



NATIONAL LONGHOUSE DRUM BEATS

THE NATIONAL NEWSLETTER OF NATIVE SONS & DAUGHTERS PROGRAMS



Spring 2019

Broken Snowshoe Moon
Pokwaagami-giizis (Ojibwa)

Welcome to the spring 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

TONKAHAY! (a traditional plains region Native American greeting)

I hope everyone has had a blessed start to 2019! I want to personally say THANK YOU for being a part of and making the Native Sons & Daughters program such a success! It's because of each and every one of you that our organization continues to thrive and grow.

2019 has so far seen some exciting happenings with our organization. This year has seen great growth in our Florida region with the addition of two new Longhouses. Welcome to the **SPACE COAST EXPEDITION LONGHOUSE** (our first Mom and Daughter group!) and the **CANAVERAL LONGHOUSE**!

We have also had great discussions with other potential new Longhouses and Nations in California, Arizona, Colorado, Tennessee and possibly Texas!

Coming off the heels of our National Meeting and the Florida Pow Wow, I am extremely excited and energized about the future of our programs. It is wonderful to see the energy, love and creativity that each of our Nations show. Keep up the great work!

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- From the National Chief
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As with any great group, our success is only possible thanks to the hard work of our volunteers. You who have donated your time and talents to volunteer as Event Coordinators, Tribal Chiefs, Local Longhouse

Officers, National Officers and Elders. Your efforts are vital and appreciated.

If you have enjoyed your time with your kids and our organization, please find a way to pitch in. Our future relies on you!

I look forward to meeting and hearing from as many of you as possible as we share our story and continue to grow. Keep in mind the Six Aims of Native Sons & Daughters (if you don't know them, learn them!) and always remember:

PALS FOREVER, FRIENDS ALWAYS!

NUNWAY!



“Howling Wolf” Sutphin

NS&D National Chief

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From the Sacred Fire of the National Board of Elders

Hello to all. National Longhouse has been in existence since 2002, when the very first Native Sons & Daughters Programs Longhouses were born. The program has grown considerably and now exists in multiple states and we proudly say, is coast-to-coast. A lot has been accomplished, growing a business and a program from very meager beginnings to where it is today.

All of this has been accomplished on a relatively small budget. Although the budget has grown over the years as the overall program size has grown, there has only been one increase, in 2014, in the family membership dues that NLL charges annually. These membership dues are the sole source of income that NLL uses to run the business. Examples of the major expenses are things such as insurance, background checks, program supplies (given to each family upon joining) and hosting the annual meeting where National, Regional and Longhouse representation meet to help guide the program on its future path.

A portion of the funds are also directly (re)invested into the promotion of the program, both at a Local Longhouse level as well as at a national level. As mentioned, the annual membership dues, currently \$35.00 per family, have only been raised once since 2002. As costs continue to increase for most all the major expenses, NLL must examine yearly, if the projected income will be enough to maintain a healthy bottom line for the business of National Longhouse. At the most recent annual meeting in February 2019, the National Board of Elders realized that the projected income is not keeping pace with the costs of running the business. In just one major example, the cost of our overall insurance premium has increase 45% since 2014.

It was after much discussion that a decision was made that beginning with 2019-2020 program year, annual dues per family will increase from \$35.00, to \$45.00 per family. NLL does not take this decision lightly and will continue to work diligently to make the best use of your membership dues, while continuing to support the program overall as it feels is necessary. We sincerely hope you understand the need for this increase in dues.

Sincerely,

Then National Board of Elders
National Longhouse Ltd. Inc., LLC



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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.



National Longhouse

National Council of Officers

The 2018 – 2019 National Longhouse Council of Officers

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2019 National Longhouse Annual Meeting

The 2019 National Longhouse Annual Meeting was held February 22 – 23 in Orlando, Florida.

From February 22nd through the 23rd the annual National Longhouse Meeting was held in Orlando, Florida. The meeting was attended by 12 longhouses including two of the newest, Space Coast and Canavral. Each longhouse presented an overview of their previous year including activities, successes and challenges. After lunch the GLRAL and FLRAL presented information concerning regional events including the Great Lakes Snow Tubing and the Florida State Pow-Wow.

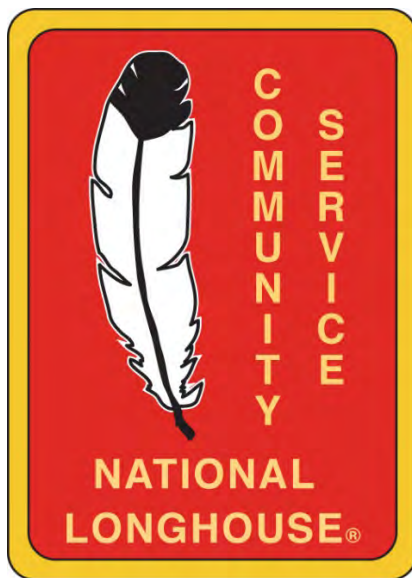
Other presentations including discussions over the national budget, circle bridge training, and new member recruitment. Ask your longhouse representative to share some of the great ideas from the annual meeting and plan to send representatives to the national meeting next year!



National Elders and National Longhouse Chief



All Attendees from the 2019 National Annual Meeting



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!

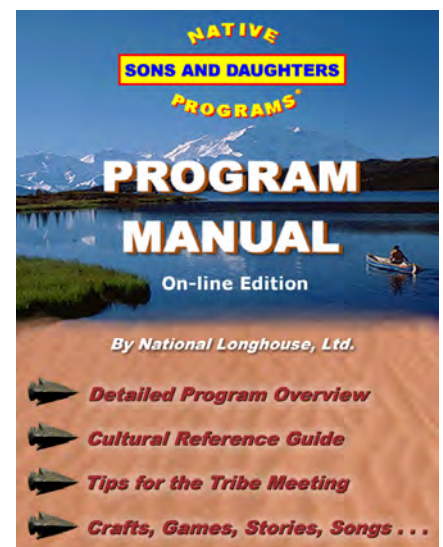


NSD PROGRAM MANUAL

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!



Great Lakes Regional Advisory Lodge News

Representing the Longhouses of Ohio, Michigan & Indiana

Submitted by: George Skerritt

Highlights from the Joint Snow Tubing Event



Chagrin Valley, Two Feathers and Western Reserve, and the Crooked River Local Longhouse joined together to sponsor a fun day of Snow Tubing on the Swift Slopes of Brandywine under the “Ground Squirrels Run Moon” (January). All 400+ who participated hope to do it again real soon!



Florida Regional Advisory Lodge News

2019 Florida State Pow-Wow

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

Native Sons and Daughters tribes from all over Florida gather each year to celebrate at the Sunshine State Pow Wow.

Tribes representing Nations from Ft. Lauderdale, Boca Raton, Hollywood, Tampa, West Palm Beach, Orlando, Winter Garden, Cape Canaveral and Jacksonville were in attendance. Held annually, each of the member groups gather to demonstrate crafts, banners, Native American regalia, coup sticks, drums, tribal shirts and a host of individual items that specific children have assisted in creating. As one father stated, "I can't believe how many different types of crafts other tribes have come up with. This gives our tribe a host of options moving forward. Thanks for sharing".

This year's event was hosted by the Canaveral Nation located in Melbourne, FL. Close to 600 members from around the state joined us for the event. This year's Pow Wow took on a very special meaning as the Chairman of the Board of Elders, Don Bittala (Brave Eagle), The National Assistant Chief, Mike Ryan (Wild Eagle) and the State Chief of Florida, Brian Quirk (Flaming Arrow) were all in attendance. The campers were granted beautiful weather by the Great Spirit and were even given an opportunity to witness a live rocket launch. Some of the entertainment at this year's Pow Wow included; Jimmy Sawgrass, Fancy Hoop dancing, joke telling, a snow cone station, bounce houses, the mounted sheriff's patrol and even a midnight rendition of dad's kickball.

State Pow Wow Chief, Brad Zeiler served as Pow Wow host and his Canaveral crew was able to create memories for a lifetime for the children in attendance.

A very special sacred fire culminated in NSD Chairman, Don Bitalla presenting the Canaveral Nation with their new NSD Charter. That was immediately followed by NSD FLRAL State Chief, Brian Quirk presenting the Space Coast Maidens were their new NSD Charter. The furthest traveled was once again won by Andrew "Eagle Feather" Stainsby (he flew in from Asheville, NC).

This organization was developed to help strengthen family relationships between fathers and children. Each Nation or Longhouse experience enables father and child to have fun while sharing new adventures.

As the parent of a young child, you have the tremendous opportunity to get to know your child. Spending quality one-on-one time with your child will help build a strong bond of trust and memories that will last a lifetime.

As the Great Spirit reminds us, "You only have 18 summers to make a difference in your child's life".

Next year's Sunshine State Pow Wow will be hosted by the Timucuan Longhouse of Jacksonville. For more information on our special parent/child program, please visit our website at www.nsdjax.org



Photos from Left to Right:

Tribal Property being display, The FLRAL Nation Chiefs surround State Chief Brian Quirk, An evening rocket launch from Cape Kennedy, The Space Coast Maidens strike a pose

Community Service

Western Reserve Longhouse

The Leprechaun Foundation

Submitted by: Jeff Huston

The Western Reserve Native Sons and Native Daughters longhouses joined together to adopt families for Christmas through the Leprechaun Foundation. The Leprechaun Foundation is a northeast Ohio organization that adopts families of children with severe illnesses who are hospitalized during the holidays at one of the many hospital systems.

The Leprechaun Foundation is an anonymous organization that works with volunteers to provide a complete Christmas for both the children as well as their entire family. The vision of a complete Christmas includes wrapped presents for the hospitalized child as well as presents for any siblings and their parents. A Christmas is not complete without a Christmas dinner; therefore, volunteers are expected to also provide gift cards for the purchase of dinner to feed the entire family.

This year the joint longhouses “adopted” 8 families in the northeast Ohio area. Individual Tribes adopted these families with many tribes turning this activity into multiple events centered upon the lesson of giving back to those less fortunate than themselves.



The Dakota Tribe wrapping presents for their family



The Blackfoot (sons) Tribe met at the local library to wrap their presents and discuss giving (above and below)



Longhouse Special Events

Western Reserve Longhouse (Ohio) Native Sons Annual Night at the Races Fundraiser

Submitted by: Jeff Huston

On March 16, 2019 the Western Reserve Native Sons held their annual Night at the Races. The event, now in its third year is an adult only event that is held at Quirk Cultural Center in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. The event raises funds to help defray the cost of events, provide fee events, and provide assistance to members in times of need.

When running one of these fund raisers an organization sells both admission tickets and horses that will race in the 10 featured races of the evening. When a horse is bought the owner gets to name their horse and if their horse wins the race, they win double to cost of the horse and a trophy as the owner. This year the longhouse sold out all of the horses in advance and had 90 total attendees, both records for the event.

The longhouse also had several baskets as silent auction items which included scholarships to Camp

Carl, one of the camps that the longhouse has attended. The title sponsor of the event was Daniels Amish Furniture (owned by a program alum) with secondary sponsorships provided by Camp Carl and Top-Level Martial Arts. These organizations, along with all of the individual race sponsors, helped the longhouse raise nearly \$6000 at the event.

This year the longhouse used a committee structure to organize the event, this helped to distribute the load of work and added to the success of the event. If you want to purchase a horse for next year keep an eye on this space.



Don't see something from your longhouse in this issue of Drum beats? We can. Only print what you send us! The next deadline for the Summer Drum Beats will be June 15. Please send all events, announcements and other news you wish to share about your longhouse to

NSDNewsletter@nationallonghouse.org

Drum Beats Deadline:	Spring	March 15
	Summer	June 15
	Fall	September 15
	Winter	December 15

Timucuan Longhouse (Jacksonville, FL)

Jacksonville Icemen Hockey Game

Submitted by: Brian Quirk, Flaming Arrow



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 participated 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 vests.

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.

Western Reserve Longhouse (Ohio)

Sons Annual Awards Night

In December the Western Reserve Native Sons joined together for their annual Awards Night. Little braves were honored for their years of service, from our first-year award recipients to little braves who have been with the longhouse for 10+ years! The night is also when the Tribe of the Year is awarded, this year the Blackfoot Tribe of Cuyahoga Falls took home the award, as well as the Joe Friday Award.

This year the Joe Friday award went to Tom "Big Cheetah" Wynne (picture below left). Tom has served the longhouse for the past two years as the Longhouse Chief while still finding the time to make every event



special for both of his two sons. Tom was presented the award with both the presentation and his acceptance broadcast on Facebook Live with over 200+ views! Congratulations to all of the award winners.



Crooked River Longhouse (NE Ohio): 2019 Camp Fitch Review

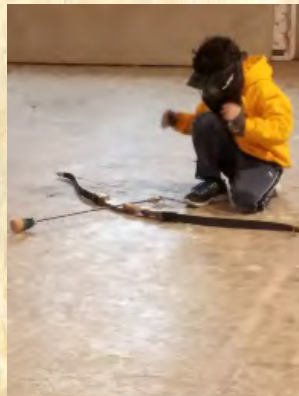
Submitted by: Matt "Events Chief Skylander" Rebraca

Nunway,

It was great being back at Camp Fitch and seeing so many of you enjoying everything it has to offer!!! The camp had some new activities which were a big hit with the Longhouse were. Friday night we were treated to candle making with COLORS and wood burning. The kids couldn't get enough of either. They also had the rock-climbing wall open and crate stacking which is another new activity. This year members were able to earn Climbing patches if they were brave enough to try the rock-climbing wall.



Saturday, we started off with Longhouse crafts after breakfast then ventured outside to enjoy Trail Rides, shooting 22's and air rifles and playing my new favorite game bow and arrow tag. Players wear helmets and are armed with a bow; 4 arrows are laid out in the middle of the floor and then the game starts with everyone rushing to get an arrow. Get shot and you are out. Katherine Hlavaty had a superb shot and took Ajay out while he was sprinting across the room, hit him directly in the heart which took him down to the ground. After lunch there were wagon rides to Peggy Grey's candy store, there were animals and reptiles to pet and there was also indoor archery. There were plenty of activities to keep campers busy throughout the day.



Crooked River Longhouse (NE Ohio): 2019 Camp Fitch Review Continued

One of the more memorable moments of camp was our Council Fire in McCleary Lodge on Saturday night. We started off with our traditional Ash Ceremony then awarded Coup Feathers and then we started some new traditions. First, we took time to educate members about Alex's Lemonade Stand and how they can earn National patches by participating. Then we passed out the National Awards and Patches to this year's participants. Look for us to recognize the National Award participants each year at Camp Fitch!



Secondly, I revived an old Indian Guides legend called "Purple Bertha". The Adventure Guides organization has continued this tradition at Camp Y-Noah, and they were willing to share the story with us so we could revive it at Camp Fitch. We'll be sure to retell the legend every once in a while, at Camp Fitch. In the meantime, ask any of this year's campers about the legend of Purple Bertha. Especially, the Glen Oak campers who awoke Sunday morning with a purple kiss on their cheek, hand or forehead!

After the council fire we held the "Show Us Your Talent" show. It was a fantastic time!!! I am very proud of everyone who participated. No matter what they performed, they had the courage to try in front of 77 longhouse members!!! There were card tricks, music acts, a football skit, screaming contests, martial arts, dancing and much more. Everyone was applauded and everyone left with huge smiles. ROCK ON KIDS!!!



Sunday morning came quickly, and campers squeezed in some last-minute activities before heading home. One of which was the final round of DON'T GIVE UP THE SHIP!!! This is a new camp game played that is played after every meal. Teams are formed to compete in various activities and the winners get to post the Don't Give up the Ship flag till the next round. I'm proud to say we had a couple Crooked River teams win this year.

Thank You for all the wonderful MEMORIES!!! See you next year!

Announcements:

Announcements, Upcoming Events, Special Stories Written by Our Younger Members

Chagrin Valley Nation Celebrates the Life of August Garofoli



This past February, our Nation lost a dear friend, amazing father and all-around good dude. Known as Grey Goose (for several reasons!), August served as our long time Medicine Man, Storyteller and was the founding Chief of the Catawba Tribe. For 10+ years, August told ceremonial stories 3-4 times a year as he participated with both his Son and Daughter. Each story was pulled from thin air, was a bit crazy, seems to wonder a bit in the middle but always found its way home with a meaningful message for all who witnessed the journey.

At the Catholic funeral mass, The Chagrin Valley Nation came out strong. Over 25 Dads, some with their families, attended. Most wore their Tribal Colors. It was a scene sure to bring a smile to August's face.

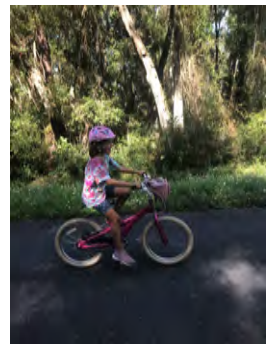
Gone but not forgotten. The spirit of Grey Goose will remain alive with those lucky enough to have shared a story or laugh him.



From our Youngest Members – A perspective on what the program really means.

This camping trip I set up my tent with my Dad. Then I roasted marshmallows. The next day I rode my bike and my Daddy helped me to shoot a BB gun. It was my first-time shooting BB guns, I thought it was fun. We had a scavenger hunt, we also had a skit competition and we won third place. I dressed up as an Indian for the Sacred Fire and traded bear claws for glow sticks it was fun, Camping was so much fun!!!!!! After camping our tribe went on a canoe trip on the Suwannee river.

Nature Caterpillar (Olivia Morris - Age 8)



Coming in April 2019!

CIRCLEBRIDGE TRAINING!



That's right! Training for how to perform all the CircleBridge functions will be available on April 1st. You will receive information about how to sign up in an email, and we plan to have more information on the National Website.

The training is FREE!

Learn how to harness the power and functionality of this great tool to help you conduct event registration and payments, manage tribes, member profiles officer positions, produce rosters and lists, communicate with Longhouse members, and perform Longhouse accounting.

The training is online, self-paced, and there are NO tests!

Our goal is to enhance your learning and usage of the CircleBridge Registration software, so in each lesson we demonstrate how to perform each function, and then give you the opportunity to practice your new skills in a Demo CircleBridge



Longhouse setting. After you practice, you will rate the training and your own ability before you try it in your Local Longhouse.

CircleBridge Training!

ONLINE COURSE: Never taken an online course before? Perhaps now is the time to try! In addition to being free and not having any tests, the course is structured in an easy-to-follow sequence. First, you will have an orientation to CircleBridge and the online course environment (see 'Moodle' below). Each lesson presents you with the purpose of each function followed by a demonstration video (Image 1) and downloadable step-by-step instructional document (Image 2). The videos and instructions will also be available after you complete the training. You will then respond to some (not more than two) self-check questions, which will provide you with feedback on your answers, and then you will be ready to practice the function.

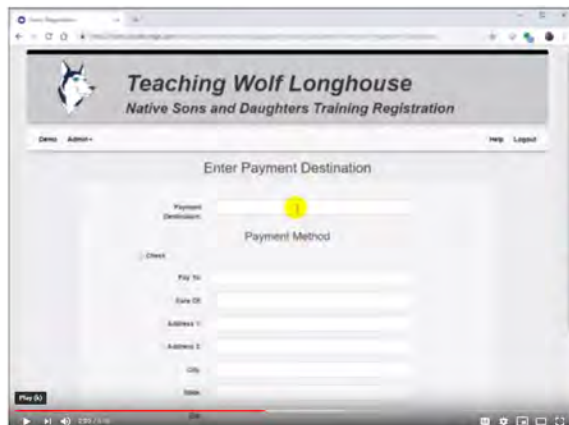


Image 1: Screenshot of demonstration video



Image 2: Screenshot of step-by-step help document

CIRCLEBRIDGE TRAINING!

PRACTICE in a **SIMULATED CIRCLEBRIDGE LONGHOUSE**: We don't want you to change any of the information in your Local Longhouse's CircleBridge, so you will practice in the "Training Wolf Longhouse" CircleBridge site. The site will be reset each night so if you don't do something right, or if you want to try a function several times, it won't hurt the software! So, don't be afraid to practice! That's what it's there for!

RATING YOUR ABILITY: At the end of each lesson, you will rate your confidence in your ability to perform the lesson function, and you will be asked to provide comments and suggestions about the lesson. Some functions are more difficult than others, so don't worry if you rate your ability low on the scale. The course designer probably feels the same way about some of them! Your rating and comments will provide the course designer with important feedback about the training, and he will use that feedback to maintain or improve the course where necessary.

MOODLE: Moodle is a **FREE** Learning Management System which will store and present the training. However, the **FREE** version is limited to 25 participants at a time so if you wish to take the training, we would like you to complete it within 90 days. If it gets close to the 90-day mark, we will contact you and provide an extension if needed.

BADGES and CERTIFICATE of COMPLETION: As you proceed through the functions, you will collect 'badges' for completing a specific set of lessons related to Longhouse positions. Upon completing the course, you will receive a Certificate of Completion certifying you as a Local CircleBridge Administrator!



Western Reserve Native Daughters Annual Golf Outing Fund Raiser

11th Annual Native Daughters Golf Outing
Friday July 26, 2019

All funds raised directly benefit the mission of Native Daughters, formerly Indian Princesses. Our mission is to build strong families, foster the companionship of Father and Daughter, and become 'Friends Always'.

Attendees receive breakfast, lunch, and catered Barrio dinner afterwards. Adult beverages are included, optional contests during play, and prizes and trophies.

We have many sponsorship opportunities:

- Hole Sponsorship
- Event sponsorship
- Golfing either as an individual or as a foursome
- Longest and closest to the hole sponsorship
- Hole-in-one sponsorship
- Raffle Prizes

For more information or to register or take advantage of one of the sponsor opportunities click here:

<http://www.wrnativedaughters.org/golf-outing.html>