

THE ECHOTA CHEROKEE TRIBE OF ALABAMA

Newsletter



AUGUST 1, 2026

From Chief Massey

As summer comes to a close and we look forward to the start of a new school year, festival season, family gatherings, and powwows, I hope this message finds you encouraged, healthy, and surrounded by many blessings. It has been a busy and productive summer, and there is much to look forward to in the months ahead. Together, let us continue to honor our families, our ancestors, and our dear friends through our service, kindness, and commitment to our community.

I am delighted to announce that Weeya Calif has accepted the position of Office Manager for our tribal office. We are grateful for her dedication, hard work, and heartfelt commitment to our people and our tribe. Please join me in giving her a warm welcome as she begins this new role.

As we prepare for our Tribal Festival in September, we still have several volunteer opportunities available. If you would like to volunteer or set up a booth, please contact Vic Ball or Jean Chandler. We also need volunteers to help in our Gift Shop and Museum. If you are interested, please reach out to Debbie Borden to have your name added to the schedule.

Each of us has unique gifts and talents to share, and your time and support will help make this year's festival a wonderful success. Thank you for all you do for our tribe and community.

Blessings,
Nancy

GB Meeting



**ECHOTA CHEROKEE
TRIBE**

GOVERNING BODY MEETING



Saturday, August 15, 2026



GB starts at 10:30 - Lunch at 12.



Tribal Grounds

You and your family are invited to attend the Governing Body (GB) Meeting. Please bring a covered dish for the lunch break.



256-734-7337



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The tribe is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

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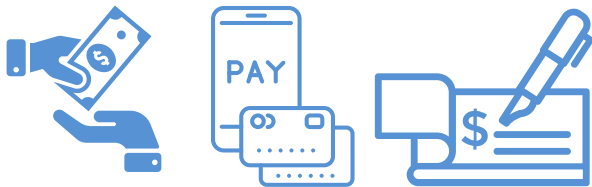
Info

GIFT SHOP HOURS



Gift Shop Hours
Saturday
10 am - 3 pm

**We accept cash,
credit/debit cards, and
checks.**



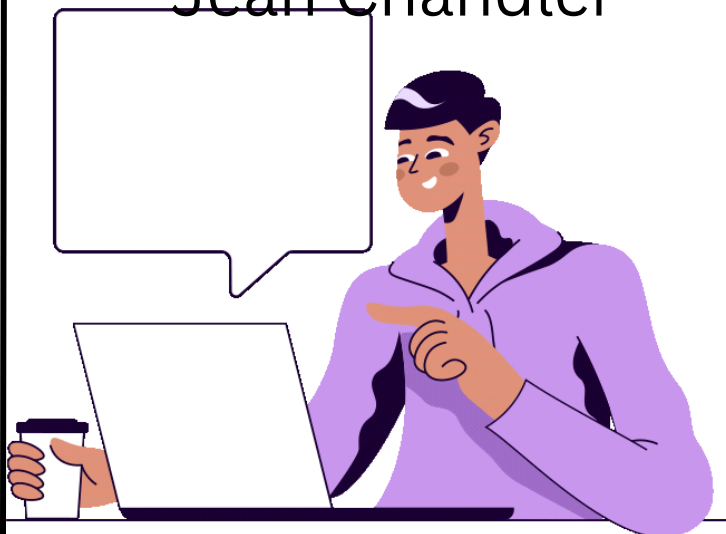
Office HOURS

New Office Hours:

Mon. - Wed.
8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Thurs. - Fri.
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Office Manager:
Weeya Calif

Office Assistant:
Jean Chandler



Giving Back Through Craftsmanship

Tribal member Dexter Patterson has generously shared his woodworking talents with our Tribal community in many meaningful ways. As a hobby woodworker, Dexter recently handcrafted and donated three beautiful wooden chairs for our porch, providing both comfort and a welcoming place for visitors to gather.

In addition to his generous donation, Dexter has created several child-sized wooden chairs for our gift shop. These handcrafted pieces offer visitors the opportunity to take home a unique, locally made item while supporting the Tribe.

Dexter's commitment to our community extends beyond his woodworking projects. During our community work days, he and his wife have worked together to repair and reinforce the picnic tables and porch chairs, making them safe and enjoyable for everyone to use.

We are grateful for Dexter and his wife's dedication, generosity, and willingness to share their time and talents. Their contributions have helped improve our Tribal grounds and created lasting benefits for all who visit. Thank you, Dexter and family, for making a difference through your craftsmanship and community spirit.



Festival

Festival Work Day Preparing for September

Excitement is building as we prepare for our upcoming Tribal Festival in September, and there is plenty to do before the celebration begins. The Festival Committee has scheduled several community work days to help get the trails, grounds, and other areas ready to welcome our guests.

Everyone is encouraged to participate, whether you can attend on the scheduled work days or stop by at another convenient time to lend a hand. There are many projects that need attention, including trail maintenance, general grounds upkeep, and other improvements that will help make our festival a success.

Our next scheduled work day is August 29. On August 29, volunteers will also be helping to install the large banner signs in preparation for the event.

This festival belongs to all of us. By working together, we can create a beautiful, safe, and welcoming environment for everyone who attends. Make plans to join us, invite your family, friends, and neighbors, and be a part of making this year's festival one to remember.

We look forward to seeing you there and appreciate everyone who gives their time and effort to support our Tribe and this special event.



News

The Echota Cherokee Tribe of Alabama

2026 Festival

SEPTEMBER 26 - 27

Grand Entry at 12 p.m.

Close at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC IS INVITED

Pow Wow Director

Vic Ball

Arena Director

Terry Light

Master of Ceremonies

Farron Weeks

Head Man

Cadric laird

Head Lady

Dana Jackson

Drum Team

White Horse



Dancers in Regalia - FREE

Admission: Children 0 - 6 Free

Children 7 - 14/Seniors 65+/Military \$3

General Admission: 15 - 64 \$5

630 County Rd. 1281, Falkville, AL 35622

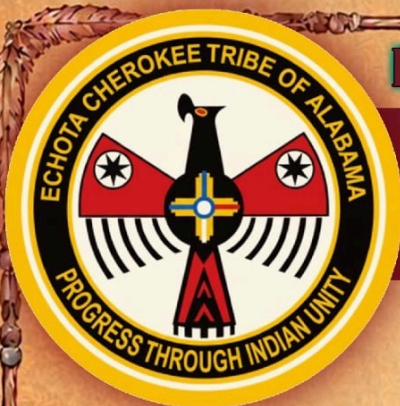
Come enjoy storytellers, demonstrations, craft
booths, food vendors, children's games and
dancing!!!

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Honoring the Harvest Moon



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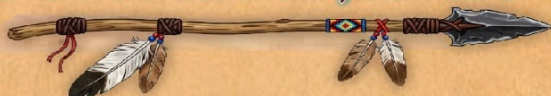


REDSTONE CHAPTER

3RD ANNUAL UNEGADA RUN



**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 17, 2026**



HWY 67 ROADHOUSE
BAR & GRILL - PRICEVILLE, AL

- REGISTRATION: 11 AM - KSU: 1 PM

**RAFFLES
50/50**

(PRIZES WILL BE DRAWN
@ THE TRIBAL GROUNDS)



**PRETTIEST BIKE
LOUDEST PIPES**

(CONTESTS @ HWY 67 ROADHOUSE)



**PROCEEDS BENEFIT:
ECHOTA CHEROKEE
TRIBE OF ALABAMA**



POC FOR REDSTONE CHAPTER:

JOLLY @ 256-945-1556

EMAIL: RR.REDSTONE1312@GMAIL.COM

WWW.REDRUMMC.COM

SCAN & FOLLOW



@REDRUMMC_REDSTONE

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**\$20 PER BIKE
\$10 PER PASSENGER**
(CARS WELCOME)

FOOD AT THE TRIBAL GROUNDS:



(256) 531-7277



(256) 390-2394
(205) 547-7265

VENDORS WELCOME



**SPONSORED BY:
REDSTONE
CHAPTER**



EVERYONE WELCOME

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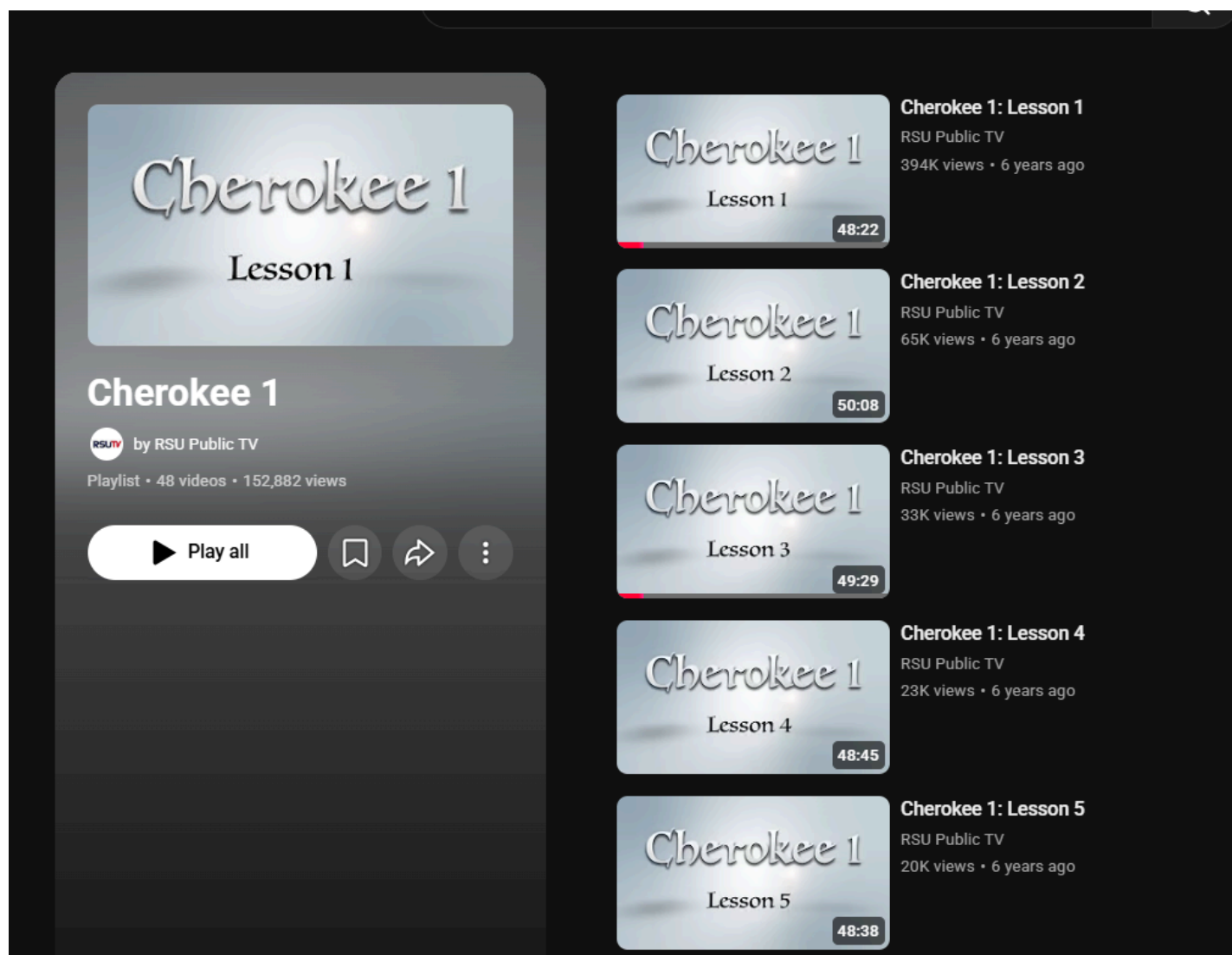
Raffle



Tribal citizen Patsy Cagile has generously donated a beautiful handmade quilt (84" x 98") to the tribal gift shop to be raffled during our September 2026 Festival. This stunning quilt, handcrafted with care and dedication, is a wonderful example of the generosity and talent within our tribal community. Raffle tickets are available for \$5.00 each, with proceeds supporting the gift shop. To purchase tickets, please provide your name, address, phone number, email address, and the number of tickets you wish to purchase to the tribal office for the gift shop. You do not need to be present at the festival to win.

A heartfelt thank you to Patsy Cagile for this meaningful contribution and for helping make this year's festival even more special!

Language



Cherokee Language YouTube Lessons

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?
list=PLewn7uaOUBqTdlRUPG2UaaK3Ze-
Nrfc5v](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLewn7uaOUBqTdlRUPG2UaaK3Ze-Nrfc5v)

Opportunity

Dear Echota Cherokee Tribe Citizens,

My name is Tara Gargarita, and I help coordinate Horizon Co-op, a nonprofit homeschool co-op in the Huntsville, Alabama, area.

This fall, our semester theme is Space & Exploration, inspired by *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle. As part of our studies, we are exploring how different cultures have observed, understood, and shared stories about the night sky throughout history.

We would be honored to invite a member of the Echota Cherokee Tribe to speak with our students about Cherokee culture and traditional relationships with the stars. We are especially interested in learning about star stories, seasonal constellations, navigation, the changing seasons, and the role the night sky has played in Cherokee traditions and daily life.

Our students range in age from 5 to 16, and we strive to foster curiosity, respect for diverse cultures, and a lifelong love of learning. We meet on Wednesdays during the Fall 2026 semester and would be happy to work around your availability. We would also be grateful to discuss any speaker honorarium or travel expenses you typically request.

Thank you for considering our invitation. It would be a privilege for our students to learn from your community and gain a deeper appreciation for the rich cultural knowledge of the Cherokee people.

Warm regards,
Tara Gargarita
Horizon Co-op

***If you are interested in working with Tara Gargarita, please contact her at her email address - overthehorizonacademics@gmail.com. ***



BLUE CLAN NEWS

On July 11, 2026, the Blue Clan gathered at the Oakville Indian Mounds for an informative and engaging meeting featuring guest speakers Brent and Malissa Brown.

The Browns presented an educational program on powwow dancing, explaining the differences between powwow dance and traditional dance while sharing the meaning and purpose behind each style. They also discussed powwow etiquette, helping members better understand the customs and respect shown during these important cultural gatherings. Participants learned about the significance of regalia and how each element reflects tradition and identity.

Following the presentation, the group went outside for a hands-on demonstration. Brent and Malissa explained the purpose of smudging before entering the dance circle and shared its cultural significance. Members gained a greater appreciation for this important tradition and its role in preparing participants for the powwow.

The demonstrations continued as Brent taught the men the movements of a traditional men's dance, while Malissa instructed the women in a traditional women's dance. The interactive session gave everyone the opportunity to practice what they had learned and build confidence in participating in future powwows.

The Blue Clan extends its sincere appreciation to Brent and Malissa Brown for sharing their knowledge, experience, and passion for Native traditions. Their presentation helped members gain a deeper understanding of why each dance is performed in its own unique way and inspired many to participate in future powwows with greater confidence and respect for the traditions.

The next Blue Clan meeting will be held on August 29, 2026, at the Oakville Indian Mounds, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Vice Chief Brenda Laird will demonstrate how to add beadwork to regalia. Lunch will follow the meeting, and everyone is invited to attend.



Clan News



DEER CLAN NEWS

ECHOTA DEER CLAN – JULY 2026

Date: July 12, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM

Meeting called to order by: Chief Foy Southard

IN ATTENDANCE

See Clan Meeting Sign-in sheet

DOOR PRIZE DRAWING

Shawn Borden won drawing from attendee sign-in list.

MEETING AGENDA

Language Program:

Don McAnally shared several Cherokee words with the clan.

Educational Program:

Richard Smith shared Pow Wow/Festival Etiquette & Protocol with the clan. He informed us that a festival is not a ceremony, but there are ceremonies within the festival. He shared a drawing of the correct layout of the Drum Circle, Sacred Fire (with the 7 sacred woods), and an Elders circle (with runners to support elders). The main circle should not be gates or corral-like but rather done with hay bales or pavers. This is due to the way the Cherokee were held in corrals during the removal in the 1800s. Wayne Smith noted that Brenda Laird (Blue Clan) had reached out for volunteers to help with the project to replace the current rope with pavers or hay. It was also noted that there may be a possibility of grant money through the Cullman Agricultural Center to help with the costs.

Storytelling:

Maria Daws shared 2 tales.

1. The Place Where the Dog Ran
2. The Lost Boys/Pleiades



DEER CLAN NEWS, CONT.

Deer Clan Business Meeting:

Wayne provided the Governing Body report to the clan.

1. Wayne resigned from the maintenance role for the tribe.
2. Nela resigned from the recording secretary role, which is now an open position. Anyone interested in this role should notify Chief Foy or Chief Nancy. It is a nominated role with specific requirements. Nominees will be voted on by the Governing Body.
3. Shawn Castleberry retired from the front office role.
4. Weeya Calif accepted the front office role and began in her new capacity on 7/6/26.

Jean gave Pow Wow update.

1. Not all clans are involved; currently only 3-4 folks are engaged. Need more participation.
2. Next workday: Saturday, July 25
3. Need volunteers from Deer Clan to help at the Pow Wow in the clan booth, admissions gate, and gift shop shifts.

Shawn Borden spoke to the clan about the October 2026 Motorcycle Ride for the Redrum Motorcycle Club, which is Native American based. This is a charity event with a motorcycle ride on Saturday, followed by a taco bar at the Echota Tribal grounds. There will be raffles to raise money for donations to the tribe. Raffle donations will be accepted prior to the event. Shawn noted that the event raised a \$1,000 donation to the Echota in 2025, and they hope to make this an even bigger event in 2026.

Chief Foy asked everyone to donate coffee pods and water at the next clan meeting to help restock the meeting house supplies.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held on Sunday, September 13, 2026, at 1:00PM following a potluck lunch.

Clan News

LONG HAIR CLAN NEWS



Echota Long Hair Clan May 2026

Date: May 16 2026

Time: 12:00

Thirteen Long Hair members and two guests were in attendance.

Donations were collected and given to Sharon Keith.

Introductions of members were made. Reasons for not having clan meetings for a long period were given, and current positions were outlined.

Sharon Keith gave updates on past Governing Body meetings.

Chief Brian Castleberry made the announcement about the upcoming work day on the tribal grounds June the 6th.

Plans for future meetings and how to improve our meetings were discussed.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, July 11th, at 10:00AM.

Clan News



PAINT CLAN NEWS

The Paint Clan met on Saturday, July 18, 2026, at the Tribal Grounds in Falkville for a time of fellowship, learning, and sharing.

Following the Spring Plant and Seed Swap, members continued to celebrate a successful growing season. A thriving pot of corn bead plants, which had flourished during the abundant spring and summer rains, was brought to the meeting for everyone to see. Although the corn beads were still green, members learned that they would need a few more weeks to dry before they could be collected. It was encouraging to hear about the gardens and planting successes shared by those in attendance.

Members also learned about a newly discovered roadside patch of butterfly milkweed spanning approximately one acre. Plans were shared to harvest seeds in the fall and distribute them to interested members. Butterfly milkweed, with its brilliant orange-to-red blooms, is an excellent native plant that attracts butterflies and other pollinators, making it a valuable addition to vegetable and herb gardens. The meeting also included an informative discussion on the recent outbreaks of cyclosporiasis reported in several states. Participants learned about beneficial herbs that have traditionally been used to help support the body's response to illness and promote recovery. The presentation emphasized the value of understanding natural remedies as part of an overall approach to wellness.

The Paint Clan appreciates everyone who attended and contributed to another successful Paint Clan meeting. Gatherings like these provide valuable opportunities to share knowledge, preserve traditions, and strengthen our Tribal community.

Wado (QV),

Chief - Reginald L Hughes at hughes452@att.net or call/text 256-572-5319

Vice Chief – Mike Stewart 256-828-5415

Paint Clan Council Representative – Neil Boyd 256-682-0297

Pow Wow

The Santee Indian Tribe

13th Annual POW WOW 2026

Saturday September 19th

Gates open at 9am Grand Entry at 12pm

Santee Indian Organization 432 Bayview St, Holly Hill, SC 29059

**Dancers, Drummers, Food &
Entertainment**

**No pets/ Service
Animals only**

**Arts & Craft
Vendor spaces
available**

**More information
coming soon.**

**No Alcohol
or Drugs**

**No Firearms
No Coolers**

**Vendors contact Sondra Yocum (Secretary)
803-496-6581 sondra.yocum@yahoo.com**

PUBLIC EVENT ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

If you show an UP TO DATE Santee tribal card you will receive a \$2 Discount at the gate

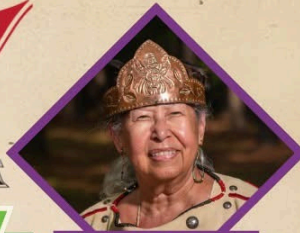
**SANTEE TRIBE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INJURY OR
THEFT/DAMAGE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY DURING THE POW WOW.**

Pow Wow

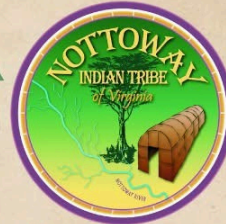
NOTTOWAY INDIAN TRIBE OF VIRGINIA

POWWOW

SEPT. 19-20, 2026



Chief Lynette
Lewis Allston



10 AM
Gates Open

12 PM SAT | 1 PM SUN
Grand Entry

- Intertribal & Expo Dancing
- Educational Exhibits
- Community Services Info
- Storytelling
- Native American Cooking
- Vendors & Crafts

Master of Ceremonies

Rick Kelly

Head Dancers

Adrienne Harmon

Mike Harmon

Drums

Red Clay Yapatoko
Guest Drums Welcome

Arena Director

Michael Nephew



Tickets

★ *Purchased at the Gate

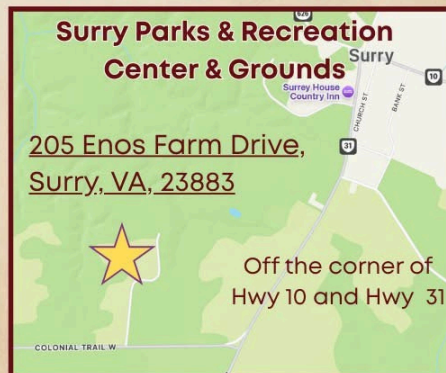
Generation Admission	\$10
Seniors (65+) & Youths (11-18)	\$5
Children (under 11)	Free

No Pets – Service Animals Welcome

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Virginia Nottoway Indian Circle & Square Foundation
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NottowayVA@aol.com
www.nottowayindians.org

Save the Date: Next Powwow Sept. 18-19, 2027

Pow Wow

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES CELEBRATION

AT

STANDING PEACHTREE NATIVE

AMERICAN FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 10TH & 11TH, 2026

EAST POINT CITY HALL

2757 EAST POINT ST, GA.

OPEN SAT-SUN 9AM TO 5PM

LUCK OF THE DRAW

ALL DRUMS & DANCERS WELCOME

SPECIAL PERFORMANCES BY:

LOWERY BEGAY—HOOP DANCERS

ARVEL BIRD—NATIVE FIDDLE

DAWN MAHEALANI DOUGLAS

POLYNESIAN DANCERS

NATIVE AMERICAN ARTS & CRAFTS

NATIVE AMERICAN MUSIC & DANCES

INTERTRIBAL DANCES— SPECIALS

LIVING MUSCOGEE HISTORY

STOMP DANCES

NATIVE AMERICAN FOODS—

FRYBREAD, ROASTED CORN,

INDIAN TACO, HAMBURGERS & HOTDOGS



CONTACT INFO/VENDORS—MONIKA PONTON ARRINGTON
PHD

INDIGENOUS.DIVERSITY.INFO @GMAIL.COM

MONIKA@GIDC.INFO

(770) 402-8288



FAIRFIELD INN



NO DRUGS, NO ALCOHOL, NO POLITICS

Pow Wow



WASSAMASAW
— ANNUAL —
POWWOW

» **OCTOBER 10TH, 2026**
OLD SANTEE CANAL PARK

★ **UP TO \$5,000**
IN CONTEST PRIZES

ADMISSION

- » 5 & UNDER — **FREE**
- » 6-64 YEARS — **\$10**
- » 65 & OVER — **FREE**
- » WITH WASSAMASAW ID — **\$8**

EVENT TIMES

- 🕒 GATES OPEN: 10 AM - 5 PM
- ★ GRAND ENTRY: 12 PM

LOCATION

- 📍 OLD SANTEE CANAL PARK
900 STONEY LANDING RD
MONCK'S CORNER, SC 29461

FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE

NO OUTSIDE COOLERS OR DRINKS

CHECK OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES AND WEBSITE FOR UPDATES

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
www.wassamasawtribe.com

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK:
Wassamasaw Tribe of Varnertown Indians

@officialwassamasaw

Join us to
DANCE ♦ SING ♦ CELEBRATE
»» CULTURE ««

40+ VENDORS

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO EXPERIENCE AND LEARN ABOUT OUR TRIBE AND NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE

BECOME A VENDOR OR SPONSOR!
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Pow Wow



**THE LOWER MUSKOGEE
CREEK TRIBE**

CULTURAL DAYS **INTERTRIBAL**

OCTOBER 16 - 18TH 2026

**54TH ANNUAL
POW WOW
DANCE COMPETITION
CASH PRIZES**

IT'S "POW WOW "TIME
DRUMS, FLUTE, DANCING,
SINGING, VENDORS,
ARTS, CRAFTS, FOOD,
LIVING HISTORY VILLAGE
MORE...

FRIDAY
GRAND ENTRY 7:00 PM

SATURDAY
GOSPEL SING 10:30 AM
GRAND ENTRY 1:00 PM
GRAND ENTRY 7:00 PM

SUNDAY
GRAND ENTRY 1:00 PM

\$5.00 PER VEHICLE **EVERYONE WELCOME** **STAY ALL DAY**
NO ALCOHOL **NO DRUGS**

VENDOR APPLICATIONS CONTACT: CHARLOTTE PILLING
charleypilling@icloud.com



TAMA TRIBAL TOWN
CHEIF MARIAN "VONNIE" MCCORMICK
107 TALL PINE DRIVE WHIGHAM GEORGIA 39897
229-762-3165

Pow Wow

Spirit of the Veteran & Warrior POW WOW Intertribal Pow Wow

Sponsored by The Winds of Wolves Farm and Refuge

November 14-15, 2026 • Rhea County Fairgrounds - Harold Robbins Ln, Evensville, TN

Gates Open Saturday 10am - 7pm; Sunday 10am - 6pm

Admission \$7, Children under 10 FREE

Our Veterans, Police, Firefighters, EMTs and Teachers **FREE** with ID

PUBLIC WELCOME

Native American
Dancing and Drumming

Specialty Dances

Luck of the Draw

Native American Craft
Vendors and Food

Native Flute Players
and Storytellers

Trade Blanket



**All
Drums &
Dancers
Welcome**

Host Drum: Medicine Scout

MC: Joey Pierce

Keeper of the Circle: Michael Veal

Head Man Dancer: Shaun Hedgecoth

Head Woman Dancer: Erika "Nikki" Koellein

Head Veteran: James Morgan, US Marine Veteran

Pow Wow Ambassador: Summer-Rayne Rattler

Grand Entry: Sat. 12pm • Sun. 12pm

**Live
Auction**

We gratefully acknowledge the Cherokee Removal Museum for their support.

Host Hotel: Best Western • 7835 Rhea Co Hwy, Dayton TN 37321 • 423-775-6560

More Information: "Tyishka" at 423-716-8316

Vendor Contact: Richard "Two Wolves" DeArk at 423-503-1407 • NoahBuiltDeArk@yahoo.com

 Facebook Page: Spirit of the Veteran and Warrior, Dayton TN

*This is a Community Cultural Event • NO Firearms, Drugs, or Alcohol Allowed
Please Refrain from Religious and Political Discussions*

Pow Wow

13TH ANNUAL

THE SUMTER TRIBE OF CHERAW INDIANS

POW WOW

NOVEMBER 14, 2026

ADMISSION

5 YEARS & UNDER-FREE

6-64 YEARS- \$5.00

65 + FREE

GATES OPEN

10AM-5PM

GRAND ENTRY

12PM SHARP

DRUMMERS
BAD BOYZ

LUCK OF THE DRAW DANCE!

\$5 ENTRY -REGALIA REQUIRED

NATIVE VENDORS
FOOD TRUCKS

CELEBRATE~GATHER~DANCE



LOCATION

122 NORTH WASHINGTON ST
SUMTER MUSEUM, SUMTER SC

THIS IS A PET & ALCOHOL FREE FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT
NO OUTSIDE COOLERS OR DRINKS



SUMTER TRIBE OF
CHERAW INDIANS

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Scholarship Guidelines

ECHOTA CHEROKEE TRIBE OF ALABAMA SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES AND RULES

It has been brought to our attention that there haven't been any scholarship rules and guidelines posted recently regarding qualifications for receiving the AIAC scholarships through the Echota Cherokee Tribe. Many interested parties have expressed concerns about this in recent weeks.

Below are the qualifications for obtaining scholarships through the Echota Cherokee Tribe. These have been in effect for many years.

I. You must have been enrolled as a member of the Echota Cherokee Tribe of Alabama for at least the last three (3) years. This is to ensure that people are not applying to a tribe for the sole purpose of getting a scholarship and do not intend to be active members.

II. You or your parent/s must have paid your annual assessment fees for the past three (3) years to be considered an 'active member' of the Tribe. Therefore, if these have not been paid you are not considered an 'active member' and not eligible for the scholarship.

III. You must attend a minimum of three (3) tribal events during each year leading up to the scholarship deadline. These include your Clan meetings (one held each quarter), State Tribal meetings (held in April and October), the Tribal Christmas party (usually first Saturday in December), or the Annual Tribal Festival (held the last Saturday and Sunday in September). Volunteer work during the annual festival is always encouraged.

You can check out meeting dates on the Echota Cherokee Tribe of AL website calendar.

The AIAC scholarship deadline is usually March 31 of each year, so it is necessary to have mailed your application to the tribal office by March 1. All applications must come to the tribal office first so they can be verified prior to being submitted to AIAC in Montgomery.

Only those applications mailed or delivered to the office will be accepted.

Office Items

Assessment Reminders:

Citizens who are married where both husband and wife are citizens - \$45 for the family (includes minor children)

Citizens who are single parents with children - \$45 for the family (includes minor children)

Citizens who are 18 and older - \$45 each

Pay online here:

<https://echotacherokee.org/assessments.html>

Pay through mail:

The Echota Cherokee Tribe of Alabama

P.O. Box 479
Falkville, AL 35622

NEWSLETTER QUESTION?

If you have any comment, questions, or concerns regarding the newsletter or if you would like something put in the newsletter, please email our Tech Administrator, Weeya Calif. You can email her at:

echotawebmaster@gmail.com



Your Native American Rights As Echota Cherokee Citizens

Worship in the Manner of Your Ancestors

The American Indian Religious Freedom Act
Public Law No. 95-341, 92 Stat. 469 (August 11, 1978)
These rights include, but are not limited to, access to sacred sites, freedom to worship through ceremonial and traditional rights and use and possession of objects considered sacred. The act required policies of all governmental agencies to eliminate interference with the free exercise of native religion.

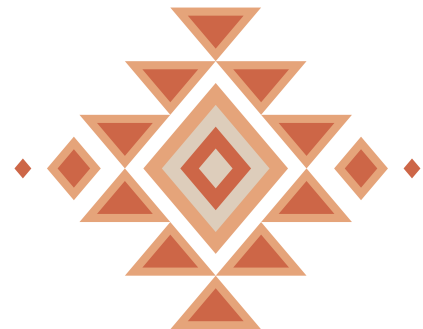
Market Your Arts and Crafts as "Native American or Indian Made"

"The Indian Arts and Crafts Act (Act) of 1990 (P.L. 101-644) is a truth-in-advertising law that prohibits misrepresentation in the marketing of Indian arts and crafts products within the United States. It is illegal to offer or display for sale, or sell any art or craft product in a manner that falsely suggests it is Indian produced, an Indian product, or the product of a particular Indian or Indian tribe or Indian arts and crafts organization, resident within the United States.

Under the Act, an Indian is defined as a member of any federally or officially state recognized tribe of the United States, or an individual certified as an Indian artisan by an Indian tribe." -- U.S. Department of Interior, Indian Art & Crafts Board

The U. S. Census Bureau defines a Native American as follows:

American Indian and Alaska Native. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America and who maintain tribal affiliation or community attachment.



Office Items

The Echota Print Shop



The tribe now has a print shop. The Governing Body has given Weeya Calif permission to create items to sell for the tribe. All profits from the sale of these items will go directly to the tribe. We have just a few designs and hope to have more in the near future. Please visit the link to see one-of-a-kind items. If this link does not work for you, go to our website, click on Citizens Only and scroll down to the Echota Print Shop. Click that link.

<https://echotacherokee.org/printshop.html>



When does the newsletter come out?

The newsletter is published on our website & emailed to our citizens:

June 1
August 1
October 1
December 1
February 1
April 1

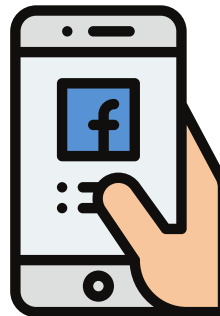
Echota Council House Reservation



Because of meetings overlapping from different entities in the tribe, the Chief and Vice Chief are setting an expectation that anyone wishing to use the tribal council house for anything will need to reserve the space. The expectation is that our citizens will visit our calendar on our website to see if the date they wish to use the facilities is available. They will then be required to email the tribe to have that date reserved. The facilities cannot be used without going through this process. Those following the reservation process have priority.

To make a calendar reservation, include the following information in the email:

What type of meeting
Contact Person
Date of meeting
Time of meeting
Description of what will occur at the meeting.



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NOW**

If you have a Facebook account and would like to join the tribe's private FB group, please email our tech admin to request to join.

EMAIL: ECHOTAWEBMASTER@GMAIL.COM



Echota Leadership

Head Leadership

Principal Chief	Nancy Massey
Vice Chief	Vick Ball
Treasurer	Position Open
Recording Secretary	Position Open

Clan Chiefs

Bird Clan	Kenny Hatcher
Blue Clan	Amanda Turner
Deer Clan	Foy Southard
Long Hair Clan	Brian Castleberry
Paint Clan	Neil Boyd
Wild Potato Clan	Position Open
Wolf Clan	Stanley Trimm

Echota Leadership, cont.

Clan Representatives

Bird Clan	Jean Chandler
Blue Clan	James Swann, Jr.
Deer Clan	Donna Robinson
Long Hair Clan	Sharon Keith
Paint Clan	Reginald Hughes
Wild Potato Clan	Position Open
Wolf Clan	Cindy Guthrie
At-Large	Shawn Borden



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WE ARE
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Reminder



The Official FB Page of the Echota - We Are Echota Cherokee

Our tribe has a private group page on Facebook that is for our citizens only. If you are interested in joining this group, you can email the webmaster, Weeya Calif. Weeya will need to verify you are a citizen of the tribe. You may be asked to provide a picture of your tribal ID as proof of citizenship. Once verified, you will be sent a link to join The Citizens Page. Please send your request to echotawebmaster@gmail.com.

Not Able to See the Online Newsletter?

Dear Citizens, if you know of an elder or other citizen who is unable to go online to read the newsletter or have it sent to them in email, we ask that you let your Clan Rep know so that they can print a copy and get it to those individuals or if you have a printer, please consider printing a copy and giving it to your elders or citizens who do not have technology. You might even want to call them and read the newsletter to them. We apologize for the inconvenience, but the tribe cannot, at this time, send out the newsletter via regular mail.

Use Your Enrollment Number

Notice to all citizens. It is very important when paying your fees, sending emails, calling the office, or handling any tribal business that you include your tribal enrollment number. We can still help you but you will need to eventually know your number. If you do not know your tribal enrollment number, you will be asked to apply for a new tribal ID card and pay the fee to process the card. It is important that you keep up with your card and your number. We are currently developing a database with everyone's information but this will take time.

Great Resource for Cherokee Clothing:



Cherokee Clothing in the 1700s

Museum of the Cherokee Indian Store

<https://museumstore.motcp.org/products/cherokee-clothin-web-pb-9351>

This is a well-documented resource of what the Cherokee traditionally wore before and after the 1700s. If you are looking to wear traditional Cherokee regalia, this book is a great resource and has instructions as well.

Great Genealogy Resource Books for Cherokee Ancestry:

Website with genealogy resources:

<https://echotacherokee.org/enrollment-574582.html>

Cherokee Roots Books:

<https://www.amazon.com/Cherokee-Roots-Set-Volumes-Eastern/dp/096337740X>



Business Section



NEWSLETTER ADS

Items will appear in our bi-monthly newsletter and on our business page on our website.

Fees:

Business card size: Free

$\frac{1}{4}$ page: \$50

$\frac{1}{2}$ page: \$75

Full page: \$125

If you are a business owner and wish to place an ad in the Tribal newsletter, please submit your check based on your ad size to Weeya Calif at the Tribal Office. Fees may be paid online or in person.

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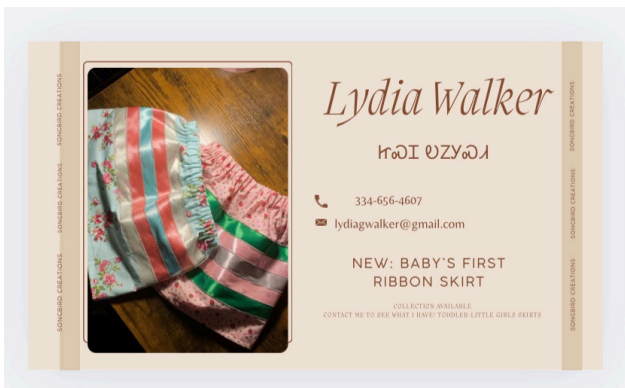
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