

LONGHOUSE OF THE ORANGE SKIES - INDIAN PRINCESSES
SPRING CAMPOUT CEREMONY Example Script, One Nation
May 18-20, 2018

Santana Nation Chief (Chris):

Good evening little princesses and big braves. Noonay!

My name is Running Tumbleweed. I am the Chief of the Santana Nation of the Longhouse of the Orange Skies and this is my Little Princess, Featherstone.

Santana Chief Daughter (Darby):

My father and I welcome you to the 2018 Santana Nation Spring Campout!

Santana Chief:

Tonight we gather all tribes of the Santana Nation to celebrate the year that is coming to a close. It seems like only a few moons ago that we were starting the year with Koda's blessings in Yucaipa – the time has gone by quickly.

My little princess and I hope that your tribes have grown stronger, big braves and little princesses have grown closer, and that all of us have had many great times and served our communities well.

Tonight we honor our graduating little princesses, our incoming and outgoing tribal chiefs, our new Nation Chief, and award Tribe of the Year *(if applicable)*.

Now Medicine Man Eagle Eye will open this council in prayer...

Nation Medicine Man Prayer:

Oh Great Spirit, we thank you for bringing us safely to this campground and council. We are thankful for this weekend during which we can build even more great memories between our Dads and Daughters, and for the beauty that surrounds us. Please watch over our campfire this evening. NOONAY!

Santana Chief Daughter (Darby):

This weekend we have walked our nation's tribal camps and all is well. The turnout for our Spring Campout pleases us.

Let us now begin the program. When I call out your tribe, I would like to hear your best war cry followed by your Chief's reply to join this council.

Oh Mighty "**Apache**" Tribe, Will you join our camp fire?

(Apache Tribe gives War Cry and Apache Chief replies...)

"I am Chief Standing Rock of the Apache. We bring __ Big Braves and __ Little Princesses to this gathering. We have buried the hatchet and come to this council with peace in our hearts."

Oh Mighty "**Cherokee**" Tribe, Will you join our camp fire?

(Cherokee Tribe gives War Cry and Cherokee Chief replies...)

"I am Chief Desert Whisper of the Cherokee. We bring __ Big Braves and __ Little Princesses to this gathering. We have buried the hatchet and come to this council with peace in our hearts."

Oh Mighty "**Hupa**" Tribe, Will you join our camp fire?

(Hupa Tribe gives War Cry and Hupa Chief replies...)

"I am Chief Burning Mule of the Hupa. We bring __ Big Braves and __ Little Princesses to this gathering. We have buried the hatchet and come to this council with peace in our hearts."

Oh Mighty "**Navajo**" Tribe, Will you join our camp fire?

(Navajo Tribe gives War Cry and Navajo Chief replies...)

"I am Chief Broken Wind of the Navajo. We bring __ Big Braves and __ Little Princesses to this gathering. We have buried the hatchet and come to this council with peace in our hearts."

Oh Mighty “**Powhatan**” Tribe, Will you join our camp fire?

(Powhatan Tribe gives War Cry and Powhatan Chief replies...)

“I am Chief Silent Hawk of the Powhatan. We bring __ Big Braves and __ Little Princesses to this gathering. We have buried the hatchet and come to this council with peace in our hearts.”

Oh Mighty “**Seminole**” Tribe, Will you join our camp fire?

(Seminole Tribe gives War Cry and Seminole Chief replies...)

“I am Chief Night Owl of the Seminole. We bring __ Big Braves and __ Little Princesses to this gathering. We have buried the hatchet and come to this council with peace in our hearts.”

Oh Mighty “**Shoshone**” Tribe, Will you join our camp fire?

(Shoshone Tribe gives War Cry and Shoshone Chief replies...)

“I am Chief Iron Horse of the Shoshone. We bring __ Big Braves and __ Little Princesses to this gathering. We have buried the hatchet and come to this council with peace in our hearts.”

Oh Mighty “**Sioux**” Tribe, Will you join our camp fire?

(Sioux Tribe gives War Cry and Sioux Chief replies...)

“I am Chief Brown Bear of the Sioux. We bring __ Big Braves and __ Little Princesses to this gathering. We have buried the hatchet and come to this council with peace in our hearts.”

Santana Nation Chief:

I see the mighty **Apache Tribe**, the mighty **Cherokee Tribe**, the mighty **Hupa Tribe**, the mighty **Navajo Tribe**, the mighty **Powhatan Tribe**, the mighty **Seminole Tribe**, the mighty **Shoshone Tribe**, and the mighty **Sioux Tribe** gathered here tonight. They have buried the hatchet and have come to this council with peace in their hearts, and it is good.

LIGHT THE FIRE

Santana Nation Chief:

Now we'd like to call up each Tribal Chief and his Little Princess, and give them a moment to say a few words:

- »» **Apache Tribe:** Chief thank-yous/recognition. Princess short speech about her favorite parts of the program and the '17-'18 year.
- »» **Cherokee Tribe:** Chief thank-yous/recognition. Princess short speech...
- »» **Hupa Tribe:** Chief thank-yous/recognition. Princess short speech...
- »» **Navajo Tribe:** Chief thank-yous/recognition. Princess short speech...
- »» **Powhatan Tribe:** Chief thank-yous/recognition. Princess short speech...
- »» **Seminole Tribe:** Chief thank-yous/recognition. Princess short speech...
- »» **Shoshone Tribe:** Chief thank-yous/recognition. Princess short speech...
- »» **Sioux Tribe:** Chief thank-yous/recognition. Princess short speech...

Santana Nation Chief:

It's my pleasure now to present the Tribe of the Year award to the Tribe that best exemplifies the goals of the Indian Princess program. Each of the tribes were very pleasing to the Great Spirit this year, and the Santana Nation was blessed with outstanding tribal chief leadership. The Chiefs of the Nation Council met in the deepest Mines of the Rock Well, and reviewed each tribe's presentation. The chiefs evaluated each tribal presentation in three categories: Companionship/Involvement, Community Service, and Building for the Future.

Santana Chief Daughter (Darby):

In **third place**, scoring **86** points out of 100, we have the mighty _____ tribe!
In **second place**, scoring **89** points, we have the mighty _____ tribe! And with a score of **93** points, the **Santana Nation Tribe of the Year** award goes to...
(drum roll) the mighty _____ tribe!

Santana Nation Chief:

Would the chief of the _____ tribe please come up to accept this honor, as keeper of the **Santana Nation Tribe of the Year** spear for the coming season.

Santana Nation Chief:

It is now time to honor the Little Princesses who will be graduating from the program this year. All graduating Little Princesses and their big braves, please come up and form a semi-circle around the campfire at this time. Please make sure that someone from your tribe is available to take pictures of your graduates to commemorate this occasion.

Little princess Featherstone, please prepare and hand out the paint cups for the graduating Little Princesses and their big braves, and please carefully take an arrow to each graduating Little Princess, and then join your father at the front.

From the Apache Tribe we have (4) Little Princesses graduating.

From the Hupa Tribe we have (6) Little Princesses graduating.

From the Navajo Tribe we have (4) Little Princesses graduating.

From the Powhatan Tribe we have (1) Little Princesses graduating.

From the Seminole Tribe we have (2) Little Princesses graduating.

From the Shoshone Tribe we have (3) Little Princesses graduating.

From the Sioux Tribe we have (4) Little Princesses graduating.

Santana Chief facing Campfire with arms raised...

Oh Great Spirit, many moons have passed since these young Little Princesses have joined us. From the time they exchanged bear claws and first saw Chief Koda, they have grown in body, mind and spirit. Members of the Great Santana Nation are proud to present these Little Princesses to you for graduation.

Santana Chief faces the Big Braves

Big Braves, when you joined the Indian Princesses, you exchanged bear claws with your Daughter around a campfire, and vowed to be "Friends always" (*"Pals*

Forever” for Guides). The bear claw necklace is a symbol of your love for your Daughter, and of your Daughter’s love for you. In the years that you have spent together in the Indian Princesses Program with your Daughter, you have had much fun & have truly become “Friends always.”

Santana Chief turns and faces the Graduates

Little Princesses, you have done well in learning your aims. These aims were given to us by the Great Spirit in order to teach us how to treat our parents, our neighbors and our family; to respect our bodies and others’ right to speak; and to preserve the beauty of nature that the Great Spirit has given us. Carry these aims in your heart and always let them guide your thoughts, words and deeds, for this will make your family proud and please the Great Spirit.

Nation Chief instructs the Big Braves to KNEEL down on one knee

Big Braves, take this blue paint and **repeat after me** as you paint one tear drop on each cheek of your Daughter.

I paint these tears of sadness upon your face

(Wait for response)

For now you have grown and must leave this program

(Wait for response)

And I paint these tears of happiness

(Wait for response)

For the good times we’ve had

(Wait for response)

And all the memories that we have made

(Wait for response)

Which will be with me the rest of my days

(Wait for response)

We will be Friends Always

(Wait for response)

I love you

(Wait for response)

Nation Chief then instructs Big Braves to hand the cup of paint to their Daughters

Santana Nation Chief Daughter (Darby):

Little Princesses, take this blue paint and repeat after me as you paint one tear drop on each cheek of your father.

I paint these tears of sadness upon your face

(Wait for response)

For now I must go and leave this program

(Wait for response)

And I paint these tears of happiness

(Wait for response)

For the good times we've had

(Wait for response)

And all the memories that we have made

(Wait for response)

Which will be with me all the rest of my days

(Wait for response)

We will be friends always

(Wait for response)

I love you Dad

(Wait for response)

Nation Medicine Man instructs young princesses to set down the paint and give their dads a big bear hug...

Nation Medicine Man then announces to the entire gathering:

Santana Nation Chief:

Now it is time to break the arrow, to symbolize our young princesses leaving the Indian Program.

Little princesses, take this arrow and grip it firmly with one hand near the arrowhead to signify your moving on in life. Big Braves, grip the arrow firmly with one hand near the feathers, to signify the guidance of your Daughter. Now hold the arrow above your dad's thigh. When I say "Break the arrow!" you will break it across your father's thigh.

Every arrow has an arrowhead, which leads its path. Little princesses... you, like the arrowhead, have many paths before you. But an arrow without feathers cannot fly straight and true. Through this Indian Princesses Program, you have spent quality time with your father, you have learned from his teachings, and have grown wise and built a strong relationship with him. Heed his advice and wisdom, and your path in life will be straight and true.

Now it is time to break free from the Indian Princesses Program, and to go forth into the land, teaching others what you have learned so they may grow wise and keep their hearts true.

Graduates, break the arrow!

Though the arrow is broken, the spiritual bond will last forever. May the Great Spirit shine on your path, and may you bring your family honor and pride in everything you do.

Nation Chief then instructs all the members of the nation to give a big war whoop to our graduates!

New Tribal Chief Induction

Nation Chief calls out the current Tribal Chiefs, Medicine Men and their Daughters to come out and stand before their Nation beside the campfire.

Santana Nation Chief (Chris):

Members of the Santana Nation Council, you have served our nation well. The decisions you have made have been just and wise and have helped to strengthen the ties of our tribes. By example, you have encouraged us all to be better people. On behalf of all the big braves and little princesses in our nation, I sincerely thank you for a task well done. It's been an absolute honor serving on the Nation Council with ALL EIGHT of our great Santana Nation chiefs.

It is good that we assemble in friendship to welcome our new members to the Santana Nation council.

Nation Chief calls out the new Tribal Chiefs, Medicine Men, and their Daughters to come and face their outgoing Tribal Chief.

I charge you, new tribal chiefs and medicine men of the great Santana Nation, to faithfully and honestly represent all of our big braves and little princesses as the new chiefs of your tribes. As chief, you shall:

- »» Attend all Santana Nation meetings
- »» Toil diligently to further the Indian Princesses program in our lands, and the lands of our neighbors
- »» And you should cause the sun to shine in the hearts of all of the big braves and little princesses in your tribe, as long as the grasses grow and the waters run.

Please answer “I WILL” to the following:

- »» Will you, as tribal chiefs & medicine men, **pledge yourself** to give your whole-hearted support to our program?
- »» Will you give your **best efforts** to help other fathers and Daughters find the values and joys of this relationship?
- »» Will you make **every effort to attend all meetings** required by your office, and carry out those responsibilities assigned to you, to the best of your ability?
- »» Will it be your aim to be **friends always** with your Daughter, as a living example of the Indian Princesses program to others?

Having pledged yourself and your office to these things, you are also asked, as a representative of your tribe, to do all that you can to guide your tribe in these same matters.

In doing so, your tribe shall become a solid unit of Fathers and Daughters, striving together to preserve the family unit as a guiding force in the lives of our children. This being our concern, and having accepted these responsibilities, you are hereby inducted as tribal chiefs of the great Santana Nation.

Nation Chief then instructs the out-going Tribal Chiefs, Medicine Men & their Daughters to pass their headdresses to their new Tribal Chiefs, Medicine Men & their Daughters.

Nation Chief then instructs all of the members of the great Santana Nation to give a big war whoop to our new Tribal Chiefs.

Nation Chief calls forth incoming Nation Chief and Little princesses by first name and Indian Name.

Outgoing Santana Nation Chief (Chris):

Robert “Eagle Eye” Metoyer and your little princesses **Brooke “Beautiful Butterfly” Metoyer**, please come forth.

I charge you, new Nation Chief of the Santana Nation, to faithfully and honestly represent all Big Braves and Little Princesses as the new Chief of our great nation.

As Chief, you shall attend all meetings of the Longhouse of the Orange Skies, preside at all Santana Nation meetings with fairness, send many e-Smoke Signals, and appoint dedicated Braves from our tribes to assist you in your duties for the common good of our Nation. You shall toil diligently to further the Indian Princesses Program in our lands and the lands of our neighbors, and you shall cause the sun to shine in the hearts of all of the Big Braves and Little Princesses in our Nation as long as the grasses grow and the waters run.

Please raise your right hand, and answer “I WILL” to the following:

- »» Will you, as NATION chief, **pledge yourself** to give your whole-hearted support to our program?
- »» Will you give your **best efforts** to help other fathers and daughters find the values and joys of this relationship?
- »» Will you make **every effort to attend all meetings** required by your office, and carry out those responsibilities assigned to you, to the best of your ability?
- »» Will it be your aim to be **friends always** with your Daughter, as a living example of the Indian Princesses program to others?

Outgoing Santana Nation Chief (cont'd):

Having pledged yourself and your office to these things, you are also asked to consider all matters of policy and plans from the standpoint of the good of the Santana Nation, and as our Nation Chief, to do all that you can to guide our Nation in these matters.

In doing so, the Santana Nation shall become a solid unit of fathers and Daughters, striving together to preserve the family unit as a guiding force in the lives of our children. This being our concern, and having accepted these responsibilities, you are hereby inducted as **Nation Chief** of the great Santana Nation.

Nation Chief and his Daughter then pass their headdresses to their new Nation Chief (Robert) and his Daughter (Brooke).

Outgoing Nation Chief then leads all members of the great Santana Nation to give a big war whoop for their new Nation Chief!!

New Nation Chief (Eagle Eye) should acknowledge the phenomenal work, unmatched wisdom, legendary patience, expert marksmanship, and rugged good looks of the out-going Nation Chief (Running Tumbleweed); share a few inspirational words about the coming year; encourage recruitment over the summer; then close the campfire...

New Santana Nation Chief (Eagle Eye):

Thank you Running Tumbleweed and your little princess, Featherstone, for your hard work over the past year. You have served the Santana Nation well. My Little Princesses and I look forward to the 2018-2019 season with great anticipation. We know the incoming council will help us shape a program that will create more great memories for our **dads** and **daughters**.

In closing tonight's council, let us all recite the Longhouse of the Orange Skies Indian Princesses pledge to each other.

Please repeat after me:

We, Father and Daughter *(or Son)*...
through friendly service...
to each other...
to our family...
to our tribe...
to our community...
seek a world...
pleasing to the eye...
of the Great Spirit.

As we close our campfire this evening, my heart is warmed by this fine showing. And now, you may return in peace to your tribal campsites.

This council is ended. NOONAY!!