

## Tour continued

alarming when you look at it on a national level, youth suicides are highest in native communities and that has to be addressed. The kids need to know that there are people who love them and care about their future. \*\* A kids help line has been created 1 (800)-668-6868 7 days a week and 24 hours a day.\*\* The other purpose of this show was to let the Youth in native communities know that they are very important and have power to change the future."

A web site has been designed especially for this tour to keep native youth up to date on the tour and its impact across Canada. HealthCanada@www.hc-sc.gc.ca/msb

After the show all three artists hung around for close to an hour signing autographs and posing for pictures. Everyone on hand were very pleased with the work our youth had done in bringing a show such as this to Akwesasne.

The following is a letter of thanks from MCA Chief Larry King.

**Mohawk Council of Akwesasne  
Office of the Council of Chiefs**

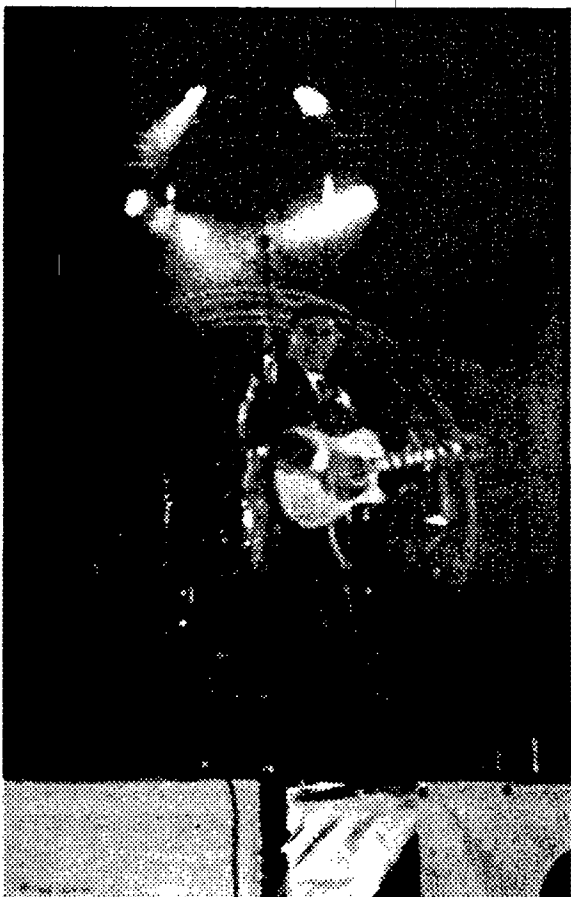
On behalf of myself and Ionkwawenna Tewashtas (Our Voice Counts) Youth Group, I would like to send an official Niawen Kowa to all those Akwesasronon and non-community members for attending and patronizing the Dreamcatcher Tour 2000 Concert at the Anowarako:wa Arena this past weekend. It was very gratifying to see different Generations represented as Elders were accompanied by their Children and Grandchildren. I can only conclude, considering the subject matter being Suicide Prevention that the Creator was testing us with the weather that we had to endure. This is one of those unforeseen circumstances that you have no control over when planning an event such as this.

Having said that, I point out that planning was not a luxury that we had on our side for this venture. We took this Concert on in very short notice, as a result there was much done in a very short period of time by some very dynamic and caring people. I would like to extend special considerations to Ann Deer, Tracey Seymour, Sandra Rourke, Pat Boots and the Our Voice Counts Youth Group for their time and efforts from this Concert's inception. Niawen to the Anowarako:wa Arena Management and staff for going above and beyond their duties to ensure that the facility was ready in time. Quite a feat when you consider that people were still skating on the ice surface that was there only several days before.

Niawen to Jerry and Veronica Thompson, Beatrice Bero and those who contributed to kitchen duties and general cleanup.

Niawen to Frank David for supplying and erecting his stage and offering his electrical expertise and Steven (Dee Dee) Boots for assisting in the erecting of the stage.

I refuse to totally blame the weather for the low turnout, however those who DID attend I'm sure will agree that those who DID NOT, missed one heck of a show that will be remembered for some time. Once again, Niawen Kowa. Chief Larry King Mohawk Council of Akwesasne  
- Photos and story by Bill H. Reidy



## Youth continued

meals through the weekend. Tom Porter was the main story teller which included the Creation Story and the lessons relevant to the children's lives today. The group also enjoyed a hiking trip, a ride to Howe Caverns and horseback riding. Of course, a trip isn't complete without the children telling their favorite ghost stories.

The children came from different sectors within Akwesasne. The excursion to Kanatsiohareke relieved the children, Akwesasne's young adults, of the constant marketing gimmicks and race to get all that's presented on Television. In fact, there was no TV at Kanatsiohareke. Just simple hard work and hard play.

Emily very much appreciates the efforts of the community at Kanatsiohareke, the programs at Akwesasne and the chaperones. A special thanks goes out to the members of the group who were well behaved. As always, not enough focus is given to the 'quiet' children because the attention had to be directed elsewhere.

When Emily recovers, perhaps the students can encourage her to do it again.



back row: Christopher Lazore, Kendra Lazore, Melissa Conners, Natasha George, Kanastatsi Porter, Phillip Preston, Tom Porter, Robbie White, Jacke Laozre, Evan White, Micheal Peters  
Front Row: Danielle Mitchell, Rayna Roundpoint, Rhonda Garrow, Kelsey Jackson, Tewensentahawitha Porter, Alisha Cook, Lacey Thompson, Cody Thompson  
Kneeling: Jeremy Thompson, Sierra Rourke



Cody Thompson mounts the Apaloosa.



Jake Lazore enjoys the ride with 'Spirit'.



Kelsey Jackson and Sierra Rourke visiting Howe Caverns



Gloomy day, gloomy faces: no trip up the mountain today