



# Smoke Signals

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## Upcoming Calendar of Events

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### November

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- Secret Santa: The 18<sup>th</sup> year of the federation's participation in the Secret Santa Program. At the Nov Longhouse tribes will have the opportunity to adopt a boy or girl for the holiday season. Generally the Federation accounts for 25% of total program sponsors. The Community Nurse Association will sponsor approximately 900 kids. Average cost per child is \$125-\$130 per. Tribal Chiefs can pickup bags at November Longhouse.
- Longhouse November 7

### December

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- Western Springs Theater 12-8-11. "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" 7:00 PM. This is a family event. Tickets: \$15.00 adult/\$7.00 children. See enclosed flyer for additional information. \*Looking for concession volunteers and a Santa Clause – If interested or know anyone please contact Dan Ozanich - [ptfto@macdaniels.com](mailto:ptfto@macdaniels.com).
- Longhouse December 5

### January

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- Trailblazers: Winter camp will be held Jan 13 and 14 at Wilderness Lodge at the Dells. Cost is \$40.00 per person per night. Cabins hold 10 people per. Registration deadline Dec 1, 2011. See enclosed flyer for additional information.
  - Longhouse January 2
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**CHIEFS: PLEASE MAKE NEXT LONGHOUSE MEETING. Nov 7, 2011**  
Nation Chiefs @ 7:00 pm and Tribal Chiefs @ 8:15 pm  
**Location: The First United Methodist Church of La Grange**  
100 West Cossitt, La Grange, IL



Congratulations! Coloring Contest Winners

*Margaret Hall – Thunder Warrior – Blackhawk Princesses*

*Michael Wall – Barn Owl – Snake Guides*

**Oh, Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds  
Whose breath gives life to the world, hear me  
I come to you as one of your many children  
I am small and weak  
I need your strength and wisdom**

**May I walk in beauty  
Make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset.  
Make my hands respect the things you have made  
And my ears sharp to your voice.  
Make me wise so that I may know the things you have taught your children.**

**The lessons you have written in every leaf and rock  
Make me strong-----!  
Not to be superior to my brothers, but to fight my greatest enemy....myself**

**Make me ever ready to come to you with straight eyes,  
So that when life fades as the fading sunset,  
May my spirit come to you without shame.**

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Haven't registered yet? What are you waiting for? Timely registration is important and helps the Nation Chiefs plan campouts. Get your form completed TODAY. Forms are available on web at [www.yigp.org](http://www.yigp.org)

The Federation is looking for Nation Chiefs. If you have ever thought about what else you can do for the Federation, think of becoming a Nation Chief. These positions run all the activities that keep the Prairie Trail Federation exciting. We need Nation Chiefs to run camps, keep the finances in order, prepare contracts, design and maintain the patches, run events of all kinds. The amount of time it takes is minimal. Just a few hours a month. Plus you get the green Federation Jacket. What more could you ask for. Contact [fed.chief@yigp.org](mailto:fed.chief@yigp.org) for further information.