



Smoke Signals

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Last Chance for Giving Tree, Guys!!

The June 4 Longhouse meeting represents your last chance to ante up for the annual Federation Giving Tree program. A lot of you have already expressed your generosity through your tribal contributions, which will help folks in our community by providing scholarships for a week or more in the RichPort Y's summer camp program. But there's more to do, and we still need your help!

If you haven't had the chance to pull your tribal contribution together, you still have time—just be sure to have a check at the Longhouse. John Economou will accept any and all donations, at the Longhouse or delivered to his door, and the attached flyer has all of the details. Be sure to stay tuned for the summer edition of *Smoke Signals* for the final, happy totals!

18th or 19th Hole, We've Got You Covered

Whether you want to engage in a "good walk spoiled" with the clubs in tow, or just show up for dinner and raffle prizes, there's fun for everyone at the annual Federation golf outing on Friday, June 8 at Flag Creek Golf Club in Countryside. Time will be short once this edition of *Smoke Signals* arrives, but all comers will be accommodated to the best of our ability, so don't be shy, come on out for the fun! The enclosed flyer has all the requisite information, and Nation Chief Alan Rodriguez is available to answer all of your last minute questions. Hope to see you there!!

Trailblazers Looking Forward to Banner Year!!

The cicadas haven't even fully arrived as we go to press, and already, the hard working Nation Chiefs in charge of the Trailblazers program have begun their preparations for the 2007-2008 program year. The year starts with the annual fall campout the weekend of September 7-9, and tentative plans are in place for a winter camp of January 18-20, 2008, and the spring blowout on May 16-18, 2008. The Blazers also will have their traditional ski

Native American Facts

As a soon-to-be retired member of the Cheyenne Tribe, I was curious about their origins. If you are, too, check out the next page for details.

NEXT LONGHOUSE

June 4, 2007

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

**REMEMBER: LONGHOUSE IS AT
THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

trip on February 2, 2008, and as always, there will be events sprinkled throughout the year, including Whirlyball and Paintball. Not to mention all of the other standard Federation events, which are always open to Trailblazers participants. As Chief Keokuk notes in this month's tip, participation in Trailblazers isn't just "another program"—it represents a chance for dads to share experiences with their sons and daughters that they wouldn't otherwise be likely to have. Keep watching *Smoke Signals* for details on all the opportunities available. You'll be glad you did!

Honor Tribe Points, Patches Made Easy!

Chiefs, need a way to save some time? E-mail your Honor Points and Patch requests prior to the Longhouse meetings. Honor points will be added as soon as they are received and your patches will pre-packaged and ready for pick up at the next longhouse. Send your info to: Paul DiVittorio at sandpainter@yigp.org and to David Hight at honor.points@yigp.org.

Happy Trails to All

This edition represents my swan song as your *Smoke Signals* chief. Nation Chief Doug Ashburn will step in to take the reins, and will no doubt bring the newsletter to soaring heights! I want to take this final opportunity to thank all of the dedicated dads who have worked so hard to make our program a success, including all of the Nation Chiefs and Tribal Chiefs. I especially want to single out Brian Whitlock and John Lorenzen, who have served the Federation with such distinction and are two of the most talented, caring and committed men it has even been my pleasure to know! Always remember that this program is about service—to ourselves, to our children, to our families, and to our community. It can't work, and it won't work, without your continued commitment and dedication. God speed to you all—

Tony Foley



Native American Facts

The Cheyenne originally were an Algonquin woods tribe from Minnesota and Manitoba. The name "Cheyenne" came from the Lakota meaning "red talkers." Pressure from another Algonquin tribe forced them to Eastern North Dakota and, eventually, to South Dakota, where they adapted to the Plains way of life. They eventually followed the buffalo farther west, out of the Black Hills, and by the mid-1800's, had settled primarily in Northern Colorado.

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