



Smoke Signals

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Goooo, Irish! Beat... Whoever!!

Or is it “whomever”? Either way, it looks, at long last, like the Notre Dame hoops squad will actually make the field of 65 for the NCAA tournament! [Of course, I’ve been wrong before.] Anyway, the Federation’s NCAA Fellowship Night, on Friday, March 16, will allow all of you dads, and your male friends, to enjoy all of the exciting tourney action. This year’s event, slated for the third straight year at the Village Club of Western Springs, starts at 5:00 PM and ends at... well, a reasonable hour. Your \$30 door charge covers pretty much anything anybody would like on a guys’ night out—food, beverages, mixers, and access to card tournaments and all the hot basketball action! All of the proceeds for this event directly benefit our Federation, both in our mission to help those less fortunate and to subsidize the costs of the events that all of us enjoy throughout the year. Nation Chief Andy Signa has devoted an incredible amount of time and effort to make this a can’t-miss night, but if you (or, better yet, your tribe’s dads as a group) can assist him in making things run smoothly, it would be greatly appreciated. Andy’s contact information is on the enclosed flyer, and, as always, is available on the Federation site (www.yigp.org).

Native American Facts
Gamblers know that there are Potawatomi and Ho-Chunk casinos up north, but do you know which tribe had the largest population in what is now Milwaukee in the 1600s? Check page 2.

One Day Chase for the Cup, on March 11

It takes 10 weeks for those NASCAR types to come up with a champion, after a whole season of races, but we’ll do it in about five hours! The green flag for the Federation’s Pinewood Derby drops on Sunday, March 11, at noon at the RichPort Y. There’s plenty of room for both racers and spectators, so come on out and have some fun! The enclosed flyer has all the details, and as always, if your tribe is available to help out with the food and fun, Nation Chief Larry Wilson would love to hear from you!


SMOOCH!
**THE IRISH BELIEVE IT’S
GOOD LUCK TO KISS YOUR
SONS AND DAUGHTERS!**

NEXT LONGHOUSE
March 5, 2006
Board and Nation Chiefs 7:00 PM
Tribal Chiefs 8:15 PM
**REMEMBER: LONGHOUSE MOVES
TO THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH THIS MONTH!!**

*Never Too Soon to Check Out the June Golf
Outing—The Flyer Has all the Details for
Sponsors and Players!*

Taxes, Schmaxes—April is Trailblazer Month!!

Some people think about April 15 as Tax Day, but the Trailblazers know better—it's Whirly Ball Day! The Trailblazers (and Guides and Princesses at least 11 years old) are invited to an exciting day of fast action at the Whirly Ball facility in Lombard from 1:45 to 5:00 PM. It's just \$20 a head, and Nation Chief Bob Konold promises a good time for all. The flyer has all the details, and please feel free to contact Bob if you have any questions.

But of course, that's not all—on April 21, the Trailblazers have their annual Paintball event, to be held this year at Fox Paintball (website is www.foxpaintball.com) just a few miles west of Plainfield. This event is open to pretty much everyone 10 and older—dads, Trailblazers, Guides, Princesses, friends, and potential recruits!! The enclosed flyer has directions and information, and Nation Chiefs Eric Sundstrom and Gene Peters are your contacts if you need to know anything else. Hope to see you there!

Sandpainters Wanted

As most of you know, normally, we have our standard Federation symbol next to the Native American fact below, but this month, Drew Callahan of the Mascouten Guides tribe came up with such a special patch for the February 25 Waterworks event that we decided to show it off. We do patches for pretty much all of our events and campouts, and our sandpainter, Paul DiVittorio, wants everyone to be involved. Tribal Chiefs, check in with Paul at the next Longhouse and see how your kids can get in on the fun!



Native American Facts

The most populous Native American tribe in the area of southern Wisconsin that is now known as Milwaukee was the Potawatomi. The Ho-Chunk (also referred to as the Winnebago) and the Menominee also had significant settlements in the area.

Source:

<http://www.themakingofmilwaukee.com/history/trivia/index.cfm>

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Log on and check it out!