

NATIONAL LONGHOUSE DRUM BEATS



THE NATIONAL NEWSLETTER OF NATIVE SONS & DAUGHTERS PROGRAMS

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Welcome to the latest 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 coastto-coast across our great country.

From the Teepee of your National Chief

Big How!



I hope everyone is enjoying your fall outings and camp outs. I want to remind everyone about the program promotional fund that is available to every Longhouse. This fund is set up to help you promote your local Longhouse in your areas. Having run a Longhouse for many years, I understand the hurdles that you have to overcome sometimes. National wants to help in any way that we can to make your Longhouse successful. To take advantage of the \$400 fund, send me an email explain how you're going to use the funds. I will then reply back with approved or not approved. You will then send me your receipt for the promotional material etc. I will forward to our Wampum Bearer to send funds to your Longhouse. Checks will only be written to the name of the Longhouse.

If you have any other ideas how National can help you're Longhouse, please let me know.

Always remember that our jobs as leaders of our Longhouses are to create great memories for our children and fathers.



Bryan "Big Wolf" Davis

NS&D National Chief nationalchief@nationallonghouse.org

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National Longhouse

National Council of Officers

These are your 2016-18 National Council of Officers.

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Please feel free to contact them with matters that concern your Longhouse

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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.

2018 National Longhouse Annual Meeting

The next National Longhouse Annual Meeting will be June $8^{th} - 10^{th}$, 2018.

Location & details TBA

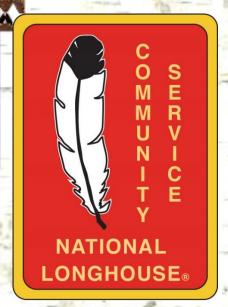
Longhouses & RAL's, please place this important date on your calendars and plan to send a representative to this all-important annual national meeting. For further information on this meeting, contact your RAL Chiefs or National Chief Bryan Davis.

Elections for National Council of Officers will take place at this meeting.

National Longhouse NEEDS energetic and willing individuals to step up to be the next generation of leadership for National Longhouse. Please consider giving of your time to further this worthy mission.

If you are considering entering your name as a candidate for one of these positions, please plan to be present at the annual meeting. Come as a representative of your Longhouse or Region (RAL).

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NLL 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.
- Project reports are now submitted online with an "easy-to-use" form.
- Awards will be processed and distributed at that time.
- YEAR BARS NOW AWARDED FOR 2ND, 3RD & 4TH YEAR PARTICIPANTS. SEE THE EXAMPLES BELOW

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

http://www.nationallonghouse.org/community-service-

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!





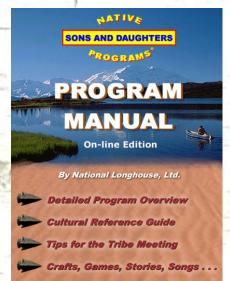


NSD PROGRAM MANUAL

Download it from the 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, Culture, Crafts, Games, Stories, Songs, etc. View and/or print as you like!





Community Service

Crooked River Longhouse (NE Ohio) Support's Alex's Lemonade Stand Charity, 2016 & 2017 Events

Submitted by: Matt Rebraca, Events Chief

For the third year in a row the Longhouse supported Alex's Lemonade Stand to help raise money for and awareness of childhood cancer.

PLEASE...PLEASE... take the time to meet Alexandra "Alex" Scott and be prepared to be inspired by a remarkable person.

http://www.alexslemonade.org/about/meet-alex

http://www.alexslemonade.org/about/meet-alex/interview

On July 9^{th} , 2016 and again on September 9^{th} , 2017, we held our 2^{nd} & 3^{rd} annual Alex's Lemonade Stand charity fundraiser. Both year's location was at Gibbs Butcher Block in Olmsted Falls from 12-4pm.

The times coincided with their weekend sausage tastings... Which drew a large crowd.

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What better way to enjoy the afternoon then being in the sun, listening to music, tasting gourmet sausage and washing it down with some HAND squeezed Lemonade, carnival style???



Chief Sage Wolf led the charge for 2016 and Chief Soaring Eagle set the tone for 2017. This year we added a real lemon squeezer machine. We've learned that this is a very successful event and we want to be prepared to host this event for many more years! After a quick 30-minute setup we were ready to

shake...shake... One happy patron and one

donation at a time would be the rule of

the day. Those that did tasted the best lemonade in town and were eager to donate to the cause. Heck, even those that didn't enjoy a glass of lemonade were inspired to donate. In fact, our highest donation of the day was made by those who just wanted to help!!!





Our 2016 fundraising goal was \$300 and we raised \$400. Our 2017 goal was \$400 and we raised \$502! Each year, we had decorated a poster the night before. The poster showed our goal and listed our donors. As the day progressed the kids were excited to watch as we closed in on our goal. So were the patrons, as each was asked to sign or contribute to our poster but many chose to remain anonymous. At the end of the day(s) we had a beautiful poster to represent the good that our longhouse had done. And we BEAT our goal both years!

Community Service

Great Sun Longhouse (Boca Raton, FL) Support Hurricane Disaster Relief in Florida and Puerto Rico

Submitted by: Stuart "Chupacabra" Borie, Longhouse Elder



With all of the storms hitting Florida and the Caribbean, the Dorado Tribe of the Great Sun Nation got together to help the people affected by the storms. We put together two separate supplies collections. For Hurricane Irma which devastated our beloved Florida Keys, we collected much needed supplies (water, bleach, hand sanitizer, diapers, baby wipes, canned foods and coolers) and dropped them off at a local collection center.

Next we teamed up with a local Unitarian Church. They had collected clothes and kitchen goods at their church. They had no way to get it to a donation center for victims of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. The Dorado tribe emptied out its War Wagon (Camping trailer) and went to the Church and collected all of the donated items and loaded them into the War Wagon. We then took it to a donation center sponsored by Boynton Beach and helped fill containers destined for Puerto Rico.





All of the dads and kids involved knew how lucky we were that the storms missed us, but realized how important it was to donate two Saturdays of our time and the use of our War Wagon to help those less fortunate.





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Great Lakes Regional Advisory Lodge News

Representing the Longhouses of Ohio, Michigan & Indiana

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

LONGHOUSES-MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Next GLRAL in-person meeting is February 24, 2018.

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LOCATION & DETAILS TBA

The current GLRAL Chief, Assistant Chief and Wampum positions will be open and we will hold elections for these positions at the next meeting in February 2018. The positions are two year terms and the existing officers were last elected in 2016. If you are interested in holding a position at the Great Lakes Region, please reach out to Mike Ivan at glralchief@nationallonghouse.org.

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glralchief@nationallonghouse.org





"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 your stories to:

NSDNewsletter@nationallonghouse.org

Florida Regional Advisory Lodge

ATTENTION ALL FLORIDA LONGHOUSES



THE FLORIDA RAL IS LOOKING FOR NEW LEADERSHIP TO STEP UP. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR INTEREST, PLEASE CONTACT THE FORMER FLORIDA RAL CHIEF BELOW.

Florida Regional Lodge Contact Information:

Former FLRAL Chief: Brian "Flaming Arrow" Quirk, 904-382-5960, flamingarrow2008@bellsouth.net

The Talking Stick Legend (A Ritual for NSD Tribes)

There are legends about how the Talking Feather / Talking Stick came to be, and many tribes take credit for these stories, so there are several versions. Traditionally, the American Indians used the Talking Feather or Talking Stick as a method to insure organization during important council meetings among the tribes. The materials used for both Feather and Stick were important. The Sacred Feather was usually from an Eagle representing truth, freedom, wisdom, and keen insight. Some tribes believed in using the Feather from an Owl which represented protection, wisdom, and strong insight into truth. The Sacred Stick was made from the bark of trees such as the Oak (strength) the Elm (wisdom) and others. There were also decorations and adornments made from the skins or hides from animals such as Elk (physical ability), Deer (gentleness), Buffalo (abundance) and the rabbit (ears for listening) and several other animals the various tribes felt were sacred. Color played an important role in the creations. Certain tribes held different



meanings for each color. For example, red symbolizes blood of life, white symbolizes truth, purity, blue is for healing and so forth. Each member was guaranteed a chance to speak their thoughts. The Feather or Stick was passed to each



person, and while the speaker held this object, they could not be interrupted. Each member listened carefully to what was being said. Indian children were taught to listen carefully when someone speaks. In many historical photographs we can see the Talking Stick represented. Today, one of the most important skills we can teach our young children is that of listening to others.

If you do not already have this tradition in your tribal ceremony, consider adopting it. Have the tribe create the feather with materials that are meaningful to the members of the tribe.

Longhouse Special Events

Two Feathers Longhouse (Avon, OH) Circus Float in Annual Duct Tape Festival Parade

Submitted by: Scott Schraff, Longhouse Elder



Two Feathers Longhouse (2FL) started building modest floats for the Duct Tape Festival in 2004 as a way to promote the longhouse and NS&D. As we steadily improved at creating fun and entertaining floats, the floats starting placing in, and winning, the best float contest in the parade.

The float has become an annual creative group mission for 2FL. This time lapse YouTube video captures the enthusiasm and fun of the month-long 2017 float build https://youtu.be/2Pg53EKuV2M (copy & paste into your browser, or visit the Two Feathers Avon channel

on YouTube). The theme of the June 17th,

2017 parade was Circus. Brainstorming on that theme, we settled on an Animal Crackers box as our float theme, featuring



a giant cracker box filled with Duck Tape animals. The kids were invited to dress up as circus performers for the parade, using costumes coated in multicolored Duck Tape.

The Float Build Team Leader was member

John Gorski, owner of Gorski Welding Inc., a welding fabrication company. John generously donated his leadership, design and welding talent, as well as the use of his shop for over a month. The float came together beautifully, using over 212 rolls of Duck Tape.

The results: With perfect weather and a big crowd, the float was a huge hit! Many of our parents and kids marched with the float, and all had a GREAT time, enjoying the crowd's applause. We

also handed out over 600 flyers, which were invitations to a special June recruiting rally.



Our float won the best float award, marking the 5th consecutive year that 2FL floats placed either 1st or 2nd. The cash prize for 1st place was \$1,000. Our float and families also appeared on a local TV morning show, as well as in several local newspapers. Best of all, the recruiting rally held after the festival attracted 6 new member family signups to date, with more expected.



We are very grateful for:

- →2FL Co-Chiefs, Reed Allen and Walt McMahon, for their leadership and guidance.
- ▶2FL officers, who invested crucial time and enthusiasm.
- →2FL members, for great contributions, can-do spirit, perseverance down the stretch, and trust in the mission.

Longhouse Special Events

Alabama Longhouse

Alabama Longhouse-Koasati Nation-2017 Fall War Games

Submitted by: Quitman "Barking Spider" Turner, Longhouse Elder

The Alabama Longhouse's Koasati Nation held their annual 2017 Fall War Games (FWG) campout Sept 22nd

- 24th at the historic Camp Cha-la-kee, which stretches over .5 mi shoreline on the beautiful Guntersville Lake. The Koasati Nation's Chief "Big Bend Longhorn" and the Nation's Medicine Man "Grazing Llama" led Koasati Nation's 7 mighty tribes through fierce Wargame competition that included



head-to-head battles, such as the ancient bomb the chief, the spiritual bat spin, and mighty obstacle course. All of the tribes fought hard, while demonstrating spirit, bravery, and good sportsmanship, however, there can only be one mightiest tribe. This year's Koasati Nation's Mightiest Tribe was the "Creek" Tribe, led by Chief "Silver Hawk" from Southern Tennessee Valley, known for mighty mound building and religious leaders.

Other spirited competition included the Nation's FWG fishing rodeo and mighty T-Shirt design. The Gods blessed the Nation with great Indian summer like weather that allowed the Tribe Braves and their Princesses to enjoy swimming and canoeing activities. The Nation ended their 2017 FWG's with closing ceremonies on Saturday Night that included the traditional bomb fire, which was constructed by the great fire dancing "Choctaw" tribe.







The Koasati Nation took the opportunity to get pictures of all of the tribes











Longhouse Special Events

Timucuan Longhouse (Jacksonville, FL): Changing of the Chief-Passing the Headdress

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

The Native Sons and Daughters Timucuan Longhouse of Jacksonville recently held a "Passing of the Headdress" ceremony. Mike "Wild Eagle" Ryan completed his two-year tenure as Longhouse Chief and passed the headdress to incoming Longhouse Chief Ron "Spirit Bear" Smith. Mike has been an active member of the club and has held various positions of Tribe Chief, Nation Chief, Medicine Man, served on 3 State Wide Pow-Wow committees and chaired the 2016 State Pow-Wow.

Mike currently serves as the National Longhouse Assistant Chief. When asked to sum up his time in the program, Mike states, "I can't believe how fast the past 9 years has gone by. Both of my boys were young and hesitant around groups of people and now both dive right in and help in any way asked of them. I am so proud of both of them".

Incoming Longhouse Chief Ron "Spirit Bear" Smith has also been a very active member of the club holding various positions of Tribe Chief, Nation Chief, Longhouse Chief and serving on the State Wide Pow-Wow committee. When asked about sharing his



thoughts on taking on his new duties, Ron states, "There has been some truly remarkable men hold this position in the past. They have always attempted to create life-long memories for both their children and in turn, the children in the program. I am honored to be able to carry on that tradition". He goes on to state, "It is amazing to watch the reaction on the children's faces when they go out into the woods and witness the majesty of a hawk in flight, the ripples of the current in the river, or the flames dancing over an open fire. That is just priceless".



Native American Theme

The Six Aims Award

A special patch is available to honor all Native Sons & Daughters who successfully learn, memorize, and recite the Six Great Aims of the Native Sons & Daughters Programs. Longhouses or even Tribes may wish to implement this award as a standard practice to encourage and continue the legacy of this ritual/life lesson. The purpose of this award is to engrain the Aims of the program into memory, letting the Aims be a guide to each Son or Daughter. This award can only be earned ONCE during the child's time in the program. There is no pressure to earn it at any specific time. The Six Aims award patch can be presented to those who have earned it in a special presentation once per year. A sample presentation ceremony is available on request. The patch shown below is available through the Patch Store/CQ Industries.

The Six Great Aims of the Native Sons & Daughters Programs:

- 1. To be PALS FOREVER/Friends Always, father and child (son or daughter).
- 2. To be clean in body and pure in heart.
- 3. To love the sacred circle of the family.
- 4. To love my neighbor as myself.
- 5. To listen while others speak.
- 6. To seek and preserve-the beauty of the Great Spirit's work-in forest, field, and stream.

Suggested Basic Rules for Testing a Son or Daughter's ability to recite the Aims:

- 1. The child must be able to recite the basic structure of each Aim sentence.
- 2. The child does not have to recite the Aims in the order listed above, any order is fine.
- 3. The method in which the testing is done is flexible, and relies on the honesty of the father or parent who is testing the child. No coaching or clues at the time of recital. If the child cannot complete all six aims, encourage them to study more, then try again.
- 4. Testing must be done on a one-to-one basis. It can be done at home, at a tribe meeting or other. The point is that when a child is trying to recite the Aims, no other children should be close enough to hear what is being said.
- 5. It may be a good idea to have the child say the Aims at several different times before counting the recital as official.
- 6. Use an official form to notify the Council Awards Chief. A sample form is below.
- 7. To preserve honesty, the Council/Awards Chief reserve the right to independently test any child whose name has been submitted for the award on their ability to recite the Six Aims.

SAMPLE FORM: Please complete the following:

of the	tribe has successfully memorized
and has recited without help, the Six Great Aims of the Native Sons Aims was accomplished in my / our presence on (date) / /	
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Signed (name and relation or position)	
Signed (name and relation or position)	
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IMPORTANT DEADLINE:

For the program year XXXX, this form is to be turned in to the Awards Chief no later than XX/XX/XXXX.

NSD Heritage-The Six Aims

Complied and Transcribed by Dave "Buckeye" Garberson, NLL Great Elder

Regarding the Six Aims of the Native Sons and Daghters Programs, when National Longhouse (NLL) was formed in 2002, June Friday MacInnes, Ojiwa Indian and eldest neice of the great Joe "Ahtik" Friday, gifted to NLL, 3 parts of Ojibway traditon. These traditions, in the forms of documents, teachings and recollections, have historical significance surrounding the Six Aims. Some might say that these are directions of life, as we aim ourselves in our hunt for survivial just as Ojibway Indian and founder Joe Friday did. Joe Friday gave these aims to the Indian Guide program all those years ago in the 1920's

The **First**, written by June Friday MacInnes, explains each of the Aims as to how the Ojibway people would teach their heritage within their tribal peoples. This document of the Six Aims and their Ojibway traditional meanings is contained in the Native Sons and Daughters Member's Handbook, but also reprinted here.



The Six Aims; By June Friday MacInnis and Joseph "Ahtik" Friday

Always Be Friends With Your Father/Son: (color Black)

Joe's lost relationship with his father, and then his new found one with Chief White Bear was the basic foundation of that Aim. (Chief White Bear took in Joe's family when Joe's father died, when Joe was the age of 10.

Clean in Body, Pure in Heart: (color White)

Here the traditional ways of Ojibway people, with their Purification Ceremonies, the use of Sweat Lodges, and the understanding of the Medicine Wheel are involved. The cleansing and purification of self in the body and heart are proposed.

Love the Sacred Circle of Your Family: (color Red)

We are all a part of the Great Circle of Life. Nothing comes between the extended family relations, as when Joe Friday and family were taken in by Chief White Bear.

Love My Neighbor As Yourself: (color Blue)

Being good and kind to neighbors has always been an Ojibway way among its people. They share their wealth in food, jobs, and basic needs in housing and clothing. No one would go hungry or ever be cold or unloved within the Ojibway people.

Be Attentive (Listen) While Others Speak: (color Yellow)

Basic rule of Respect for Elders and those who are trusted with knowledge and experience prevails with this Aim. The basic means of discipline of the children, in paying attention, not just listening stated here too. The Talking Stick was part of that tradition in the Ojibway ways.

Seek and Preserve the Beauty of the Great Spirit's Work, in Forest, Field and Stream: (color Green)

Seemingly the most obvious for the Ojibway values as their territory was full of forests, fields and waterways. All were needed for survival. Reverence and thanks to God, the Creator. The Great Spirit has always been most important in giving Thanks to God for what they have been given (food, clothing, and shelter) by Him. The offer of tobacco was always left when their needs were satisfied by the gifts from the Great Spirit, as with a successful hunt, planting season, or bountiful harvest. To preserve them is thought

to be giving back to the Creator what was given to us.

The **Second**, more of a recollection or teaching that describes The Six Aims (directions), in each of these we understand the important ways the One Ojibway Nation people, including the Cree, Chippewa and Algonquin peoples gave thanks and honor to the Creator, the Great Spirit, The Great One, our God. This was done through honor and tradition that bind this One Ojiwa Nation, God and His gifts to His people.

As the Elders stood in a circle, the ceremonial pipe was lit. Each took turns, taking a puff then holding the tobacco bowl in the left hand and holding the other end in the right hand, pointing the stem to each of the directions one at a time, turning their body to each direction as they call out each direction like (i.e) "Father Sky-Listen while he speaks" and so on. It was a great honor to be a part of that group, to perform this honor ceremony to the Six Aims (directions).

The **Third**, based in traditions, indicates that in addition to the meanings of The Six Aims there are also colors for each as well. Traditional uses may be a color feather given for display or the color bead for decoration, or a color to paint on your wigwam or tipi or vest to honor the spirited message of each Aim. Some decorate their walking stick, honor staff, or coup stick for each Aim. Some would place special colors near their dwelling or on their pony before a hunt. Some would add color to their dresses as honors. The color are listed with the Six Aims above.

Mrs. MacInnis reminded us when she told of the Ojibway honors and traditions, that they are realized through their use of prayers, songs, dances, art and ceremonies. Their understandings would be read to to the people in a circle near the campfire so all adults and children together would grow up with this tradition and honor. These Six Aims are a guide for living each day.

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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