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Bulls Tix Going Fast!!

Seats to the Federation's family outing for the Bulls game against the Wizards on December 2 are being gobbled up like your Thanksgiving turkeys! As most of you know, there really are no bad seats at United Center, and Nation Chief Mike Mohler has negotiated an unbelievable group rate of just \$10 a person. As this month's issue went to press, there were only about 50 seats left of the 250 available, so here's hoping you're not already too late! The enclosed flyer has all the contact information.

Native American Facts
November is National Native American Heritage Month! Check out the box on the next page to access all the available resources—
knowledge is power!!

I Just Go Because the Shoes Are So Cool . . .

. . . but I know a number of you folks are actually avid bowlers. Well, on Saturday, November 11, all you keglers (God, that's the old newspaperman coming out in me) can head out to Suburbanite Bowl in Westmont for a Federation family bowling event! For a mere \$13 per bowler, you get the cool shoes (can you believe people rent and don't buy?), two solid hours of bowling, and a pizza for every lane. Nation Chief Cam Walker is in charge of this event, and he needs your reservation by November 1. There are only 26 lanes available, and a maximum of six bowlers per lane, so if you do the math, you'll know that it behooves you to check out the enclosed flyer and make your reservations right away. I suspect that there will be more strikes in Westmont than we saw at Wrigley Field all year, so you definitely won't want to miss it!!!



NEXT LONGHOUSE

November 6, 2006

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



Wow—Pow Wows are Huge Success!!!

Nation Chief Marv Baldwin reported at the October Longhouse meeting that we had a record turnout at the September Pow-Wow events. 46 families came out to check us out, with more than 50 kids gaining exposure to our stellar program. The Pow-Wows are one of our most effective recruiting tools, and Marv (not to mention the rest of us) wanted to take a moment to thank those tribes that helped out, including the Cree, Huron, Illini, Kiowa, and Tonto Princesses, and the Beaver, Chippewa, Huron, and Sauk Fox Guides. [If I forgot anyone, trust me, it's my oversight, not Marv's, and let me know immediately.] All of these tribes earned Honor Points for their participation, of course, but even more important than that, they helped to spread the word that our program is the place to be for dads and kids! Thanks again, and congratulations to Marv for a job well done!

The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

As the holidays approach, we hope everyone remembers our tried and true community service events tied to the spirit of the season—the Secret Santa program and the RichPort Y's Men's Club Christmas Tree sale. By the time you read this, I hope your tribe has grabbed a number of bags for the Secret Santa effort, which is designed to provide a measure of Christmas cheer for those members of our community who otherwise might suffer through a bleak holiday season. In addition, the tree sale schedule is enclosed, thanks to the herculean efforts of Chief Keokuk. Please make sure that your tribe fully participates in these incredibly worthwhile events!



Native American Facts

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush approved the designation of November as National American Indian Heritage Month. President Clinton noted in 1996, "Throughout our history, American Indian and Alaska Native peoples have been an integral part of the American character. Against all odds, America's first peoples have endured, and they remain a vital cultural, political, social, and moral presence." November is an appropriate month for the celebration because it is traditionally a time when many American Indians hold fall harvest and world-renewal ceremonies, powwows, dances, and various feasts.

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