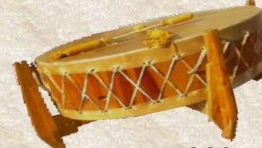




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THE NATIONAL NEWSLETTER OF NATIVE SONS & DAUGHTERS PROGRAMS



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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 coast-to-coast across our great country.

From the Teepee of your National Chief

Greetings Native Sons and Daughters!

As our Local Longhouses near the close of their 2020-2021 seasons, our Native Sons and Daughters family looks back on the most challenging year many of us have ever experienced. Personally, I look back on a year of disruptions to family-life, to work-life and to all forms of social-life; including our beloved Native Sons and Daughters programs and events. But as I have reiterated each time I have had the opportunity to write to you throughout the year, one of the most remarkable and memorable themes to me over all of this time, has been that of the leadership in your Local Longhouses stepping up in the face of this unprecedented adversity and tailoring your local programs and events to mitigate the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. The amazing job that these individuals have done in keeping your local programs active and strong has been awe-inspiring. I hope that you will remember the time and commitment that your local leaders dedicated to your programs this year and I hope that you will reach out and give them a big thank you.

The landscape of our Native Sons and Daughters community has changed as we emerge on the other side of this pandemic, and we are entering a new phase of the history of this great program: A phase of rebuilding. Nearly 100 years ago now, the Keltner and Friday families developed a program still unique among children's programs and social clubs, in which the focus of the program is on parents spending quality time with their children, guided by the Ojibway traditions of Joe Friday and his native peoples. As we embark together on this journey of rebuilding in our local communities, we will continue to keep the original focus and intent of the founding families as the bedrock of our organization's shared identity.

Recruitment and expansion will play a part in this rebuilding phase of the Native Sons and Daughters programs, but will be matched internally with development in other areas integral to the success and advancement of the organization. As cultural knowledge and tradition was passed down from generation to generation; elders to youth in the native cultures of North America, so must the 95 years of cultural knowledge and tradition of this organization be widely shared and integrated into our Native Sons and Daughters communities. As multi-generational wisdom and discovery honed the tools and methods employed by native cultures of North America, so must advances in technology and communication be adopted and shared between the National, Regional and Local Longhouses of our Native Sons and Daughters family.

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From the Teepee of your National Chief (cont.)

Enjoy the summer, Native Sons and Daughters! Get your families out and take back some of what we lost last year. We made it through! And as we get back to the things we love, I implore you: Think about how you can contribute to rebuilding in your Local Longhouse. We are an all-volunteer organization of families with a shared interest and a shared passion for building lasting memories and strong family bonds, and we can never have too many volunteers. If you are not (yet) active in the leadership aspect of your local program and would like to contribute, send your local leaders an email to let them know how your specific skill-set can help to better the program in your area. If you've been involved in leadership within your Local Longhouse and have larger visions for the organization as a whole, send me an email directly and let's discuss how we can work together on the National level.



The worst of the COVID-19 pandemic are behind us, and the best days of the Native Sons and Daughters Parent-Child Programs are still ahead! Thank you all, for all that you do. Be sure to give your children a big hug today and remember, "You only have 18 summers to make a difference in the life of your child." Let's make the most of them.

Yá'át'ééh!
Chief Creaking Oak

National Longhouse

National Council of Officers

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Thank You for your service to Native Sons & Daughters Programs!!

Volunteer Needed! National Talley Keeper

An officer of the National Council of Officers (NCO)

The National Talley Keeper position is currently open. The primary responsibilities of this national officer position are to attend National Council of Officers meetings (the annual in-person national meeting and other virtual meetings) and take the minutes of the meetings. The Talley Keeper also has charge over the National Drumbeats Newsletter with the goal of 4 editions per program year. The newsletter is certainly a place to let your creativity shine. National Longhouse is looking for an energetic and creative volunteer to fill this position.

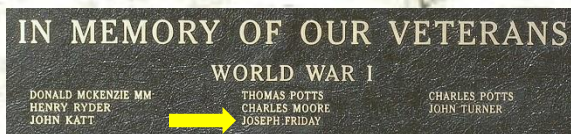
If you have potential interest in this position and would like more detailed information, please contact National Chief Ray "Creaking Oak" Junk at nationalchief@nationallonghouse.org





NSD History Joe Friday – WWI Veteran

Not only was Joseph “Ahtik” Friday, Ojibway Native Indian, the inspiration and guiding force behind the theme of the Native Sons & Daughters Programs, he was also a WWI veteran who proudly served when called to duty. Below are some photos of Joe in his WWI uniform as well as the veteran’s memorial on Bear Island, Lake Temagami, Temagami, Ontario. Many of Joe’s relatives from the island and surrounding parts also served with him.





Florida Statewide Pow-wow

March 25th – 28th, 2021, Winter Haven, FL



Native Sons and Daughters of Florida gather at the 2021 Sunshine State Pow-Wow
Submitted by Brian "Flaming Arrow" Quirk (NLL NBE & FLRAL Sachem) and Andrew "Chief McSquiggles" McQuiggan



After a one year hiatus due to the COVID -19 virus, Native Sons and Daughters tribes from all over Florida gathered at Westgate River Ranch in Winter Haven, FL (near Orlando/Kissimmee) on March 25th-28th, to celebrate the Sunshine State Pow-Wow. This year's event was hosted by the Eola Federation out of Orlando. FL State Pow-Wow Chief, Joseph "Running Man" Rosenwasser served as Pow-Wow host and his Eola crew was able to create memories for a lifetime for the children in attendance. Even with the pandemic safety restrictions that were in place, an amazing turnout

of close to 600 program members and their families from around the state joined us for the event.

This year's Pow-Wow took on a very special meaning as it was the 50th anniversary of the first Sunshine State Pow-Wow held in 1971 at the Kennedy Space Center. A number of the National Longhouse NBE, NCO and RAL Chiefs were in attendance to help celebrate the event, including NBE Chair Don "Brave Eagle" Bittala, National Chief Ray "Creaking Oak" Junk, National Assistant Chief, Mike "Wild Eagle" Ryan and Florida RAL Chief Patrick "Screeching Eagle" Hart.



Groups representing Longhouses, Nations and Federations from Ft. Lauderdale, Boca Raton, Hollywood, Miami, West Palm Beach, Orlando, Winter Garden, Ponte Vedra Beach, Cape Canaveral, Ft. Myers, Port St. Lucie and Jacksonville were in attendance.



2021 Florida Statewide Pow-wow (Cont.)



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".



The campers were granted beautiful weather by the Great Spirit and were even given an opportunity to witness a live professional rodeo. Some of the other entertainment highlights at this year's Pow-Wow included: Native American Jimmy Sawgrass with his Native American Show and Story Telling, along with Chief Rawley's (non-venomous) Snake Show. Chief Rawley once again entertained the crowds with his stories, humor and great information about his snakes. Other activities included Swamp Buggy rides, Horse Back riding, Air Boat rides, various food trucks, the Polk County Sherriff's Department, egg toss, water balloon toss, corn hole tournament, raffle prizes, and so much more... it really was a great weekend. Friday evening included a bonfire ceremony, conducted by the Pow-Wow council.



The Pow-Wow concluded with two great events, Saturday evening Westgate held their Rodeo with bull riding and horse barrel races, and the evening was finished off with an awesome laser and light DJ dance party under our main tent! It was a perfect end to a great weekend!



As the Great Spirit reminds us...

"You only have 18 summers to make a difference in your child's life".

Great Lakes Regional Advisory Lodge Longhouse Activity Report

Submitted by George "Sage Wolf" Skerritt, GLRAL Chief

BIG HOW! Greetings from the Great Lakes region advisory lodge and all the longhouses in Ohio and Michigan! We are so glad that the light at the end of the pandemic tunnel is brighter than ever and are looking to resume building awesome memories that last TWO lifetimes!

Our Longhouses have lost a lot of members. Fortunately, and because we have such a great program and leadership, many of them are starting to return! While small, masked, socially-distant events were the norm for the past year, camp outs and other large scale Longhouse events are being scheduled and planned.

After being forced to cancel for the first time and over 25 years last year, the Crooked River Local Longhouse returned to Camp Fitch on the weekend of May 14th to 16th. (see separate article). They already have Summer Camp at Atwood Lake and Fall Camp at Camp Willson planned, as well as a full schedule of other activities! They are hoping the Toledo Longhouse will join them when they can!

The Kitchinodin Longhouse is anticipating a "normal" year next year. They have contracts for our usual Fall, Winter, and Spring camps at Camp Willson and Camp Kern. Their program is usually Kindergarten through Third Grade, with Fourth Graders coming to camp as Trailblazers. For the upcoming 2021-22 year, they decided to have Fourth Graders be treated as regular tribe members and Fifth Graders will attend camp as Trailblazers!

Kitchinodin Chief Rick Kinsinger is confident that most of the families who were involved before will be back. Beyond that, they have two grades worth of new kids to recruit. They hope to have around 200 dues-paying members (dads and kids), and roughly 150 at each camp!



Our Chagrin Valley, Cuyahoga Valley and Western Reserve Longhouses (both Dads/Daughters and Dad/Sons) also have camps and other events on the calendar! Even though their membership is down, they have plans to welcome back previous members and motivate neighborhood parents and kids to join and become

"Pals Forever, Friends Always!"

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Timucuan Longhouse-(Jacksonville, FL) Santee Tribal Legend

Submitted by: Stewart "Running Wombat" Morris, Santee Tribal Chief, National Web Spinner

The Legend of the Santee Tribe Origins

Running Wombat and his daughters Nature Caterpillar, Curious River and Dancing Turtle lived on the outskirts of the Wakapalaka territory. They were active members of the tribe travelling to meet up with their tribemates at the Tribe meetings, Longhouses and other Timucuan Federation events.

There came a time when Running Wombat couldn't catch any more fish, the wild mushrooms grew scarce and the fleet footed deer were no longer seen. Running Wombat told his daughters he had heard of a place many hands away with plentiful game and fruits just waiting to be picked. They would move to this place, but would most likely not be able to return for Wakapalaka tribe meetings.

His daughters were sad, but understood the family needed to move their Teepee. Together, they asked Running Wombat "Can we start a new tribe in our new home?"

Running Wombat consulted with the wise elders of the mighty Timucuan Federation and they agreed a new tribe would be formed, this new tribe would be part of the Sioux Nation with Running Wombat as its first chief. The Tribe was named for the Santee people of the Eastern Dakota.

Running Wombat invited the Federation Chief and Medicine Man to his new teepee in the orange groves to help with the first meeting of the Santee tribe. They welcomed new big braves Swimming Yeti and Tatonka who lived close by on the shores of Medicine Man Lake. They brought their princesses Swimming Unicorn, Little Silky and Princess Unicorn. Chief Two-Toed Brown Bear came from the east across the great stone bridge with his princesses, Pokin' the Bear and Boujee Bear.

This was the beginning of the great Santee Tribe



Crooked River Longhouse (NE Ohio) Camp Fitch Spring Campout Event

Submitted by: Matt "Skylander" Rebraca, CRLL Events Chief

Nunway!!

The Crooked River Local Longhouse returned to Camp Fitch in Erie, PA for a Spring Campout. Campers arrived on Friday the 14th and were asked to sign in, get a camp schedule and complete their COVID health checks at the Teaberry Lodge. Campers found a Longhouse yard sign, pack of worms, patches and torch parade instructions upon entering their cabins. There was a self-guided scavenger hunt Friday evening, fishing in Lake Erie and an opportunity to explore all the campground has to offer. We also had a large bon fire for everyone to enjoy.



Saturday everyone woke up with their Tribes in their assigned cabins. The tribes stayed together through all the scheduled activities which was a nice change of pace. There was lots of time to bond and create memories that will last two lifetimes. The camp had an outdoor rock-climbing wall, wagon ride to Peggy Gray's candy store, raffle range, archery, hatchet throwing and self-lead nature hikes.

We even started our annual Fishing Derby and tribes were given time to fish at the MVIMA Lake. Our fishing derby started at Fitch and is ending at summer camp at Atwood Lake. Members can fish anywhere & anytime in between campouts.



Members are to take pics of their catches and post them on social media using the #nsad hashtag. Winners will be announced at our council fire at summer camp. We have awards for most fish, smallest catch, biggest catch, and best sport.



Saturday concluded with a torch parade to our Council Fire where we did the ash ceremony followed by coup feathers and Atta Boy & Atta Girl patch awards. We played a murder mystery game called Mafia which was brought to us and narrated by Duncan "Shinning Diamond" Daniel who is in our Pathfinder tribe. Afterwards we enjoyed smore's together around the council fire. It was the perfect ending to the perfect day.



On Sunday we enjoyed our last meal together then headed off to enjoy one more activity before heading home. What a beautiful weekend to reunite with members at our first campout of 2021. We did it!!...our Longhouse has survived a pandemic! We are camping again, hosting tribal meetings and BUILDING MEMORIES that will last Two Lifetimes!! I cannot wait to create more at our Summer Campout at Atwood Lake!!!

Eola Federation Longhouse (Orlando, FL)

2020-2021 Year in Review

Submitted by: Andrew McQuiggan and Alan Moore

Yatahey!! Greetings from the Eola Federation!

As most can imagine, there was a lot of uncertainty going in to the 2020-2021 camping season, COVID-19 had turned everyone's life upside down and created new challenges for us, not only as a Federation, but for our families as well. Our Federation met a few times throughout the summer to determine what our season would look like; we were very fortunate to be able to welcome a new group into our Federation. A smaller Federation from the Dr. Phillips area in Orlando were looking to join a larger group that were part of the NSD program, and we welcomed them as the Mighty Choctaw Tribe, led by Big Thunder, Dan Williams.

The dads stay in touch all year, in part using apps like Band and GroupMe. We have a weeknight planning meeting before each Campout. Even in our offseason, the dads make lifelong friendships as do the kids.

In October, the Eola Federation kicked off it's camping season at Camp Winona in De Leon Springs, FL. Although the weekend had to be modified because of the pandemic, that didn't stop our children from having a great weekend. We had swimming, kayaking, canoeing and the newest addition to Camp Winona, a monster water slide (see below). We had our annual pumpkin carving contest, and we concluded the weekend with a modified version of our Tonka Fire and Corn fest ceremony.



Over our next two camp outs in November and January, we visited Elks Lodge in Umatilla, FL and Camp Rybolt in Pasley, FL. Our annual Pinewood Derby tournament was postponed due to COVID restrictions.

In January, however, we were still able to run our Field Games with each tribe participating in each event at different places throughout the camp. All the kids had a great time tossing eggs, racing their Dad's in potato sacks and challenging the Dad's to tug of war. The event was capped off with Chief Running Man conducting a Flag Retirement Ceremony. With honor and dignity, we retired two American Flags that were no longer worthy of flying and displaying our nation's colors, it was a very moving and somber event.



Eola Federation 2020-2021 Year in Review (cont.)

February marked the fourth anniversary of our father daughter beach dance, with a 50's theme. Elvis impersonators and poodle skirts! We hold the dance on the beach at Mill Dam Campground. The kids are announced by the Chief as they walk down the stairs to meet their dads on the sand.

In March, the Eola Federation had the task of hosting the 2021 Sunshine State Pow-Wow, and what an event it was. See the separate article for all the details.



To conclude our camping season, our Federation quickly relocated to a new campground (original closed-COVID) at Camp Thunderbird in Apopka, FL. Even though it rained throughout the weekend it ended up being a great way to end our season. We moved our Pinewood Derby races to this event and it turned out great, we had some really fast cars. Our weekend concluded with our Council Fire which



included the Longhouse Feathers of Years Ceremony and our Changing of the Chief's ceremony. The kids really enjoyed the Feathers ceremony. Each child in attendance received a feather based on the years camping with Native Sons & Daughters, and it was a toss up to which collection of kids was bigger, our 1st year kids or the kids



with 5 or more years, it was a great site to see so many new kids in the program and so many that have been around for 5 or more years. Our ceremony finished off with the induction of our new tribal chiefs and the introduction of our new Federation Chief, Chief Running Man as Chief McSquiggles concludes his 2 years as Eola's Federation Chief.



Timucuan Longhouse (Jacksonville, FL) Spring Longhouse Campout

Submitted by: Chief Steve "Big Red" Sharpe

The boys' and girls' tribes came together once again on the weekend of April 24, 2021 under a Fish Moon for a fun-filled Longhouse weekend at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park. Severe storms were forecasted for all day Saturday, but the Great Spirit watched over us and kept the hail, severe storms, and the tornado watch 20 miles north of us all day long. We had 140 dads and kids camping



together at the Suwannee Lake District. For many, this was their first time camping and for several, this was their last time camping who participated in the sacred breaking arrow ceremony. We shot BB guns, bows & arrows, we tossed eggs, and the highlight was the slip & slide on the beach into the Mighty Suwannee River. Our skit contest was fantastic and Big Red's Critter Race included a real 4-foot rat snake from the girls' Mohawk Tribe. Luca "Bull-in-China-Shop" Maiocco received the Medicine Man Award and the Shawnee Tribe received the Federation Chief Award. A

highlight on Sunday morning was when Sean "Little Wolf" was given a \$10 bill and two \$5 bills to buy 8 raffle tickets to try for a chance to win, among many prizes, an Oculus Virtual Realty Game. When Little Wolf arrived to purchase the tickets, all he had was one \$5 bill. The other two bills got lost on the way and he was only able to purchase 1 ticket. The Great Spirit must have had pity on Little Wolf, and after all the raffle prizes were selected Sean won the Grand Prize Oculus with his one and only ticket.



The Great Spirit's presence was felt all weekend with laughter and many, many lifelong memories that were made. Big How and a Big Thank You to Soaring Falcon, Lion Heart, Iron Wolf and Storm Cloud for organizing the event as well as our War Chief, Whispering Moon and our Pathfinder Chief, "Peterbilt" who helped make the Spring Longhouse 2021 another successful event. Big How!



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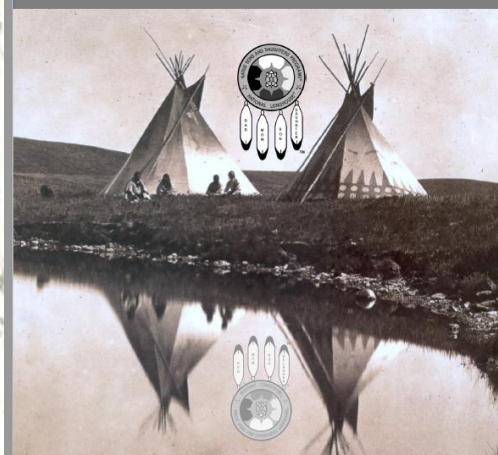
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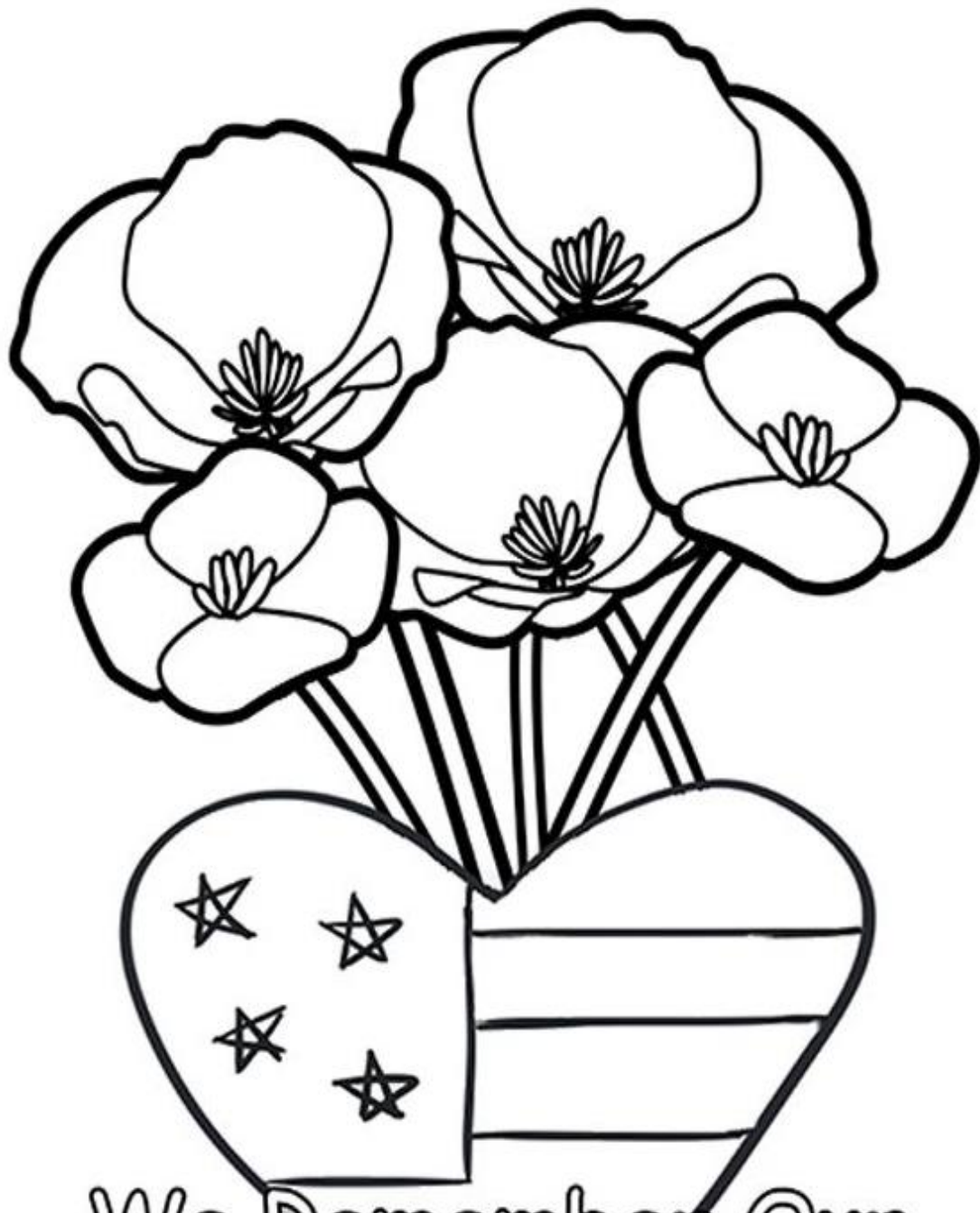
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Human Life



SUN RAYS
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Captivity



THUNDERBIRD
Sacred Bearer of
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Good Omen



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