

# SMOKE SIGNALS

IPANY LONGHOUSE

Indian Princess

**MARCH, 2007**

## MESSAGE FROM THE BIG CHIEF

### WHAT A DAY AT THE RACES!

Once again, the Indian Princesses had a great day at the races at our annual Powder Puff Derby. Hats off to the Seneca and Shoshone Tribes for all their hard work! This years' cars were some of the best I've seen in 8 years of being in the Indian Princess program. Everyone should be proud of their designs and, especially the time spent with their daughters making them.

On behalf of the Indian Princess program and all the volunteers that organize the Powder Puff Derby, I want to apologize to those families that missed their race this year. After the Friday night weigh in, it was apparent that there were more older princesses racing than younger. So, in order to fill out the tournament brackets, the eight-year old princesses were placed in the earlier brackets, and raced at 9:00 instead of 10:30. Unfortunately, that resulted in many 8-year old princesses missing their race, because they did not know they were racing earlier. I was informed by the organizers that the families were made aware of that last-minute change at the Friday night weigh in, but, clearly everyone did not get the message. Steps are being taken to assure that this does not happen again. Please accept our apologies and come again next year!

I hope everyone has set aside March 24<sup>th</sup> and April 27<sup>th</sup> for Adventure Day and the Spring campout, respectively. Last years Adventure Day was lots of fun and was a great opportunity to spend some quality outdoor time with our Princesses, and the rest of the whole family!

*If you would like to share news, information, or a story with the rest of the longhouse, feel free to send a message to Chief Wazazampi (a.k.a. Eric Smith), your faithful newsletter editor, at [eric\\_smith@urscorp.com](mailto:eric_smith@urscorp.com).*

## Adventure Day at Virginia Kendall!

(Saturday, March 24, 2007, from Noon-3:00 pm)

Come join the entire Ipany Longhouse for our second annual Adventure Day at Virginia Kendall Park! The Fox Tribe has arranged for us all to have a fun-filled afternoon building and flying kites, playing games, hiking and just having some outdoor fun with our Princesses. Remember that the whole family is invited, along with any friends that may be interested in joining Indian Princesses! We have reserved the shelter at the Ledges section of Virginia Kendall Park, so the event is on rain or shine! Kite kits are guaranteed available to the first 25 families for a price of \$10. We'll have a warm fire burning to take off the chill, and hot dogs, soda and snacks are included free!

The Ledges Shelter is located in Virginia Kendall Park (part of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park) just north of Akron. From West Akron, take Akron-Peninsula Road through the Valley north towards Peninsula. Before you reach Brandywine Country Club, turn right on Truxell Road, then go about 2 miles. The road to the Ledges is on the left side of the road. Look for the sign. Total driving time is about 20 minutes.

For more information, see the flyer at the last page of this Smoke Signals.

Thanks to Fox Tribe for sponsoring this event!



YMCA

We build strong kids,  
strong families, strong communities.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A FUN-FILLED YEAR!

Here is the tentative schedule of events that the Ipany Longhouse will be offering to all members, with the assistance of the Tribe sponsors. Remember that this schedule is in addition to your tribe's monthly meeting. **Please note that all events, except Y-Noah campouts, are for the entire family. So bring your brothers, sisters, moms, and friends.** Be sure to let your tribe chief know when you plan on attending an event. Also, be sure to thank the sponsoring tribe for their good efforts!

*All sponsoring tribes should send details of their events to Chief Wazazampi (a.k.a. Eric Smith) at, [eric\\_smith@urscorp.com](mailto:eric_smith@urscorp.com), or (330) 869-6062, as soon as possible so that the correct information can be printed in our Smoke Signal newsletter.*

### March 24, 2007

Adventure Day (Noon to 3:00pm)  
Ledges Shelter  
Virginia Kendall Park  
Tribe Sponsor: Fox

### April 27 – 29, 2007

Spring Campout  
Camp Y-Noah



## Tribe Meetings

Your tribe is the heart of Indian Princesses – within your tribe you will find new friends and new experiences. Make sure to go to as many tribe meetings as you can!

If you have a great idea for a tribe meeting, tell your tribe chief (and volunteer to host the event!) Good meetings make a strong tribe, and a strong tribe makes a great time in Indian Princesses!

## **Make Your Monthly Tribe Meetings Fun**

(and educational). Here are a few suggestions; send your ideas to Chief Wazazampi ([eric\\_smith@urscorp.com](mailto:eric_smith@urscorp.com)) so that we can share them with the other Tribes.

**Crafts:** Prepare a Tribe Banner

Prepare Torches for Y-Noah

Pumpkin Carving

**Field Trips:** Stan Hywet Hall, Hale Farm

Tour a radio station, fire station, or business

Inventure Place/Great Lakes Science Center

Akron Zoo/Cleveland Zoo

**Community Service:** Haven of Rest Project

Park Clean Up

Fundraiser for Select Cause

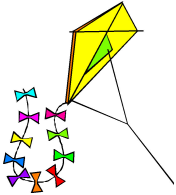
**Entertainment:** Bowling

Laser Quest

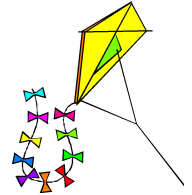
Ice Cream or Pizza Party (pick a place!)

Biking on the Towpath

Apple picking



# ADVENTURE DAY!!!



**Bring the Whole Family!**

## **Ipany Longhouse Event**

Indian Princess

Family Fun Day

Sponsored by the Fox / Cayuga Princess Tribes

### **Build and fly a Kite with Dad!**

### **Games/ contests / hikes / scavenger hunt / Crafts / Food**

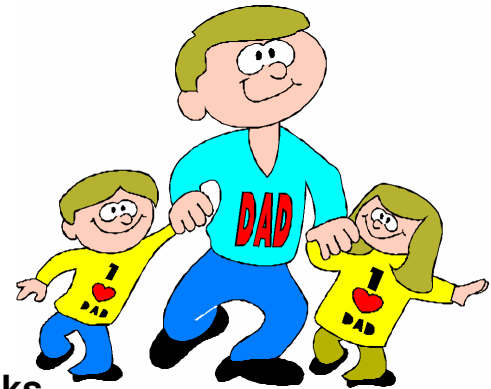
Cost \$10 for a kite kit (complete with string, tail, etc)

Build and Decorate your kite!

Guarantee kits available for the first 25  
Saturday, March 24, 2007 (Rain or Shine)  
Noon to 3:00 PM  
Virginia Kendall Ledges Park

#### **Directions to the Ledges shelter:**

- Go north on Akron–Peninsula Rd from the valley
- Turn right on Truxell Road (near Brandywine CC)
- Shelter is about 2 miles on the left. (watch for sign)
- Shelter is up the hill at the end of the parking lot



#### **Food will be provided: Hotdogs on the grill, drink, snacks**

The shelter is available for crafts and bad weather.

Shelter has a fireplace with wood provided.

Bring the family and enjoy a day outside hiking to Icebox cave, playing games in the field, or relaxing by a fire in the shelter.

**Any additional questions call Pat Gorey (home: 330-807-1155)**

