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## Chairman's Address

*"100% funding from FEMA"*



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Raymond "Jake" Parker, Chairman, Chippewa Cree Tribe, left and Robin Finegan, FEMA Region 8 Administrator, right, sign the historic FEMA/Tribal agreement at Stone Child College on August 17th, 2010.

### Raymond "Jake" Parker Chairman Chippewa Cree Tribe

As of this special edition of the newsletter, I would like to report that tribal EOC staff are now working almost exclusively on providing the required disaster related documentation to FEMA so that we can begin to recover, both financially and physically from the flood. To say that this disaster was a "once-in-a-lifetime" occurrence is really an understatement.

Having served in tribal politics for the past eighteen (18) years, I can't remember a time when our tribe and tribal government had to endure a hardship of this magnitude.

The good news is that President Obama determined that our situation warranted 100% funding from FEMA instead of the normal 25% - 75% cost share. What that means is that all the costs associated with repairing or replacing damaged property as a result of the flood incident will be covered by FEMA.

I can't tell you how relieved we were when we heard this news! If the President hadn't provided us with the waiver of the cost share requirement, our tribal government would have been required to come up with 25% of the costs associated with repairing or replacing damaged property. So let's say that after all damage assessments were completed, reviewed by FEMA, and submitted for development of a Project Worksheet, it was estimated that \$30 Million in total damages occurred on our reservation. Our

tribal government would have been required to come up with 25% of the total cost or \$7.5 Million to cover our portion of the cost share. That would have been devastating to our tribal financial health. From what I understand, there were only two other disasters on record that received 100% funding, they were the "9/11" incident and the Cerro Grande Fire which puts us in very esteemed company.

I would also like the tribal membership to know that since the beginning of this emergency, our tribal government has basically paid the entire cost for all the disaster and emergency related work to date. While we expect to get a large portion of this reimbursed back to us, as of 9/01/10 we have not received any funding whatsoever. As a result, our tribal budgets are stretched very thin and we are at the point where only critical governmental operating expenses will be approved for payment.

Therefore, I'm asking you to please continue to be patient with us as we continue to gather the documentation necessary to begin getting our tribal funds reimbursed.

I know most of you are wondering about the status of the clinic. As of this date, our plan is to retrofit the tribal office (formally the clinic) so that we can temporarily utilize it for our clinic facility until we either repair or replace our clinic. It was determined by structural engineers, geo-technical specialists, and FEMA experts that the damage sustained at our clinic was very severe and posed a safety hazard to the public. Knowing

this, we had a 10' fence erected around the perimeter so that children, as well as the general public, could not access the site. Right now, we're trying to determine whether it would cost more to repair the existing facility and make it safe or build a completely new facility in a different location. It's looking like the costs to rebuild a new facility will be less than the cost to repair the damaged facility on the same site. The tribe is in the process of identifying a couple of sites in preparation of moving forward with getting our health care system back into shape.

Safety is our utmost concern for the entire community. Please keep away and keep your children away from all of the construction and damaged sites.

There have been reports of children playing in construction areas and playing on debris. This is very dangerous and we have gone this long without any accidents and we do not want anyone to be hurt.

Also, if your home has been affected by the flood and you have mold in your home, we only have two active crews out cleaning, but as a resident, it would be to your advantage to begin cleaning up the damage as much as you can. It is your responsibility to remove ALL personal belongings from the affected area.

Our crews will only conduct remediation activities after all belongings are removed. The mold crews' work includes; sheet rock removal, insulation removal, carpet removal, and mold disinfection. Homes with

elderly individuals, handicapped, and/or those with respiratory problems have been prioritized to be cleaned first. Able-bodied individuals need to begin clean up of their own home (removal of wet personal items) as soon as possible, especially if there are young children in the home.

Again, I have directed the Emergency Operations Command Staff to maintain an open and continual line of communication with all tribal departments and with the community at large. We will get clear and accurate information out to the public as it becomes available. I am asking the entire community for your ongoing support, patience and understanding as we join together to rebuild our homeland.

Finally, I wanted to personally thank all the FEMA staff who are assisting our tribe with the many tasks required to identify, document, assess, estimate, approve, and request reimbursement for all the damages that occurred on our reservation. These folks are true professionals who are committed to helping our tribe get back to pre-disaster condition. Many of these individuals spend months and months away from their families so that we can begin recovering from the devastation caused by this disaster.

If you see a FEMA person out in the community, please offer them your hand and thank them for all the long hours and hard work they're doing on our behalf. Thank you all for your time and support.

## Public Assistance Increased to 100 Percent for Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation



Photo Andrea Booher/FEMA

Robin Finegan, center, FEMA Region 8 Administrator, presents a copy of the signed FEMA/Tribal agreement to Chippewa Cree Tribal officials.

### Rocky Boy, MT September 8, 2010

On August 13th, President Barack Obama made additional disaster assistance available to the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation by authorizing an increase in the level of Federal funding for Public Assistance from 75 to 100 percent. This is the first time in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) 30 year-old history that a President has allocated 100 percent federal funding for a major disaster. The Cerro Grande Fire and the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack were also federally funded at 100 percent, but those disasters were mandated by Congress.

President Obama exercised his discretion in accordance with the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to adjust the federal cost share to 100 percent. The reasons for this unprecedented decision were based on the extent of the damage, public health risk, and scarcity of tribal resources. Anything less of than a 100 percent federal share would have substantially

and adversely affected the ongoing rendering of aid, assistance, and emergency services to the Rocky Boy's Reservation, as well as the recovery of the devastated area.

The 100 percent waiver is only for Public Assistance reimbursement which includes emergency protective measures, eligible debris removal, and the repair or replacement of damaged public facilities.

Under terms of the presidential disaster declaration, reimbursement is limited to damage occurring between June 15th and July 30th.

Chairman Raymond "Jake" Parker, Jr. was quoted as saying, "I'm really pleased with the announcement and I would like to commend my staff in the Incident Command who put together the request on behalf of the Tribe. Without these Tribal folks working almost non-stop on issues related to this disaster, we wouldn't be in the position we are today."

On July 10 2010, President Obama signed a disaster declaration for Montana's Hill County and the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation.



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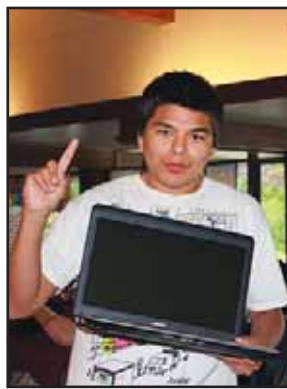
# Montana Tribal College Athletic Association Kicks Off Inaugural Season

September 8, 2010  
Rocky Boy, MT

Tribal Colleges involved are: Stone Child College, Fort Peck Community College, Fort Belknap Community College, Salish Kootane College, Little Big Horn Community College, Dull Knife Community College, Blackfeet Community College. Stone Child College is looking to fill both a men's and women's team to compete in this league. If anyone is interested in signing up for the teams, contact Jeff Henry 395-4875 ext.282 or Frank Henry at 395-4875.

The "Montana Tribal College Athletic Association" that will be starting this fall the first kick off weekend of games will be held on October 29, 2010 at SCC and the season will go through the end of March 2011. A schedule will be available online at the <http://www.stonechild.edu> stone child college website. All games will be aired on the KGVA 88.1 FM radio, on thier website [www.kgvafm.com](http://www.kgvafm.com).

## Letter to the Editor Walmart Makes Contribution to Local Youth



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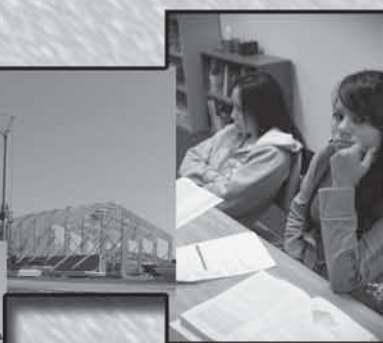
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## 2010 Summer Component of the North Central Montana Upward Bound Program Held at MSU-Northern

September 8, 2010  
Havre, MT

The 2010 Summer Component of the North Central Montana Upward Bound Program was held during the dates of June 7th until July 15th. During this time staff and students were on the campus of Montana State University-Northern for five weeks beginning the week of June 7th and ending July 7th and the last week was spent on an Educational Field Trip to the Las Vegas, Nevada/Grand Canyon, Arizona area.

This year Sue Champagne of Fort Belknap served as the Coordinator while Frank Benson of Havre served as the Assistant Coordinator. Along with the Coordinator and her Assistant the Program hired the following Resi-

dential Assistants: Sharna Gonzales, Gabe Guerrero, and Alyssa Horn all of Fort Belknap.

While on campus the students attend basic skills classes along with two electives and Native language classes. Katherine Holt of Havre taught English, Connie Lambert of Havre taught Math, Wendy Hopkins of Dodson taught Science, Brandi Horn of Hays taught Video Productions, and Leona Kenenberger of Dodson taught Health Enhancement. The Native language classes were taught by Zella Nault - Cree, Edward "Buster" Moore - Nakoda, and John Stiffarm - White Clay. Upon successful completion of all their classes' students can earn general elective credits from their high school.

Along with our regular students we had two Bridge Students. Bridge students are students that just graduated from high school and instead of taking the basic skills classes they attend regular college courses on campus from MSU-Northern. They enrolled in Fundamentals of Speech, Transitional Skills, and Montana History. The Bridge students worked very hard to get their 7 credits for their three classes and each passed with flying colors!

In addition to the scholastic part of the Summer Component the UB Staff planned many recreational and fun activities during the evening time to keep students busy. Students were able to go bowling, play mini-golf, go to the movies, play pool, ping-pong, and foosball in the

game room at the dorms and participate in many sports related games outdoors.

This year the Summer Component took a different approach to giving the students a realistic experience of life "on campus". Instead of being able to go home on the weekends the students stayed the weekends and participated in various activities. The first weekend staff and students went to Beaver Creek Park to fish, hike, or just lay in the sun. Additionally, the casting directors of the upcoming movie "Winter In the Blood" were on campus so some of our students went to audition for parts in the movie.

The second weekend students and staff traveled to Great Falls where they toured the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center,

Giant Spring's fish hatchery and the Charlie Russell Museum. They also were able to spend the afternoon at the Electric City Water Park.

On the third and final weekend spent on campus the staff and students traveled to Missoula and stayed on the University of Montana campus. This trip to the U of M campus was in the making for several months as their Project Director, Mr. Jon Stannard wanted our program students to meet and experience another Upward Bound Program similar in demographic to ours. The students enjoyed staying on the Griz campus and getting to know the U of M Upward Bound students. While there students participated in various academic and athletic competitions with the other students.

The U of M Upward Bound Students and Staff were very hospitable to us and our group enjoyed the experience.

The fourth weekend of the 2010 Summer Component was the Independence Day holiday and our students were sent home to celebrate with their families as many were getting quite homesick.

The students and staff of the North Central Montana Upward Bound Program would like to thank the MSU-Northern campus staff for all of their great hospitality. Especially Pam Conatser and the rest of the Food Service Staff as they were very accommodating and cooked great meals!



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# Stone Child College

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