



NATIONAL LONGHOUSE DRUM BEATS

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Welcome to the fall edition of National Longhouse Drumbeats, 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!

As we all navigate through the ever-changing waters of COVID-19, I wanted to send out a note of encouragement and provide a few ideas on how to stay active in your Tribes and Nations while we all participate in responsible “Social Distancing.”

All of us have been affected by this pandemic in some way. Our lives and routines have been thrown into complete disarray, but there are positive side effects as well. More quality time with our families, reconnecting with loved ones via Zoom, rekindling old passions or discovering new hobbies.

Every day is an opportunity for discovery and hope. It's up to each of us to do all we can to remain positive and do our part to get our nation safely to the other side of this crisis.

With that in mind, we need to also stay in touch and active with our Tribe/Nations/Longhouses. As you all know, our strength comes from the members and the relationships we've built with each other. Stay in contact, find NEW ways to connect with members and even host events.

I've heard some very creative ideas recently coming from our Nations and I thought I would share a few.

VIRTUAL ROCKET LEAGUE TOURNAMENT!

- This is a new one that I find very interesting. Rocket League is a multiplatform video game where you play soccer, but as a vehicle. The Western Reserve Longhouse has set up a Google form for registration and will be hosting an online tournament. All the players need is access to the game and set up their player profile. I am very excited about this and look forward to hearing how it turns out.

SOCIAL DISTANCE NATURE HIKE

- This one is pretty straight forward. Get together at an outdoor park and go for a walk/hike but maintain proper distancing. (*please follow your local/state guidelines)

MAKE AND DONATE FACEMASKS

- There are many places to find instructions on how to make facemasks. Get your members to participate on their own at home with their families. Either make the custom masks for themselves, or find a local recipient to donate to.

WRITE THANK YOU NOTES/CARDS TO FRONT LINE WORKERS

- This is a great one that can be done by members at home. Have them write THANK YOU notes to our first responders (Dr's, Nurses, Fireman, Police, even local grocery workers). This greatly raises the spirits of all involved.

A PARADE

- I've seen several forms of the parade and it makes me smile each time. Decorate your cars/trucks, all get together and simply wave and send out love to the people you see on your "parade route".

ZOOM TRIBE MEETING

- Get your tribe together on ZOOM and let the kids see/talk to each other

I hope you all are safe and well. And I hope these may have sparked some ideas of your own. If you have a great idea or your Nation/Tribe has done something recently, please share it with us! Send an email to our National TallyKeeper and we'll compile the information for a future Smoke Signal (nationaltallykeeper@nationallonghouse.org)

Until we can gather again in the circle of friendship, may the Great Spirit bless you all.

JJ "Howling Wolf" Sutphin

National Chief

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- Review of the 2020 Annual Meeting
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PALS FOREVER, FRIENDS ALWAYS!



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National Longhouse 2020 Annual Meeting

A Look Back... February 21-23, 2020, Rosen Inn International, Orlando, Florida.

The February 2020 National Longhouse Annual Meeting brought together The National Council of Officers (NCO), Regional Advisory Lodge Officers (RAL), Local Longhouse Representatives and the National Board of Elders (NBE) for this annual meeting that is focused on bringing together the current program leadership to build the NSD Program going forward. Approximately 35 people attended.

Activities kicked off on Friday early afternoon with the annual meeting of the National Board of Elders (NBE). These are the elder statesmen (representatives) of the program whose responsibility is to monitor and direct the business concerns of National Longhouse (NLL). Their meeting was focused on the current state of business affairs, review of the past year and upcoming important milestones.



On Friday evening, a meet-and-greet was held for all the attendees that had arrived. This was a nice time to socialize, introduce and get to know new faces and say hello to familiar faces.

Saturday was the big annual meeting, led by the NCO and National Chief JJ "Howling Wolf Sutphin". Opening and closing prayers were led by Great Elder Dave "Buckeye" Garberson. The meeting had several components... with

highlights such as Longhouse and Regional reports where they shared their success stories, Insurance updates & Q&A from NLL, CircleBridge features demo & Q&A from CB admin Don Nichols, websites discussion, recruitment strategies open forum, NLL news and uplifting of the Native American Theme.

The election of the 2020-2022 NCO Officers was held and the new Council was introduced with some returning faces and some new faces. The evening concluded with a dinner shared by all.

The meeting was filled with some great and touching stories, with a few that brought some tears. As the meeting concluded, there once again was the overall feeling of a positive experience that will be beneficial to all of our programs.



Unfortunately, no full group picture was taken

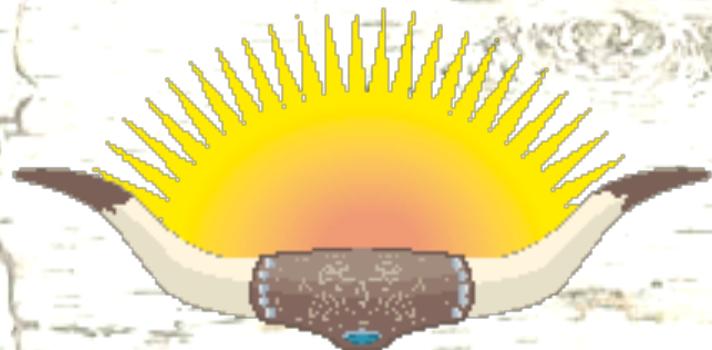
2020-2022 National Council of Officers Election



The election of the 2020-2022 National Council of Officers (NCO) took place at the 2020 Annual Meeting. This election occurs every other year as officers are asked to serve a 2-year term. These dedicated people have stepped forward to serve in these very important roles. Together as a team, the NCO leads the activities of promoting and operating the NSD Programs.



Newly elected National Council of Officers | L-R: National Assistant Chief Mike "Wild Eagle" Ryan, National Chief Ray "Creaking Oak" Junk, National Sachem JJ "Howling Wolf" Sutphin, National Talley Keeper Jeff "Tall Cedar" Huston, National Wampum Bearer Aaron "Fishing Bear" Olsen and National Webspinner Stewart "Running Wombat" Morris.

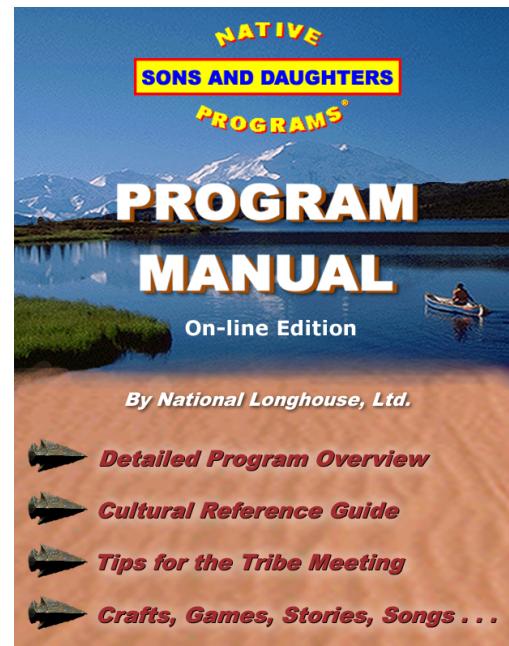


NSD PROGRAM MANUAL

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!



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.



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

NSDNewsletter@nationallonghouse.org

Drumbeats Deadline: Spring March 15

Summer June 15

Fall September 15

Winter December 15

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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

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.

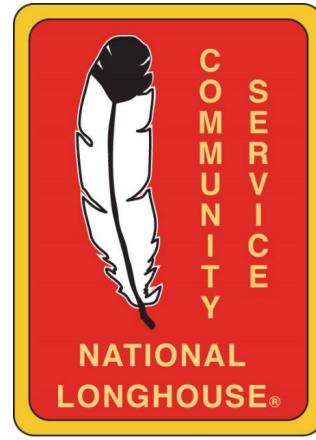
HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

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

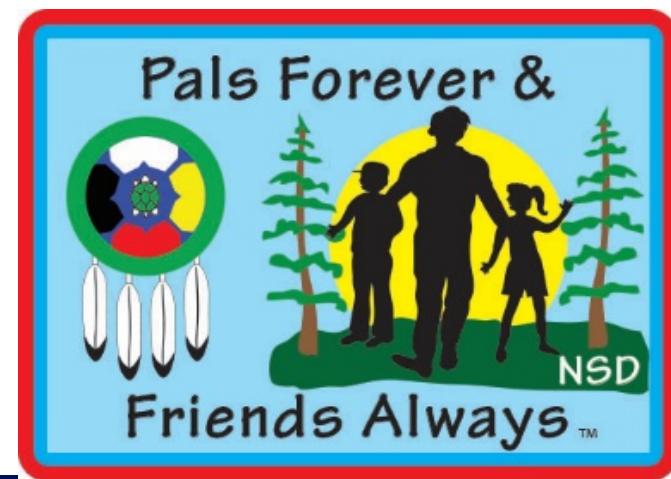
If there are additional questions after reviewing the materials, please submit your questions to
CommunityService@NationalLonghouse.org

Sincerely,

The Community Service Project Committee
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Native Sons & Daughters Programs



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Rituals & Ceremonies – Resource Available on the NLL Website

It is with great pride that National Longhouse presents this Program Support Collection called Rituals & Ceremonies. The package can be found on the NLL website under the Resources/Program Theme & Support section.

Rituals & Ceremonies contains:

- Induction Ceremonies
- End-of-Year and Graduation Ceremonies
- Ceremonial Openings and Closings
- General and Special Purpose Ceremonies
- Devotions, Inspirational and Services
- Legends & Stories

Honor the Native American Theme in Ceremony and Story

Some Native American Tribes and Longhouses came to campfires to celebrate. There would be story telling by Great Elders. Stories about the coming of the Seasons, tribesmen going out for the hunt, the children coming of age to join their dads and brothers, the Planting Season or Harvest Time. Each child and dad or mom were to be honored for their work.

In Native Sons and Daughters Programs, use these ceremonies to celebrate new children coming into Tribes, or Longhouses, honoring new officers, etc. Tell Native stories to bring that culture to life. Help each other with learning The Six Aims. Bring Nature into your house every day as you... Seek and Preserve the Beauty of The Great Spirits Work in Forest, Field, and Stream. And especially to BE PALS FOREVER-FRIENDS ALWAYS!

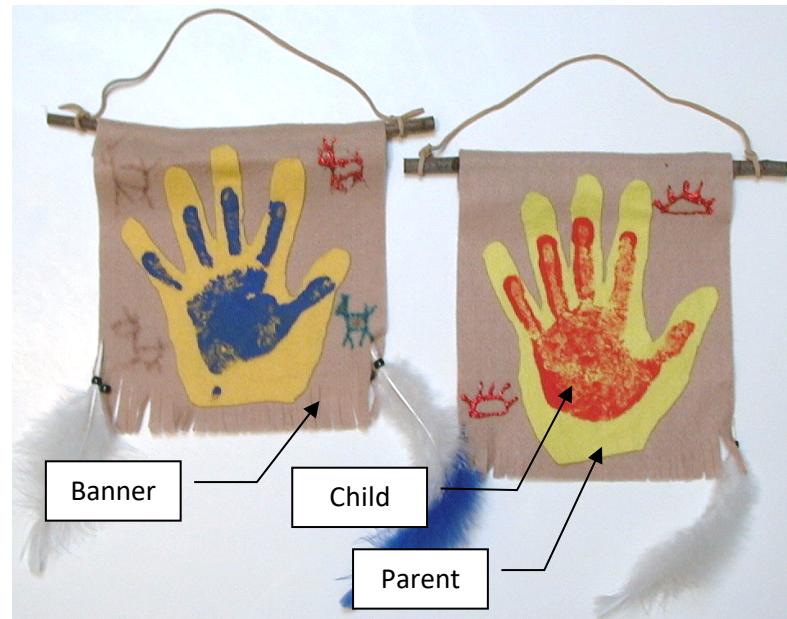
National Longhouse Support Materials

RITUALS & CEREMONIES

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CRAFT CORNER

Paw Prints: A craft to symbolize the bond of parent & child. The banner (9"W x 11"H) is made from tan colored felt, fringed on the bottom and the top wrapped and glued around a hanging stick. The parent traces their hand on yellow felt, cut out and glued to the banner. Child places their "Paw Print" (face of hand wetted with Tempera paint) onto the parents paw. Decorate with Indian name symbols and of course, feathers and beads. An NSD Original!



Cuyahoga Valley Longhouse (Ohio) Joe Friday Award-Update

In the Fall 2019 NSD Drumbeats, The Joe Friday Award presentation for CVLL Elder Tom Kundmueller in June 2019 was featured. Unfortunately, the photographs weren't available at that time. Here they are...*Congratulations once again Tom!!*



NLL-NBE Chair Don Bittala (in headdress) presents the Joe Friday Award to Tom Kundmueller with his sons and daughter present.

Presentation was at Camp Tippecanoe, New Philadelphia, OH

NSD Heritage-The Six Aims

Regarding the Six Aims of the Native Sons and Daughters Programs, when National Longhouse (NLL) was formed in 2002, June Friday MacInnes, Ojiba 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 in our hunt for survival just as Ojibway Indian and founder Joe Friday did. Joe Friday gave these aims to the Indian Guide program 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 Ojiba 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 women 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.