



# SMOKE SIGNALS

## What's Happening!! Program Enrollment Due 10/1 (p3)

**Mon Sep 15—Sep Shorthouse**  
**Jameson's Pub**  
9545 W Saint Francis Rd, Frankfort  
7:30 PM

**Sun Sep 20—Family Picnic**  
**Tampier Lake Grove 1**  
13179 Will Cook Rd  
11:00-4:00 (p2)

**Pumpkin Hunt- Sun Oct 18**

**Fall Camp (Camp Tecumseh)**  
11/6—11/8

**For a full calendar of events and  
more details see page 10**

## **Congrats to all the Indian Guides celebrating a September birthday!!**

**Jack Flynn**  
**Michael McDonough**  
**Joseph Syslo**  
**Bryan Barker**  
**Marty O'Connell**



How How Guides,

Hello everyone and welcome back to what I'm sure will be another fun and memorable year in the SW Indian Guides program. I hope everyone's summer was great and you are ready to enjoy some quality time with your son(s) and your friends in the Comanche Nation.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer a big thank you to all the dads that made last years season a huge success. Even though our hunting season was cut short in March, we hope that we can continue this year where we left off.

This year we'll be having all the favorite events from years past, and try our best to keep upcoming events planned around social distancing and be covid friendly. Plans currently call for the spring camp to be at Camp Sherman Lake (a beautiful camp near Kalamazoo MI that the boys program has not been to in the last several years). We tried to go here for Spring 2020, but hopefully this season will happen. We also plan to do some things different with the Pinewood Derby (overnighter at Camp Sullivan) in January 2021. We kicked things off Monday 9/15 with our shorthouse at Jameson's Pub in Frankfort (all dads are always invited for planning out the new year) and then Sunday Sep 20 with the Family Picnic. See page 2 for all details of this fun event for the whole family. Please try to pass this invite to anyone who might be interested in joining.

It's also very important you remember that we need to re-enroll each year and that it needs to be done by 10/1 to ensure you get the \$10 enrollment cost. This is a super low cost enrollment this year to help with any financial burdens families might be facing. Since the enrollment cost has been drastically reduced, the Federation is looking at not providing shirts this year, though can possibly be purchased through the site. Enrollment is important as it helps us plan for the program year. So please see page 3 for all details on enrollment and please get this done as soon as feasible. When enrolling remember to add your Indian names, not critical, but a fun part of being in this group. Let me know if you have any questions or encounter any issues.

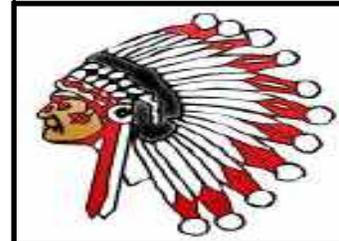
So, whether you are first joining our program or a returning veteran with friends and fond memories from years past, it is important to remember that the reason we are all here is to spend time with our son(s). You are to be congratulated for making the time to be with family, building on the bonds of father and son, and creating experiences that will last two (or more) lifetimes!

I am looking forward to another great year in the program and my first year serving as the Comanche Nation chief. I Hope to see everyone at the picnic, October event, Camp Tecumseh or one of the subsequent events. As always if you have any questions send me an e-mail ([comache@algonquinlonghouse.org](mailto:comache@algonquinlonghouse.org)) or text (708) 369-4035.

Pals Forever

Chief Bill "Big Wind" Kolacek, Braves Billy "Little Wind", and Sammy "Mini Wind"

## **A Message from the Chief**





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## SW Indian Guides & Princesses Family Picnic



### Approximate Schedule

- 10:30am Short House arrives
- 11:00am Guest Registration
- 11:00am-4:00pm Socially Distance Socialization
- 12:00pm Lunch
- 12:30pm-1:30pm Police Dog Demonstration
- 2:30pm Picnic Games
- 3:30pm Fire Ceremony

**Sunday September 20**

**11:00am—4:00pm**

**Tampier Lake Grove 1**

**13179 Will Cook Road, Lemont, IL 60439**

**(Enter on Will Cook Road approximately  
one block south of 131st Street)**

**For More Information**

**Call/Text Chief Bill at (708) 369-4035**

**comanche@algonquinlonghouse.org**

### What to Bring

**The nation will provide lunch – hot dogs, hamburgers, and chips**

**Note: NO DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED, PLEASE BRINK YOUR OWN.**

**Please bring snacks, pre-packaged desserts, drinks (yes alcohol is permitted), banners, chairs, bag toss, sun screen, fishing poles, rockets, bug spray and most importantly guests interested in joining the program**



### Enrollment

It's the start of a new hunting season which means that you will need to enroll in the SW Indian Guides program again. They've made some improvements to the website and incorporated a new back end system (RSI). The website address is the same, but even if you are a returning member you will need to enroll as new. The following URL provides a really good tutorial in case it is confusing: [https://1drv.ms/b/s!](https://1drv.ms/b/s!AtvRvIfRpGs9gQl3nBrWv5Bvn20Y)

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- 1) To start go to the fed website: <https://www.algonquinlonghouse.org>
- 2) Click 'New Members' (even if you were a member last year, it is technically a new system).
- 3) You will then be asked to create a login id and pw.
- 4) You will then input the information for the primary member (usually dad)
- 5) You will then input the information for each child (including their t-shirt size and Indian Name)
- 6) You will then enroll each child in the program, you will want to select the correct Nation which is the **Comanche Nation** and Tribe (**Seminole, Shawnee or Wichita**)
- 7) Last step is to pay the enrollment fee (\$10) and any donation if you are financially able to (as it is much appreciated, it is not mandatory)

If you are a returning member hopefully you know your tribe, otherwise contact Chief Bill or one of the tribal chiefs. You can also just select one of the three above and change it later if needed. After payment you will get a receipt for the transaction.

Important Note: You must be enrolled by Oct 1 to receive the \$10 registration. After 10/1 it may go up.

### Facebook

In addition to the websites we have a Facebook group page. If you are a Facebook user please visit, like and share our group page with your friends to help get the word out to more families. The Facebook page can be found by clicking the following link or by searching @SouthwestIndianGuides:

<https://www.facebook.com/SouthwestIndianGuides/>



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## Family Picnic



## Big Run Wolf Ranch





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## Camp Tecumseh



## Christmas Party



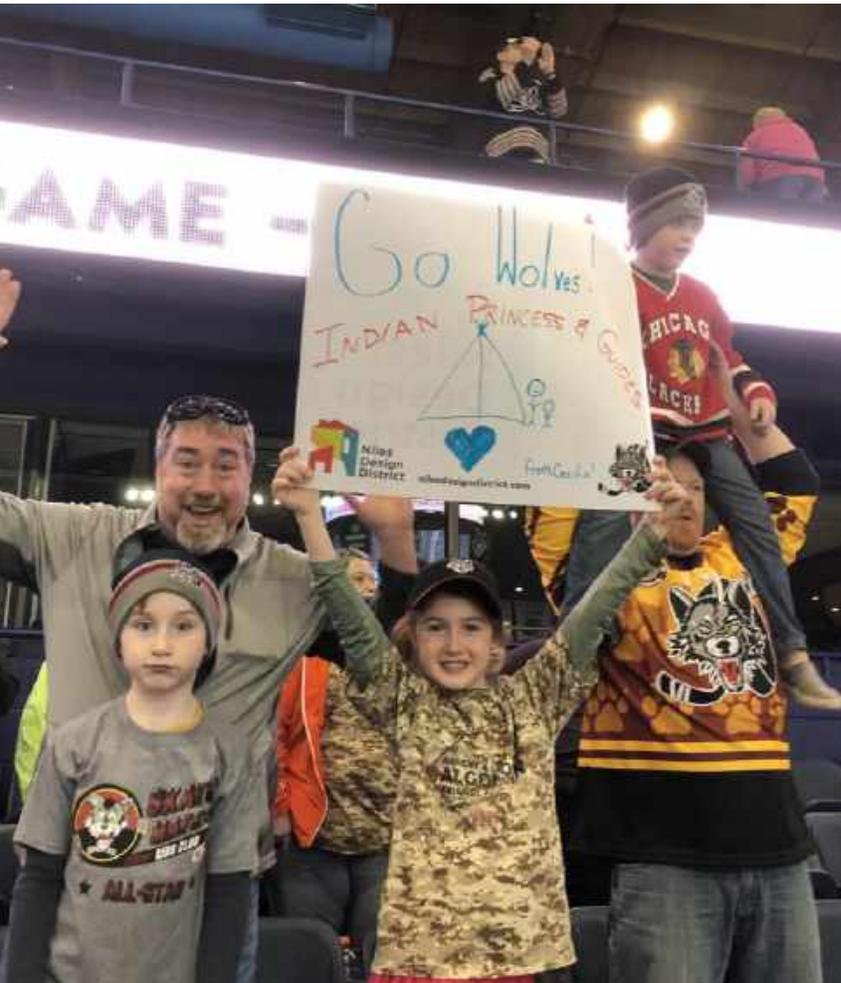


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Pinewood Derby



Wolves Game





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## Aquarium Sleepover



## St Pats Parade





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Camp Crosley



Sox Game





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## Demolition Derby



## Camp Sullivan





# Indian Guides 2019 - 2020 Schedule of Events

## September

Mon 15—Short House Meeting 7:30pm  
Sun 20—Family Picnic

## October

Mon 12 - Short House Meeting 7:30pm  
Sun 18 - Pumpkin Hunt  
Mon 26—ShortHouse Meeting 7:30pm

## November

Nov 6-8 - Camp Tecumseh

## December

Mon 7 - Short House Meeting 7:30pm  
Sun 12 - Christmas Party

## January

Mon 11 - Short House Meeting 7:30pm  
Sat 23? - Pinewood Derby  
at Camp Sullivan Overnight

## February

Mon 8 - Short House Meeting 7:30pm  
TBD—Wolves Game

Dads & Sons...  
...Pals Forever!

## March

Mon 8 - Short House Meeting 7:30pm  
Sun 7? - Tinley Park Parade  
TBD—Museum Sleepover  
TBD—Dad's Smoker  
Mon 29 - Short House Meeting 7:30pm

## April

Apr 16-18 - Camp Sherman Lake

## May

Mon 3 - Short House Meeting 7:30pm  
TBD - Candy Days  
TBD—Demolition Derby

## June

Mon 7 - Short House Meeting  
TBD—Cantigny



For more information visit our nation/federation websites  
or call/text Bill Kolacek @ (708) 369-4035

Nation: <http://southwestindianguidesandprincesses.webs.com/>

Federation: <http://il.algonquinlonghouse.org/>



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## Indian Guides Vests

If you ever wanted a place to put all the cool patches the kids get from wolves games, sleepovers, camps, etc. a good place is on an Indian Guides vest. It's nice to wear to the fire ceremonies and as a general keepsake. As an incentive if you buy the vest the program will reimburse you for 1/2 the cost. You can get the vests from the patch store. Under vests choose the desert tan vest and select the appropriate size for your child (and preferably yourself).

<http://www.thepatchstore.com/store/pc/home.asp>





## Federation News

We have had 1 federation meeting and the new council is in place. A couple of important points:

- Name of the federation is Algonquin Longhouse.
- Fed website can be found at: <https://www.algonquinlonghouse.org/>
- Fed includes representatives from 13 different nations (including our two nations Comanche and Mohawk)
- They meet monthly last Weds of month at Gators WingShack in Palatine. All are invited to attend.
- Chris Lacina from our Princess program is on the council as Wampum Bearer (Treasurer) and Dan Dion is Med-man.
- We received a ton of great promotional materials from the federation including flyers, fans, can coolers, window stickers, etc.
- Registration has been changed to \$10 per family. If anyone has registered prior to this change of price, please let me know
- For more details you can view Fed Meeting Minutes on the Algonquin Longhouse website.



## **What is the Long House and Short House?**

The Long House is comprised of all of the dads in the program and the events we attend. The Short House is a smaller group of dads that have volunteered to help organize the outings, fundraisers, and perform other support functions for the program. The Short House meetings are combined and meet once a month. These meetings are to plan for the next outing and to hear feedback on past outings. The Tribe Chiefs and Short House members are expected to attend each meeting. In addition all dads are encouraged to attend. It is a great way to get involved, understand what is going into the events and get to know the other Dads in the program. Please consider joining the Short House. We can always use the help and have a number of positions open beyond the nation and tribe chiefs.

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