

Livonia Family YMCA

Indian Guides

Smoke Signals



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Our New Website Has Been Approved!

The Indian Guides have leaped into the 21st Century with their new website. Although many pages are still under construction, it is up and functional. You can even find this issue of *Smoke Signals*, [in color](#), on it.

The Federation has agreed not show any children's names (only Indian names), and the rosters with phone numbers or e-mail addresses will not be published.

The latest calendar, maps to camps and events, and even the Six Aims are shown. There will be a Membership page to where you can refer friends who may be interested in joining.

Most documents will be stored as Adobe files (.PDF) so you will only need the Adobe Acrobat reader to access them. Info to download it free from the web is available on the homepage.

If you wish to receive an e-mail notice that the electronic version of *Smoke Signals* has been posted, just send a note to get on the distribution list to your Tally Keeper at RaccoonHouse@PeoplePC.com. I will post the newsletter on the website the same day it is given to the Y for printing and mailing. If you have access to the web, you will no longer will have to wait for snail mail to get the latest from the Federation!

Find us on
the web at: <http://lyig.tripod.com>

Upcoming Events

Bike Rally @ Maybury State Park
Sat. Sept. 28
10:30am-3:30pm



Fall Campout @ Camp Nissokone
Fri.— Sun.
Oct. 4-6
6pm check-in



Fall Fun Night @ Livonia Y
Sat. Oct. 12
7-10pm



*Don't forget to register for the Fall Campout
by Sept 27 at the Livonia Y!*

Attachments in this issue:

- [Bike Rally Flyer](#)
- [Updated Calendar](#)
- ~~Health Form / Risk Waiver~~
- [Feather Award Descriptions](#)
- [Attendance Sheets for Feather Awards \(2\)](#)
- [Map to Camp Nissokone in Oscoda, MI](#)
- [The Six Aims](#)
- ~~Fall Campout Form~~

Federation Chief Report



Hello to All Big and Little Braves...

Welcome to the 2002-2003 YMCA Indian Guides program. We are looking forward to being your Federation Chiefs. We have a great year of events ahead of us. The Fall Family Skajuna Picnic at the YMCA was held on Saturday, September 14th.

Our next event of the year is the Bike Rally. It will be held on September 28, from 10:30-3:30p.m. at Maybury State Park in Northville. The Buffalo Nation members look forward to seeing all of you. This is a fun activity, so be prepared to ride, rain or shine. Lunch will be provided.

The Fall Campout is coming very soon as well. Please reserve the weekend of October 4, 5, 6 to come to Camp Nissokone, in Oscoda. This is a favorite camp of our family. The fall colors should be near their peak. Plan to take your son(s) on a hike in the woods. The Tomahawk Nation is planning an exciting time for all.

October 12 is our first Fun Night of the year. We are going to have three fun nights this year. Join our hosts, the Canoe and Lance Nations at the YMCA from 7:00p.m.-10:00p.m. Don't forget your bathing suits if you would like to swim.

November 23 is the Holiday Parade. We will meet in the SBC/Ameritech parking lot at Plymouth and Merriman. I will keep you updated on these plans as the date gets closer.

Our Winter Fun Night will be December 14, 2002, from 7:00p.m.-10:00p.m. This is our additional Fun Night for the year. Since this is an added Fun Night, we do not yet have a Nation to host this event.

We will see you soon...

Pals Forever,
Your Federation Chiefs,
Big Brown Grizzly, Little Brown Grizzly, and Little Running Bear





Assistant Federation Chief Report

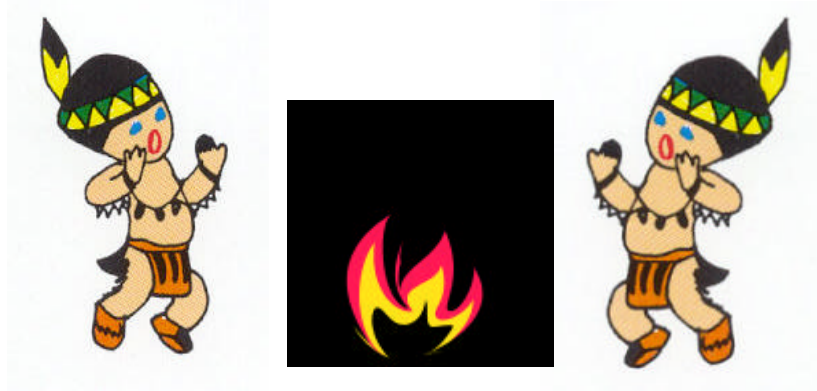
Greetings Guides!

I hope everyone has received the first the mailing from the Y by now. Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have had to change the Fundraiser dates. We are now hoping that you will be able to submit your candy orders by September 16th so that we can have it ready for pick-up at the Y on September 21st (9:00am until noon). It has also been verified that the Thanksgiving Parade is actually on November 23rd, therefore we will have to move the bottles and cans drive until after Thanksgiving (December 7th). Hopefully this will get us extra holiday cans and bottles. Despite the confusion, I know this will be a successful fundraiser.

Don't forget about the Bike Rally coming up September 28th and the Campout October 4th - 6th. They will be fun for all.

Big Braves, I also have information about a Fossil Park northwest of Toledo. I have not been there yet, but it is supposed to be a lot of fun and some museum quality fossils have come out of that location before. You need to be prepared to get dirty and bring your own tools (hammers, chisels, and shovels are prohibited, but bring toothbrushes or paint brushes and milk jugs for cleaning fossils). If anyone is interested, let us know.

Sincerely,
Silver Fox, Golden Fox, and Gray Wolf



Child's Commandments Corner

Commandment No. 1

My hands are small. Please don't expect perfection whenever I make a bed, draw a picture or throw a ball. My legs are short. Please slow down so that I can keep up with you.

Watch each issue of Smoke Signals for more!

Tomahawk Nation Chief Report



Greetings and Salutations from the Tomahawk Nation Chief,

Well, welcome back everyone to the 2002/2003 season of the mighty Livonia Federation! This summer sure has flown by and I hope everyone has been safe and

has had a good time.

Gliding Eagle, Long Shot, Frozen Arrow and myself have already been busy working on our fall camp out at Nissok-one. There is going to be a lot to do and new adventures to conquer. I hope everyone is getting prepared for this awesome trip! I need everyone to put on their thinking caps and bring your tools for a tribal sand castle building contest at the camp. Even though it will be officially Fall for our campout, we want to stretch the summer just a little further. Don't forget your fishing rods either!

Another side note for the big braves, there is an additional charge of \$10 for the high ropes course for each person and the braves must be at least 10 years old to use it. Also, make sure you bring a little extra wampum with you, for there may be a \$2 charge for some craft projects offered.

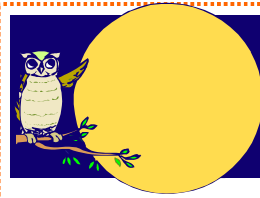
As you may or may not remember, the camp is located in beautiful Oscoda, Michigan and the camp has really been cleaned up and improved for us! The views will be wonderful, the food will be great and the adventure will be remembered for a long time to come.

We really hope that everyone will sign up early for the camp out so we can get an accurate count as soon as possible. To save time, please fill out the enclosed health form and bring it with you. This will speed things up for you at registration and allow you more time to get settled.

One more thing, please take a moment and say a prayer for those who were involved with the 9-11 attacks and give your braves a big hug!

That's all for this month. Hope to see you all at the camp!

Pals Forever,
Gliding Eagle and Shooting Bull



Cayuga Tribal Report of the Hunting Moon

The Hunting Moon reminds that the new season of Guides' fun is upon us. As we adjust from the vacations and refreshment of the summer we look forward to the quality time with our sons that the Guides program offers to us during the faster-paced school year.

Returning to the Cayuga tribe this year are: the Fenech family: Pat (Big Eagle), Brian (Proud Eagle) and Stephen; the Munyan Family: Mike (Rapid River) and Nick (Cave Finder); the Kropf Family: Jerry (Wild Fish) and Jerry (Running Hawk); the Kaman Family: John (Howling Coyote) and Tom (Soaring Hawk); and the Dahlin Family: Greg (Running Deer), Nick (Straight Arrow), and Patrick (Talking Rock). We look forward to crossing paths at campouts with the Scott Family who have moved on to Trail Blazers.

The Cayuga dads will be meeting soon and the thinking wood is burning away sending smoke signals of ideas for some really fun tribal meetings. We look forward to seeing you all at the exciting Federation events that our Federation and Nation of officers have planned for us.

Respectfully submitted,
Straight Arrow, Running Deer, Talking Rock





Sachem Report

So another great year is ready to get going. Summer goes by way too fast.

I'm really looking forward to Nissokone for this upcoming campout. It's always a great time in the fall. We should have BEAUTIFUL trees this time.

The induction ceremony is going to be great. I can feel the flames now!!!

Your Federation Chief Dave Ryktarsyk is all fired up for a great year. We could not be in better hands. Make certain that Brian Bussa gets your money and candy order for the fundraiser this year. The money helps keep us afloat. The rest of the people who have stepped forward to lead this years group is amazing. I'm really excited about the great things they can do.

Let's all try to make Tribal representation at the monthly federation meeting a top priority this year. Communication is a goal of that meeting, and representation makes it go a lot easier.

So, I'm thinking lobster and filet for the Friday night feast at the campout!!! See ya there!!!

Chris,

Brave Eagle, Brave Sky, Brave Mountain, Brave Fire, Brave Earth



Medicine Man Report

Greetings to all and welcome back to another great season of Indian Guides.

We hope everyone had a nice summer. We spent a lot of ours in Gladwin, Mi. I've never seen so many stars!!

First I would like to thank my good friend Chris Gurnee for doing a great job as our Federation Chief last year. Chris and I met when the Aztec tribe was organized, and we've since become very good friends as have our families. What a GREAT program the Indian Guides is. I am very grateful to my wife, Ann, who suggested that Hawkeye and I join this program. Not only has it made he and I closer, but both of us have made several new friends.

I am currently working on the Guides roster and hopefully will be done by the end of the fund raiser. It is my goal this year to have it done soon. I'll be working with Rick Dunn of the YMCA on this.

The following is the third prayer of the Sacred Seven Prayers:

O Great Spirit of the east, the land of the rising sun, Who holds in your right hand the years of our lives and in your left the opportunities of each day. Brace us that we may not neglect our gifts nor lose in laziness the hopes of each day and the hopes each year.

Pals Forever,

Powhatan and Hawkeye
Rick Hassell