



# NATIONAL LONGHOUSE DRUM BEATS

THE NATIONAL NEWSLETTER OF NATIVE SONS & DAUGHTERS PROGRAMS



Blossom Moon  
Waabigwani-giizis (Ojibwa)  
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Welcome to the 10<sup>th</sup> 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 great spring campouts with your Longhouses. We had a very successful national meeting in the beginning of the month. It was great to meet the delegates in some of your Longhouses.



I think those that were able to make the meeting, took home some great ideas and they also shared some great ideas. It seems that some of the issues that we face are the same throughout the country.

I am excited to say that we discussed some great opportunities that are going to benefit your Longhouses. We approved a \$500 allowance for each longhouse to use for recruitment for the 2016-2017 year. "I will send out more info in the fall" National recognizes that recruitment is an issue for all of our Longhouses. We are trying to come up with some other programs to help your Longhouses be successful in recruitment. If you have any ideas that you would like to share, please reach out to me. We at the national level hope that you're getting to spend a lot of quality time with your children and making some life long memories. I hope everyone has a great summer.

*"Children are likely to live up to what you believe in them"*

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Grand Canyon Sunset, 2010 Gray Horse



# National Longhouse

## National Council of Officers



These are your newly elected 2016-18 National Council of Officers.  
These Great Chiefs have stepped up to fill these important national positions.



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Left to Right: Michael Ryan, Stuart Borie, Bryan Davis, Jay Hader and Scott Klueppel

## Visit the National Longhouse Website and Facebook Page

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The site address is <http://www.nationallonghouse.org>

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# From the 2016 NLL Annual Meeting

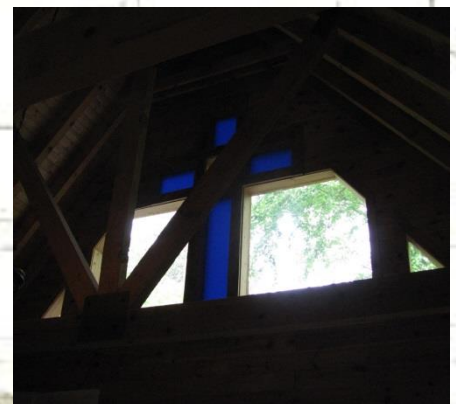
## April 29<sup>th</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup>, Helen, GA

The National Longhouse 2016 Annual Meeting recently concluded at Blue Creek Cabins Lodge, just outside the "Little Bavaria" town of Helen, GA in the hills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The National Council of Officers, the National Board of Elders and delegates from the Regional Advisory Lodges from around the US met to plan future direction for the National Longhouse Native Sons & Daughters Programs.

The National Board of Elders met for their annual closed-door session during the day on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, followed by a dinner in town for all those present. Saturday was the Annual Meeting which is open to all Elders, Council, RAL delegates, guests, etc. The gathering include many spirit-filled, beneficial and meaningful discussion.

Highlights from the annual meeting included:

- Election and introduction of the 2016-18 National Council of Officers
- Discussion of potential promotional initiatives
- Longhouse and Regional Advisory Lodge Reports
- Community Service Project across NSD Programs
- CircleBridge Demonstration and Discussion led by CB Administrator Don Nichols
- Revival of the NLL Native American Committee
- NLL and Longhouse Website and Facebook pages
- New and Potential New NSD Longhouses
- Emphasis for Longhouse use of the NSD brand and logo's
- Resuming the monthly NCO Conference Call
- Insurance updates
- Changes at the National Board of Elders level





## More from the 2016 NLL Annual Meeting

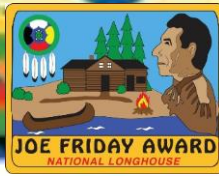


Attendees of the 2016 National Longhouse Annual Meeting



The Indian Guide Historical and National Longhouse Displays





## The National Longhouse Joe Friday Award

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. The following have earned that distinct honor...



### Walter "Screeching Weasel" Jann, Three Fires Elder

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Walter Jann of the Three Fires Longhouse (GLRAL), was presented with the special honor of the Joe Friday Award in front of his Longhouse as a part of their Spring Camp event at Camp Timbers in Saginaw, MI. Walter was nominated by council members of the Longhouse. A member for many years, Walter was instrumental in the Three Fires conversion to the Native Sons & Daughters Program and in orchestrating a major recruitment drive that nearly doubled the size of the Longhouse.



L-R: Harmony, Walter and Lindsey Jann, National Longhouse Elder Don Bittala and National Council Officer Jay Hader.

### Brian "Flaming Arrow" Quirk, Timucuan Elder

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Brian Quirk of the Timucuan Longhouse (FLRAL), was presented with the special honor of the Joe Friday Award in front of his Longhouse as a part of their Boys Spring Camp event at Blue Springs Park in High Springs, FL. Brian was nominated by council members of his Longhouse and the Florida RAL. Brian has been a member with his 2 children and instrumental in so many major aspects of the Timucuan Longhouse for 15+ years. He also now serves as the first FLRAL Chief and had a major part in several new NSD Longhouses in Florida. Brian also has become an Elder on the National Longhouse Board of Elders.



L-R: National Chief Bryan Davis (Big Wolf), Brian Quirk & Evan Quirk

## Welcome Kitchenodin Longhouse

National Longhouse officially welcomes the Kitchenodin Longhouse as the latest program to join the NSD family. Located in the Columbus, Ohio area (Great Lakes Region), they bring a rich long-standing program history

with them and are excited to become part of NSD. Longhouse Officers Jeff Halberg, Jon Murphy Sark Mahdasian and Joe Sanzo have been instrumental in the program transition to NSD. WELCOME!!

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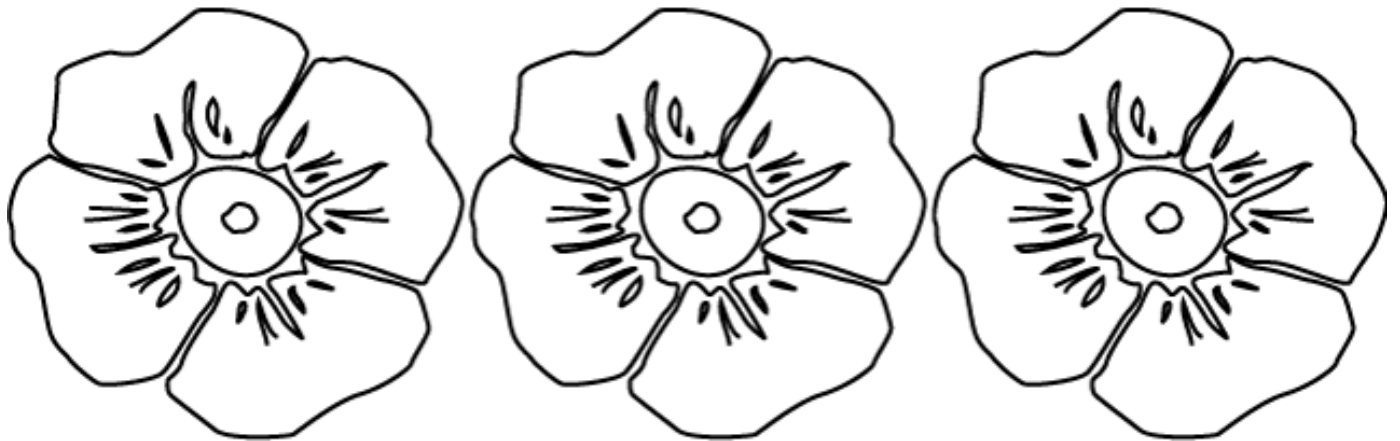
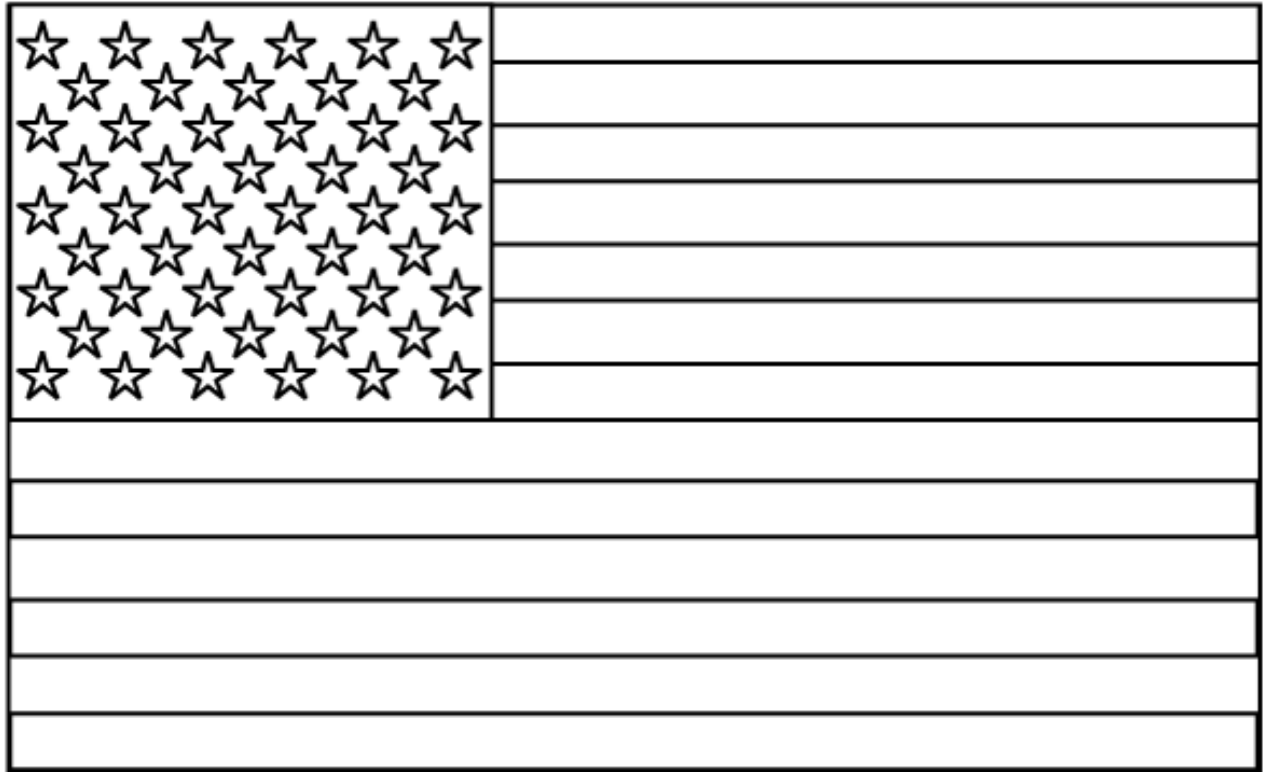
## Tocobaga Longhouse Receives Inaugural Charter Certificate

Tocobaga Longhouse, a recent new startup Longhouse in the Florida Region, formally received their Inaugural Longhouse Charter Certificate. Florida Regional Advisory Lodge Chief Brian "Flaming Arrow" Quirk presented the framed certificate to Tocobaga Longhouse Chief Ryan King at the recent Florida Statewide Pow-Wow.





# REMEMBER



# MEMORIAL DAY

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HONOR ALL WHO HAVE SERVED SO THAT WE MAY LIVE IN THE LAND OF THE FREE

# Great Lakes Regional Advisory Lodge

Representing the Longhouses of Ohio, Michigan & Indiana

## REPORT FROM THE FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2016 GLRAL MEETING

Submitted by: Mike "Growling Bear" Ivan, GLRAL Chief

The Great Lakes Regional Advisory Lodge hosted their annual spring meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup> at the Strongsville Fire Station One Community Room in Strongsville, Ohio. The longhouses in attendance included representatives from the National Longhouse, Cuyahoga Valley, Crooked River, Three Fires, Two Feathers and West Toledo. The meeting started off with donuts, coffee and socialization before getting into the nuts and bolts of the meeting.

It was great to have members from the Three Fires Longhouse from Michigan attend the meeting. They have just completed the transition to Native Sons and Daughters in September of 2015. They provided valuable feedback on the migration to Native Sons and Daughters as well as contributed greatly to the discussions on recruiting, events and longhouse structure.

At the time of the meeting it was also discussed that the Kitchenodin Longhouse out of the Columbus, Ohio area was planning to come over to Native Sons and Daughters. And just recently the Western Reserve Longhouse out of the Stow, Ohio area has joined the Native Sons and Daughters Family. Welcome Kitchenodin and Western Reserve, we look forward to working with you. With the addition of these two longhouses, we now have 12 longhouses in the Great Lakes Region.

Some additional highlights of the GLRAL meeting included the following:

- Recruiting success stories and idea sharing.
- Longhouse Collaboration.
- Discussion on creating a GLRAL Facebook page.
- Great Lakes Regional Event Planning.
- New GLRAL Quarterly Calls. May 19th, August 16th, November 17th
- Date of next year's meeting. Feb 24 2017



At the conclusion of the meeting, we elected the GLRAL Chief, Assistant, and Wampum. The elected officers for these two year terms are Mike Ivan from Crooked River who will serve as Chief, Aaron Olson from Crooked River will serve as Assistant Chief and Jay Hader will continue to serve as our Wampum Bearer.

Mark your calendars, the next annual GLRAL spring meeting is scheduled for 02/24/2017. Exact time and location is still being planned. It would be great to see a representative present from each of the longhouses at next year's Spring Meeting.

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# Florida Regional Advisory Lodge

## Highlights from the 2016 Florida Statewide Pow-Wow

### Sponsored by Timucuan Longhouse

The 2016 Florida Statewide Pow-Wow was held March 10<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>, at Suwannee Music Park in Live Oak Florida. This year's event was sponsored by the Timucuan Longhouse of Jacksonville, FL. Over 400 people attended including members of the other Florida NSD Longhouses Eola and Tocobaga as well as many from Indian Guide Programs. The annual Statewide Pow-Wow is open to all parent-child programs from across the state and has been in existence since the 1970's. A core group of leadership, led by Timucuan Longhouse Chief Mike "Wild Eagle" Ryan organized and staged a great event for the 4-day run. There were Native American entertainers, Chief Rowley Professional Snake Handler, Crafters, a regalia contest and a great ceremony put on by the Timucuan Elders. Elders from the National Longhouse came from Ohio to support the event with a free craft booth and a free photo booth.



NSD Craft Booth

Chief Rowley



"Wind-Dancer"



From the NSD Photo Booth



Old Christmas Trees Burn Brightly



Statewide Team



## More Highlights from the 2016 Florida Statewide Pow-Wow

Each year, there is an award given for best Site Area decorating and also for Best Individual Campsite decorating. The Best Site Area award this year went to the Yuma Tribe of the Timucuan Longhouse and the Best Individual Campsite went to Brian Quirk of the Timucuan Longhouse. Both spent many hours putting up their displays of Tribal and Individual wares that have been created and collected over many years in the program. The Yuma Tribe has brought part or all of their display to this statewide event for many years running. The Yuma Tribe now mainly consists mainly of all older Pathfinders and they had decided that this event would be the last time for all of their history to go on display.





# Community Service



## Cuyahoga Valley Longhouse

### Wahoo Tribe Project Makes Blankets for Ohio Guidestone Outreach Program

Submitted by: Mike "Iron Horse" Pecormo

The Wahoo tribe of the Cuyahoga Valley NSD Program, performed a special community service project, making handmade blankets for Ohio Guidestone, a local outreach & support organization that serves struggling Children and Families. The tribe collected funds to purchase the necessary supplies then met in November 2015 to create the blankets, using a project sheet provided by Ohio Guidestone.



## **“Share the Stories, Spread the Spirit”**

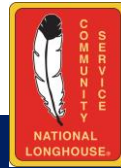
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Does your Longhouse or Tribe have a great story to share? Share the news and pictures of your special events with all of Native Sons & Daughters membership.

Send them to [NSDNewsletter@nationallonghouse.org](mailto:NSDNewsletter@nationallonghouse.org)



# Community Service



## Orange Blossom Longhouse

### Chippewa Tribe Performs Neighborhood Food Drive for Families Forward

Submitted by: John "Ocean Hunter" Haffner

The Mighty Chippewa tribe of The Orange Blossom Longhouse collected food donations from their neighborhoods and delivered them to Families Forward, a local organization that exists to help families in need achieve and maintain self-sufficiency through housing, food, counseling, education, and other support services. Families Forward started with 5 rented apartments in 1984, and has expanded to work with hundreds of families to regain economic independence and find a stable home for their children. Their vision is to end homelessness for local families.



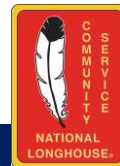
Families need food all year long but often, during the year, food donations dwindle and the Food Pantry shelves can be nearly empty. To prepare for these slower times, Families Forward partners with local community groups to collect food donations to be able to serve hungry families every month of the year.

Families Forward provided a letter explaining why we are collecting food and a flyer listing their most needed food items. The Chippewas arranged times to collect food donations from our neighborhoods, then delivered the donations to Families Forward. The Chippewas were provided with a tour of their facility and shared information about the organization.





# Community Service



## Eola Longhouse

### Hatcheniha Tribe Volunteers at Orlando Community Food and Outreach Center

Submitted by: Thomas "Catching Gator" Hewitt

In 2001, Destiny Church wanted to help those in our community who were considered the working poor. These are people who have a job but simply don't make enough money to pay for everything they need such as clothes, food, and housing. They began by opening a Reduced Cost Grocery Store that offers food at 1/3 of the cost compared to other grocery stores (If you buy \$30 of food at Publix, you could buy the same amount of food here for \$10). Recently the Community Food & Outreach Center opened a Thrift Store for our clients as well. Offering food and clothing at a reduced cost allows people who are considered the working poor the opportunity to better save money and plan for the future.



They quickly expanded and began offering not just help with food, but to help people find a job, apply for government assistance, and look for affordable housing. This program is called the LEAP Center which stands for Life Enrichment and Academic Proficiency. Today the LEAP Center also offers counseling, medical assistance, and education opportunities for those who are in need.

For the Hatcheniha Tribe, it was a great experience for the dads and kids. Learning what this organization does and the services they provide our community was very impactful. We were able to meet the staff, paint offices, help organize inventory, stock shelves and meet the customers. The amount of low income working families that use the community food & outreach as a means for feeding their families was eye opening. This volunteer experience brought us closer together as a tribe and educated us on the needs of our community. We will be going back to serve again.





# Program Support

## The Great Eagle Feather Award Program

Presented By: Brian "Flaming Arrow" Quirk



A New Tribe Chiefs ask me all the time, "What can I do to add excitement to our tribal meetings?" I respond to them the same way I do to New Tribe Sponsors as well. Schedule a quick meeting with the Big Braves only and explain to them the Great Eagle Feather Award Program.

I realize that the number of patches on the older member's vests can be intimidating to a first year tribe. The Eagle Feather Award program is a great way to begin to adorn your vest. The program has been established to provide new tribes a way to organize 17 separate joint activities that upon completion, a different "feather" is awarded to the Big Brave and child.

Some examples: A feather can be earned when the brave or princess can recite all of their tribemates Native names. Another can be earned when a piece of tribal property has been completed (tribal drum, tribal banner, and tribal totem). To aid in recruitment, a feather can be earned by having a new member register for the program. To encourage participation, a feather can be earned when the brave or princess has attended three Nation events. When a Big Brave serves as a tribal officer, their child earns a specific feather for that. Giving back to our local community is a tribal virtue and when you participate in any form of Community Service, there is a specific feather for that as well.

As you can see, multiple activities count towards earning each of the 17 feathers awarded in the program. This program is an excellent way to organize planned outings, meetings, craft building and overall bonding within the tribe. There are no rules as to the sequencing of earning the feathers so pick a feather, energize the tribe and make a big deal about earning each of them.

Once the tribe members have earned all the feathers, we alert the Nation Chief and he presents the ceremonial Eagle Feather patch at the Spring Longhouse in front of the entire Nation. Only ones acting skills limit the theatrics of this very special recognition of our children.

The Great Eagle Feather Award Program is available at The Patch Store <http://www.thepatchstore.com>

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# Longhouse Special Events

## Naranja Longhouse – Into the Tahquitz Canyon

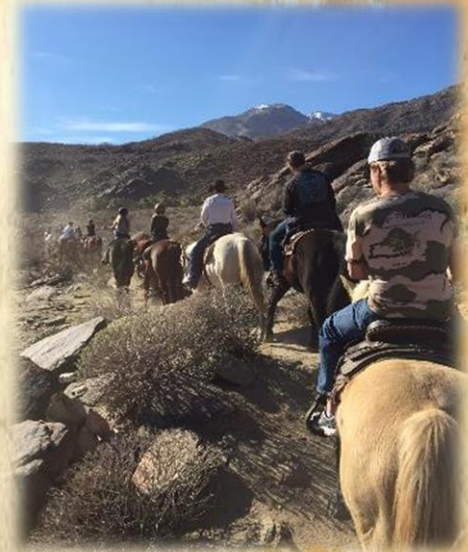
Submitted by: Michael "Camping Bear" Willems, Naranja Longhouse Chief



In the middle of (California) winter, Father's and Daughter's wandered into the land of Tahquitz. This is the land of the Aqua Caliente and the Band of Cahuilla Indians. The land of hot water mineral springs, mountains that jet up from the desert floor and touch the sky, of desert oasis and hot barren desserts. The Mountains feed natural springs and a giant aquifer that supplies the desert with water. The Band of Cahuilla Indians and the Aqua Caliente Native American Tribe settled this land long ago. Tahquitz Peak is a granite rock formation located on the high western slopes of the San Jacinto mountain range.

"Tahquitz Canyon is one of the most beautiful and culturally sensitive areas of the Aqua Caliente Indians Reservation. Tahquitz Canyon is home to a spectacular 60 foot waterfall, rock art, ancient irrigation systems, native wildlife and the Legend of Tahquitz." The San Jacinto Mountains were formed by the meeting of two tectonic plates, which caused the Mountains to jet up from the desert floor with massive earth quakes. This area is still highly active today and earthquakes are part of the culture. It is out of these earth quakes that the Legend of Tahquitz was born.

"Tahquitz was the first shaman created by Mukat, the creator of all things. Tahquitz had much power and used his power for the good of all of the people. Tahquitz became the guardian spirit of all of the shamans and he gave them power to do good things. Over time Tahquitz began to use his power for selfish reasons. He began to use his power to harm the Cahuilla People. The people became angry and they banished Tahquitz to the Canyon that bears his name. He made his home high in the San Jacinto Mountains in a secret cave, below the towering rock known today as Tahquitz Peak. It is said this that his spirit still lives in this canyon. He can sometimes be seen as large green fireballs streaking across the night sky. The strange rumblings heard deep within the San Jacinto Mountains, the shaking of the ground and the crashing of boulders are all attributed to Tahquitz as he stomps about the canyon."



We saw ancient trails, snow capped peaks, desert oasis and palm trees in the middle of the desert. We were able to hike along the trails and visit the unique rock formations, ride horses and bond as father's and daughter's, in truly a unique environment. We stayed at Smoke Tree Ranch and rode horses out of the Smoke Tree Ranch Stables. Smoke Tree Ranch was originally founded by Walt Disney as a desert retreat, before Disneyland. Walt Disney sold his interest in Smoke Tree Ranch for the seed money to start Disneyland. We have a formal Father/ Daughter dinner followed up by a "Dance Party" in the Walt Disney Room. It is truly a special place with a unique history and legends. Bob Lewis. Our "Spirit of Recruitment" first set the trip up, when he was Chief of the "Beach Foot" Tribe. I would like to thank him for finding this truly special place.



# Longhouse Special Events

## Great Sun Longhouse: Circle F Dude Ranch, Boca Helping Hands and Alex's Lemonade Stand

Submitted by: Stuart "Chupacabra" Borie, Nation Chief

The Great Sun Nation (GSN) had a busy start to the 2nd Half of the 2015-16 camping season. January started with our biggest campout of the year at Circle F Dude Ranch. Over 280 dads and kids enjoyed this activity filled event. We started with our Bear Claw ceremony welcoming our newest members on Friday night. Saturday was horseback riding, pinewood derby races, rock wall and zip lines, egg toss and war games. In February we camped outside of the Miami Zoo. March found the GSN back at Peace River. We had over 270 dads and kids canoeing down the Peace River searching for fossilized shark teeth. The highlight was the Broken Arrow ceremony on Saturday night. It was tough to see our little sons and daughters had grown up before our eyes. We finished our outdoor camping season with a trip to the Florida Keys.



We also saw our members give back to the community. The Dorado Tribe spent the day with Boca Helping Hands delivering bags of fresh breads, vegetables and meat to over 200 families who might not have had anything to eat that week. On May 7th, the GSN participated in Alex's Lemonade Stand. We had members of the Arawak, Dakota, Dorado, Seneca, and Shoshone tribes all volunteering to help raise money to cure pediatric cancer.





# Longhouse Special Events

## Alabama Longhouse-Spring Camp Events

Submitted by: Owen "Eagle Eye" Green, Longhouse Chief

The Mighty Muscogee Nation held our Spring Longhouse at Camp Cha-La-Kee on April 22-24th, 2016. The weather threatened Friday morning but cleared out and the Great Spirit provided us with a beautiful weekend to develop a closer relationship between father and daughter. After arriving at camp and getting settled, the daughters officially opened camp with some mighty skits at the Friday Council fire. Saturday morning following breakfast, the tribes gathered and presented the year's crafts for the entire nation to view. Crafts ranged from homemade bows to pinewood derby cars to dream catchers. Following the tribal displays, the nation divided up into four (4) teams for the traditional Tug-of-War competition. Each team came up with a name and an intense competition between the Sassy Tigers, the Rancid Turtles, the Screeching Leaches, and the Burping Turtles II ensued. Ultimately, the Burping Turtles II were victorious. After the awards were given to the participants, we held a final competition between all the Chiefs and Medicine Men (Nation and Tribal) vs. all the daughters. After a long battle (of about 10 seconds), the princesses were victorious.

The Mighty Comanche tribe held a First Aid class prior to lunch which was a big hit. The afternoon was spent participating in a myriad of events including archery, canoeing, fishing, hiking, rifle shooting, low ropes course, the big swing, zip lining, and a scavenger hunt. Although the competitions were close, Little Feather from the Comanche tribe caught the biggest fish (measuring 22 3/4") and Bright Sunshine from the Mighty Shawnee caught the most fish (18). The results of the scavenger hunt had the Mighty Shoshone in third, the Shawnee in second, and the Comanche in first.

It is important to help keep the camp clean and kept so a new award was created this year...the Keeper of the Cha-La-Kee Grounds. This award recognized the princess who showed great care in keeping camp clean by picking up trash or other tasks that reduced the nation's footprint at camp. The tribal chiefs selected the recipients: Golden Sunset (Alabama), Blazing Wind (Arapaho), Shining Waterfall (Comanche), Shining Sun (Muklasa), Singing Flower (Shawnee & Nation Indian Runner), and Kitty Crawler (Shoshone).

There were several Big Braves and Princesses who have reached the end of their time with the Nation and will leave the program after Many Moons:

- Arapaho: Princess Butterfly & Hangs with Big Dogs
- Comanche: Pink: Daisies & Laughing Parrot, Little Fish & Roaring Tiger
- Muklasa: Purple Ladybug & Green Alligator
- Shawnee: Daisy Sunshine & Wild Goose, Climbing Tiger & Silly Bear, Butterfly Morning Glory & Night Owl, Bright Sunshine & Sky Watcher

These families were presented a plaque and will be greatly missed but will always be a part of the Muscogee Nation. How! How!



Koasati Corn ceremony for New Families

As is our tradition, the "Most Active Tribe" or "Honor Tribe" is awarded at Spring Longhouse. This award goes to the tribe who not only participates in tribal and Nation events but also engages in activities that better the Nation and the community. This is done through recruiting and Community Service Projects. This year, the Mighty Alabama tribe had several community service projects, tribal outings, and tribal growth. Excellent Job!

The Mighty Koasati Nation held their annual Spring Longhouse camp-out at Camp Cha-La-Kee over the following weekend of April 29- May 1, 2016. Despite a wet Friday night the atmosphere was a great opportunity to strengthen the bond between fathers and daughters. The weekend started off with the unveiling of the winning T shirt design created by Moonlight Wolf followed by a corn ceremony with 15 new dedicated princesses. On Saturday, all of the girls had the opportunity to experience the new ropes course that included a Giant Swing and a Zip line. The fish were biting as soon as you dropped the hook in the water so the fishing competition was very exciting. The winning princess was able to catch 18 fish and another princess caught a fish measuring a whopping 21 inches! The Spring Longhouse is a time to award a tribe who has worked hard all year in many areas including phase awards, community service and tribal activities. The Mighty Biloxi tribe won its first ever Honor Tribe recognition led by the decorated Balding Eagle. Congratulations to the Biloxi Tribe! All in all this was a very rewarding weekend for both fathers and daughters.



Lastly, the Alabama Longhouse would like to thank Camp Cha-La-Kee and in particular the camp director, Red Bull. She is new to the position and did a great job getting camp ready for us. She loves the program and worked with us to make it a great weekend for our girls. As we head into the summer months, we will remember our great time at Cha-La-Kee and look forward to Fall War Games next year!



# Longhouse Special Events

## Timucuan Longhouse: Annual Family Campout

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

Members of the Timucuan Longhouse, recently headed back to the woods for the 6th annual Suzie Q. Miller Family Campout. This is a unique event as it is the one invite their mothers to join them and see the various types of activities they participate in all year long with their fathers. This year's rendition found the tribes migrating to the Ocala Wildlife Conservation Camp. Tom "Amazing Moon" Costanza served as event host and provided a wide variety of activities for all in attendance.



An absolute gorgeous morning welcomed all of the campers and the day began with the raising of the American Flag and the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance. Campers then dispersed to various activities throughout the campgrounds. Some of the children went canoeing on beautiful Lake Eaton with their fathers. From the docks, one could sense that some of the families intended to race from one side of the lake and back. However, prevailing winds and aching muscles slowed the racers and allowed them to take in the tranquility of their surroundings.



In another section of the park, campers honed their skills on the BB gun and archery ranges. Some of the children were able to use a bow and arrow for the very first time in their lives. Over on the shooting range and under both parent and JSO officer supervision, the older children were taught how to safely handle and fire handguns. A continuous pop, pop, pop could be heard throughout the camp.

By the early afternoon, Amazing Moon brought the tribes together and pitted tribe against tribe in a tug of war. Following that event, he had the sons & daughters line up with their fathers or mothers and begin the ever popular egg toss.

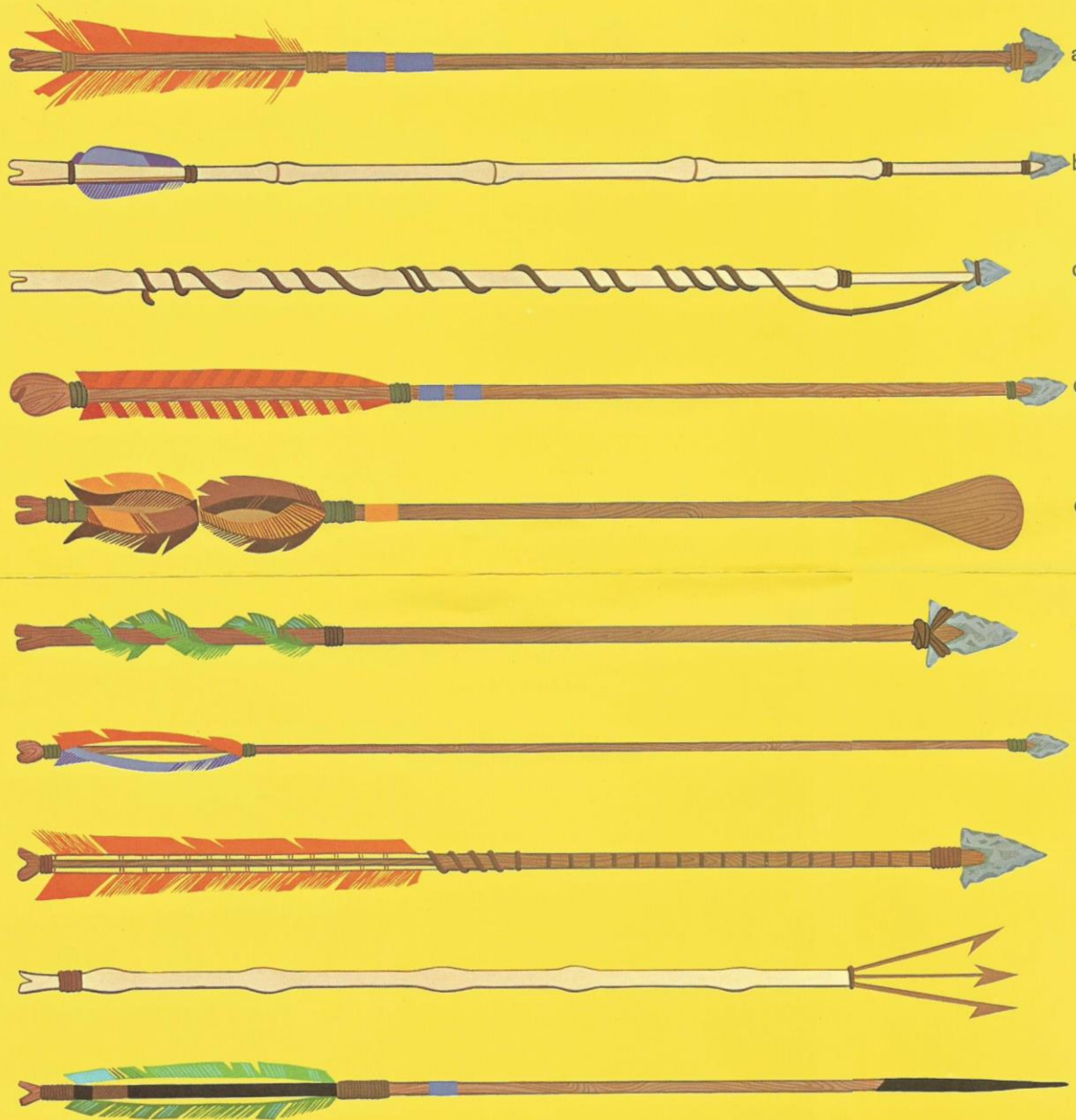
As these two events were occurring, an enticing aroma permeated throughout the camp. Timucuan Elder Bryan "Big Wolf" Davis had set up his smoker and was busy at work preparing that evening's feast. We dined on smoked ribs, chicken and pulled pork with potato salad, baked beans, egg salad and were treated to Southern style sweet tea.

After dinner, many of the campers sat by the roaring fire and were treated to an amazing fireworks display put on by Senior Pathfinder Evan "Growling Bear" Quirk. As some of the eyelids started becoming heavy, the dads were already discussing where we might host next year's event. A memorable time was had by all. Till next time...





# Native American Culture



Arrowheads, normally attached parallel to the nock, are shown perpendicular to the nock for illustration purposes.

## INDIAN ARROWS

Any crude bow will shoot an arrow . . . but only a well-made arrow will be effective. For this reason, arrow-making was one of the Indian's highest skills.

Although arrow styles varied with tribes, it was the arrow's intended use that dictated its design.

Heavier arrows with large, rough feathers (a) (h) were less likely to get lost because they did not travel as far and their feathers were easily seen. Light, slim arrows with trimmed feathers (b) (d) (g) (i) were best for distance. Blunt designs (e) would stun birds and small game without tearing the skin. Unfeathered, pronged arrows (j) were suited for smaller, shallow water fish, but for larger, deeper swimming fish, a two-piece arrow (c) allowed the buoyant shaft to float to the surface carrying a line attached to the barb.

Feathers (fletching) were affixed by animal glue, binding, or both. Some were attached with a slight curve (g) . . . or a complete spiral (f) . . . to make the arrow spin in flight. Eagle, owl, hawk, turkey and goose feathers were used commonly, each arrow being fletched with feathers from the same wing.

The nock, or string notch, was made long and slender if the archer pulled his bowstring with bent fingers . . . or short and wide if he held his arrow in a pinch grip between thumb and forefinger.

Arrows normally were made of ash, birch, cane, dogwood shoots, willow, hazel, wild cherry or arrowwood (branches of the viburnum bush). Wood was cut in winter when the sap was down, wrapped tightly in bundles of 20 or 25 and hung in the smoke of the cooking fire for several weeks to season. In finishing the arrows, the wood was twirled between grooved sandstone polishers or drawn through a hole drilled in horn or stone.

Each man normally made his own arrows, applying his unique decoration to help him identify his share of the hunt. Common designs often included bands of red and black, representing day and night, an Indian symbol of precision. In some tribes, older men became professional arrowmakers.

## ARROWHEADS

Before the introduction of the iron arrowhead, which the Indian acquired by trading, arrows were tipped with a wide variety of materials. Flint, obsidian, chalcedony, stone, jasper, agate, chert, horn, bone, shell, wood, copper and sinew were commonly used.

As with arrow design itself, the intended use of the arrow often influenced the material chosen for the arrowhead. Wood, for instance, was used mainly to form a blunt head for stunning arrows. A natural swelling in the end of the arrow shaft might also be sharpened to form a "built-in" arrowhead. When there was no natural "swell", the shaft could be fashioned to a slender point and charred to make it stronger.

Since flint arrowheads were known to shatter when striking a rib or other hard bone of the animal being hunted, they sometimes were replaced by arrowheads of hard sinew that would bend and go around the bone obstacle. Arrowheads normally were held in place by an animal glue plus a binding of wet rawhide or sinew that would shrink very tight when dry. A "shoulder" was sometimes shaped at the fastening end of the arrowhead to give the binding a better grip.

Often, arrowhead makers were specialists, who set up "factories" for roughing out shapes at the source of supply.

