

Smoke Signals

*Indian Princess
Prairie Nation
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Halfway Through the Year of the Eagle!

How, How Prairie Nation! Welcome to the halfway mark of the year. What a great year the Year of the Eagle is turning out to be! It seemed like non-stop action kept us going all year! Do you remember all the great times we shared together this year? There have been so many great events that we had this year, I can't believe that we have even better ones coming up. It is so much fun being the Nation chief this year with all of the great dads and daughters enjoying themselves at our monthly events. Here is a recap of what we did:

In July, we started with the Apache sponsored fourth of July parade. The weather was perfect, and we almost had 50 people march in it. This number was huge compared to recent years. Next year the Federation may group together all of the Nations to walk as one, with a float, this should be huge if they pull it off.

In August, we went to a flyers game, over 100 people showed up to this event. Boy was it hot. The game was wonderful; the fun at the park was great. My daughter, and many others, went around the park and enjoyed the carnival atmosphere that they had. She had her face painted, got autographs of the ball players and ran around the bases at the end of the game. Those were just a few things that put a smile on her face that day.

We had our great fall campout at Hastings, which included a costume party, swimming and the best food at a campout in years. Boy did it rain; our medman was not bribed enough that weekend. The girls never even cared about the rain, all had fun anyway.

The circus came to town in November; we had almost 70 people attend and had great seats. The Wuki outdid themselves in organizing this event. If you arrived early, you saw acts that were just for kids, put on by some animal acts and clowns. All of the children, and some parents enjoyed going into the three rings and pretending they were part of the show.

December was the annual holiday event, sponsored by the Ojibwa. Over 100 people came and saw what the Native Americans actually are like. They told of their history, past and present, and they showed us Indian dances, which we also got involved with. Everyone brought presents, food and gave money at the door, which went to help sponsor a food pantry and gave gifts to children less fortunate than ours. This made many of the girls happy to know they can help someone out there, by being nice and generous.

In January we had over 175 people attend the Disney on Ice II story, at the Allstate Arena. This was our best event turnout yet. No one had a bad time, or bad seat. Once again, the thanks go out to the Wuki for getting great seats. If you stayed after the show, you could see a close up view of how to put on an ice show.

We are now at the midway point, February, the month of all good events. On the 10th we had a gym/swim at the Y. The 13th was the Pizza Bingo sponsored by the R-E-D H-O-T Cherokee. With good food in a place that the girls can run around and make noise, and bingo games what else did we need? The Apache had a tribal event on the 16th, Charlottes Web at the Lincolnshire Marriott. We will be in seats that are in the best location. All this and more....

But the fun has only begun. Read on and you'll see what's still in store:

In March we will have our winter campout in Kettle Moraine and Lake Long resort. We will sleep in lofts, and swim. Plus so much more to do for that weekend, the girls will not want to leave. In April the Crow will sponsor a bowling event, and in May the Ojibwa will sponsor the Pinewood derby.

Our final destination will be our tent out at Millbrook campground on the weekend of June 7-9. You can visit the web sight at info@jellstonechicago.com. There will be something new to do every 30 minutes. Yogi's birthday is celebrated this weekend too.

Usually, when we have a campout, we design a patch with the month of the campout. This time we are doing a new patch. At the longhouse, everyone mentioned how many rose moons we have on our vests. A rose by any other name still is a rose patch drawn. This time we will be the Campout of the Thunder moon. It is Julys moon, but now we can see how our daughters will draw a thunderbolt instead of another rose.

With this campout, my year will draw to a close. Being this is the halfway point, we need to discuss a few issues so they just don't creep up on us. First, the Haylushka beads. If any daughter is going to become Haylushka by the tent out, let the Chiefs know to put her name into the Haylushka ceremony. Second, are graduating princesses. If anyone is graduating, let the chiefs know early enough so they can be part of the ceremony at the tent out. Last thing to worry about is our council members. I have been very lucky with my council; all of the members have been very helpful in the organizing of all of our events and meetings. But like everything else in life, good things come to an end. Larry Mohr, our sandpainter is stepping down. Anyone that wants to step up, and has any computer experience, please come on by. Our fed rep Pete Mayhew is leaving too. Haylushka, tally keeper, meshenua and tribal chiefs and assistants are needed too. If you enjoyed this years events, and you think that you want to be part of next years council and make a change for the nation, I invite all to our next longhouse meeting. If you cannot attend one soon, let your chief know. When you look back on this year, remember that all the good times were made possible by braves volunteering to steer the nation. Every dad on the council put in their very best effort to make our events the best and most fun. Please consider volunteering your time for the Prairie Nation. I guarantee you will feel it is worthwhile! I hope Big Thunder Wolf can find a council that can create a year, like the one we are having now, if not more enjoyable. I thoroughly enjoy leading the nation and I look forward to my role as Sachem leading us in a few campfire songs next year.

And now, may the Great Spirit, of all great spirits, be with you, now, and forever!



Maniboozo–Prairie Nation Chief

Surf the Web!

The Mighty Prairie Nation Website has changed to a new easy to remember home. Visit often for the latest info. And PICTURES. You can find us at: www.wheeling.com/princess

Happy Pony, Yellow Pony and Happy Horse are always looking for photos, games and news to add to the site. If you have photos, send them to lmohr@perseco.com and they will be published to the internet.



Nation Events

Our Nation is proud to declare that many fun and great events are planned. Mark your social calendars now.

**Saturday, March 16-17
Winter Campout –
Lake Long Resort**

Get ready to have a great time at the Winter Campout at Kettle Moraine State Park and Lake Lawn Resort both in Wisconsin. Tribal games and outdoor sports are a small part of the fun to be had at the **Campout of the Crow Moon** sponsored by the Apache.

To get to Kettle Moraine, take rte 12, all the way to rte 67. When 12 and 67 fork off by rte 20, stay to your right. Take 67 into Eagle until you see 67 and 59 merge right past NN. Stay to your left and take the Kettle Moraine scenic drive until you come to ZZ, make a right and go up to DJ Mackie (around 1/2 to 1 mile).

You can take 294 to 50 go west until you hit 12 and go to 67 the same way if you want to come that way. Both ways are about the same in time.

To get to Lake Long resort, just go back to 67, take it rte 12, go about 1 mile and take 43 to hwy 50, get off going to delevan, and the resort is within 1 mile.

We will start at Kettle Moraine in the morning and process to Lake Lawn Lodge in the afternoon. Check-in at Kettle Moraine 10:00 Saturday morning. Flag Raising at 10:30. Lunch will be provided at Kettle Moraine before noon. We will leave Kettle Moraine at about 2:00 and have the Nation hunt along the way.

There will be a registration table set up at the Lodge. Even though we are pre-registered at the lodge, they require a credit card for each room to cover possible phone or movie rental. Details to be worked out...

Swimming and games will be at Lake Lawn Lodge. We have the Illinois room for our stuff (gear) and use in the morning and afternoon. We also have the Wisconsin room after 3 pm and throughout the evening for our use.

Lofts to sleep 6-7 with indoor plumbing and beds. \$50.00 each for dad and daughter, second daughter \$30.00. The health club is free, the tanning, whirlpool, etc is not.

Saturday Dinner (Buffet) will be at 5:30 (until 6:30) in the Wisconsin Room. A fire will be held by the lake at about 7 pm. We will parade sans the torches.

Sunday breakfast is on your own (The buffet at the Lodge is \$18.95 for adults and 8.95 for kids). Swimming and other activities available on Sunday morning. They have horseback riding 8am-5pm, but be sure to make a reservation to go on Sunday. If its cold enough and snowy enough, there will be cross-country skiing, and ice skating. Rentals equipment is available for a reasonable charge, or it's free if you bring your own equipment. There are other things like min. golf and games on the ground, weather permitting.

Here's a list of things to remember to bring:

- Sleeping bags for daughters – dad's can sleep on beds or bring bags
- Pillow for daughters
- Snacks
- Flashlight
- Tribal sign
- Change of clothes
- Toothbrush, Hair brush, etc.
- Extra Sweatshirts, Raingear, etc.
- FRS Two Way Radios
- Swim Gear, X-Country Ski's and Ice Skates
- Camera to capture once in a lifetime memories

Registration is between 10:00am and 10:20 am on Saturday with Flag Raising at 10:30 am! See the full schedule on the next page.

SKATING and SKIING. Lake Lawn Resort has Ice Skating and Cross Country Skiing facilities for Sunday Afternoon. If you have your own equipment, bring it. Otherwise you can always rent it from the resort.

SHOW YOUR TRIBAL PRIDE. New Tribal song, flag, door sign, table sign and property box to show off all the awards you've won over the years!

PLATES. The Princesses should also bring their plate designs for the upcoming Summer Campout. On the campout patch write "Campout of the Thunder Moon" and "2002". Remember these rules: regular paper plates, 7 colors or less, write the name and tribe on the back, be creative! Alert dads and daughters will notice that Thunder Moon is for a July campout and a June campout should really be the campout of the "rose moon." However, there was consensus at the long house that we already had too many patches with roses so we thought we would try something different this year.

The council has requested that no one smoke around the girls. "Fire Water" is prohibited at the camp. It is very important that no containers be found at the lodge.

**Campout of the Crow Moon
March 16-17
Schedule of Events**

SATURDAY March 16

EVENTS @ Kettle Moraine State Park

TIME	EVENT	WHO
10:15 AM	Flag raising (Aim 6)	Cheyzuni
10:45 AM	Nation Game	Crow
11:15 AM	Lunch	Apache
12-2 PM	Tribal Games	All
2:15 PM	Flag Lowering	
	Cherokee	
2:15-2:30	Final Clean Up	All
2:15-3:15	Nation Hunt	All
	Drive to Lake Lawn Resort	

EVENTS @ Lake Lawn Resort

3-4 PM	Check in at LLR	Apache
3-5:30 PM	Free Time, Swimming	All
5:30-6:30	Dinner in Wisconsin Rm	All

6:15-7 PM	Scavenger Hunt	Wuki
7:00-7:45	Parade/campfire	All
7:45	Games – You Don't Know Jack	
	Plates and Game Awards	
10:00 PM	Dad's Dinner/Meeting	Dads

SUNDAY MARCH 17

7:30-8:00	Wake Up	Ojibwa
8:30	Flag Raising/Lowering	
Lodge Breakfast Buffet is Optional		
Optional Horseback riding, Cross Country Skiing, Ice Skating, Swimming, etc.		
Depart at your leisure. Drive home safely		

**March 10, 2002
Ice Skating**

Inspired by the Olympics? Go Ice Skating. See if you can pull off a triple SOW-KOW (or maybe even a quad!) at the ice skating event sponsored by the great Kiowa Nation. It will be at the Twin Rinks ice skating rink in Buffalo Grove on March 10, between 4pm and 5:30pm. The cost is \$6 per person, with an optional \$1.50 skate rental if you do not own any skates. It is a family event. There is no place to sign up, but if you do want to attend, let your chief or Mitch know in order to let the Kiowa nation realize an approximate number. All you do is go to the rink, tell them why you are there and pay. This is not a Prairie Nation sponsored event, this means if you go, not only do you get a patch, but you get a bead for going to another tribe, or nation event. The Kiowa nation is happy to invite our nation to this event. Their chief, Ken Wood is excited about our Nation meeting theirs.

**April 20, 2002
Bowling**

Throw some strikes, spares and maybe even a few gutter balls. Bowling is some of the best old fashioned fun and is sure to be a blast. We will bowl at Beverly Lanes at 8 S. Beverly in Arlington Heights from 2 to 4 pm. Cost is \$10 per person. Sponsored by the Crow tribe.

**May 5, 2002
Pinewood Derby**

Who's car will be the fastest? The only way to find out is to show up. Sponsored by the Ojibwa.

The \$10.00 entry fee includes car, awards, food. Dads can purchase an extra car for \$4.00 for the testosterone race. We will try to distribute cars in February. Check the web site for additional details

**June 7-9, 2002
Spring Campout
Millbrook Campground**

Get ready for a Spring Tent Out! Med-Man, please make this a dry one. We will be at the Yogi Bear Jellystone Millbrook campground.

More information will be available in the next Smoke Signals Newsletter.

Hay-Lush-Ka!!

Our Nation's Hay-Lush-Ka Chief, Brian Marks (Big Thunderwolf), is ready to guide you. Hay-Lush-Ka beads are earned when Daughter and Father do extra fun activities.

For more information, see Big Thunderwolf at the next campout or any Nation Event!

Longhouse Meetings

Council members attend regular meetings to insure the health of the Nation. **All meetings are open to all members.** Here is the schedule for remaining meetings this year:

- March 6, Giordano's
- May 1, Giordano's

**See you at Kettle Moraine and Lake Lawn Resort!
Happy Horse, Happy Pony and Yellow Pony**