



Smoke Signals

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Weather Cools Down, Things Heat Up!

By the time this edition of *Smoke Signals* reaches your lodge or tipi, your year should be shifting into high gear as preparations begin for your initial tribal meetings and fall campouts. Heck, the Trailblazers will already have made the trip to Camp Tecumseh, and Mighty Head Princess Nation Chief Fran Connelly may be back from Camp Anokijig, as well. Fall campout schedules for the Guides and Princesses are attached—please note that for the Princess Tribes on page 2 of the schedule, you need to re-trace up to the left or right hand column from the first page to determine if you're going to Maclean or Minikani. And for those of you going in October, please be sure to have your registration forms and checks ready for your Nation Chief in charge at the October 3 Longhouse meeting. Camps are becoming ever more stringent about meeting projected numbers, and the only way that we can effectively manage that is with your cooperation and support. As always, call your Nation Chief with any questions.

Native American Facts

At our campouts every fall, we paint the faces of brand new Princesses and Guides and their Big Braves, and every spring, we do the same with graduating members. How much do you know about the ancient Native American tradition of face painting? See the next page for more information!

Are You Registered Yet?

For a number of us (too darned many of us, truth be told), the answer to that question is no. I realize that I talked about this last month, and I hate to sound like a broken record, but your timely registration is extremely important to the program for a number of reasons. First and foremost, it allows us to more efficiently plan for events—not just campouts, but other Federation activities and family events. In addition, your fees are the primary source of revenue to fund the Federation's activities. So, make sure you're on board—a form is enclosed for your convenience.



NEXT LONGHOUSE

October 3, 2005

7:00 PM	Board and Nation Chiefs
8:15 PM	Tribal Chiefs

Custom Bracelet Sale to Benefit Federation Activities

A limited supply of custom made silicon bracelets—think Lance Armstrong and “LiveStrong,” guys—will be made available for sale to Federation members with the purpose of raising money to further the Federation’s work in the community. Nation Chief Brian Klimes of the Hopi Princesses is organizing this exciting initiative, and is available at (708) 363-1010, or bklimes@ameritech.net, to answer any questions. As Brian notes in the attached flyer, the most efficient way to order these unbelievably cool bracelets is to get your tribe together and submit a tribal order, but as always, individual orders are more than welcome. It’s a little bit hard to get a sense of what they look like on the flyer, but, as always (altogether now), you can go to the Federation website, www.yigp.org, for a much better look. Bracelets are just \$2 apiece, and all proceeds will go to help fund both our activities and campouts and all of the charitable work that we do. It’s also a great way to publically display our affiliation with the program. So don’t be left out of the fun, get yours today, and wear it proudly!

And Now, for a Sneak Peek.....

As always, the month of October is traditionally heavy with campouts, but don’t forget the great events that your Federation Board and Nation Chiefs are planning for the upcoming months! We’ve tentatively scheduled an ice skating event for November, and of course we’ll be continuing the time honored tradition of Secret Santa, as well! In December, we’ll have ***Seussical the Musical*** at the Western Springs Theatre, and of course, the Christmas Tree sale. And come January, we’ll be “Dozin’ with the Dinos” at the Field Musuem! Stay tuned to your ***Smoke Signals*** for more details!



Native American Facts

The act of face painting was generally considered to be an extremely solemn undertaking, and was only done on special occasions, to help augment a person’s appearance and power. The Seminole Tribe, for example, favored a powder mixed with animal fat over grease paint, and used paint sparingly. For the Seminole, red was the color of war, white was the color of peace, and black was a “living color”, worn to prepare for war. Warriors took care not to wear too much yellow, because it was considered the color of death. The Seminole also believed that green worn under the eyes would actually empower the wearer with night vision!

Source:

<http://www.nativetech.org/seminole/facepainting/index.php>

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