



# NATIONAL LONGHOUSE DRUM BEATS

THE NATIONAL NEWSLETTER OF NATIVE SONS & DAUGHTERS PROGRAMS



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Freezing Moon

Baashkaakodin-Giizis (Ojibwa)

Welcome to the fall 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

**O'-Si'-Yo'!** (Traditional Cherokee greeting)

Hello and Welcome to the Native Sons & Daughters Programs from the National Longhouse and Board of Elders!!! My name is JJ "Howling Wolf" Sutphin and I am proud to introduce myself as your NATIONAL CHIEF!

My kids and I have been a part of "NSD" for over 10 years now and the memories and bonds we have created due to the organization are priceless. I look back on my time in a similar program with my own father with fondness and it brings my heart great joy to be able to continue those traditions with my own children.

### *"Pals Forever, Friends Always"*

It always brings a tear to my eye and chokes me up when I speak those words to my kids. That's the heart of Native Sons & Daughters; forging lifelong bonds and friendships with our children.

Founded nearly 100 years ago by Joe Friday and Harold Keltner, the program continues to honor the Native American culture and nurture the relationships between parent and child.

I thank you for helping continue our legacy and building your own memories to last a lifetime. May you "Always be Friends with your Parent and Child" and continue to "Seek and Preserve the Beauty of the Great Spirits Work in Forest, Field and Stream."

#### **Highlights In This Issue**

- From the National Chief
- Longhouse Special Events
- Remembering June Friday
- Joe Friday recipients
- Information on the NSD service award

**PALS FOREVER, FRIENDS ALWAYS!**



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# NSD Heritage-The Legacy

## In-Memory - June Friday-MacInnis

Submitted by Dave "Buckeye" Garberson and Greg Measor, NLL Elders

Original Article June 2014

***This is an updated article about June Friday MacInnis.*** Until 2017, June was the oldest living niece of the great Joe Friday, Ojibway Indian whose inspiration gave the program a Native American theme about 90 years ago. Joe Friday was her uncle as her father Willie, was one of Joes brothers. Sadly, National Longhouse learned that June passed away in August 2017 at the age of 86. *She was very important in the legacy of Native Sons & Daughters Programs and was very proud of her family's part in the NSD legacy.*

June was born at Fridays Point on Bear Island on June 11, 1931. Bear Island is the Ojibway Indian tribal land preserve on Lake Temagami, Temagami, Ontario, which for reference is about 5 hours north of Toronto, Ontario Canada. She weighed under 4 pounds and needed special care by the tribal birth women (called midwives today) as the doctor thought she would not survive. She and her mother got special treatments at home for several months until they both started to get better and (as they say) the rest is history.

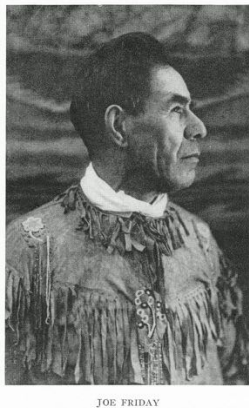
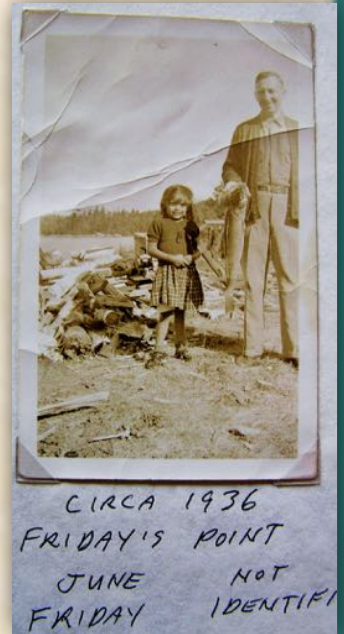
Her Ojibway name was Abamageis, which means Strawberry Month which the month of June is considered. She is a part of the White Bear Clan recalling the old story of Chief White Bear taking into his family those women and children when their father died. White Bear did this many times for other families over the years as do the Ojibway traditionally even now.

Her education until age 9 came from her family, primarily her brothers and sisters who would read to her. Her ability to read was important when she finally started school in the Christian grade school then completing high school.

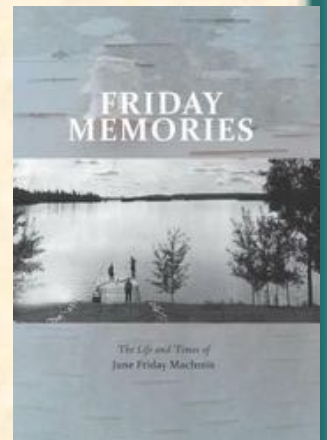
She married in 1947 after her then to be husband got back from WWII. June has 3 boys and a daughter (who passed in 2005). As of this writing, she has 6 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

For many years she taught the Ojibway language, traditions and history to interested children and young people as those ways and words have gone to pass with younger generations. She most recently lived in Northbay (an hour below Temagami) for a number of years at a senior center where she had been very active.

In later years, she would read and knit, knitting all kinds of clothes and things that she mostly gave away for gifts to community centers and friends. She also wrote a series of stories about her family and history and in 2016 realized her dream to see those stories in print when ***Friday Memories - (The Life and Times of June Friday MacInnis)*** was first published.



In July 2006, several National Longhouse elders and some of their children journeyed to (and lodged on) Bear Island on Lake Temagami and visited the Northbay home of June Friday MacInnis for several days. We were told that we had been the first people to visit the island from the program since her uncle Joe Friday was laid to rest on Bear Island in the spring of 1956. The Friday family are extremely proud and honored that National Longhouse would want to carry on the legacy of what Joe Friday had inspired and helped to create so many years earlier. They opened their doors to us as if we were family. During that trip, National Longhouse presented June Friday MacInnis with the Joe Friday Award, in honor of her and her family's contributions to the legacy of NSD Programs.





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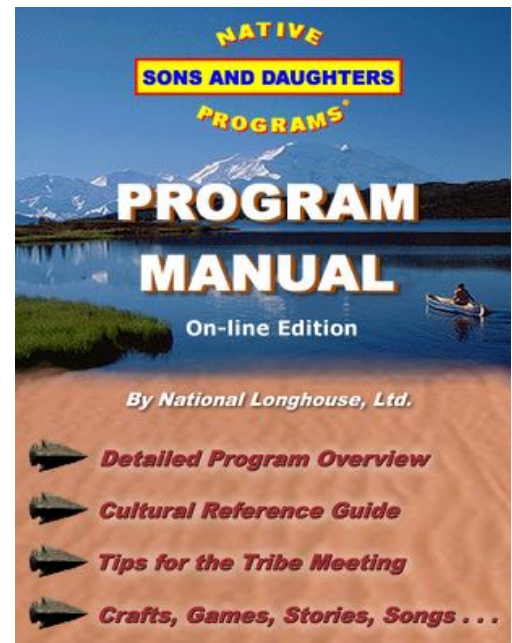


# NSD PROGRAM MANUAL

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!



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# Longhouse Special Events

## Western Reserve Longhouse (Ohio)

### Annual Induction Ceremonies

Submitted by Jeff Huston, Tall Cedar

The Western Reserve Native Daughters and. Native Sons held their annual induction ceremonies in separate events in the October of 2019. The WR Native Daughters welcomed several new members at their annual induction ceremony and new member event.



In a separate ceremony at Kingsway Farm, the Native. Sons welcomed several new Dads and Sons to the longhouse on October 20<sup>th</sup>.





# Western Reserve Longhouse (Ohio)

Fall Camp - Camp. Fitch  
Submitted by Jeff Huston

From September 27 to September 29 the Western Reserve Native Sons held their annual fall camp at Camp Fitch in North Springfield PA. This event is traditionally the largest event of the year for the longhouse and this year began the longhouse year. For the first time at fall camp the longhouse inducted the new officers for the 2019-20 year. The longhouse moved the start of the program year to be in alignment with NSD requirements.

As always the camp did not disappoint with many activities that ranged from horseback riding, to rifle to the annual "Indian Attack." The "Indian Attack" is a flour bomb war usually held between big braves and little braves. At the end of the attack many little braves were covered in so much flour that they were unrecognizable.

On Saturday night the longhouse reaffirms our commitment to the NSD program through an amazing ceremony that was highlighted with a bonfire that was lite from a flaming spear and capped off after the ceremony with a huge fireworks display. For a video of the fire lighting click here: <https://www.facebook.com/WRNativeSons/videos/2354458694869631/>



Annual Tug-o-War at fall camp



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 December 15. Please send all events, announcements and other news you wish to share about your longhouse to

[NSDNewsletter@nationallonghouse.org](mailto:NSDNewsletter@nationallonghouse.org)

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



## Crooked River Longhouse (Ohio) Joe Friday Award

On May 7, Crooked River Local Longhouse honored the well-deserving Mike “Growling Bear” Ivan with the prestigious Joe Friday Award. Accompanying him were his wife, Liz, daughter, Sarah (Purring Kitty), and son, Chris (Barking Dog).

Mike’s history of dedication speaks to us all::

Awards Chief: 11/2009-11/2012

Assistant Longhouse Chief: 11/2011-11/2012

Longhouse Chief: 11/2012-11/2013

Assistant Pathfinders Chief: 11/2013-11/2015

Pathfinders Chief: 11/2015 – Present

Sachem: 11/2013 – Present

Great Lakes Regional Advisory Lodge Assistant Chief:  
11/2013-11/2014

Great Lakes Regional Advisory Lodge Chief: 11/2014-Present



## Cuyahoga Valley Longhouse (Ohio) Joe Friday Award Submitted by Greg Measor

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, National Longhouse was on hand with the Cuyahoga Valley Longhouse to present the former CVLL Longhouse Chief and current Sachem Tom “Eagle Eye” Kundmueller with the national Joe Friday Award. The award was presented by National Longhouse Chairman Don “Brave Eagle” Bittala. Tom’s wife Janis and sons Michael “Riding Deer” & Paul “Pouncing Husky”, were on hand as well as the rest of the Longhouse to witness the presentation (to a completely surprised Tom) that came as a part of the CVLL Saturday evening ceremony during their campout at Camp Tippecanoe in New Philadelphia, OH. This award is the highest honor that can be given within National Longhouse, and is named for program co-founder and Ojibway Indian Joe “Ahtik” Friday.



# Crooked River Longhouse (NE Ohio):

## Pathfinders White Water Rafting

Submitted by John Svec, Moon Bird

During the weekend of June 7-9, Pathfinders families camped and rafted in the Laurel Highlands region, about 50 miles south of Pittsburgh, PA. The highlight of the trip was the 7 ½ mile rafting trip down the Lower Yough River in Ohiopyle ("Ohiopyle" is from the Lenape Indian phrase meaning "Good river turns very white"). With a professional river guide in each boat providing instruction before each set of class III and IV rapids, the sturdy group took paddle to hand and journeyed forth! Not even occasional ejections into the 61-degree waters could dampen their smiles!



Pathfinders participants returned home with eager anticipation of a more extreme whitewater rafting experience on the Upper Yough River—as soon as their age permits.





# Crooked River Longhouse (NE Ohio):

## Cleveland Zoo Sleepover

Submitted by John Svec, Moon Bird

During our spring sleepover, we embarked on an adventure at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. We participated in their Tiger Tracks program in an exciting overnight event. First our counselors engaged us at the Reinberger Education Center where we learned where different animals live and what they eat. Followed by a live animal showing of a variety of creatures such as an owl, snake, hissing cockroaches and an armadillo that we got to touch. After our evening snack we then set foot through a guided tour of part of the zoo at night.

We ended the tour at the wolf wilderness lodge right before the rain came down. This is where we set up camp for the night and slept near the wolves inside the lodge.

The next morning after breakfast we walked over to the sea lion enclosure and had a behind the scenes look of where they care for the seals and sea lions. We walked through the wilderness trek and headed towards the elephants where chief Skylander greeted us and surprised the moms with flowers for mother's day. Many stayed a while and enjoyed the zoo admission after the event in the morning. It was a fun, wonderful and educational event.



Chrissy Limpert (Chief Dancing Fire)





# Space Coast Expedition Longhouse (Cocoa Beach, FL)

## Spring Campout at Everglades Youth Conservation Camp

Submitted by Cassie Price, Big Bee

In April, the Space Coast Expedition Adventure Maidens, the Eagles and the Pegasus tribes, ventured to Everglades Youth Conservation Camp in West Palm Beach, FL for their annual spring campout. This campout was highly attended due to having 6 Maidens graduate plus the 5 new families that joined this year.

Friday was spent finding our way to Everglades Youth Camp and setting up our cabins. As most Maidens arrived later in the evening there were snacks and crafts to keep everyone occupied.

Saturday was our busiest day. We opened with a wonderful pancake breakfast and Opening Ceremonies. We all headed to Lion Country Safari drive thru zoo for the day. We drove around looking at the animals while taking in all of the information as we learned we would need it for our Peace Games. After the safari we had some lunch and spent the early afternoon looking at animals close up and enjoying the waterpark.

Saturday afternoon were the Peace Games hosted by Pegasus tribe. Both the Eagles and Pegasus were sorted into groups and competed in a jellybean race, a jumping egg toss race, and a scavenger hunt with questions from what we learned at the safari.

Saturday night was spent inducting new members and sending the graduates to follow their arrow. It was an emotional ceremony for all involved. After the ceremony, we met up for some light-hearted fun. The Maidens grouped together and put on skits for the moms. The graduating Maidens covered their surprised moms with silly string as a way of getting them back for a shaving cream fight that happened when they were young maidens.

Sunday morning, we held our Closing Ceremony and once again wished our graduating Maidens good luck. It was a great weekend of friendship, mother-daughter bonding, and lasting memories.



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September 28, 2019

## The National Longhouse Community Service Project

**Greetings! This letter is to promote the The National Longhouse Community Service Project for the 2019-2020 program year.** This project is an opportunity for all membership (Longhouses and/or Tribes) to participate in community service works and earn national recognition for their efforts. Project brochures, information and forms are all available on the National Longhouse website @ [www.NationalLonghouse.org](http://www.NationalLonghouse.org)

The brochure explains the details and guidelines of the project.

The data reporting form is used to submit the project details back to National Longhouse. Submission instructions are detailed on the form.

Whether your Longhouse is already active in community service works or this would be your first project, all are eligible and encouraged to submit your reports for recognition.

### **HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:**

- **HONOR PATCH FOR FIRST YEAR PARTICIPANTS**
- **YEARS BAR PATCHES FOR 2<sup>ND</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> YEAR PARTICIPANTS.**
- **ONLINE DATA SUBMISSION FORM.**
- **SUBMIT PROJECT INFORMATION WHEN COMPLETE AND AWARDS ARE THEN PROCESSED AND DISTRIBUTED.**

If there are additional questions after reviewing the materials, please submit your questions to

[CommunityService@NationalLonghouse.org](mailto:CommunityService@NationalLonghouse.org)

Sincerely,

The Community Service Project Committee  
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