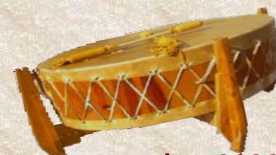




NATIONAL LONGHOUSE DRUM BEATS

THE NATIONAL NEWSLETTER OF NATIVE SONS & DAUGHTERS PROGRAMS



November 2020

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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

Yá'át'ééh Native Sons and Daughters!

Do you have a favorite day of the year? Maybe you've never even thought about having a "Favorite" day. Maybe you love Christmas day with all the decorating, gift giving, smiles and tradition; or the warmth of a big Thanksgiving dinner with friends and family. Some people plan all year long for Halloween: building their most creative, extravagant costumes for months before the big sweet & spooky night. Others say their favorite day of the year is their birthday, or a loved one's birthday.

For many years, my favorite day of the year has been that October or November morning when I walk outside and feel that first real chill in the air that tells me the fall weather is coming. In Florida, where we live, that signals camping season. And for the last 11 of those years, that chill in the air has also meant that our Native Sons and Daughters' program season was in full swing! For the coming months, Tribes and Nations of the Timucuan Federation were in the woods and swamps all over Northeast Florida celebrating Girls' Longhouses, Boys' Longhouses, Citywide & Statewide Pow-Wows and other big camping events. Sacred Fires lit the dark sky. The smell of burning sage wafted through night forests. The greatest of friends and the newest of friends - fathers and children alike - were bonding over war games, meals and campfires amid the wonders of nature. Memories were being made that will live a lifetime, and even shape lives. For me, the memories of those cool camping weekends with my two little girls after that first chill in the air arrived each year, are some of my most prized possessions. Now, when I feel that first chill on my skin each fall, I feel all of those amazing memories in my heart. And I think to myself "Yeah, this must be it: My favorite day of the year."

Well, that day just arrived! Those Longhouse celebrations and Pow-Wows are kicking off and dads and kids are embarking on new adventures all over the country. If you're in an area where the camping season is just getting started, my family and I are excited for you and yours. Get out there and enjoy nature with your kids while they're little. Don't forget to pick up the marshmallows, chocolate and graham crackers for the campfire s'mores. Have your tribes challenge the neighboring tribes to some friendly competitions for bragging rights. Love your little ones. Make these autumn months memorable for them and cherish these moments you get to spend together.

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As always Native Sons and Daughters, thank you for all that you do! Let's keep building our local programs into the programs that our children will be proud to share with their own kids some day!

**In Service,
Ray "Creaking Oak" Junk
NS&D National Chief**

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National Longhouse

National Council of Officers



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TELLING OUR STORIES

Native Sons and Daughters are meeting regularly across the country to communities, and have loads of fun. With [Our Stories](#), we spotlight indiv

"Share the Stories, Spread the Spirit"

In the National Longhouse Drum Beats Newsletter
We want to share your Longhouse stories with all NSD!!

Send your stories to: NSDNewsletter@nationallonghouse.org

Volunteer Needed! National Talley Keeper

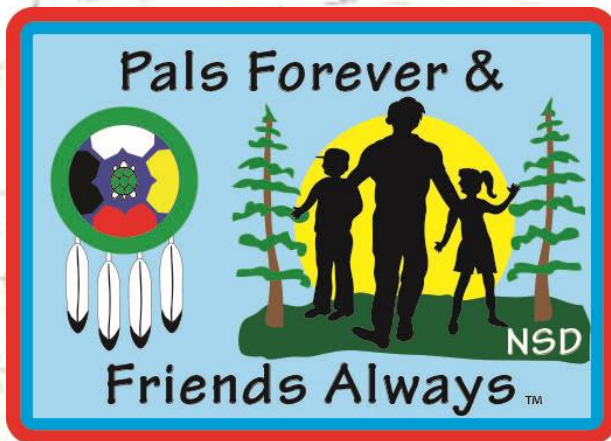
An officer of the National Council of Officers (NCO)

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

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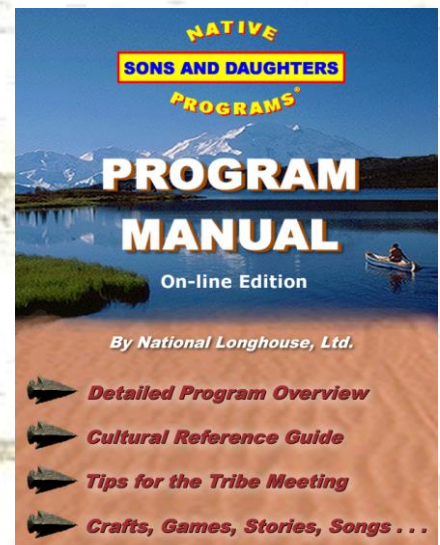
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NSD PROGRAM MANUAL

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!



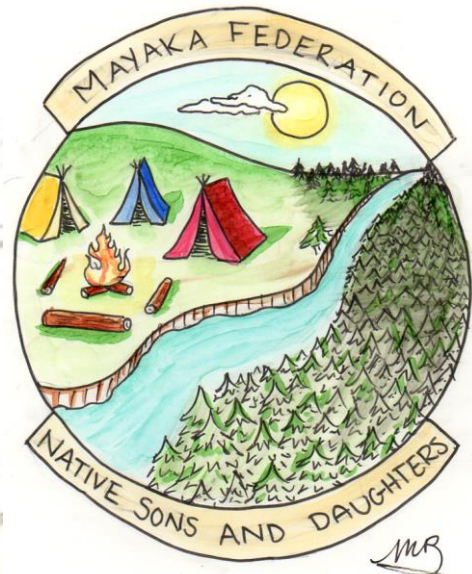
Welcome New Longhouses

National Longhouse welcomes the following new
Longhouses into the Native Sons & Daughters family

Myakka Federation Parrish, Florida

(Gulf side FL, south of Tampa, between Tampa and Sarasota)

Chartered NSD Longhouse January 2021



Talwa Federation Melbourne, Florida

(East Coast FL, just south of Cape Canaveral)

Chartered NSD Longhouse August 2021





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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!



Rituals & Ceremonies Manual for NSD

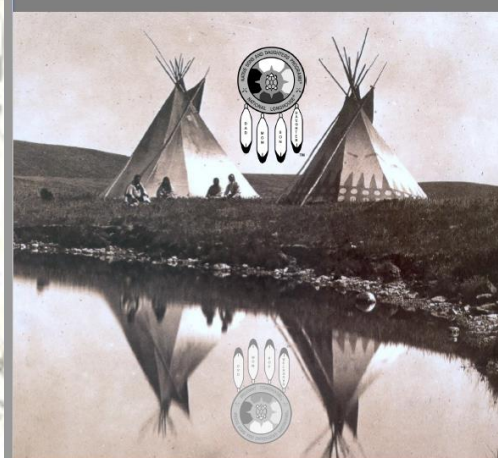
Download it from the NSD website.

A vast resource of helpful materials for all Tribes & Longhouses. Ceremonies, Rituals, Devotions & Stories, all geared to enhance your program. Download the entire book or any individual file to customize to your program needs.

<https://www.nationallonghouse.org/resources/program-theme-support/>

National Longhouse Support Materials

RITUALS & CEREMONIES



**A COLLECTION FOR
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Community Service

Crooked River Longhouse (NE Ohio)

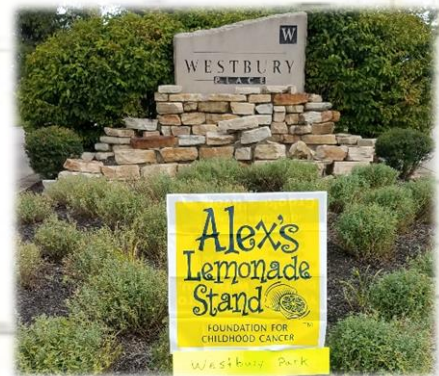
Supporting Alex's Lemonade Stand Charities

Submitted by Matt "Skylander" Rebraca, Events Chief



Nunway!! The Crooked River Local Longhouse hosted its 7th [Alex's Lemonade Stand](#) on Sunday August 15th from 10am – 6pm. The stand was located at the Westbury Park in the Westbury Place neighborhood in Brunswick, OH. The stand was operated by volunteer families, Gabrylski's, Carlson's and Rebraca's along with some friends from the neighborhood.

The stand got off to a fast start and kept momentum all the way till 6pm! Everyone worked so hard that Chief Skylander had Pizza Hut delivered to the park for the volunteers to enjoy!! They



Not only did we manage to set Fundraising records, but we also managed to do some recruiting too. We had the Longhouse teepee, memorabilia, and prize wheel for neighbors to enjoy. Hopefully some new members will be signing up soon!



As if that wasn't enough, the Brunswick Hills police department stopped by to donate & thank us. They also asked to partner with us for next year's stand so they can bring the K9, patrol cars, fire truck and ambulance. We are going all out next

year so plan to join us on what should be a spectacular day in the park!!!

Crooked River Local Longhouse celebrates **\$2,500** milestone!!!



2015 - \$312
2016 - \$400
2017 - \$502
2018 - \$451
2019 - \$314
2020 - \$380
2021 - \$572

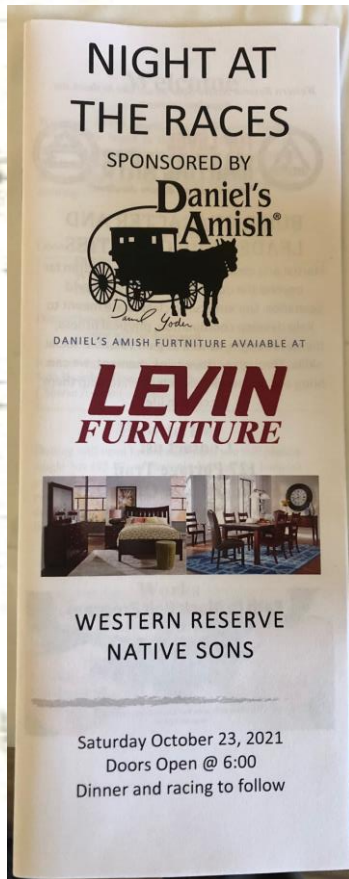
Thanks to your DONATIONS & SUPPORT, \$2,931 TOTAL!

Longhouse Special Events

Western Reserve Longhouse (NE Ohio)

Native Sons-Night at the Races Fundraiser Event

Submitted by: JJ "Howling Wolf" Sutphin, Native Sons Chief



Western Reserve Sons Longhouse recently held their 5th annual parents Night at the Races fundraiser. It's been 2yrs since we held our last event due to Covid, but we're back and a great time was had by all!

Attendees were able to purchase horses and sponsor races. Then they could bet on what horses will win!

The night included side boards, raffle prizes and food provided by Ol'Chefskis BBQ in Aurora, OH.



Longhouse Special Events

Timucuan Longhouse (Jacksonville, FL)

Rocket Launch and Costume Bowling Events

Submitted by: Steve "Red Bear" Sharpe, Timucuan Longhouse Chief

The Timucuan Longhouse has started the year off with a bang! This past weekend was just an example of the many Father/Child activities we have planned this year to help make many lifelong memories.

Sunday morning, October 24th, there was a joint Tribe "Rocket Launch" recruiting event. The boys' Kiowa Tribe and the Girls' Cayuga Tribe joined efforts and invited a neighborhood to send off model rockets up into the beautiful, blue Florida sky. There were about 30 members and another 15 guests (of whom several have since joined) laughing, gazing in awe, and chasing their rocket parachutes across the field. A great time was had by all.



Wide Eyed Buck says, "Houston, I am ready for launch!"



(Left) "Funniest" costume award winner with "Sunshine Bear" and "Princess Bear" and their Bob Ross depiction.

That same Sunday afternoon, the Timucuan Longhouse held its annual Costume Bowling event. There were 20 kids and 25 parents (many in costumes as well) showed up to not only compete on the lanes for best score, but more importantly for the coveted "Funniest", "Scariest", "Best Homemade" and "Best Parent costume prizes. We all had a blast and we're now looking forward to our big Fall Longhouse camp outs the first two weekends in November. Big How!



Longhouse Special Events

Tanasi Longhouse (Nashville, TN) Fall Campout Event

Submitted by: Brandon "Big Bear" Dixon, Longhouse Chief

As we like to say in the Tanasi Longhouse, "Noo Nay!"

After an eventful summer, the Apache tribe of the Tanasi Longhouse, conducted their third annual Fall Campout. This year, the tribe returned to Columbia, TN, for a two-night tent event under the stars, on October 10-12, 2021.

Chief "Big Bear", and his Medicine Man, "Smoke Signals", coordinated the event along with 12 other Big Braves, and their Princesses for a weekend of food, crafts, and fun. Although the mighty heavens sprinkled us with precipitation, it did not hold back our princesses from joining in the fun of Fall War Games. Dads and daughters alike, competed in sack races, water balloon toss, shuttle runs, kickball, and other fun activities. The seasoned princesses showed the ropes to the new ones, displaying sportsmanship and friendship during the campout and games.



As always, crafts are a big takeaway from the event, to create a memory and keepsake for home. This year, the tribe created décor for their bedroom consisting of Tribe, or Native American elements. Additionally, new and returning Princesses added to their "Broken Arrow" for the tribe's totem pole.

The Apache Tribe has grown in its third year of operation. From two dads, to now 16 Big Braves, these events have been fun while providing lifelong memories for the group. During fall campout, we had one new Big Brave and Daughter participating in the Bear Claw (Induction Ceremony) receiving the NSD welcome packet, along with Tanasi / Apache branded gear. To conclude the Fall War Games, the princesses enjoyed a warm dinner, a bon fire, and patch ceremony for the campout.

Featured in this picture provided by one of our Big Braves, aka Buffalo Trace, is a picture in front of our teepee which shows the Tennessee State Flag Emblem, embedded with a Dad and Daughter in canoe.



Longhouse Special Events

Talwa Longhouse (Melbourne, FL) Fall Campout Event

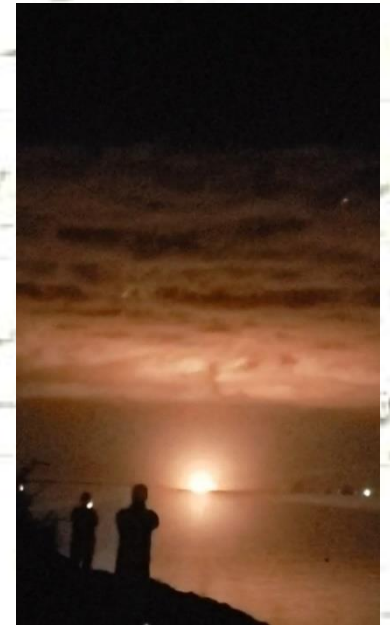
Submitted by: Vin "Standing Bear" Stazzone, Longhouse Chief

There was a lot of excitement and anticipation leading up to the start of the 2021-2022 camping season. Having formed a new Longhouse under the NSD program over the summer definitely amplified the positive vibes for our tribes. Our first campout was at Kars Park located on the south portion of the Kennedy Space Center.

As everyone arrived on Friday it was great catching up with friends after a long summer. Around the campfire we welcomed new members and guests, reminded everyone of the rules for the weekend, and then went into our time honored kids campfire stories – always anchored by one dad story just before bedtime!



Saturday morning started at 5:30 AM with an awesome treat when we all walked down to the river to watch a United Launch Alliance V rocket with NASA's Lucy spacecraft atop. Kars Park provided the perfect viewing directly across the lagoon from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station's Space Launch Complex 41. The feedback from the kids was essentially "that was definitely worth you forcing us to wake up so early!"



After breakfast on Saturday our kids went on the hunt for critters for our annual critter race. This is a tradition that we have been doing for a very longtime. Basically, the kids catch a variety of creatures (i.e. roaches, ants, lizards, spiders). In a tournament bracket style, creatures are

raced two at a time. Two creatures are placed in the center of a circle and first creature to exit the circle wins. Note – no critters were harmed in the process!



The day was topped off as we held a formal Tonka Ceremony Saturday evening along with an Induction Ceremony of the incoming tribe chiefs while honoring the outgoing ones too. This is always a great opportunity to honor the Native American Indian themes that we embrace and reflect on the awesome time shared together.

Longhouse Special Events

Space Coast Longhouse (Cocoa Beach, FL)

Fall Events Roundup

Submitted by: Kristina "Water Lily" Watkins

Space Coast Adventure Maidens kicked off the year with our Fall Campout at Disney's Ft. Wilderness where we welcomed new families and said good-bye to graduating families. It was a fun filled weekend with decorating campsites for Halloween, crafts, swimming, scavenger hunt, pot-luck, boo-



bucket exchange, star walk and of course, skits!! In September we had members volunteer at Children's Hunger Project and are busy planning more volunteer opportunities in the community. In the coming months we have a Thanksgiving celebration at Ft. Christmas, Merritt Island Christmas parade, Mother/Daughter challenges and gingerbread decorating events planned. We are looking forward to a year full of adventure!



Native American Theme

The Six Aims Award

A special patch is available to honor all Native Sons & Daughters who successfully learn, memorize, and recite the Six Great Aims of the Native Sons & Daughters Programs. Longhouses or even Tribes may wish to implement this award as a standard practice to encourage and continue the legacy of this ritual/life lesson. The purpose of this award is to engrain the Aims of the program into memory, letting the Aims be a guide to each Son or Daughter. This award can only be earned ONCE during the child's time in the program. There is no pressure to earn it at any specific time. The Six Aims award patch can be presented to those who have earned it in a special presentation once per year. A sample presentation ceremony is available on request. The patch shown is available through the Patch Store.

The Six Great Aims of the Native Sons & Daughters Programs:

1. To be PALS FOREVER/Friends Always, father and child (son or daughter).
2. To be clean in body and pure in heart.
3. To love the sacred circle of the family.
4. To love my neighbor as myself.
5. To listen while others speak.
6. To seek and preserve the beauty of the Great Spirit's work-in forest, field, and stream.



Suggested Basic Rules for Testing a Son or Daughter's ability to recite the Aims:

1. The child must be able to recite the basic structure of each Aim sentence.
2. The child does not have to recite the Aims in the order listed above, any order is fine.
3. The method in which the testing is done is flexible, and relies on the honesty of the father or parent who is testing the child. No coaching or clues at the time of recital. If the child cannot complete all six aims, encourage them to study more, then try again.
4. Testing must be done on a one-to-one basis. It can be done at home, at a tribe meeting or other. The point is that when a child is trying to recite the Aims, no other children should be close enough to hear what is being said.
5. It may be a good idea to have the child say the Aims at several different times before counting the recital as official.
6. Use an official form to notify the Council Awards Chief. A sample form is below.
7. To preserve honesty, the Council/Awards Chief reserve the right to independently test any child whose name has been submitted for the award on their ability to recite the Six Aims.

SAMPLE FORM: Please complete the following:

I / We hear-by certify that the following Native Son/Daughter (child's full name and Indian Name) _____ of the _____ tribe has successfully memorized and has recited without help, the Six Great Aims of the Native Sons & Daughters Programs. The recital of the above Six Aims was accomplished in my / our presence on (date) ____/____/____.

Signed (name and relation or position) _____

Signed (name and relation or position) _____

Second signature is not mandatory.

IMPORTANT DEADLINE:

For the program year XXXX, this form is to be turned in to the Awards Chief no later than XX/XX/XXXX.



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