

## Smoke Signals



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The summer sun grows hotter which means another busy program year has come to an end. Wow, what a great year it was for the program. We had great campouts, parades, car racing and bowling. The year started with six weeks of the always fun Summer Bowling. How come the kids always make the strikes? Our first camp out followed with City Wide at Conner's Corn Maze. The fun we had getting lost in a field of corn. Soon after that were the Brave's and then Princesses' Fall Long Houses. The cooler weather and holidays followed and always make for a great time. Costume Bowling is always one of my favorites with great costumes that steal the show. The Holiday Skate Party only left a few sore bottoms this year. Guess we are getting better at this ice skating thing here in sunny Florida. We cheered on our Jacksonville Jaguars at a football game, and, helped ring in the New Year with an awesome float for the Gator Bowl Parade! We made quite an impression at the parade this year. Big How!, to all the Braves and Princesses that worked hours and hours to put our float together! Before we knew it, the end of January was here and time for the Family Camp Out. What another great event to bring your whole family or friends to. Once again, the Princesses beat the Braves in Tug- -War! We really picked up speed after this

camp-out. We learned this Big Brave cannot build a fast car for Jax Cracker Car Race. And, we also learned if you wait for the "The Great Spirit" to stop his rain, you can get front row seats during the Monster Truck Show. We headed to Lake Wales for the State Wide POW WOW and were reminded how much fun the POW WOW provides. No one puts on a State POW WOW like our own Timucuan Federation! In a blink of the eye, the Spring Long Houses for the both Braves and Princesses came and went. The year wrapped up with Sharks Arena Football, a Sun's Baseball game and camp-out on the field, and Kite Fly at the beach. Of course, we participated in the annual fundraiser, Alex's Lemonade Stand. We ended the year celebrating the tribes who achieved "Order of the White Buffalo" (OWB). Tribes were able to catch their breath with a lazy day on the Ichetucknee River and dinner severed by our Federation.

I would also like to thank all the Big Braves that sponsored an event this year. You gave much quality time to our wonderful program and missed some quality time with your own Princes or Brave. And to Chief Big Wolf and his family, a grand BIG HOW for leading our wonderful program for most of the last two years. You have spent many moons away from your family and in the process sent our Native Sons and Daughter program in the prefect direction. A BIG HOW and THANK YOU from your Mighty Timucuan Federation!

**Eagle Feather** 

Smoke Signal Chief





I like to go camping because I like to sit by the fire and roast marshmallows. I learn to shoot BB guns and bow/arrows. I won a medal for shooting BB guns. We had bouncy houses and a zip line that was real fun. I made some new friends and we played soccer. I also like my tribe because I learned to ice skate for the first time in my life.

Michael Russell "Running Moose" (5 years) Mescalero Tribe

I like my tribe because when we camp I like roasting marshmallows and hanging out with my friends. We had a donut eating contest where the donuts were attached to a clothes line by string. We had to eat them without using any hands. I got to help build a float for a parade. I also rode on the float and waved to people during a real Gator Bowl Parade.

Maddie Russell "Four Legged Moose" (8 years) Cayuga Tribe

#### **Timucuan Federation Golf Invitational**



On a damp and blustery day, 16 big braves donned their best golfing attire to challenge each other to benefit Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation. Our host, Crack O' Thunder hit the ceremonial first tee shot and the competition was on. Our men had to dodge multiple rain pellets as well as the wayward shots of Sunfire. An ongoing chorus of "Four" was heard from the team of Eagle Feather, Wild Eagle and Sunfire. Salty Gator and Crouching Tiger pushed their team to a tie for first place, but their joy was shattered when the tournament officials matched score cards and found they had used more mulligans than the other three teams combined. In the end, a great time was had by everyone and all monies were donated to our Federation Community Service project – Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (www.Alexslemonade.org). Plans are in the works for a Fall tournament and we hope to see you on the links in the near future.

BIG HOW!!

### Dates for 2013/2014

Suwanne Canoe Trip	8/17/13
City Wide Pow Wow	10/4-5/13
Fall Longhouses	
Costume Bowling	10/27/13
Gator Bowl Parade	12/31/13
Family Campout	1/24-26/13
Jax Cracker 500	2/8/14

Monster Truck Jam

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