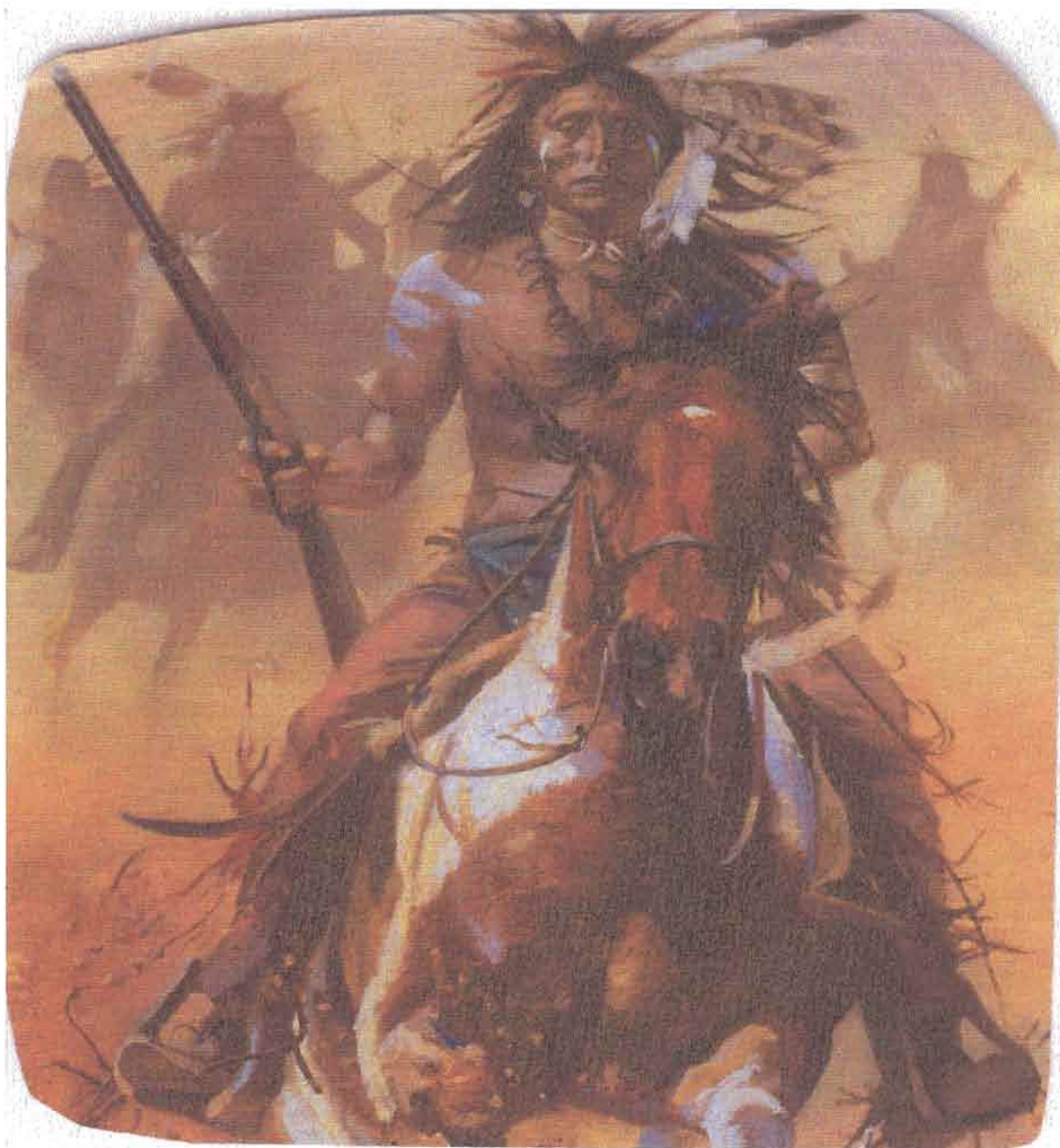


Lakol Oyate Kiwil Au

(The Gathering of Traditional People)

The Little Big Horn Horse Ride

2004



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The Little Big Horn Horse Ride (The Battle of Greasy Grass)

The Little Big Horn Horse Ride is cultural event for the people of the Oceti Sakowin. We as people (Oyate) of the plains rode horse together as a nation. To show the United States of America that, this is our nation and we have the right to live as a nation.

The Little Big Horn Horse Ride is dictated to our people of the Oceti Sakowin and our horses, who carried us in to battle to defend our nation. As the new world was become a nation it was confused about, who we were, until the battle at Little Big Horn was over, they weren't confused, no more as to the Lakota Nation. Today, those who ride, we carry a great responsibility for our people. The responsibility of keeping our unity with our Hunka Brothers the Northern Cheyenne Nation and the people of Oceti Sakowin, we must continue to tell the world that, we are still alive as nations. The responsibility to tell our generation of today and tomorrow that we as a nation must continue to take a stand against the destruction of our cultural and language. We ride with the Sunka Wakan Oyate (The Horse Nation) to preserve our way of life.

Today the Lakol Oyate Kiwil Au submits the budget for The Little Big Horn Ride (The Battle of Greasy Grass). The ride is open to all, and we hope that the Oglala Lakota Nation keeps the remembrance alive for our warriors, who fought in the battle of The Little Big Horn. Let us not forget to honor our warrior, and horses, which fought in the battle and shed their blood for their people. We, as people must not losing our respect, as a nation and we must keep the spirit of being a sovereign nation, are it will be lost.

Our own generations will only think of our people as a novelty idea and to play Indian only when it is necessary. The true spirit to a be Lakota is to remember the people, who took a stand against the destruction of our way of life. Our stories and songs honor those who have lost their life and who still continue to fight for our nation of Oceti Sakowin. (The people of the seven camp fires). Let us as the Oglala's not forget and hold to our respect for our warriors, our nation and the teaching of the White Buffalo Calf Woman in support of the Little Big Horn Horse Ride.

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Lakol Oyate Kiwil Au



June 2004

The Oglala Sioux Tribe Finance Committee

Dear Finance Committee members:

The Oglala Sioux Tribe Council recognizes the Lakol Oyate Kiwil Au Organization by resolution. To promote cultural activities, should as the Little Big Horn Horse Ride, this ride is open to all, it is to promote the awareness of the Oceti Sakowin (the Seven Camp Fire) who are still standing against the destruction of their way of life, (Language and Lakota values and beliefs) that were given by White Buffalo Calf Woman.

We, are asking financial assistance to continue the promotion of Little Big Horn Battle Horse Ride. The Battle did change the view of the American society. It caused the American's to take a look at us as human beings seeing their own Army defeated. We continue to show the people from all over the world that the Lakota's are still standing the against destruction of our way of life. It takes a lot of courage for our young people to ride near a national monument, and knowing the United State Army was defeated by the Lakota, Nakato, Dakota, Cheyenne, Mandan, Arapaho Nations.

As long as the Lakota Nation supports the Little Big Horn Horse Ride, we continue to show people from all over the world, that we Oceti Sakowin (the people of the Seven Camp Fire) are unified as a nation.

Sincerely,

Chief Mel Lone Hill
Lakol Oyate Kiwil Au

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Lakol Oyate Kiwil Au Itinerary

- June 19: Pick-up and place horse at the Rodeo Grounds.**
- June 20: Travel departure from the Pine Ridge Rodeo Grounds
Arrived at Ashland Montana**
- June 21: Leave from Ashland Montana to Lame Deer Montana.
25 Miles. Start with a prayer and honoring songs.**
- June 22: Leave from Lame Deer Pow-Wow Ground and arrived at the Tall Bulls,
Busby Montana. Start with prayer and song.
20 miles**
- June 23: Leave from Tall Bull Resident and arrived at Little Big Horn National
Park, Crow agency. Start with prayer and song.
37 Mile**
- June 24: Rest Day at Wilkinson place in Crow Agency Montana.
Honor the families of the Cheyenne's and host family in Crow Agency.**
- June 25: Day Ceremony charge at the Little Big Horn Battle field.
Victory and celebration at muddy creek Pow-wow grounds.**
- June 26 Return back to homeland of Oceti Sakagowin.**

The Lakol Oyate Kiwil Au
The little Big Horn Horse Ride
(The Battle Of Greasy Grass)
Crow Agency Montana
June 19-26-04

Budget

- 1. Horse Transportation:** The horses will be transported by semi-trailer and individual Horse trailer, This due the amount the semi-trailer can legally can carry. The loading capacity for a semi-trailer is 40 head of horse. Leaving 60 head without transportation to the Ashland Montana from Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

A. Semi-Trailer Cost:

Cost loading: \$250.00

Cost per mileage: 2.50 per mile x 740 mileage = \$1,850.00

Semi- trailer total cost: **\$2,100.00**

B. Individual Horse Trailer:

The individual horse Trailer will carry the remainder of 60 head of horse to Ashland Montana from Pine Ridge South Dakota. There will be 6 head per trailer.

Mileage Cost: for 10 vehicle puling horse trailer and equipment.

Mileage cost for 37.5cent x 740 mileage for 10 = **\$2,775.00**

2. Meal Cost for Dates: June-19-26-2004:

There will be three meals provided for 7 days by the organization. The cost would be greatly appreciated, since most families are providing what ever they can to make the ride happen.

7 days x 3 meals per person = 21 meals:

The cost of meal \$ 5.00 per individual meals x 100 rider, staff and family.

Total cost \$500.00 per meal.

\$ 500.00 x 7 = **\$3,500** total cost for all the meals.

3. Spiritual Leader, Drum Group and Support staff:

The spiritual leader provides for the ceremony during the ride. The drum group provide the songs of honor and ceremony. This Support staff cost, only paid for gas from location from location, these individual utilize their vehicle to travel back and forth. To drive vehicle of rider and equipment to each location for the seven day of the Little Big Horn.

Mileage cost: 10 vehicle at 37.5 cent per mile x 740 miles = **2,775.00**

3. Health Inspection: The health inspection is requirement in every state.

This will be in-kind for some riders and if needed individual will assist others, because it very important to represent the Oceti Sakowin.

- A. Brand inspection: cost per horse 3.00 x 100 head of horse = **\$300.00**
- B. Coggins test cost per horse \$20.00 per horse x 100 = **\$2,000**
- C. The west-Nile vaccination is 10.00 a horse x 100 head = **1,000**

The Little Big Horn Ride Cost: \$14,450