

NATIONAL LONGHOUSE

DRUM BEATS



THE NATIONAL NEWSLETTER OF NATIVE SONS & DAUGHTERS PROGRAMS

Great Spirit Moon
Gichi-manidoo-giizis (Ojibwa)

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 coast-to-coast across our great country.

From the Teepee of your National Chief

Big How!

Hope everyone is faring well with this cold weather that is upon us again. You know it's cold when you see our brothers in South Florida wearing long pants. You should be planning your spring campouts at this point of the year. I hope all of our new members enjoyed their fall campouts and took part in their introduction ceremony to Native Sons and Daughters program. I want to again officially welcome you to the Native Sons and Daughters program. This spring you will see some of our older Braves and Princesses graduate from our program and embark on new journeys. As Fathers and Mothers, we need to allow our Braves and Princesses to take the lead in this journey and be there to only guide them. If we as parents have done a good job leading them, then we should trust them to take the lead.

I want to remind our leadership throughout the country that our National meeting is fast approaching, June 8th- 10th 2018. We will be going back to Helen Georgia this year. We will be staying at the Unicoi State Park. Please be looking for an e-mail from me in the weeks to come with details.

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The NSD online store is coming soon. We have been working on putting together a store for you to visit to buy NSD shirts hats, cups etc. More info coming soon.



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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

Visit the National Longhouse Website and Facebook Page

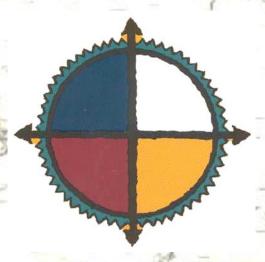
Check out the National Longhouse website for beneficial resources and information. http://www.nationallonghouse.org

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.

"Share the Stories, Spread the Spirit"

In the National Longhouse Drum Beats Newsletter

Send your stories to: NSDNewsletter@nationallonghouse.org



Native American Lore

The Circle of Life

The Circle of Life is an American Indian symbol for the Four Directions. The four colors represent the four stages of life, from birth to old age; the four seasons, from spring to winter; and the four races of people Each of the Four Directions symbolizes a certain power. In this circle, East is knowledge, South is life, West is the power of change, and North is wisdom

2018 National Longhouse Annual Meeting All Regions-Plan to Send Delegates!

The 2018 National Longhouse Annual Meeting will be June 8th - 10th, 2018.

Unincoi State Park, Helen, GA

Longhouses & RAL's, please place this important date on your calendars and plan to send representation to this all-important annual national meeting. This is the prime meeting for Longhouses to give their input and make an impact on the future of Native Sons & daughters Programs. Lodging & meals provided.

For further information on this meeting, contact your RAL Chiefs or National Chief Bryan Davis.



Elections for The National Council of Officers 2018-2020 will take place at this meeting.

Elections are for the NCO positions of National Chief, National Assistant Chief,
National Wampum Bearer and National Talley Keeper

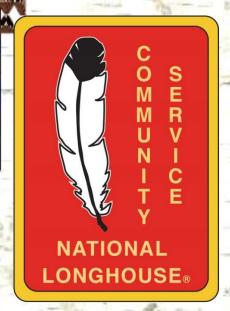
National Longhouse NEEDS energetic and willing individuals to step up to be the next



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 this annual meeting. Come as a representative of your Longhouse or Region (RAL).

Nomination information & process details will be announced in a special communication to be sent in early April 2018



NLL Community Service Project

The process for submitting reports and receiving awards is simple...

- Project reports can 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-project/

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!





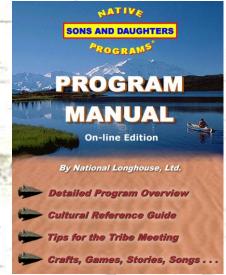


NSD PROGRAM MANUAL

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!



American Indians

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APACHE	COMANCHE	PAWNEE
BLACKFOOT	CREEK	PUEBLO
CHEROKEE	CROW	SHAWNEE
CHEYENNE	HOPI	SHOSHONE
CHINOOK	IROQUOIS	SIOUX
CHIPPEWA	NAVAJO	WINNEBAGO



Dakota Tribe

Of Western Reserve Longhouse (NE Ohio) Supporting Leprechaun Foundation at Christmastime

Submitted by: Erik "Roaring Fire" Davis, Dakota Tribal Chief

The Dakota Tribe of the Western Reserve Longhouse, recently spent two Saturdays in December 2017 shopping for and wrapping gifts for a family we adopted through the Leprechaun Foundation. All of the items were purchased by the tribe members and their families.

The Leprechaun Foundation is a local charity that works with area hospitals to grant wishes of all kinds, anonymously to terminally or chronically ill children. The family we adopted will not know who provided them with gifts, and a holiday meal, but they will know that someone cares, which is why we participated

For more info on the Leprechaun Foundation or to give:

http://www.leprechaunfoundation.org/

We have already discussed making this a recurring activity for not only our tribe, but possibly our longhouse as well.



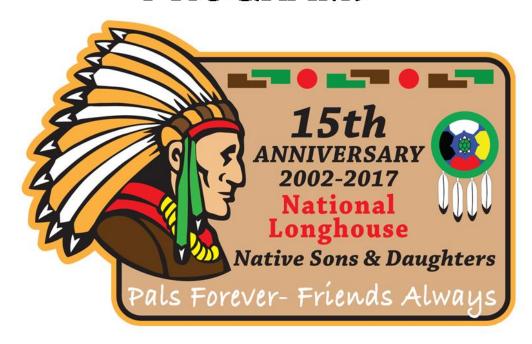








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Great Lakes Regional Advisory Lodge News

Representing the Longhouses of Ohio, Michigan & Indiana

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

LONGHOUSES-MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!

The 2018 GLRAL in-person meeting is Sat., February 24, 2018, 9:00 am.

Location: Hampton Inn & Suites

11608 US Route 250, Milan Ohio 44846



Each Longhouse should send at least 2 representatives to this important meeting. This is a great opportunity to share information between Longhouses and receive upto-date regional and national information. Lunch and refreshments provided.

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 current GLRAL Chief Mike Ivan at glralchief@nationallonghouse.org.

Also to be discussed is the upcoming National Longhouse Annual Meeting, June 8-10, 2018. It needs to be determined who will represent GLRAL at this meeting.

For more information or if interested in attending, please contact GLRAL Chief Mike Ivan at glralchief@nationallonghouse.org, 440-463-9659

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Florida Regional Advisory Lodge News

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 CURRENT FLORIDA RAL CHIEF BELOW.

Florida Regional Lodge Contact Information:

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

2018 Florida State Pow-Wow

Presented by Brian "Flaming Arrow" Quirk, FLRAL Chief

<u> March 16-18</u>

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The State Wide Pow-Wow website is open for registration!! Please strongly encourage your tribes to go online and register. Registration fees pay for the deposits for the entertainment so please relay to your groups to get after it and register early. Let's join our brothers from South Florida and put on the best State Wide to date. This is a first time venue so nobody in your organization can say they have attended State Wide at Forever Florida.

The FL State Pow-Wow Registration website is **Sunshinestatepowwow.com**

Also, State Chief Victor Nappe has asked each Federation to run one event so that we all share in the experience. Please talk with your leadership and communicate with Victor where he needs a hand. I look forward to seeing all the leadership at this memory making event for our children.

INDIAN SYMBOLS

AND THEIR MEANINGS



























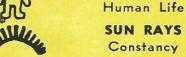












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CACTUS FLOWER Courtship

SADDLE BAGS Journey

BIRD Carefree - Lighthearted LIGHTNING SNAKE

> SNAKE Defiance, Wisdom

THUNDERBIRD TRACK **Bright Prospects**

> DEER TRACK Plenty Game

BEAR TRACK Good Omen

RATTLESNAKE JAW Strength

HEADDRESS Ceremonial Dance







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BUTTERFLY

Everlasting Life

COYOTE TRACKS

LIGHTNING AND LIGHTNING ARROW Swiftness

DAYS AND NIGHTS Time

MORNING STARS Guidance

SUN SYMBOLS Happiness

RUNNING WATER Constant Life

RAINDROP - RAIN Plentiful Crops

TEPEE Temporary Home

SKY BAND Leading to Happiness

MEDICINE MAN'S EYE Wise, Watchful

MOUNTAIN RANGE

HOGAN Permanent Home BIG MOUNTAIN

Abundance HOUSE OF WATER

FENCE Guarding Good Luck

ENCLOSURE FOR CEREMONIAL DANCES

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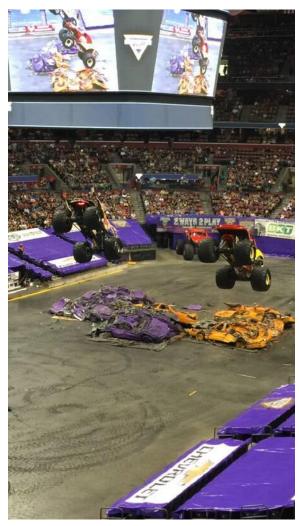
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Dorado Tribe of the Great Sun Longhouse (FL) Monster Jam 2017

Submitted by: Robert "Dagger" Tobano, Dorado Chief

The Dorado Tribe of the Great Sun Longhouse attended The Monster Jam 2017 @ the B.B & T Center (home of the Florida Panthers Hockey Team) in Sunrise (near Fort Lauderdale), Florida. Monster Jam is a national touring event where the main attraction is always the racing and freestyle competitions by monster trucks. The event definitely had its up's and down's (so to speak), with upwards of 1000 HP these trucks literately flattened the field with their 60" tires and Supercharged V8 motors. You could see sparks flying from their transfer cases and rear ends as they were smoking their tires and doing 360's. This is a fun High Energy event for all with food and drinks available indoors with Air Conditioned seating.





If you have never been to a Monster Truck event I highly recommend this, you will simply be amazed at the display of power produced by these daredevil drivers. Grave-Digger is my personal all-time favorite and he simply hands down won the event this year with Zombie coming in second place. I think Grave Digger had revenge on his mind after losing to Zombie in 2016.

3 Fires Longhouse (Troy, MI)

Annual Troy Colts Homecoming Parade

Submitted by: Steve "Running Waters" Stinson

3 Fires Longhouse out of Birmingham / Troy, Michigan marched in the annual Troy Colts Homecoming Parade before the Football game on October 6[,] 2017. Kids & Dads of 3 Fires marched with the Military Grade MWRAP belonging to Alumni Member Jim Green. We handed out candy and wooden nickels with 3 Fires logo for recruiting. Our 3 Fires / Native Sons & Daughters Program banner was proudly displayed on the MWRAP. The MWRAP is a great conversation piece offering a unique vehicle gaining attention from the crowd and conversations on Native Sons & Daughters Dad/Child program. This was a great opportunity to get involved in a community event, recruit, spread awareness on 3 Fires, get a patch and have some fun with the kids / Dads. This is our 3rd year participating in the parade and is a great event to kick off our new year. 3 Fires Longhouse is going strong for 2017 / 2018 and marching in the Troy Homecoming Parade was a great fall event!!!!!





Eola Federation (Orlando, FL) 2018 Annual Tribal Games Event

Submitted by: Patrick "Screeching Eagle" Hart, Eola Federation Chief

In January 2018, the Eola Federation had its annual Tribal games at the Forever Florida campground. We had more than 200 participants with our six tribes in the Eola Federation. The games included sack races, three legged race, egg relays, egg toss and water relay. The events were Children of the tribes, kids and parents of the tribes and parents challenging parents. It was a great time! The event built many memories for our children and the parent and created a lifetime of memories for all of us.



Also to make our Tribal games a class act, Mr. Ryan King (Tocobaga Longhouse) created some phenomenal banner flags for Eola Federation and each of its tribes. These flags made a great



setting a new pride for our tribes and federation. If you notice, each of the tribes has chosen one of the Six Aims and the associated color for its flag. Now after the raising of the American Flag and Pledge of Allegiance, we follow with our tribal roll call for camping events the tribes answer with their tribes color and their associated Aim. However, we will always be one under the Eola Federation Flag. The banner flags were used to mark the tribes camping area and where the Federation was

camping. When we came to gather for the games each tribe walked with their banner. It was our

own opening ceremonies!!!

Forever Florida was phenomenal background in the pictures and treasure for Florida campers. Forever Florida personnel were very accommodating and great place to be with our children.





Timucuan Longhouse (Jacksonville, FL): Jacksonville Icemen Hockey

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

On a beautiful, crisp afternoon, members of the Timucuan Longhouse of Jacksonville strapped on their ice skates and joined the Jacksonville Icemen for an afternoon of professional hockey. Event organizer, Scott "Iron Wolf" Klueppel gathered almost 150 members of the organization who particiapted in the first Longhouse event of the new year.

Once inside the arena, a nip in the air was felt by all in attendance. Ice Hockey is a growing sport down in the deep south and the Icemen are in their first year of playing in the East Coast Hockey League.



One by one, the braves and princesses saw their faces on the Jumbo Tron as the Timucuan Longhouse was the featured organization for the game. Directly behind me sat the Holger Schmidt family. Shooting Snake (son) and Singing Bird (daughter) danced and shouted to the music as Mrs. Blue Spark joined in the festivities. Many members of the organization were adorned with their tribal shirts and colorful yests.

During one of the intermissions, the extremely popular "Chuck A Puck" occurred. Hundreds and hundreds of foam pucks showered down upon the ice as each participant was anxious to see if they could win the prizes. Much to our joy, our very own Iron Wolf was able to get his puck in the bowl and take home the prizes. We were also joined by one of our Nation Chiefs, Charlie Rocheleau "Crockwater" and his family. His brave, Fast Red Bird and his princess, Dancing Bear were nothing but smiles the entire game. All in all it was a great afternoon of family entertainment.





Great Sun Longhouse (Boca Raton, FL): First Half Events Review

Submitted by: Stuart "Chupacabra" Borie, Longhouse Elder

Well what do you know....... We are a little over half way into the Great Sun Nation's camping season and there has almost been too much fun had by all.... Is that possible.... Too much fun? Yeah I don't think so! Here is a quick rundown of our season so far and it has been a blast getting here....

We started the season off with a killer Ice Skating event, just what we needed to beat the August summer heat. Everyone, well, almost everyone that attended got on the ice. Some of the dads chickened out.... We had our own private ice rink which gave everyone room to fall on their butts....

September came along and we did what everyone should do as Fall approaches... Go sleep in a museum. Our "Night at the





Museum" was awesome!!! The crowd was a bit smaller than last year but the fun was much bigger. We did a science experiment making ice cream, rode on the virtual rides and played under the Megalodon Shark. So Kewl!!!

October was not as much fun. We had to cancel our camping trip to Blue Springs due to damage and flooding after Hurricane Irma. Oh well, we will just save that fun for next year...

November brought a little bit cooler weather and some rain, but that didn't stop us from going to "Fort Wilderness" at "Walt Disney World". The kids had a ball, and so did some of the parents. Isn't that right Missy?! This trip was one of two family trips we do every year. A bunch of us rode our bikes in the rain to the marina area and the kids got to play games in the arcade but as the weather cleared up a bit we headed back to camp and played

baseball, tether ball and rode bikes around and around the camping loop. Night time brought out the Mickey Mouse Police looking for campfire violations, as usual but we checked out ok...

What is more fun than marching in a Holiday Parade? That's right, nothing!!! December's event was the annual Boca Raton Holiday parade and the Great Sun Nation showed up strong. Approximately 60 people joined up and marched alongside our killer camping scene float and handed out flyers and candy while Chief Flaming Owl carried the "Spirit Stick" and lit up the night sky with FIRE!!!!! Ooohh Haa haa!!

Our biggest turn out yet this year was January's "Circle F" camp out. Almost 300 dads and kids came to camp and have fun. There was a rock wall and zip line, bow and arrows along with BB guns, horseback riding, canoeing, talent show and so much more.

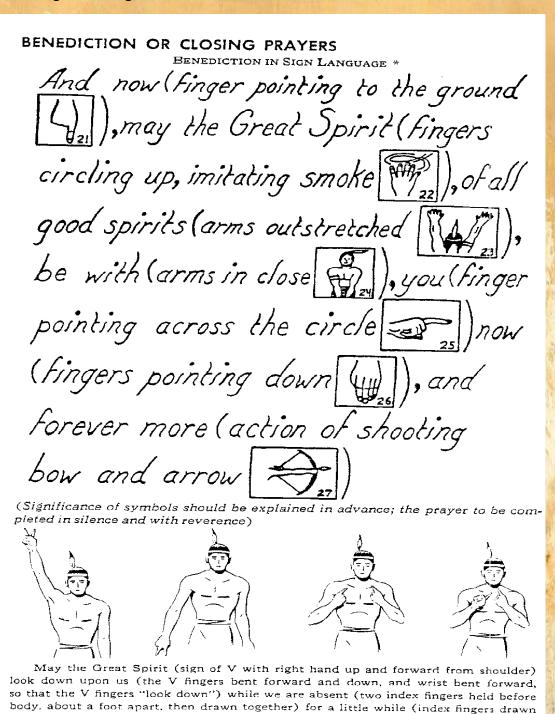


The weather got a bit cold so the huge bonfire on Saturday night was a welcome sight along with a spectacular fireworks show. Our outgoing chief "Chupacabra" was given a thank you token of appreciation for his guidance over the last few years. He was so happy and loved the picture of himself so much he showed it to every one of the 287 people at the camp out. We also introduced the new Chiefs of the "Great Sun Nation", Administrative Chief "Laughing Hawk" and Chief of FUN and wardrobe design... "Flaming Owl". And we can't go without mentioning the dad's corn-hole tournament organized by the Executive Committee Chief "Staggering Buffalo". Newly named dad, "Stoic Giraffe" and Young Ryan Adams are reigning champs... till next year...Well, that about wraps it up for now.... Stay tuned for more on all the FUN we are having in the rest of our Great Sun Nation camping season...

NSD Heritage - Rituals

An Indian Sign Language Prayer

Prayers and Devotions can be a special part of a Tribe meeting or an entire Longhouse gathering. This sign language prayer presented here has been a part of the program history going back to its earliest days. Although intended to be acted out in silence, one person may lead by speaking the works and acting out the signs.



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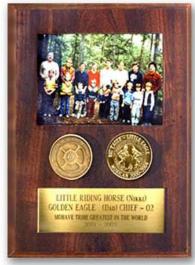


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