



Brrrr!

January 2012

Crooked River Longhouse

SMOKES



Happy New Year!!



Big How go out to
KICKAPOO
AND
Mohawks
For
TRIBE REPORT.
(ERIE Tribe also inside!!)

<http://www.crookedriver.org/>



Native Sons & Daughters is a Parent/Child adventure oriented organization meant to promote friendship and family bonding

Questions
Comments
Submissions
email
smokeschief@crookedriver.org

| Date | Upcoming Events | Deadline |
|---|--|----------|
| http://www.crookedriver.org/events/2012/Tentative-CRLL-2011-201-Event-Schedule.pdf | | |
| 2/06/2012 | Monthly Longhouse Meeting North Olmsted Library - Strongsville | |
| 2/17/2012 | Camp FITCH COMING UP (sign up EARLY) | |
| 3/03/2012 | Longhouse Mini Car Race | |
| 3/27/2012 | Lake Erie Monsters Family Outing | |
| EVENT SIGNUP at http://www.circlebridge.com/crookedriver/ | | |

NOTES



Buffalo Naval Ship Sleepover HAS been moved to June 2nd
GET YOUR MINI CAR SOON
(Father Daughter Dance EVENT not to be missed !!!)



2012 CROOKED RIVER LONGHOUSE NATIVE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OFFICERS

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Chief's Letter



Greetings members of the Great Crooked River Longhouse!

Winter is here, but it feels like spring already! Luckily the weather was nice for the tobogganing event and we had a fantastic day with a great turnout.

We have two big events coming up soon that you don't want to miss. Camp Fitch starts Friday night, February 17th and Mini Car Races are Saturday, March 3rd.

Camp Fitch is our most attended camp of the year. This is a great camp for all ages. The camp has the nicest cabins of any camp we attend and also has the nicest main lodge. Camp Fitch has more to offer than you can possibly get done in one weekend. It offers activities such as horseback riding, tubing, a slide that is 120' long, archery, BB guns, .22 rifle range, a nature center, candle making, sled riding hills and an indoor rock wall just name a few! This is a great camp for new tribes to attend and older tribes keep coming back every year.



Mini Car races are coming up soon. Don't forget to get your Mini Car kit so you can work with your child to build a car. Mini Cars have been for sale at the last several events and will also be on sale at Camp Fitch. Dave Jones is the OIC (Officer-In-Charge) of Mini Cars and will also coordinate getting you a car if you need one.

Our Mini Cars are unique since they are so big (16 oz). It gives the children an opportunity to get creative and come up with some really cool ideas for cars. I've seen cars that looked like race cars, aircraft carriers, Wii remotes, and even Sponge Bob Square Pants. Get creative! We have design awards in addition to awards for the fastest cars. Building a Mini Car with your child is a nice way to teach them wood working and painting. Please go to our website for rules and a video on how to build a car (click on Upcoming Adventures then Mini-car Race).

Details on all of our events can be found on the Crooked River's Website at: www.crookedriver.org. If you want to sign up for an event you can go directly to the CircleBridge Website at: www.circlebridge.com/crookedriver.

If you ever have any question please email me or call. All of the officer's phone numbers are printed in the front of the Smokes.

NUNWAY!

Mike "Thunder Cloud" Sobera



KICKAPOO TRIBE

12/17/11 Tribe Meeting



The Kickapoo Tribe got together for a Tribe Meeting in December and spent the time painting their tribe banner! A good time was had by all!



** Reminder to new tribes that a tribe banner is not only a great tribe bonding experience and craft for a tribe meeting, but also, when you bring your banner to any events or campouts, it will help earn your tribe extra tally points toward the Longhouse Points System!

“To seek and preserve the beauty of the Great Spirit's work in forest, field, and stream..”

MOHAWK TRIBE

Got together to work on a birchbark canoe project



Meet the . . .

Awards Chief

Ever wonder where those really cool patches you get at the events come from? You will soon have your answer. Within the Crooked River Longhouse there are many members that hold officer positions. One such officer is the Awards Chief. There are two main responsibilities of the Awards Chief. First is to work closely with the Membership Chief to assemble the welcome packets for new members each year to be distributed at the Induction Ceremony. The second one is to work with the officer in charge for the dozens of Crooked River events that take place during the year to design and order custom patches for each of these events. Would you like to create a patch specific to your tribe? The Awards Chief can also help you place a special tribal order. Other duties include maintaining an inventory of longhouse specific patches, helping out with events, and most importantly sharing memories with my children. I cannot tell you the number of times my kids have provided input on the design of the patches while I have been Awards Chief.

So...have any comments, suggestions, or ideas on patches; or interested in learning more about the Awards Chief Officer position? We are always looking for new ideas and volunteers. Come to the monthly longhouse meeting held the first Monday of each month and talk to myself or any of the other officers on how to become more involved. The extra time it takes to be the Awards Chief amounts to only a few hours a month, and I enjoy every minute of it.

PS...Don't forget to coup me (or any officer) if you see me outside of an organized Crooked River event. Your child will then be presented a coup feather at an upcoming event.

NUNWAY!

**Your Awards Chief and his Little Helpers,
Mike "Growling Bear" Ivan Blackfeet and Kickapoo Tribes
Sarah "Purring Kitty" Ivan Blackfeet Tribe
Chris "Barking Dog" Ivan Kickapoo Tribe**





FAMILY SKATE PARTY

EVENT RECAP



And the Fun Begins!

We started out the New Year with our annual Family Skate Party on Saturday, January 14. This is such a great way to spend a frigid January evening surrounded by the friends and family of the great Crooked River Longhouse! Over 160 skaters and non-skaters traveled down the freeway to take-over Brunswick Skate Station for an unbelievable evening of roller skating fun. Just like the good old days! We had all levels of experience on the rink! Experienced skaters raced around the rink dodging the beginners as Moms & Dads walked their kids that never skated around. Lots of falls, but they were always followed by great smiles and laughter!



Thanks to those who helped our brotherhood fund by participating in the 50/50 raffle. Congratulations to our Chief, Mike "Thunder Cloud" Sobera on winning the raffle and then donating his winnings back to the Berea Animal Rescue. Thanks Chief!

I'd also like to thank all those who contributed a donation to the Berea Animal Rescue. You've made some animals very happy with your generosity. One of the recipients of a toy was quoted, saying "Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof!" I'm not sure what that means, but I know the wagging tail indicated he was very happy!

I did see a few tears, but I think they were tears of the kids not wanting to go home. 😊 With plenty of smiles and no reported injuries (I hope you are OK, Anthony), it's obvious that this is a favorite event that will be around for a long, long time!



NUNWAY!

Eric "Little Hawk" Hustak





Family and Friends Tobogganing 2012 Party!



RECAP!

We had another great year at the Chalet tobogganing. The temperature was perfect. I was worried all week that it would be too warm or rainy. In fact we had a beautiful snow that covered the branches and *made it look like a postcard winter wonderland*. I am glad that the “Smokes Chief” had his camera.



In addition to tobogganing, there were quite a few friendly snowball fights and many a snowman made that day. The snow was great for packing and some of the snowmen bases were huge.

(see ERIE tribe boys – inset) →

Another odd thing, with all the fresh falling snow, they had to blow the snow off the chutes every so often the first hour. We had 133 people attend, 5 less than last year, but still a great number. 104 attendees is the breakeven point so we did OK there.

There was plenty of hot chocolate, coffee, donut holes and bagels. We had tons of delicious bagels donated by the Einstein Bagels of Middleburg, Rocky River and Lakewood. Their bagels are the best, so if you get a chance stop in a buy some. Many a member left with a bagel bag to go.

I'd also like to thank Dave Jones, Mike Ivan, Ed Szalkowski, Pat Gibson and Dave Cook, who helped with sign-ins and merchandise sales. Apologies if I forgot anyone. Special thanks go to my wife Liliana who helped in many ways.



Sincerely,
Peter “Sleeping Tiger” Ramirez

2012 Mini-Car Races

Start Your Engines!

It's Mini-Car Madness!!!

Come test your racing skills at the
Crooked River Longhouse Mini-Car races!

Race day is Saturday, March 3rd with the first race beginning at 10:00am at
Olmsted Falls High School – 26939 Bagley Road, Olmsted Falls.

If you have not purchased your car kit yet, you can do so at the Longhouse
meetings, at most Longhouse events or by contacting Dave Jones at
davewjones@yahoo.com or 440-427-1999. Car kits are on sale now for \$20.00
per kit.

The races will be combined Native Sons and Daughters, broken down into
divisions based on age only. The race schedule will be emailed and posted on
the website (www.crookedriver.org) 24 hours prior to race day. All racers
must check-in ½ hour prior to their scheduled race time. Once the cars are
checked in, they will be impounded for the entire day, or until they are done
racing.

There will be race winner & design trophies awarded, but every racer goes
home a winner! There'll be plenty of fun for everyone so be sure to invite
grandparents, neighbors, relatives, friends, EVERYONE!!!

If you missed out last year or if you are new to the Longhouse, you will not
want to miss out on this event.

Be sure to check your email for future announcements and details regarding the
races.

**Please bring a few non-perishable food items that
can be donated to a local food cupboard.**

If you have any questions or comments, please contact a Longhouse officer.

We look forward to seeing you on race day!!!



Crooked River Local Longhouse





February 17 – 19, 2012

Don't miss out on our only Winter Camp of 2012!! Camp Fitch is one of Crooked River's best events of the year with activities including:

Horsemanship Lessons, Pony Rides, Archery, Rifle Range, Crafts, Candle Making, Floor Hockey, Foosball, Ping-Pong, Nature Hikes, Sledding and Snow Tubing (weather permitting)! Activities are both outdoor and indoor!!

There will be a Longhouse gathering Friday night, a special craft Saturday, and Council Fire and skits on Saturday Night

Be sure to have your child compete in our Camp Fitch Patch Design contest! Download the blank design template from the event link below (or pick one up at the Longhouse Meeting) and have your child use their imagination and creativity to complete their masterpiece! One winner will be chosen at the next Longhouse meeting and that child's design will be used for the 2012 Camp Fitch Patch.

Camp Cost: \$140 for Parent & Child, \$40.00 for each additional child

Payment can be made via CircleBridge or via check at the February Longhouse Meeting

Registration Deadline: Sunday February 12, 2012 (Signup early, spots are limited)

MINI CARS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE !!!!

<http://crookedriver.org/events/view.aspx?Eventid=80>

Camp Information:

Check-in at 7:00 pm at the Main Lodge

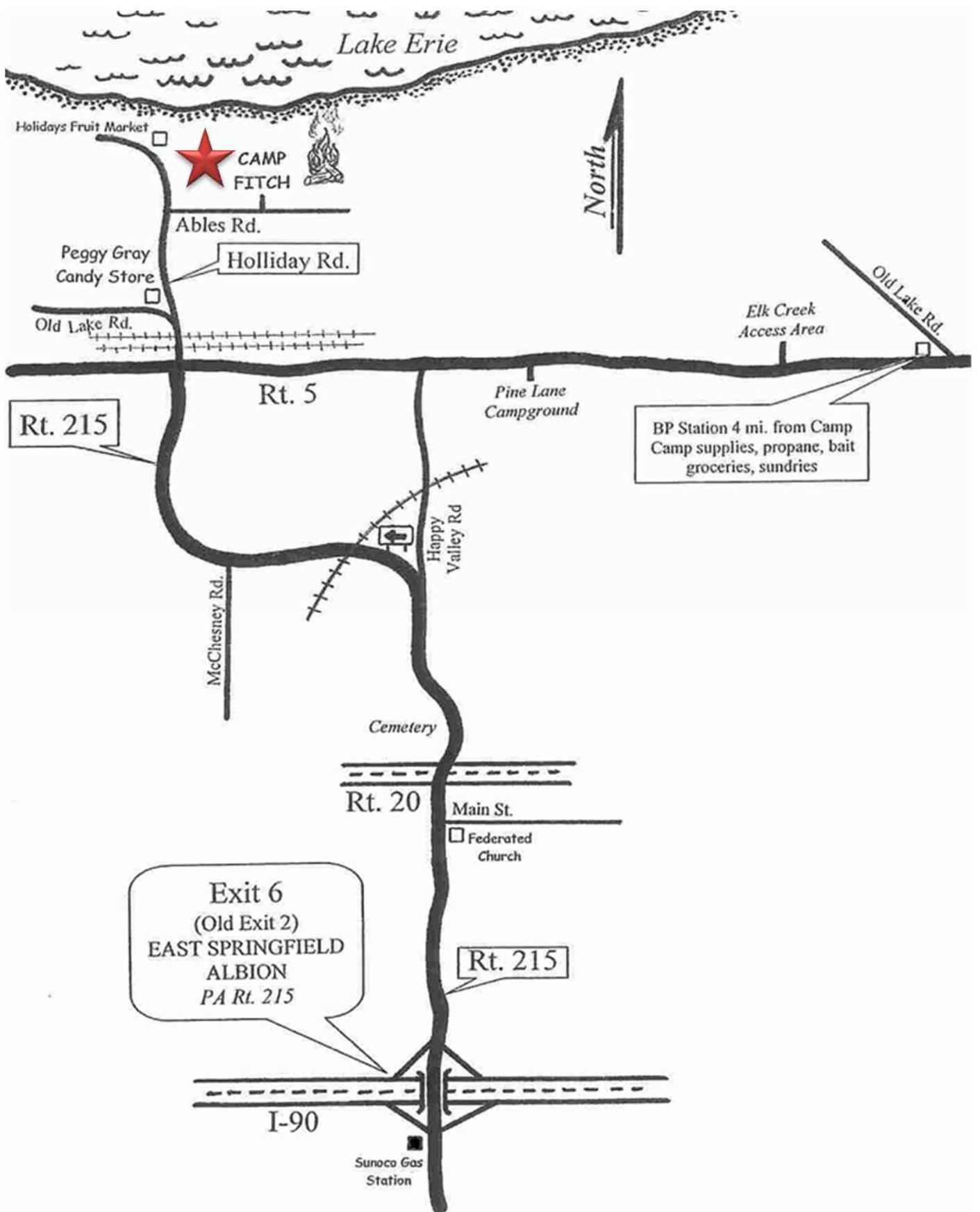
Camp Fitch is located in Erie, Pennsylvania off I-90, second exit

(Rt 215 N. - East Springfield)

(877)-TO-FITCH www.campfitchymca.org

What to bring: Bedding, warm clothes, boots, toiletries, sleds, flashlights/lanterns, Vests, ideas for skits...

Camp OIC: Adam Chandler (adamchandler@yahoo.com)



FATHER-DAUGHTER

DANCE

A dance your daughter will
remember and cherish
forever!

Date: Sunday, April 22, 2012
Time: 5:00pm – 9:00pm
Place: Strongsville Holiday Inn
15471 Royalton Road
Strongsville, OH 44136
Who: Crooked River Fathers and Daughters
Cost: \$50 per couple ... \$15 per add'l daughter

*****Cost Includes*****

Dancing --- DJ provided Music
Flowers for the Daughters
Professional Photo
Buffet Dinner
Special Gifts & Prizes
And Most Important of All...
Memories that will last Two Lifetimes!

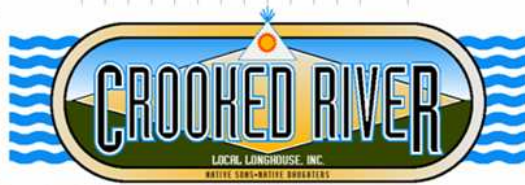
Questions????

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John "Chief Hania" Zeeman ---

zeeman26@roadrunner.com





Tribal Points

2012 FY
Points
Through:
December

| EARTH NATION | Total | Points turned in for the month: | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|-------|---------------------------------|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | O | N | D | J | F | M | A | M | J | J | A | S |
| Hopi | 49 | 28 | 18 | 3 | | | | | | | | | |
| Miami | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| Tonkawa | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wappo | 54 | 21 | 21 | 12 | | | | | | | | | |
| Wichita | 32 | 26 | 0 | 6 | | | | | | | | | |



| FOREST NATION | Total | Points turned in for the month: | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | O | N | D | J | F | M | A | M | J | J | A | S |
| Chickasaw | 29 | 0 | 29 | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| Iroquois | | 0 | 0 | 5 | | | | | | | | | |
| Navajo | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| Ottowa | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| Spirit | 51 | 12 | 27 | 12 | | | | | | | | | |



| RIVER NATION | Total | Points turned in for the month: | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|-------|---------------------------------|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | O | N | D | J | F | M | A | M | J | J | A | S |
| Comanche | 21 | 0 | 21 | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| Erie | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| Seneca | 68 | 20 | 30 | 18 | | | | | | | | | |
| Kickapoo | 59 | 21 | 21 | 17 | | | | | | | | | |
| Mohegan | 33 | 21 | 0 | 12 | | | | | | | | | |
| Yellowknives | 35 | 14 | 18 | 3 | | | | | | | | | |



| SKY NATION | Total | Points turned in for the month: | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|-------|---------------------------------|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | O | N | D | J | F | M | A | M | J | J | A | S |
| Blackfeet | 62 | 20 | 27 | 15 | | | | | | | | | |
| Shawnee | 48 | 15 | 28 | 5 | | | | | | | | | |
| Maumee | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| Mohawk | 84 | 40 | 30 | 14 | | | | | | | | | |



Buffalo Naval Park

Saturday, June 2, 2012

Join us for an unforgettable sleep-over at the Buffalo Naval Park aboard the guided missile cruiser, USS Little Rock. You'll experience how sailors lived for months and months at a time aboard a U.S. Navy ship. Sleeping where sailors slept and dining where the sailors dined.

Cost of this amazing adventure is \$45/per person. The cost includes:

- Hot supper on Saturday evening and hot breakfast Sunday
- Tour of the USS Little Rock (cruiser), the USS The Sullivans (destroyer), and the USS Croaker (submarine)
- Tour of the Naval Park grounds that include several military displays and vehicles
- Ride on the motion simulator

This event only comes around every three years and sells out quickly!

Limited spaces are available! Don't miss this opportunity!

Sign-ups are available on CircleBridge at <http://www.circlebridge.com/crookedriver/> or at any Longhouse meeting.

Deadline for registration is the March 25, 2012. If you register for this overnight, please know that if you are unable to attend in June, you will forfeit half of the overnight fee, as the park requires a non-refundable deposit.

For more information, check out the park website: <http://www.buffalonaivalpark.org/index.html>

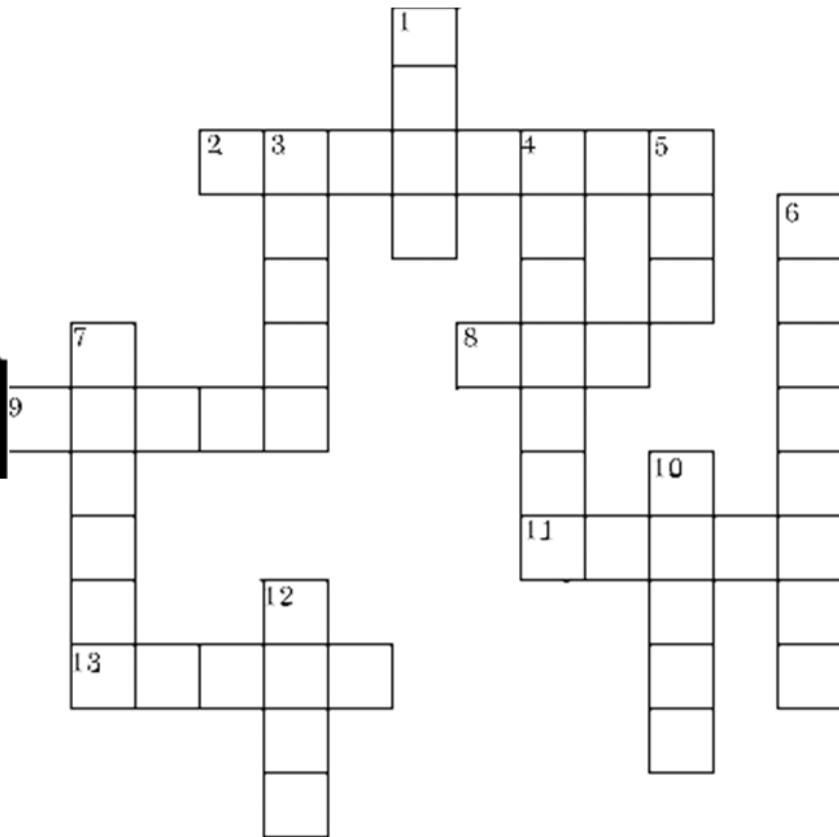
If you have any questions, contact OIC's:

Kevin Sepik, kevsepik@yahoo.com or 216-333-0497

Eric Hustak, ehustak@wowway.com or 216-316-8899



Martin Luther King Jr.



ACROSS

- 2 In harmony
- 9 Citizens rights
- 8 Human beings
- 11 Walk together
- 13 Refuse to leave as protest

DOWN

- 1 Grouping of people
- 3 In balance
- 4 Right to make choice
- 5 Governing rule
- 6 Minister
- 7 Laws
- 10 Reverend King had one for us
- 12 Martin's last name



Native Sons and Daughters budget for the Crooked River Longhouse

Crooked River Longhouse 2011 / 2012 Longhouse Event Schedule (UPDATED)

Native Sons & Daughters
Crooked River Local Longhouse
2012 Profit & Loss Statement
FYE 10/31/2012

As Of: 12/28/2011

| | Budget | Actual | Difference |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Opening Cash Balance FY2012 | 4,500.95 | 4,500.95 | - |
| Revenues | | | |
| Membership Dues (80 Families @\$40) | 3,200.00 | 3,240.99 | 40.99 |
| Jul. TBD Fund Raiser (Champs Swim Meet) | 1,000.00 | | (1,000.00) |
| Merchandise Sales | 500.00 | 240.00 | (260.00) |
| Other (Contribution) | - | | - |
| Total Revenues & Income | 4,700.00 | 3,480.99 | (1,219.01) |
| Events & Activities | | | |
| Membership Patches | (700.00) | (315.25) | 384.75 |
| Incoming Chief Regalia | (750.00) | (332.75) | 417.25 |
| Nov. 5 Induction Ceremony | (500.00) | (340.64) | 159.36 |
| Nov. 19 Family Bowling | - | 139.52 | 139.52 |
| Dec. 3 Family Ice Skating | - | 150.34 | 150.34 |
| Jan. 14 Family Roller Skating | - | - | - |
| Jan. 28 Tobogganing | - | (548.70) | (548.70) |
| Feb. 17 Camp Fitch | - | - | - |
| Mar. 3 Mini-Car Races | (200.00) | 40.00 | 240.00 |
| Mar. 27 Lake Erie Monsters Game | - | - | - |
| Apr. 22 Father/Daughter Dance | - | - | - |
| May 20 Seneca Caverns Exploration | - | - | - |
| Jun. 2 Buffalo Naval Shipyard Sleepover | - | - | - |
| Jun. TBD Middleberg Hts. Parade | (75.00) | - | 75.00 |
| Jul. TBD Berea Parade | (75.00) | - | 75.00 |
| TBD Olmsted Falls Parade | (75.00) | - | 75.00 |
| TBD Strongsville Parade | (75.00) | - | 75.00 |
| Jun. 18 Longhouse Summer Games | (200.00) | - | 200.00 |
| Jun. TBD Lake Erie Crushers Outing | - | - | - |
| Jul. 27 Family Tent Campout | - | - | - |
| Aug. 12 Family Hiking Outing | - | - | - |
| Sep. TBD Akron Aeros Game | - | - | - |
| Sep. 28 Longhouse Fall Camp | - | - | - |
| Oct. 6 Fall Festival | (700.00) | (360.00) | 340.00 |
| Total Events | (3,350.00) | (1,567.48) | 980.52 |
| General & Administrative Costs | | | |
| - Storage Rental | (1,296.00) | - | 1,296.00 |
| - Website | (160.00) | (38.97) | 121.03 |
| - PO Box Rental | (70.00) | - | 70.00 |
| - Misc. | - | - | - |
| Total General & Administrative | (1,526.00) | (38.97) | 1,487.03 |
| Total FY2012 Profit / (Loss) | (176.00) | 1,874.54 | 1,248.54 |
| Ending Cash Balance FY2012 | 4,324.95 | 6,375.49 | 1,248.54 |

| January 2012 | February 2012 |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Roller Skating <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Date: Sat. 1/14/2012; 5-7pm ○ Location: Brunswick Skate, Brunswick OH • Family Tobogganing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Date: Sat. 1/28/2012 ○ Location: Strongsville Chalet | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longhouse/Tribe Winter Camp - Camp Fitch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dates: Fri 2/17 – Sun 2/19/2012 ○ Location: Camp Fitch, Erie PA ○ ** Look for Circle Bridge Signup for this in early January ** |
| March 2012 | April 2012 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longhouse Mini Car Race <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Date: Sat 3/3/2012 ○ Location: Olmsted Falls High School, Olmsted Twp OH • Lake Erie Monsters Family Outing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Date: Tue 3/27/12 ○ Location: Quicken Loans Arena | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Father / Daughter Dinner & Dance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Date: Sun 4/22/12 ○ Location: Strongsville Holiday Inn |
| May 2012 | June 2012 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Nature Hike Outing (UPDATED) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Date: Sun 5/20/2012 ○ Location: TBD | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribe Sleepover - Buffalo Naval Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dates: Sat 6/2 – Sun 6/3/2012 ○ Location: Buffalo NY • Middleburgh Hts Parade (Date TBD) • Longhouse Summer Games (Family) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Date: Sat 6/16/12 ○ Location: Bonnie Park • Lake Erie Crushers Baseball Game (Date TBD) |
| July 2012 | August 2012 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Berea, Strongsville Parades (Dates TBD) • Summer Family Tent Camp <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dates: Fri 7/27 – Sun 7/29/2012 ○ Location: TBD • Champs Swim Meet Fundraiser (Date TBD) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seneca Caverns Exploration (Tribes) (UPDATED) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sun. 8/12/2012 ○ Location: Bellevue, OH |
| September 2012 | October 2012 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Akron Aeros Family Baseball Outing (Date TBD) • Longhouse/Tribes Fall Camp <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dates: Fri 9/28 – Sun 9/30/2012 ○ Location: TBD | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longhouse Fall Festival & Hay Rides (Family) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Date: Sat. 10/6/2012 ○ Location: Strongsville Chalet |

Notes:

All dates and final details are subject to change as necessary

For additional information on the Crooked River Local Longhouse, visit our website

www.crookedriver.org

Or contact our Membership Officer at

Membership@crookedriver.org

For additional information on specific Events, contact our Events Officer at

events@crookedriver.org