



Smoke Signals

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New Year's Resolution Idea from Grinding Owl

Late January is the time for resolution-breaking, so give up on the diet, quit brown-bagging lunch, and start piling clothing atop the treadmill again. The following, however, is a resolution worth keeping: **When you open up the Smoke Signals each month, have a calendar in front of you!** We enclose a lot of dates and information on upcoming events each month, but it can be overwhelming. Just jot down the dates or plug them into your favorite electronic device. **As the event date or signup deadline approaches, check the web site, www.yigp.org. It's all there!**

☺ Miles of Smiles at the Pinewood Derby ☺

Mark those calendars for Sunday, March 9th. This is the date of our annual Pinewood Derby, to be held at Lyons Township High School's South Campus. Check out the enclosed flyer for information about times, age groups, special races, and more. This is one of the **premier** Federation events; you don't want to miss it!

This year, for the first time, we have received corporate sponsorship for the derby. **Continental Motor Group** (hence the "Miles of Smiles" headline) will be sharing our expenses, in return for not-so-subliminal plugs such as this one. ☺

It's More Than a Game, It's an *Event!*

This is the motto for the **Chicago Storm** professional indoor soccer team. After reading the enclosed flyer, I'm sure you'll agree. Head up to the Sears Centre Arena in Hoffman Estates on Saturday, February 23rd for an evening of fun, excitement, and athletic display!

The earlier you sign up, the better it is for all of us. If we have 150 attendees signed up by January 31st, we receive a special gift. This is a new event for the Federation, so start it right by signing up today!

Native American Trivia

What was the name of the five-nation group formed in the 17th century to end intertribal warfare and cannibalism? (Hint: it was a consortium of the Mohawk, Oneida, Onandaga, Seneca, and Cayuga tribes)

See reverse side for more

♪ Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgot...♪

Your chance to get re-acquainted will be at the third annual **Prairie Trail Federation NCAA Men's Fellowship Night**, Saturday, April 5th, at the Village Club of Western Springs. Nation Chief Andy Signa will again be organizing this men-only evening of cards, games, and other **wholesome** entertainment, coinciding with the semifinal round of the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament. Watch for details...

Return of the Coloring Contest

After a brief hiatus, the monthly coloring contest is returning with a vengeance! We are augmenting the monthly prizes to include a special Sandpainter Patch to our winners. Of course, winning families will still be receiving a free campout, but now our winning guides and princesses can wear it on their sleeve...less vests!

This month's winners are **Henry Siegelman** (Lightning Bolt) of the **Chinook Guides** and **Grace Hayes** (Smiling Deer) of the **Cahokia Princesses**. Congratulations!

Ski with the Trailblazers, February 2nd

Nation Chiefs Tony Nilles and Kevin Jelley have an amazing day in store for all Trailblazers (and remember: 4th graders in our Guide and Princess programs have a dual membership in the Trailblazers). Just sign up via the enclosed form or via the Federation web site, and we'll handle the rest – motorcoach transportation to and from Sunburst, lift tickets, and more. Your only worry will be staying on your feet!



Native American Trivia Answer

The **Iroquois Confederacy** was founded in the early 1600s. These 5 nations, who later added the Tuscarora to become a 6-nation confederacy, were instrumental during the French and Indian Wars. They also figured prominently during the American Revolution, where they largely sided with the British.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!!