

Livonia Family YMCA

Indian Guides

Smoke Signals



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Federation Chief Report

Hello all Big and Little Braves,

There have been many activities this winter. We had the Winter Fun Night in December. What a splash that was off the yellow submarine! Then there was the Family Skate Night which I heard was a great time. Unfortunately, we couldn't make it due to a family emergency out of state. Thank you to everyone who has asked about my father-in-law. He was very sick and is doing a bit better now. Thanks for the thoughts and prayers.

Wow, the Winter Campout, BRRR! What a time we had trying to stay warm. Snow? Well, there wasn't very much of it, but we all made the best of it. I saw kids sledding down a hill that was mostly dirt and a little snow. I even saw dads bringing up sleds full of snow and dumping it on the hill so the kids could sled. Now that is dedication to your children! Broomball on the ice was very interesting. I have played this on tennis courts but ice? That made it extra hard and even more fun.

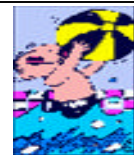
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Upcoming Events

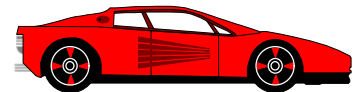
Bowling
Sat. Feb. 22nd
9-Noon
Cloverlanes



Spring Fun Night
Sat. Mar. 15th
At the Y



Pine Car Derby
Sat. April 5th
Wonderland Mall



Please get your fund raising money in to the Assistant Federation Chief, Brian Bussa, if you haven't done so yet!

Attachments in this issue:

- Bowling Flyer
- Pine Car Flyer
- Updated Calendar

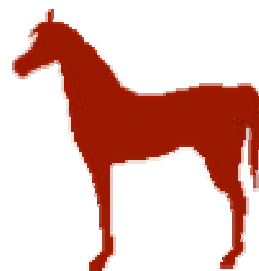
Look us up on the Web! Find previous issues, useful links, maps to events, feather award descriptions, and a colorful Six Aims poster.



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Federation Chief Report — Continued

Speaking of ice, how about the ice skating? You could skate without even moving your feet. I stood at one end of the ice and the wind blew me all the way across the ice. Hey, I didn't even fall! We also did some horseback riding. My horse, Sky, knew that it was too cold to be riding. Sky tried trotting back to the barn to keep warm. The weekend was cold but fun. My sons and I are sure glad that we were able to make it.



Don't forget to get your bowling skills ready. Bowling will be February 22, 2003 at Cloverlanes. Remember dads, this is scotch doubles. That means your son throws the first ball and you pick up the spares. Just think of those dads that have 2, 3, or even 4 sons. Their arms are going to be tired by the end of the day.

On March 15th we will have another Fun Night at the YMCA. I hear the yellow submarine will be back out in the pool. Are you up for the challenge? This should be another fun 'Fun Night.'

Finally, the date for the Pine Car Derby is Saturday, April 5th. Remember dads, if you are like me and you can't keep your hands off of your sons' cars, buy your own kit. That is what I do. They always beat me.

Pals Forever,

Big Brown Grizzly, Little Brown Grizzly, and Little Running Bear

David Ryktarsyk



Sachem Report

We had some great events in the past month for the Livonia Indian Guides! Tomahawk Nation Chiefs (Ed Snow and Tim Collins) and Buffalo Nation Chiefs (Todd Bengtsson and Bill Trotter) put together an excellent Winter Fun Night. I was hoping to see if Santa could swim, but that never came to be. It was a great respite from the cold!

Speaking of cold, what a great winter campout! I am CERTAIN everyone had a GREAT TIME!!! You always know when you leave a campout, and people say, "This was one of the best," or your son says "I really don't want to leave"... you know you have done well. Thanks to Canoe Nation Chiefs Steve Coloske and John Kaman for an outstanding job.

So what do you think the wind chill was on the lake??? And, I promise not to take food out of the garbage again... C'Mon!!! It was all sealed! It wasn't that bad. Mrs. G's immediate response about the Indian Head was "What is THAT!!!" Brave Mountain explained we won it, and she said "Not for good, right?"

Thanks to all those who showed up at the Family Roller Skating event. It was great to see families finishing up their winter break with a calorie burning fun!!!



Pals Forever with my Sons...

Brave Eagle, Brave Sky, Brave Mountain, Brave Night

Chris Gurnee



Assistant Federation Chief Report

Greetings Guides and Happy New Year!

We have had a couple of busy weeks the with winter roller skating event just after Christmas and the campout at Storer. A special thanks goes to Mr. Gurnee for setting up the skating event this year. Although our numbers were not great, a great time was had by all that attended.

The winter campout was a cold but fun one, thanks to the work of the Canoe and Tomahawk Nations. Some tried fishing, others played broomball or skated, but the cold could not freeze out the Indian Guide spirit. The winter horseback riding was a treat to all who participated.

Just as a reminder, some additional dollars came in during the campout for the fall fundraiser. However, there is still approximately \$2000 outstanding needed to meet our goals. For those of you that haven't sent in your money yet, or have made a partial payment through the can drive, we are expecting to collect a minimum donation of \$85 per person. Money contributed during the fundraiser helps offset program costs such as the roller skating event and the discounted horseback riding at this campout. Please send your donations in soon.

Your Frozen Pals Forever,
Silver Fox, Golden Fox, and Gray Wolf



Child's Commandments Corner

Commandment No. 5

I am a special gift from God. Please treasure me as God intended you to do, holding me accountable for my actions, giving me guidelines to live by, and disciplining me in a loving manner.

Watch each issue of Smoke Signals for more!



Tomahawk Nation Report

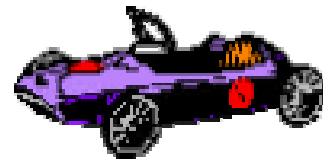
Greetings from the Great Tomahawk Nation:

Well, Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season! I know Santa Claus did a good job at our teepee and the Collins' are still cleaning up all of those pine needles from the Christmas tree.

By the time you get this newsletter, we will have already had a fantastic time at the winter campout. It looks like old man winter will be blessing us with some cold weather and fun times. Let's just hope we can find some white stuff for sledding!

After the snow settles and the sleeping bags are once again put back in the closet, I want you braves to be thinking about the upcoming "Pinewood Derby." The scheduled date for this spectacular event is Saturday, April 5, 2003 at the Wonderland shopping mall. The track and the checkered flags will be ready and the fun will be plentiful.

Keep in mind, little braves, that this event will be for you and not the big braves. I want to see imaginations running wild with each and every entry. What I don't want to see is a "gel-coated," "wind-tunnel," "souped-up" piece of wood that the little braves had nothing to do with. Let's make this event fun and bring back the term "pals forever" with father and son working together their entry. After all, this is why we joined the Guides in the first place -- spend quality time with our sons! Keep your eyes on the next newsletter for more details!



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One more piece of business, I would like to thank the Gurnee family for a fine job in setting up the roller skating evening at Riverside arena. Although the turnout is not what it should have been, our family had a great time with everyone. We even saw our host buzzing around the floor like an ex-hockey star! Thanks again guys! That's all for this month.

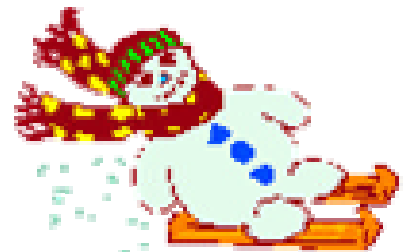
Sincerely,
Gliding Eagle and Shooting Bull
Tim Collins

Crow Tribal Report

From the Crow's Nest:

With this winter's campout at beautiful Storer being our second successful campout, we look forward to what is to come in the future. Our little braves get so excited every time we get together or just talk about the Crows. This program is so great—meeting new friends, going to places we would never have gone, and most importantly, spending quality time with our sons. It's really nice to participate in an activity such as this is, which is not based on being the best at anything. It's a program that gives time to communicate and a break from the riggers of our busy daily lives. We plan on attending the many events and camps that are available, and hope more will participate as often as possible. Our tribal meetings will focus on the Crow's tribal property and building on our foundation as a tribe.

Respectfully submitted,
Big Chow and Tickle Tiger





Indian Guides - Start Your Engines!

It's time for the 2003 Pine Car Derby

When: Saturday, April 5, 2003

Where: Wonderland Mall Food Court
(Middlebelt & Plymouth Roads, Livonia)

First Race will start at 8:30 a.m. A schedule will be published and distributed to participants.

Cars will be distributed at upcoming events (Bowling, Fun Night, and Federation Meetings) and can be picked up any time after February 22, 2003. Rules will be published in the newsletter.

All participants must sign-up by March 22, 2003.



Also Featuring Junkyard Race:

Dads can sign-up to enter a JUNKYARD RACE! Each participant will be provided with a kit from which to assemble a car within an allotted time at the race. Each kit will have basic parts including a block, wheels/axles, weights, and other items. Kits will vary and be selected randomly. Separate rules will be provided with each kit. The Junkyard Race will run between Tribal Races. Dads should bring any hand tools (no electrical saws are allowed per Mall Management) required to assemble their cars. Sons are encouraged to help and provide technical assistance.

For more information, please contact Tim Collins (734-462-5843, tim.collins@dfcu.org).

2003 Livonia YMCA Indian Guide Pine Car Derby Sign-up Form

Dad: _____	Son: _____
Phone: _____	Son: _____
e-mail: _____	Son: _____
	Son: _____

Tribe: _____
Nation: _____

Cost is \$5 per entry:

Pine Car Race	# Sons	_____ x \$5 = _____
Junkyard Race	Dad	_____ x \$5 = _____
		Total Enclosed _____

If you want an extra kit, please include in total and note on form.
Payment in person by cash or mail in check, payable to Tim Collins

Mail Entry Forms to: Tim Collins
15577 Westbrook
Livonia, MI 48154

Cayuga Tribal Report of the Snow Moon

The Snow Moon heralds in the start of 2003 and brings us loads of Indian Guide fun. We are looking to the Snow Moon to blanket our winter campout in the thick white fluff that makes sledding so much fun and quite a color show with all those flashy helmets.

The Cayugas are on track for honor tribe feathers this year. Cave Finder and Rapid River made the long trek from Rochester to represent us proudly at the Fun Night of the Long Night Moon and having so much fun, it seemed like a short night. The Cayugas will be traveling to the far West for our fourth tribal meeting as we visit Ann Arbor, not to make news, but to see how the Ann Arbor News is made.

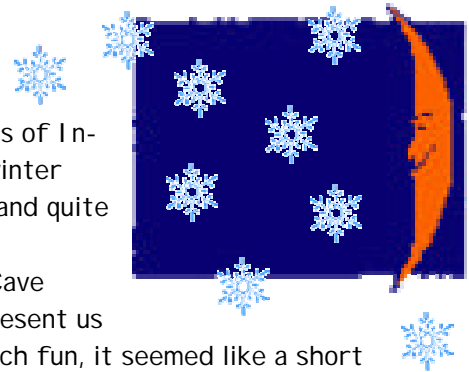
The Cayugas had three families representing the tribe at the "All Round" night on the third night of the Snow Moon. Our feet sailed across the floor on round rollers, we rolled around the round rink, we filled our round tummies with round pizza, and quenched the thirst we wound up going around with pop in round cups.

We bring memories away from these father and son events, each memory from a different perspective whether it be big or little, and each memory founded in the hope that the relationship between father and son is enriched. My memory of Talking Rock at this event is a rags to riches memory. Rags being tears and riches being smiles. Talking Rock didn't want to go to "All Round" night and he didn't spare the tears as he parted with his precious Game Boy. When we arrived at Riverside, he didn't want to get skates or try skating because he had never done it before. After some practice and pizza, Talking Rock had enough confidence to take a "Tweeners" ride between Rapid River and Running Deer. From a four foot perspective, supersonic speed is quickly arrived at and Talking Rock was doing some fancy footwork that no man has seen before nor will anyone see again. Talking Rock was asking for more laps and more rides. By the time he ran through the door of the family teepee that night after exhausting two dads, he was shouting "Mom, I had fun!" Many thanks to Rapid River for his unselfish sharing of his energy to bring some riches to our memories. That's what Indian Guides is all about.

Pals Forever,

Respectfully submitted

Running Deer, Straight Arrow, Talking Rock



Lost and Found

A long sleeve medium blue t-shirt (size 7) was left behind at Riverside Roller Skating event on January 3rd.

A burgundy/gray "Old Navy" fleece (size 12) was left behind at Winter Camp at Storer on January 19th.

Please call Brian Aitken to claim either.

INDIAN GUIDES BOWLING

WHEN: February 22, 2003

WHERE: Cloverlanes Bowl

28900 Schoolcraft (North side),
between Middlebelt & Inkster

TIME: 9:00 AM 'til NOON

Two games of SCOTCH DOUBLES with FATHER AND SON(S)!

- \$10.00 for Big Brave and Little Brave. (\$14.00 for 3 Braves, \$17 for 4 Braves)
- No charge for bowling shoes for Little Braves.
- Big Braves shoe rental is \$1.00 cash on day of the event.

Price includes PIZZA AND POP after BOWLING!

REGISTRATION FORM - Please respond by February 14, 2003 (Valentine's Day)

Nation Name: _____ Tribe Name: _____

Big Brave: _____ **Little Brave:** _____

Little Brave: _____ Little Brave: _____

TOTAL ATTENDING: (circle one) **TWO** - \$10.00 **THREE** - \$14.00 **FOUR** - \$17.00
(save \$1.00) (save \$3.00)

Mail Registration Form and Check (made payable to “LIVONIA FAMILY YMCA - INDIAN GUIDES”) to:

TIM BUMPUS
34096 FONVILLE DR.
LIVONIA, MI 48152

Questions? Comments? Concerns?
Contact Tim at **248-473-2595** or
e-mail at **timbumpus@peoplepc.com**

Aztec Tribal Report

Greetings from the Aztec tribe!

We had a fun meeting last month at the Laser Quest in Westland hosted by Powhatan and Hawkeye (Rick Hassell and his son). All the big and little braves enjoyed testing their combat skills in two battles that were held that Friday night in November. Rumor has it that some of the little braves got the upper hand and out scored some of the big braves that took part in the laser battles. Although none of the biggest braves will admit this. While waiting for their turn to be called into the laser battle, little braves were kept busy fine tuning their skills by taking part in various video games and air hockey matches. This lasted until the big braves supply of coins ran dry.

The evening ended with plenty of good nourishment (all you could eat potato chips and pop) to make up for the energy lost in battle. We look forward to the Fun Night this month and the Winter Campout in January.

Pals forever,
Chakotay, Striped Snake, and Blue Frog
Dariusz Nisenbaum

