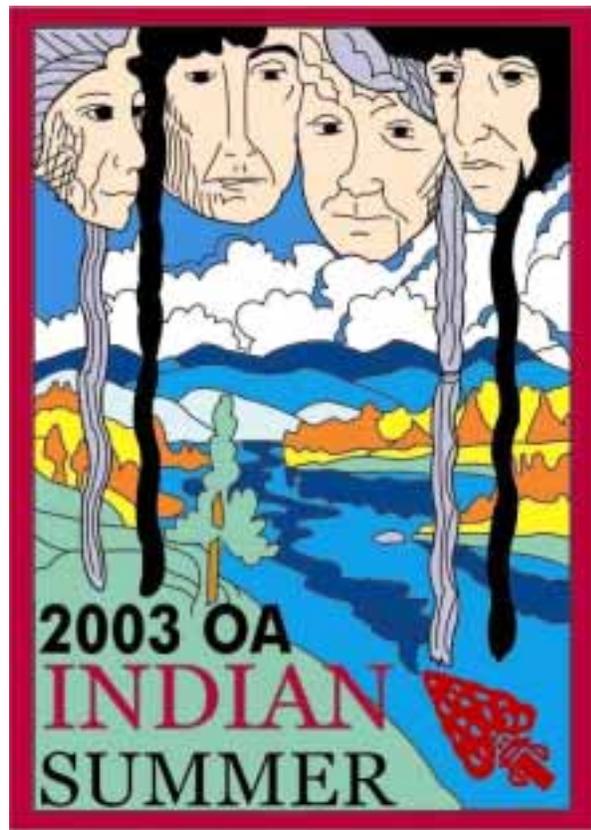
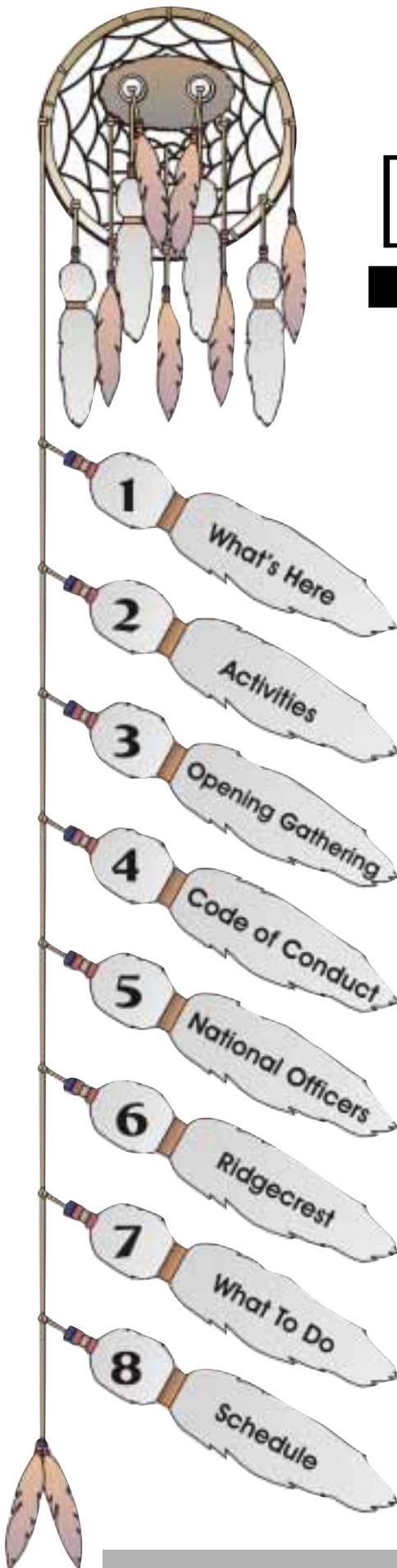


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Welcome to Indian Summer



Lifeway Ridgecrest Conference Center

What to Expect At Indian Summer

From Ceremonial Training to Native American Events, It's all here!

By **ED LYNES**

Today, Arrowmen from across the country will converge on the Ridgecrest Conference Center for the Order of the Arrow Indian Summer. This unique program will provide Arrowmen with the best training available in ceremonies, inductions management, and Native American culture available.

Over the next week, Arrowmen will be presented with opportunities to delve deeper into areas that interest them. Conference participants each chose one "learning track" -- Native American Events, Ceremonies, or Inductions Management. Each of these tracks will be strongly tied to the American Indian, from whom the Order derives its customs. In this conference, we will aim to trace our roots and learn more about that which bore the Order of the Arrow.

In Native American events, participants will deepen their knowledge of the American Indian. Arrowmen will learn about culture, games, crafts, customs, and traditions. These participants will also

learn about conducting a pow-wow (two will be held this week, right at the conference!).

The best ceremonial training ever offered by the Order of the Arrow will no doubt awe those attending the conference for Ceremonies. Ceremonialists will learn about the Ten Inductions Principles, symbolism, and regalia. In addition to ceremony specific training, there will also be acting training, focusing on use of props, line memorization and how to "get into character."

Inductions Management participants will be undergoing the Inductions Management Seminar (IMS). IMS is a weeklong program meant to teach those responsible for administering lodge inductions everything they need to know to do the job effectively.

Participants will be guided from the Unit Election all the way through Brotherhood conversion, with classroom sessions augmented by afternoon "best methods" discussions.

Throughout the conference, there will be non-learning specific activities avail-

able. There will be several evening gatherings, a pow-wow, and Native American games for all participants to enjoy.

This event, while unique, has been preceded by similar Native American and Ceremonial conferences. The last conference was held in 1995 at Philmont, with a focus on Order of the Arrow ceremonies. This conference, as well as a predecessor in 1987, laid the groundwork for greater ceremonial emphasis in the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) program: an initiative that culminated with the creation of the Inductions and Ceremonial Events (ICE) committee at NOAC.

Planning for Indian Summer began over a year ago, before the 2002 NOAC. Preparation accelerated, however, after the 2002 National OA Planning Meeting, where Section Chiefs worked together to actually develop the Indian Summer program. Since then, Arrowmen from every corner of the country have been busy to ensure this week is the best Order of the Arrow program all year. Enjoy the conference!

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Getting Settled...



Scouts check in during staff registration day at Indian Summer.

What Nation Do You Belong To?

Activities and Recreation Committee has adopted Native American Theme

By **NICK WILLIAMS**

The Activities and Recreation Committee will provide you with opportunities to relax and reflect on your experiences over the next week. We hope that you will take time today to enjoy the activities we have planned during check-in and registration.

We have divided all Indian Summer participants into four Nations - Plateau, Plains, Northern Woodlands, and Southern Woodlands - each with three Tribes consisting of several clans. Each clan groups participants together of roughly the same age. You will find your Nation, Tribe, and Clan listed on your registration sheet. Lodge Contingents have been divided into multiple Nations,

Tribes, and Clans.

All information to be given out at Indian Summer will be given during the Clan meetings. At your first Clan meeting, you will choose your Clan leader for the following day. Participation in these Clan meetings is strongly encouraged; if you attend every meeting, you will receive a special participation pin that attaches to your Indian Summer Participation Patch.

Your Clan leader will help you make your Coup Sticks, which will represent your Clan. Materials will be given to you to place on your Coup Stick. However, you are encouraged to add unique things to your coup stick to make it represent each member of your clan. At the closing gathering, the best 15 Coup Sticks will be

presented by a member of each winning clan.

The Activities and Recreation Committee has many exciting and fun events planned throughout the course of Indian Summer. From our Recreational Activities going on today, to our Monday night "Big Night," to our signature "Mountain Man Rendezvous" on Tuesday evening.

We will be wrapping up with our ice cream social, taking place after the closing gathering. Our committee promises to bring to you the spark, which will light the fire you came to see at Indian Summer.

On behalf of the Activities and Recreation Committee, welcome and have a great time at Indian Summer!

Don't Miss the Opening Gathering

By **JONATHAN HARDIN**

Before the first dance demonstration or the first ceremonial evaluation, the hundreds of Arrowmen who have traveled to Asheville, NC, for the 2003 Indian Summer will gather in the Spillman Auditorium tonight at 8 p.m. for the opening gathering. This opening Gathering will be an exciting, inspirational kickoff for the upcoming week.

Some of the highlights of the show include keynote addresses by the mayor of Asheville, Charles Worley, and by local tribal elder Mr. Calhoun. Further, the Gathering will also include the formal investment of the 2003 National Officers.

Aside from these speeches and recognitions, the most anticipated portion of the Gathering is the exciting dancing and singing, the inspirational ceremonies, and the motivational script that will certainly carry the evening. Don't miss the opening Gathering - it will surely be one of the many highlights of the 2003 Indian Summer!



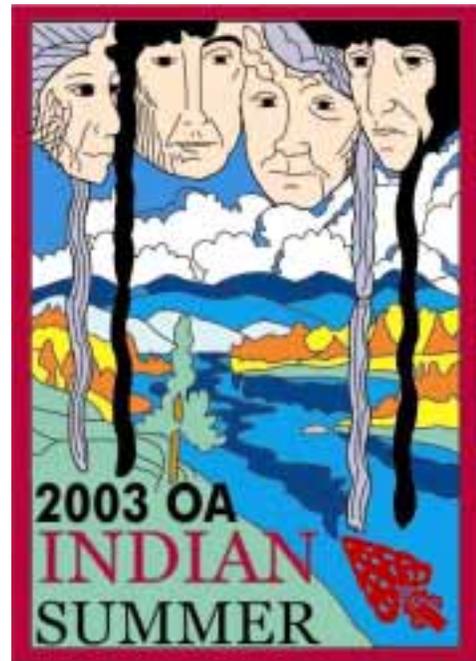
The opening gathering will be held in Spillman Auditorium tonight at 8 p.m. The auditorium doors open at 7:40.

Indian Summer Code of Conduct

The general welfare of any group depends on the conduct of each individual member. This ensures the success of our National Order of the Arrow Indian Summer and provides the maximum benefit to every participant. As an Arrowman, I understand this and support the reasonable demands of conduct expected of me.

I understand the lodge/section contingent leadership or Support Staff Lead Advisers are responsible for the supervision of its membership in respect to maintaining discipline and security, and TO ENFORCE the National Order of the Arrow Indian Summer Code of Conduct. As a member of the Order of the Arrow, I will:

1. Observe the Scout Oath or Promise, the Scout Law and the Order of the Arrow Obligation.
2. Wear my official uniform and official event identification throughout the event. Unofficial hats, patch jackets, medals, or decorations are not a part of my official uniform.
3. Attend all planned general sessions and electives.
4. Confine trading and swapping to free periods and designated areas.
5. Be personally responsible for breakage, damage, or loss of property.
6. Observe quiet hours and lights out from midnight to 7 a.m.
7. Keep my quarters clean, my bed made and dispose of trash in proper place.
8. Not change my officially assigned room without permission from the Event Headquarters. The reason: emergency calls, for example, could not be delivered if room changes were unofficial.
9. Allow no unregistered person to occupy my dormitory room.
10. Wear suitable covering in the dormitory when going down the halls. I will also wear suitable covering while swimming in the pools or participating in the Event programs.
11. Observe all rules regarding the use of the swimming pools and other athletic facilities.
12. Understand that the purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illicit drugs at the Event will not be permitted and will result in immediate dismissal from the Event. This standard shall apply to all youth and adult participants. Compliance with state law and host facility regulations will apply at all times.
13. Comply with federal, state and city laws and host facility regulations, including those which prohibit the use of fireworks, firearms, and gambling. Infraction of these laws and regulations will be cause for immediate dismissal from the Event.
14. Comply with the all rules prohibiting the use of private automobiles without permission from Event Headquarters.
15. Not be authorized to sell items at the Event. I understand that the official trading posts are the only source for purchasing items at the event.
16. At all times, be the considerate guest of our host.
17. Follow the Boy Scouts of America's policy on smoking and observe all NO-SMOKING restrictions.



Nick Digirolamo

Nick Digirolamo, 20, is the 2003 National Chief from Tampa, Florida. He is a Vigil Honor member, Founder's Award recipient, and Eagle Scout of Seminole Lodge #85 in the Gulf Ridge Council. His Vigil name translates to "the ant who sees the end"

Nick has served in several OA leadership positions, including S-4S Section Chief, and Lodge Chief. He has also attended both OA Trail Crew and OA Wilderness Voyage. Nick has served on several NLS staffs, National Junior Leader Instructor Camp Staff, as well as NOAC 2002 Inductions and Ceremonial Events staff.

Nick enjoys backpacking, canoeing, water sports, and playing recreational basketball. Currently, he is a Sophomore at the University of Central Florida, where he majors in Business. He hopes to one day be the president of the United States.

When asked about his vision for Indian Summer, Nick said, "This conference will provide invaluable knowledge for Arrowmen to bring back to their lodges and spread their newfound knowledge throughout the nation."

Your National Officers



**Nat'l Chief Nick
Digirolamo**



**Nat'l Vice Chief
Rich Moore**

Rich Moore

Rich Moore, 19, is the 2003 National Vice Chief from Loveland, Ohio. He is a Vigil Honor member, Founder's Award recipient, and Eagle Scout of Ku-Ni-Eh Lodge #145 in the Dan Beard Council. His Vigil name translates to "master of the Brotherhood."

In the fall, Rich will attend Eastern Kentucky University as a sophomore. When not Scouting, he enjoys pool and bowling. His favorite sport is baseball and he follows the Cincinnati Reds.

Rich has held numerous positions in the OA, including Section C-5B Chief, Lodge Chief, Vice Chief of Service, and Brotherhood Chairman. This year he attended both OA Trail Crew and Wilderness Voyage. He also has served on NLS staff several times and been a member of his council summer camp staff. At NOAC 2002, he served as the Inductions and Ceremony Events CVC.

When asked about his goals for Indian Summer, Rich said, "I hope that each and every participant can experience and realize the importance that the Order of the Arrow Native American events have on our organization."

A Letter From the National Officers

Brothers,

Welcome to Asheville, North Carolina! But more importantly, welcome to an Adventure that will be the best resource of 2003, the Native American Indian cultures and Order of the Arrow Ceremonies conference. Welcome to Indian Summer! We are glad that you have taken the time to come and experience Indian Summer and, in doing so, enhance your knowledge of one of these very important aspects of the Order. Thank you for spending your week with us!

These next six days will be like no other six days of your life. We will come together as a brotherhood and perfect the skills and techniques that give our candidates and members a feel for a culture that has greatly influenced America, the Order and the Boy Scouts. We have inductions, ceremonies, old style dancing, grass dancing, Native American Indian

crafts, and much, much more. We have the best trainers in these areas, as well as the best leadership the Order has to offer. We have come here with one purpose in mind: to make this experience for our members the best it can be. However, the best way for this program to be the most useful for you is for you to be involved. Ask questions, participate, be excited and more importantly learn while having fun!

This next week, we challenge you to take Indian Summer, make it yours, and make it useful for you. Ask questions, give your methods, and discuss certain topics and issues. This will be the best way for you to make this adventure more than just another program; you can make it a resource. We challenge you to get to know each other, become friends with one another, and develop that part of our Order that makes us so unique, Brotherhood. Our other challenge is for you to take what you have learned from our trainers and leaders, as well as each

other, back to your lodge. Take this opportunity to improve what you came here for, to deepen and better understand the culture of the Order of the Arrow.

Thank you again for joining us in the Blue Ridge Mountains. The upcoming week will be an adventure, and it will be a memory that will last a lifetime. Enjoy your stay and have a great time.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Nick Digirolamo
2003 National Chief

Rich Moore
2003 National Vice Chief

Ridgecrest: Now and Then

Spilman "sought a vision of himself and his purpose."

By **TOM ELIOPOULOS**

This article is for all of you out there who may be stuck in a line, have just finished unpacking, or are simply interested in some background info on where you'll be staying for the next week. If any of these circumstances are true-then please, read on.

In the early 1900's the Lifeway Ridgecrest Conference Center was nothing more than a wilderness area with some lonely old cabins, a railroad track, and a dusty trail leading to the West. Through the efforts of Bernard Washington Spilman and the Southern Baptist Assembly, this site became one for spiritual renewal and dedication to the ministry of Jesus Christ.

Spilman served as Sunday School secretary for the Baptist Convention of North Carolina, for five years, during which he conducted mass meetings called Mountain Chautauquas. He was also on a quest for an ideal spot to fulfill his vision.

In 1895, Spilman visited Mars Hill, NC which he called "Little Mountain." However, he took it to signify a bigger mountain that God would lead him to in the future. On August 4, 1906, Spilman stepped foot on this site and knew that he had found his "Big Mountain." Soon after purchasing the land, the Baptists started a summer program in 1909 for people "to meet and to learn how to teach the Bible to the multitudes."

In its first year running, the program drew about 600 people and Spilman's

vision became a reality. The Ridgecrest Conference Center is now one of the largest Christian conference centers in the nation.

Although the name of the area originated as Terrell, NC, it was changed to Blue Mont to fit its surroundings. This quickly became a problem for the railroads, however, because their shorthand codes for Blue Mont and for nearby Black Mountain were identical. In 1912, Spilman suggested its current name, Ridgecrest.

Spilman 'sought a vision of himself and his purpose,' and achieved his goal through dedication and perseverance. Is it a coincidence that we're staying at a place founded by a man of such ideals? I think not.

Setting Up



Members of the Shows Staff prepare for the Staff Gathering on Friday evening.

The Nation Chiefs

These are the Nation Chiefs who will be leading you throughout the week:

ARC PVC:

Nick Williams

ARC Adviser:

R.D. Dunkin

Southern Woodlands Chief:

Andy Newberry

Southern Woodlands Adviser:

Tom Wright

Northern Woodlands Chief:

Troy Oliveira

Northern Woodlands Adviser:

Frank Fodero

Plateau Chief:

Jeff Hayward

Plateau Adviser:

Brian Hashiro

Plains Chief:

Mike Kirby

Plains Adviser:

Andy Zahn

What Do I Do Until the Opening Gathering?

*There are plenty of
activities for Arrowmen*

Now that you have finally made it, you must be wondering what there is to do today. There are several activities that have been planned by the Activities and Recreation Committee (ARC) for your enjoyment from 1:30 - 5:00 p.m. this afternoon.

Scavenger Hunt: There are seven stops on your scavenger hunt card. Complete your card by getting all seven stamps and present it at the Nibble Nook for a free ice cream! (Scavenger hunt cards are available at registration.)

Frisbee Golf: Exciting games of Frisbee Golf are located behind Lambdin Auditorium and the Spruce Dormitory.

Mini Golf: For all you golfers, Ridgecrest offers a Miniature Golf Course for a small fee. The course is located in the recreational area (directions below).

Basketball: If you're looking for a pick-up game or just to shoot some hoops, basketball will be available in the recreational area (directions below).

Volleyball: Volleyball will also be available in the recreational area (directions below).

Trading Post: The Trading Post will be open from 1:30 - 5:00 p.m. this afternoon in the Pritchell Exhibit Hall. Be sure to browse the great selection of Order of the Arrow and Indian Summer memorabilia!

Directions to the recreational area: follow the road uphill past the Nature Trails and the Chapel.

Housekeeping Notes

Health care is available at the Indian Summer Conference Clinic located at Royal Gorge D. A medical staff with first aid capabilities will be available there.

Parking is allowed anywhere on the campus, as long as the space is not marked as handicapped.

Smoking is prohibited on the LifeWay Ridgecrest Conference Center campus.

Wrist bans must be worn on the wrist at ALL TIMES

There will be NO video cameras or flash photography permitted during the opening and closing gatherings.

The Activities and Recreation Committee has coordinated religious observances and services for Scouts and Scouters of all faiths. A schedule of services is available on the reverse side of your master schedule, as well as in the newsletter.

The Indian Summer Conference trading post will be operating in the Exhibit Hall in Pritchell, a convenient and central location on the Ridgecrest campus. It will offer a full compliment of Order of the Arrow and Indian Summer merchandise. The Trading Post hours will be printed in the daily newspaper and are located on your master schedule. All trading post pre-orders must be picked up by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 3, 2003.

Two Indian craft supply stores will be available during the conference for the purchase of beads, feathers, kits, ready-made products, videos, and literature. The stores will be located on the first floor of Rhododendron (Classrooms 64, 65, and 66).

Conference participants will be responsible for safeguarding their room key. Lost keys should be reported to the Administrative Services office in Pritchell (Mezzanine area).



Lots-o-Stuff at the Trading Post

Check Out The Indian Summer Website

Spread the word.. it's live!

When you talk to friends and family at home, be sure to tell them about the Indian Summer Live Web site where they can see updated information about what's happening here at the conference. Surf over to <http://live.oa-bsa.org/> for daily updates of photos and articles to let others experience the conference with you.

Schedule for Saturday August 2nd:

9:00 a.m. - noon	Indian Summer Trading Post (Pritchell Exhibit Hall)
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Indian Craft Supply Stores (Rhododendron 64-66)
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Recreational Activities (listing on page 7)
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Dinner (Dining Hall)
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Jewish Services (Rhododendron 61-63)
8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Opening Gathering (Spilman Auditorium)
9:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.	Tribal Council (listing below)
10:30 p.m.	Clan Reflections (in Participant packet info)

Tribal Council Meetings

The first Tribal Council meeting will occur tonight from 9:30 - 10:30 p.m. Attendance is mandatory. Following the meeting, you will be divided into your clans for the week.

Southern Woodlands Nation

Creek Tribe	Rutland Chapel
Choctaw Tribe	Day Camp Area
Seminole Tribe	Mt Laurel Fire Ring

Northern Woodlands Nation

Penacock Tribe	Crystal Springs Outdoor Amphitheater (behind Crystal Springs)
Iroquois Tribe	Outdoor Classrooms (Centrifuge Area)
Oneida Tribe	Lambdin Auditorium

Plains Nation

Camache Tribe	Royal Gorge Fire Ring
Lakota Tribe	Between Royal Gorge A and B
Pawnee Tribe	Between Royal Gorge C and D

Plateau Nation

Nez Pierce Tribe	Rhododendron/Dining Hall Library
Crow Tribe	Nibble Nook Patio
Blackfeet Tribe	Patio behind Pritchell Hall

A Word On Orientation

On Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. the orientations for your chosen training programs will occur. During this orientation, you will receive your detailed schedule for the week. It is important that all participants attend this orientation so that everyone knows what's going on. If you don't attend this meeting, the rest of the day might be a little more confusing than necessary.

Northern Plains Grass Dance
Crystal Springs 12 A & B

Northern Plains Old Style Dance
Crystal Springs 11 A & B

Northern Plains Traditional Dance
Crystal Springs 12 C & E

Southern Plains Fancy Dance
Crystal Springs 13 A & E

Southern Plains Straight Dance
Crystal Springs 12 D

Plateau Intermountain
Crystal Springs 13 D

Northeastern
Crystal Springs 13 C

Southeastern
Crystal Springs 13 E

Ladies Dance
Crystal Springs 12 E

Independent Study
Spilman Auditorium

Ceremony Performance
Crystal Springs 16 A & B

Ceremony Induction Management
Crystal Springs 16 A & B

The Menu

Saturday Dinner:

Hawaiian Chicken
Roast Pork & Apples
Wild Rice Blend
Yeast Rolls
Strawberry Shortcake
Salad
California Vegetable Medley

The Weather

Today:

Partly Cloudy
Hi: 77 Low: 61



Sunday:

Scattered Thunder Showers
Hi: 76 Low: 61

