

**LONGHOUSE OF THE ORANGE SKIES - INDIAN GUIDES**  
SPRING CAMPOUT CEREMONY Example Script, Three Nations  
May 31-June 2, 2019

Valley lines (green header) - River lines (blue header) - Foothill lines (burgundy header)

**Valley Nation Chief (Chris):**

Good evening little braves and big braves of the mighty River, Foothill, and Valley Nations -- Noonay!

My name is Running Tumbleweed. I am the Chief of the Valley Nation of the Longhouse of the Orange Skies, and this is my little brave, Bear Claw.

**Valley Chief Son (Roman):**

My father and I welcome you to the 2019 Spring Campout!

**River Nation Chief (Richard):**

My name is Tumbleweed. I am the Chief of the River Nation of the Longhouse of the Orange Skies, and this is my little brave, Fast Eagle.

**River Chief Son (Rocco):**

My father and I welcome you to the 2019 Spring Campout!

**Foothill Nation Chief (Eric):**

My name is Big Mountain. I am the Chief of the Foothill Nation of the Longhouse of the Orange Skies, and this is my little brave, Big Thunder.

**Foothill Chief Son (Christopher):**

My father and I welcome you to the 2019 Spring Campout!

### **Valley Chief (Chris):**

Tonight we gather all tribes of the River, Foothill, and Valley Nations 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 brave and I hope that your tribes have grown stronger, big & little braves have grown closer, and that all of us have had many great times and served our communities well.

### **River Chief (Richard):**

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

Now Foothill Medicine Man, \_\_\_\_\_, will open this council in prayer...

### **Foothill Nation Medicine Man Prayer (Sean):**

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

NOONAY!

### **Valley Chief Son (Roman):**

This weekend we have walked our nation's tribal camps and all is well. We have seen the Great Spirit's handiwork in the beauty of the mountains, beaches and seas, and the bounty you have blessed us with. The turnout for our Spring Campout pleases us.

**Foothill Nation Chief (Eric):**

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

**Foothill Nation Chief Son (Christopher):**

Oh Mighty "**Mohawk**" Tribe, will you join our camp fire?

*(Mohawk Tribe gives War Cry and Mohawk Chief replies...)*

*"I am Chief \_\_\_\_\_ of the Mohawks. We bring \_\_\_ Big Braves and \_\_\_ Little Braves 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 \_\_\_\_\_ of the Shoshone. We bring \_\_\_ Big Braves and \_\_\_ Little Braves to this gathering. We have buried the hatchet and come to this council with peace in our hearts."*

**Foothill Nation Chief (Eric):**

I see the mighty **Mohawk Tribe** and the mighty **Shoshone Tribe** gathered here tonight. They have buried the hatchet and have come to this council with peace in their hearts, and it is good.

### River Nation Chief (Richard):

River Nation, when we call out your tribe, I would like to hear your best war cry followed by your Chief's reply to join this council...

### River Nation Chief Son (Rocco):

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

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

*"I am Chief \_\_\_\_\_ of the Apache. We bring \_\_\_ Big Braves and \_\_\_ Little Braves to this gathering. We have buried the hatchet and come to this council with peace in our hearts."*

Oh Mighty "**Kiowa**" Tribe, will you join our camp fire?

*(Kiowa Tribe gives War Cry and Kiowa Chief replies...)*

*"I am Chief \_\_\_\_\_ of the Kiowa. We bring \_\_\_ Big Braves and \_\_\_ Little Braves to this gathering. We have buried the hatchet and come to this council with peace in our hearts."*

Oh Mighty "**Natchez**" Tribe, will you join our camp fire?

*(Natchez Tribe gives War Cry and Natchez Chief replies...)*

*"I am Chief \_\_\_\_\_ of the Natchez. We bring \_\_\_ Big Braves and \_\_\_ Little Braves to this gathering. We have buried the hatchet and come to this council with peace in our hearts."*

### River Nation Chief (Richard):

I see the mighty **Apache Tribe**, the mighty **Kiowa Tribe** and the mighty **Natchez Tribe** gathered here tonight. They have buried the hatchet and have come to this council with peace in their hearts, and it is good.

### Valley Nation Chief (Chris):

Valley Nation, when we call out your tribe, I would like to hear your best war cry followed by your Chief's reply to join this council...

### Valley Nation Chief Son (Roman):

Oh Mighty "**Blackfoot**" Tribe, will you join our camp fire?

*(Blackfoot Tribe gives War Cry and Blackfoot Chief replies...)*

*"I am Chief **Flying Bat** of the Blackfoot. We bring \_\_\_ Big Braves, and \_\_\_ Little Braves to this gathering. We have buried the hatchet and come to this council with peace in our hearts."*

Oh Mighty "**Mohican**" Tribe, will you join our camp fire?

*(Mohican Tribe gives War Cry and Mohican Chief/MM replies...)*

*"I am Medicine Man **Walks with Snakes** of the Mohicans. We bring \_\_\_ Big Braves and \_\_\_ Little Braves to this gathering. We have buried the hatchet and come to this council with peace in our hearts."*

### Valley Nation Chief (Chris):

I see the mighty **Blackfoot Tribe** and the mighty **Mohican Tribe** gathered here tonight. They have buried the hatchet and have come to this council with peace in their hearts, and it is good. It is with great respect and appreciation that I ask Sachem Howling Husky to please do us the honor of lighting our campfire tonight...

***LIGHT THE FIRE***

**Foothill Nation Chief (Eric):**

It is customary in sacred moments like this, to appreciate the great year we have had with the Longhouse of the Orange Skies Indian Guides, and honor our Chiefs and Medicine Men, leaders and sachem, who have made this year possible.

**River Nation Chief (Richard):**

It is through their hard work, late nights, and passion for our program that we grow closer and stronger, FATHER and SON, into better men in our world, making a difference in our families, tribes, and communities.

For the River Nation, I would like to call forward the mighty chiefs of the Apache, Kiowa and Natchez tribes -- \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, & \_\_\_\_\_.

They could not have been better partners to me and the River Nation, helping tirelessly with events like the Fall Campout and the Indy 500 Pinewood Derby, while inspiring and leading their growing tribes in wonderful adventures together. Tonight I welcome you all into the family of our elders, our wise Sachem of the River tribes. But in addition to this, I would like to personally honor each of you with the Chief's Award, for all you have done to set an example of service to your tribes. Noonay! (Shake hands, give award, thank)

**Foothill Nation Chief (Eric):**

For the Foothill Nation, I would like to call forward the mighty chiefs of the Mohawk and Shoshone tribes, \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_. They could not have been better partners to me and the Foothill Nation, helping tirelessly with events like the Fall Campout and the Indy 500 Pinewood Derby, while inspiring and leading their growing tribes in wonderful adventures together. Tonight I welcome you both into the family of our elders, our wise Sachem of the Foothill tribes. But in addition to this, I would like to personally honor each of you with the Chief's Award, for all you have done to set an example of service to your tribes. Noonay! (Shake hands, give award, thank)

### Valley Nation Chief (Chris):

For the Valley Nation, I would like to call forward the mighty chiefs of the Blackfoot and Mohican tribes, \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_. They have helped us a great deal this past year and have been dedicated leaders of their tribes. They oversaw strong attendance at our Fall Campout in Yucaipa; a graphite-fueled, speedy showing at the Indian 500 Pinewood Derby; and helped pull their tribes together for our time here at Emerald Bay. They've also organized and promoted other tribal events such as Laser Tag, a favorite of both Valley tribes; Monster Trucks, Over the Line Beach Day, Kidnap Breakfast, and Mother's Day Craft in the Park.

Tonight I welcome both of them into the family of our elders, our sacred Sachem of the Valley tribes. But in addition to this, I would like to personally honor each of them with the Chief's Award, for all you have done to set an example of service to your tribes. (Shake hands, give award, thank)

I'd also like to thank Sachem Howling Husky for helping me plan and organize this campout; as well as your general leadership in this program. You're always up for texts and phone calls at virtually any hour, and I appreciate you being my sounding board, as well as my mentor and friend. Your dedication and heart for this program is greatly valued. NOONAY!

**Valley Nation Chief (Chris):**

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

Little braves **Bear Claw**, **Big Thunder**, and **Fast Eagle**, please prepare and hand out the paint cups for the graduating Little Braves and their Big Braves, and please carefully take an arrow to each graduating Little Brave, and then join your father at the front...

**Foothill Nation Chief (Eric):**

From the Mohawk Tribe, Foothill has \_\_\_ Little Braves graduating.

From the Shoshone Tribe, Foothill has \_\_\_ Little Braves graduating.

**River Nation Chief (Richard):**

From the Apache Tribe, River has \_\_\_ Little Braves graduating.

From the Kiowa Tribe, River has \_\_\_ Little Braves graduating.

From the Natchez Tribe, River has \_\_\_ Little Braves graduating.

**Valley Nation Chief (Chris):**

From the Blackfoot Tribe, Valley has \_\_\_ Little Braves graduating.

From the Mohican Tribe, Valley has \_\_\_ Little Braves graduating.



*Valley Nation Chief (Chris) facing Campfire with arms raised...*

Oh Great Spirit, many moons have passed since these young Little Braves 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 River, Foothill, and Valley Nations are proud to present these Little Braves to you for graduation.

*River Nation Chief (Richard) faces the Big Braves...*

Big Braves, when you joined the Indian Guides, you exchanged bear claws with your Son around a campfire, and vowed to be “Pals forever”. The bear claw necklace is a symbol of your love for your Son, and of your Son’s love for you. In the years that you have spent together in the Indian Guides Program with your Son, you have had much fun & have truly become “Pals forever.”

*Foothill Nation Chief (Eric) turns and faces the Graduates...*

Little Braves, 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.

*Valley Nation Chief (Chris) 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 Son.

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 Pals Forever

*(Wait for response)*

I love you

*(Wait for response)*

*Valley Nation Chief (Chris) then asks Big Braves to hand the paint cups to their Sons...*

### Valley Nation Chief Son (Roman):

Little Braves, 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)*

*Valley Nation Chief Son (Roman) instructs young braves to set down the paint and give their dads a big bear hug...*

*We then announce to the entire gathering:*

### **River Nation Chief (Richard):**

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

Little braves, 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 Son. Now hold the arrow above your dad's thigh. When we say "Break the arrow!" you will break it across your father's thigh.

### **Foothill Nation Chief (Eric):**

Every arrow has an arrowhead, which leads its path. Little braves... you, like the arrowhead, have many paths before you. But an arrow without feathers cannot fly straight and true. Through this 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 Guides Program, and to go forth into the land, teaching others what you have learned so they may also 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.

*Foothill Nation Chief (Eric) then instructs all the members of the nation to give a big war whoop to our graduates!*

*Valley Nation Chief (Chris) calls out the current Tribal Chiefs, Medicine Men and their Sons to come out and stand before their Nation beside the campfire.*

**Valley Nation Chief (Chris):**

Members of the Foothill, River, and Valley Nation Councils, you have served our nations 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 & little braves in our nation, I sincerely thank you for a task well done. It's been an honor for us to serve with you on the Foothill, River, and Valley Nation Councils.

It is good that we assemble in friendship to welcome our new members to our Nation councils.

*Valley Nation Chief (Chris) calls out new incoming Medicine Men to also come up, and for the new Tribal Chiefs / Medicine Men and their Sons to face their outgoing Tribal Chief.*

**River Nation Chief (Richard):**

I charge you, new tribal chiefs and medicine men of the great River, Valley, and Foothill Nations, to faithfully and honestly represent all of our big & little braves as the new chiefs of your tribes. As chief, you shall:

- »» Attend all Nation meetings
- »» Toil diligently to further the Indian Guides 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 & little braves in your tribe, as long as the grasses grow and the waters run.

### **Foothill Nation Chief (Eric):**

Please raise your right hand, and 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 sons 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 **pals forever** with your son, as a living example of the Indian Guides program to others?

### **Valley Nation Chief (Chris):**

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 Sons, 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 Valley, River, and Foothill Nations.

*Valley Nation Chief (Chris) then instructs the out-going Tribal Chiefs, Medicine Men & their Sons to pass their headdresses to their new Tribal Chiefs, Medicine Men & their Sons.*

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

New Nation Chief Induction

*Nation Chiefs call forth incoming Nation Chiefs and Little Braves by first name and Indian Name.*

**Out-going Valley Nation Chief (Chris):**

\_\_\_\_\_ “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” \_\_\_\_\_ and your little brave \_\_\_\_\_ “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” \_\_\_\_\_, please come forth.

**Out-going River Nation Chief (Richard):**

\_\_\_\_\_ “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” \_\_\_\_\_ and your little brave \_\_\_\_\_ “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” \_\_\_\_\_, please come forth.

**Out-going Foothill Nation Chief (Eric):**

\_\_\_\_\_ “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” \_\_\_\_\_ and your little brave \_\_\_\_\_ “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” \_\_\_\_\_, please come forth.

**Out-going Valley Nation Chief (Chris):**

We charge you, new Nation Chiefs of the Valley, River, and Foothill Nations, to faithfully and honestly represent all Big & Little Braves as the new Chiefs of our great nations.

As Chiefs, you shall attend all meetings of the Longhouse of the Orange Skies, preside at all 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 Nations. You shall toil diligently to further the Indian Guides 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 & Little Braves in our Nations as long as the grasses grow and the waters run.

### Out-going Foothill Nation Chief (Eric):

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 sons 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 **pals forever** with your son, as a living example of the Indian Guides program to others?

### Out-going River Nation Chief (Richard):

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 your nations, and as Nation Chiefs, to do all that you can to guide our nations in these matters.

In doing so, the River, Valley, and Foothill nations shall become solid units of fathers and sons, 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 Chiefs** of the great River, Valley, and Foothill Nations.

*Nation Chiefs and their sons then pass their headdresses to their new Nation Chiefs and their Sons.*

*Out-going Valley Nation Chief (Chris) then leads all members of the great Valley, River, and Foothill Nations to give a big war whoop for their new Nation Chiefs!!*



*New Nation Chiefs can then say a few words to acknowledge the good work done by the out-going Nation Chiefs; share a few inspirational words about the coming year; encourage recruitment over the summer; then close the campfire...*

### **New Valley Nation Chief:**

Thank you Running Tumbleweed and your little brave, Bear Claw, for your hard work over the past year. You have served the Valley Nation well. My Little Brave and I look forward to the 2019-2020 season with great anticipation. We know the incoming council will help us shape a program that will create more great memories for our **fathers** and **sons**.

### **New River Nation Chief:**

Thank you Tumbleweed and your little brave, Fast Eagle, for your hard work over the past year. You have served the River Nation well. My Little Brave and I look forward to the 2019-2020 season with great anticipation. We know the incoming council will help us shape a program that will create more great memories for our **fathers** and **sons**.

### **New Foothill Nation Chief:**

Thank you Big Mountain and your little brave, Big Thunder, for your hard work over the past year. You have served the Foothill Nation well. My Little Brave and I look forward to the 2019-2020 season with great anticipation. We know the incoming council will help us shape a program that will create more great memories for our **fathers** and **sons**.

## **New River Nation Chief (Matt "White Buffalo" Kincaid):**

In closing tonight's council, let us all recite the Longhouse of the Orange Skies Indian Guides pledge to each other. Please repeat after me:

We, Father and 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.

(For Guides)  
**PALS FOREVER!**

(Or for Princesses)  
**FRIENDS ALWAYS!**

This council is ended. NOONAY!!