground there, we were all excited to explore the famous and beautiful desert landmark together. The 3 hour drive from our base in Irvine and Tustin, California was well worth it. With great attendance from all 8 of our Nation's tribes, our dads and princesses had a memorable time together. The heat tested our resolve but good planning made sure that we had plenty of water and many EZ up canopies to offer shade during the hot days.

Highlights of the trip were bouldering across the amazing rock formations that litter the park (with bicycle helmets on, of course), a fun Saturday night camp fire hosted by the Thunderbirds tribe, some star-gazing, and our first ever rocketry event. In a dry lake bed just outside the park most all of the 150 attendees enjoyed shooting off the rockets that our dads and daughters had been working on for weeks beforehand.

Thanks to many of our dads getting up early, we already have reservations for even more campground space at Joshua Tree Park next year. We're looking forward to a return visit, and inviting alumni daughters and dads back to join us in 2016, too!



Back to School Roller Skating Party: Just as the new school year was creeping back into everyone's minds, the Orange Spirit Nation held its first annual "Back to School Roller Skating Party" in Orange, California in late August. Nation Chief Steve "Wild Bear" Canto welcomed everyone and, along with his daughters, Little Chiefs Wild Hawk and Tumbling Bear shared the 6 Aims that guide our program. It was great for returning members to reunite after a long summer break, plus we were all excited to meet many new families who joined us for this free recruiting event, too.

Daughters and dads were the primary attendees but we enjoyed inviting the moms and even their siblings. Moms especially enjoyed seeing each of our tribe's perform their tribal songs, something that had never before been done on roller skates! A fun and easy event, the roller skating party looks like it will become part of our annual calendar.



Longhouse Special Events

Toledo Longhouse-Recruitment Rally

Submitted by: Steve "Lone Wolf" McLaughlin

Toledo Native Sons and Daughters recently hosted our 2nd annual Rally/Open House at Wildwood Park in Toledo, Ohio. We got a chance to introduce our program to a number of interested families. Rudy's Hot Dogs, a local favorite restaurant, was kind enough to donate food for us to grill up, and afterwards, we played some field games such as Tug O' War and others as shown in the pictures. All of the families who came to the rally seemed really interested in the coming Fall Campout, on October 9th- 11th, at Camp Miakonda. We'll be staying in a real frontier fort, where we'll enjoy a Halloween Party, games, archery, bb guns, crafts, and get to participate in an NSD Campfire ceremony.



National Longhouse Needs Your Support!

Did you know that National Longhouse is run by just a small number of volunteers? Please consider helping the organization that has been the platform for so many great memories between you and your child! Consider getting involved at a regional or national level. NLL needs people willing to be part of these regional and national councils for the organization to sustain and grow. Please consider giving back... A perfect opportunity would be to serve as a regional delegate at the 2016 NLL Annual Meeting. This is a perfect place to get involved and use your talents to the benefit of the organization.

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Longhouse Special Events

Great Sun Nation-Camping Season & Community Service

Submitted by: Stuart "Chupacabra" Borie, Nation Chief

The Great Sun Nation wound down on another great camping season. In January 2015, over 280 dads and kids attended our Circle F Dude Ranch campout. We had great activities ranging from horseback riding, rock wall and zip lines, bb-guns and bow and arrow, dodge ball and pinewood derby races. At the fire ceremony Tony "Staggering Buffalo" formally handed over the Chief's headdress to the new Nation's Chief, Stuart 'Chupacabra', Borie. We had over 50 children attending their first campout and receiving a bear claw necklace at the Bear Claw Ceremony.

February took us to River Ranch, where even 3 days of solid rain couldn't dampen our spirits. Once again, there were so many activities - from Swamp Buggy Rides, Airboat Rides, horseback rides, petting zoo, mini golf, all leading up to the main event on Saturday night... a Rodeo. One of our own campers actually chased down a calf and took the ribbon off its tail!



March took us to Peace River, where over 220 campers went canoeing. There were many stops along the way to hunt for shark teeth and other fossils. Well over 400 shark teeth were found including a huge tooth from an extinct snaggletooth shark. On Saturday night we honored 10 young men and women at the broken arrow ceremony as they will graduate out of the program. Chief "Chupacabra" led the ceremony which included flaming arrow being shot into the sky to mark the occasion.

We finished out our outdoor camping season with a campout at Wekiwa Springs. Wekiwa is a natural spring where pure water comes up from the earth. We canoed down the river

seeing turtles, birds and alligators sunning themselves on the downed trees. Many went trail riding and others explored nature and all her creatures big and small.

We are keeping up with the community service tradition. The Dorado tribe volunteered on a Saturday morning for Boca Helping Hands. We helped set up a food distribution center and gave out meats, veggies, fruits and breads to over 200 needy families. In May we plan on joining our Timucuan Longhouse brothers in setting up Alex's Lemonade Stands to raise money for juvenile cancer patients. We will have lemonade stands from Jacksonville to Boca Raton!

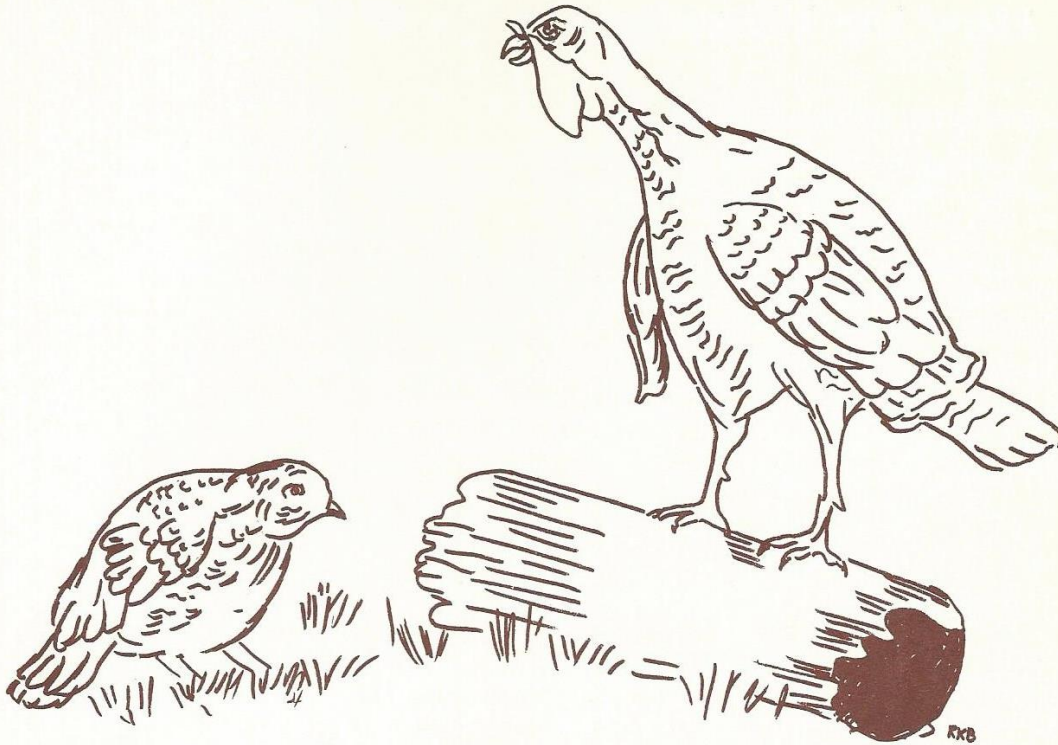
It is a great time to be part of the Great Sun Nation and Native Sons and Daughters. We are already planning our fall season.



Native American Lore

A Cherokee Indian Legend, with Thanksgiving in Mind

From Weavers of Tales, A Collection of Cherokee Legends, ©1967



Turkey started to raise his voice, and in his excitement, all that came out was: "Gobble! Gobble!"

Why the Turkey Gobbles

THE WILD turkey once roamed the Cherokee country. Its hoarse gobble could be heard for a long way.

Now, my grandchildren, the animals and birds tried to out-play one another in the ball game. The Turkey, who had a very bad voice, asked the Grouse to teach him, because he had a fine voice, and could holler loud in the ball game. The Grouse wanted pay, so the Turkey promised him feathers for a collar.

Turkey learned very fast. The Grouse then told Turkey to try his voice. Turkey got on a hollow log, and Grouse said: "I will also stand on this hollow log; and when I start tapping on it, holler as loudly as you can."

Grouse began tapping, and then got off of the log to give Turkey much room. Turkey started to raise his voice, and in his excitement, all that came out was: "Gobble! Gobble!"

That is why a turkey gobbles when he hears a noise.

Happy Thanksgiving to all

Native Sons & Daughters Families!

May we give thanks for the many blessings we receive!



Native American Culture

Inside the Teepee

