

# SMOKE SIGNALS

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for Indian Princesses & Indian Guides

OLD PORTAGE LONGHOUSE

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## September, 2008

### ANOTHER FUN SEASON UNDERWAY!!!

Welcome to another great year in the greatest family program around! Special greetings to all of you who are new to the Guides and Princesses this year. You'll find that this group offers a unique opportunity for dads, daughters, and sons to reserve some time from our busy lives to just have fun together and create some memories you'll be sharing in years to come. Our Indian Guides and Princesses activities give us an opportunity to experience each season as participants, rather than spectators, and to actively engage in and enjoy the time we are given to be together as dads, daughters, and sons.



Guides and Princesses look forward to an autumn weekend again at Camp-Y-Noah! We will welcome many new braves and princesses into our longhouses at the campouts. We look forward to a great year of fun and bonding with our sons and daughters!!!

If you would like to share news, information, or a story with the rest of the longhouse, send a message to Chief Wild Mustang (a.k.a. Brian Kenyon), your faithful Tally Keeper (Smoke Signals and Webmaster). My address is: 3996 Stonebridge Drive; phone number: (330) 668-2410; and e-mail: [bkenyon@rockhall.org](mailto:bkenyon@rockhall.org)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

See the schedule below for a preview of events organized for all longhouse members this year.

For the 2008-2009 season, all Longhouse events (except for camp and possible the CAVS event) are joint events for both Guides and Princesses. As always, Longhouse events are open to the entire family (with the exception of the Campouts) so feel free to bring moms, brothers & sisters. These are also great events to bring along a friend you think might enjoy Guides & Princesses as much as you do!

In October we will return to Walsh Farms for our fall Hayride.

In December, we will be returning to the Center Ice Sports Complex in North Canton (near the Akron-Canton Airport) for ice skating.

For January, we will continue the winter sports theme with our annual Tobogganing event at The Chalet in Mill Stream Run Reservation.

### Tribe Meetings

The individual tribes should be starting their monthly meetings by now. Your tribe is the heart of Indian Guides and 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 Guides and Princesses!



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strong families, strong communities.

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

Here is the tentative schedule of events that the Longhouses 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! Check the website for updates to the schedule listed below.

*All sponsoring tribes should send details of their events to Chief Wild Mustang (Brian Kenyon) [bkenyon@rockhall.org](mailto:bkenyon@rockhall.org), or (330) 668-2410, as soon as possible so that the correct information can be printed in our Smoke Signal newsletter.*

### **Y-Indian Princesses:**

#### **September 19-21, 2008**

Camp out at Y-Noah

#### **November, 2008**

Cav's game (details to come)

#### **February, 2009** (date and time TBA)

Powder Puff Derby  
Copley Middle School

#### **April 24-26, 2009**

Camp out at Y-Noah

### **Y-Indian Guides:**

#### **September 12-14, 2008**

Camp out at Y-Noah

#### **February, 2009** (date and time TBA)

FASCar Derby  
Copley Middle School

#### **May 1-3, 2009**

Camp out at Y-Noah

### **Joint Outings Y-Guides & Princesses:**

#### **September 9, 2008 – 6 pm**

New Members Meeting at North West Akron Branch Library 1720 Shatto Ave. See [www.akronprincesses.org](http://www.akronprincesses.org) for details.

#### **October 25, 2008**

Hay Ride Event (Rain or Shine)  
Walsh Farms - 18723 Grill Road, Doylestown  
Tribe Sponsor: Shawnee

#### **December 7, 2008**

Ice Skating Party – 2:00 to 3:30 pm  
Center Ice Sports Complex  
8319 Port Jackson Ave NW, North Canton (near the Akron-Canton airport)  
Tribe Sponsor: Omaha

#### **January 10, 2009**

Tobogganing Party - 8:00 to 11:00 am  
The Chalet in Mill Stream Run Reservation  
Valley Parkway, Strongsville  
Tribe Sponsor: Chippewa

#### **March 28, 2009**

Adventure Day at Virginia Kendall Park  
Noon- 4:00 pm  
Tribe Sponsor: Fox

#### **May 16, 2009** (time TBA)

Fun-N-Stuff Outing

#### **June, 2009** (date and time TBA)

Aeros Game

## FROM THE BIG CHIEFS

### Chief Blind Squirrel:

Greetings Princesses and Braves,

I am Jim Koewler. In Indian Princesses, I am called Blind Squirrel, and I am from the Yellow Creek tribe. My daughter, Miranda, called Blooming Rose, is a sixth grader at Revere Middle School. I consider it an honor to serve the great Ipany Longhouse as Chief of Chiefs this year.

We have a fantastic year ahead. Of course, our biggest events will be our two campouts. In fact, the first one is just around the corner, September 19-21. That's a few days earlier than prior years because September 1 falls on a Monday.

Besides our campouts, we have our annual hayride in October, ice skating in December, tobogganing in January, homemade car races in February, and Adventure Day in March. We will also attend a Cavaliers game, probably in November, where our Princesses will high-five the players as they come out onto the court.

We've also added two new events this year. We will have a May outing to Fun-n-Stuff in Macedonia. We will end our year with an Akron Aeros game, probably in June. I look forward to seeing lots of Princesses and Braves at these events.

I want to extend my thanks, and the thanks of the whole Longhouse, to last year's officers. Gary "Thunder Cloud" Widican, of the Shoshone tribe, was our Fire Chief. Bob "Sleeping Tiger" Schreiner, also of the Shoshone tribe, was our Tally Keeper. Greg "Big Running Bear" Amato, of the Omaha tribe, was our Medicine. These gentlemen did an excellent job taking care of the longhouse so the rest of us could spend our Indian Princess time having fun together, as dads and daughters.

Most importantly, I want to thank last year's Chief of Chiefs, Eric "Chief Wozozompey" Smith of the Hiawatha tribe. Eric served the Ipany Longhouse as its "Big Chief" for four years. He got the longhouse organized so we can smoothly move from year to year and from one group of leaders to another. He also led recruiting efforts so the longhouse would continue to grow. When you see Chief Wozozompey at a longhouse event, please tell him, "thanks."

Better yet, let's keep his recruiting efforts going. Tell your friends how much fun you have with Indian Princesses. Try to get friends to join. If they're not sure they want to join, invite them to visit our campout on Saturday, September 20. Then, they can see how much they'd enjoy Princesses.

Finally, I am sad to report that Christopher Ryba, a dad from the Hiawatha tribe, has passed away. Please join us at a short ceremony at camp to dedicate a tree in his memory. The ceremony will be right after breakfast on Sunday.

In closing, I ask any of you with a question, a concern, a comment, or an idea about our Longhouse to call me at 330-659-3579 (my office number) or email me at jimip2007@koewler.net. If you prefer to meet with me, my wigwam is at 3578 Burrwood Drive in Richfield.

I look forward to seeing all of you, and some new recruits, at our events.

Friends Always!

Jim "Blind Squirrel" Koewler

Chief of Chiefs, Ipany Longhouse

### Chief Racing Mustang:

Osiyo and Welcome to all, Greetings mighty braves of the Old Portage Longhouse. Welcome to another year of Indian Guides.

I am Chief Racing Mustang, leader of the great and powerful Old Portage Longhouse. To all returning longhouse members I am glad to see your safe return to the bountiful plains that we call home. To all those joining our great longhouse we welcome you with open arms and offer you all we have. This year is set to become a full and exciting year. We have many new things in store to make this a lot of fun.

First I would like to take this time to say thank you to the Ipany Longhouse for allowing us to join forces. For those who do not know they are our sister longhouse of fathers and daughters. Together we will grow and prosper as well as be a huge benefit to each other.

In this past year we raised enough money to purchase a new fascar/powderpuff derby track, so this year's race will be even better than ever. We had several members of both longhouses come out to camp and cut and split fire wood. This firewood is available for use by the tribes

(guides or princesses) whose members came out to work. When you want the wood simply drive your truck up to where we stacked it and help yourself. For anyone else who wants to cut wood so there tribe will have use of it simply call Dale at camp and arrange a time. The camp will show you what needs split and will provide the splitter and fuel.

Thank you to the Sioux tribe for offering to be the next fire keeper, we all can't wait to see what you have planned.

Please remember that at this campout all new members will be welcomed and their chosen names announced to the longhouse. So dads and sons start coming up with your Indian names that you will be known as. The Young brave will receive their tribal head dress and first of what we hope will be many feathers to place in it. Camp is a wonderful time and offers a lot to do and see. Due to the earlier camp it promises to be great weather with warm water. Bring your fishing poles and worms if you like to fish.

Finally I am putting out the smoke signal that calls all chiefs to step forth and offer their time and service in volunteering to become council members. Offering your service in these areas is a lot of fun as well as a way of continuing the great longhouse that so many before us have worked to build and that we currently enjoy.

Good hunting fellow members, your Chief Racing Mustang awaits your arrival at the rolling plains of Camp. May your tents be warm, your bellies be full and your hearts be running over with joy for your fellow man and your family is blessed by the Great Spirit.

Pals Forever!

Britt Cherry

Chief of Chiefs, Old Portage Longhouse

