



Smoke Signals

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I Told Ya So...

OK, so I'm gloating just a little. Still, it's incredibly gratifying to know that several of our most recent events, including the bowling outing from last month, and the Bulls game on December 2, were events that SOLD OUT! What lessons can we draw from this, folks? I can think of a couple: (1) everyone needs to respond quickly to the terrific opportunities that your Nation Chiefs have arranged for your families and friends; and (2) we can't thank you enough for your support of the Federation's efforts to encourage family events! There's lots more coming up over the next few months, as you'll see below, so don't be left out in the cold! And, as always, my standard reminder—the news is always fresher on the Web, at www.yigp.org. Thanks so much for your support!!

Native American Facts

Most of you have heard of Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce Tribe, but did you know that the Nez Perce don't generally refer to themselves by that name? Check the answer on page 3 for the details!

Blazers Are Camping at the Dells in January

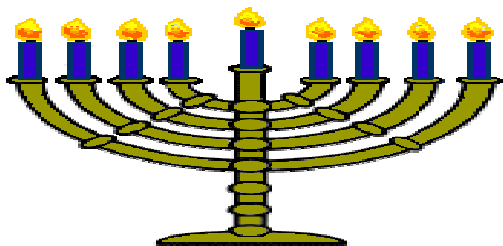
The winter Trailblazers campout is scheduled for January 19-21, 2007 at Camp Gray in Reedsburg, WI, in the always delightful Wisconsin Dells. This year's campout is a "pay as you go" event that features skiing at Cascade Mountain and water park fun at the sumptuous Kalahari resort, so you can pick your pleasure, or soak up everything there is to offer! It promises to be an action-packed weekend, so don't miss out on the fun. And, as always, 4th grade Princesses and Guides are welcome. Nation Chief (and Federation Chief Emeritus) Brian Whitlock has all the details on the flyer!



NEXT LONGHOUSE

December 4, 2006

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



HAPPY HANNUKAH!



Heads Up—Guides Campouts Are in Flux

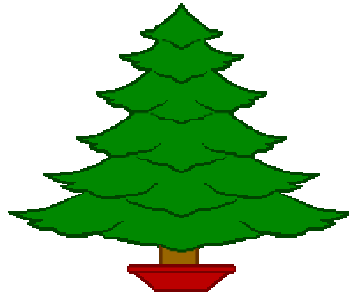
Guides Nation Chief John Economou reports that the schedules for the Guides campouts are subject to some significant changes due to circumstances that are shifting as this edition goes to press. So, Guides dads, please be sure to check the website to confirm your dates and sites. The revised schedules are expected to be posted on November 20—well after most of you will have received this edition of *Smoke Signals*. So, you'll have plenty of time to ensure that you know when and where you're going—and you won't even have to stop for directions! Check in with your Nation Chief if you have questions.

Snow Kidding! Trailblazers are Off for Winter Fun

Spots will go fast for the Trailblazers' ski outing to Sunburst, WI on February 3, 2007. Relax in luxurious comfort on buses equipped with everything anyone could want (movies, music and more!) and, once you arrive, get ready for nonstop action and fun! As always, registered 4th grade Princesses and Guides are welcome, and the enclosed flyer has all the information you need to get in on all the action.

But That's Not All, Folks....

There are several upcoming opportunities to bring out the family and enjoy some time with your whole "tribe"—for example, the Federation has plans in the works for a trip to the Water Park (no, you need not drive to the Dells) at the Schaumburg Water Works on Sunday February 25th. Plus, we're hoping to be able to organize a skate party similar to last year's highly successful event. And, dads, don't forget to mark your NCAA calendars (you know when it is!) for the Dad's Fellowship Night in March, a perennial favorite. Keep your eyes tuned to *Smoke Signals* and www.yigp.org for details on these great events!



Remember—‘Tis the Season

Does anyone really know what the heck “’Tis” means, anyway? Well, I can tell you what it means to us—it’s time for us to do what we always do, and give back to the community that has been so good to us.

By now, most of you already have bags for the Secret Santa program. But, if I may be so bold, let me ask—how many bags do you have? Do you think that your tribe, or your group of tribes, could consider getting *one* more? If everyone who worked so hard to set a record high last year were to take on just *one* more bag, there’s no telling how high we could go! Think about it, fellas—then make like Nike and just do it! Phil Palmer would love to hear from you!

You all probably also know when you’re scheduled to work the Christmas Tree sale. But let me ask you—how many of you also buy your trees from the RichPort Y? Sometimes we sell all of our trees, but sometimes we don’t, which leaves the Men’s Club with unsold inventory that ends up in the chipper, instead of generating proceeds that can go to benefit people in our community who can really use the help. Hey, the tying string is free, and so’s the labor, so why not take a tree home with you after your shift? You’ll be doing a tremendous service to the Federation, and to your neighbors and friends. Thanks to everyone for all their efforts in supporting our holiday efforts!!!



Native American Facts

The Nez Perce people, who are native to the Northwest (primarily Idaho and Washington), call themselves Nimi'ipuu, which means the "real people" or "we the people." The name "Nez Perce" was given to the tribe through an interpreter with the 1805 Lewis and Clark expedition. The French Canadians interpreted the meaning as "Pierced Nose." However this cultural practice was not common to the Nimi'ipuu.

Source: <http://www.nezperce.org/History/nimiipu.htm>