



A Personal Appeal
By **Chief Jake Swamp**

Lately I have been thinking more than ever before about the importance of giving thanks. The act of giving thanks is being forgotten very rapidly in our fast paced world. Once again we are in that time when our families get together to celebrate Thanksgiving which comes once per year. There are 365 days in one year, leaving 364 days in which to look forward to the next Thanksgiving. I would suggest that Thanksgiving be practiced everyday. As soon as we awaken each day we should have thoughts of thankfulness in our minds. This is the reason I wrote the children's book titled *Giving Thanks*, so that it would inspire children of all ages. Everyone should be thankful everyday for nature's bountiful gifts. My dream is to unite all of the worlds children to be rooted together in the teaching of thankfulness. You can help spread this message by sharing thanks with your children at meal time as well as bedtime.



Thank you,
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