



San Diego Cherokee Community Newsletter

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Feather Painting at Liberty Station

Thank you to all who attended the feather painting at Liberty Station. It was an outstanding success with greater attendance that we might have ever had before. Our tallies showed 32 people participated including new and old members who had not attended for awhile.



PAINTING THE FEATHERS



PHIL POWERS PLAYING FLUTE DURING DINNER BREAK



A YOUNG CHEROKEE USING AN OLD TRADITION IN DRYING A FEATHER

FINISHED FEATHERS



February 12th SDCC Community Meeting announced. Plan to join us!

Many people asked when the next SDCC event will be. We have chosen Saturday, February 12th for the next Community event, starting at 5:00 pm at Liberty Station. We will have a pot-luck dinner with a guest speaker from Tahlequah.

(Please bring a dish according to the first letter of your last name)

A-G Main Dishes N-T Side Dishes

H-M Salad & Bread U-Z Desserts



Featured Speaker:

Mr. Robert Lewis - The traditional stories voice the culture of the tribe. Robert considers himself fortunate to be a storyteller who has the ability to pass along knowledge and humor through his retellings. Robert interacts with his audiences and involves them throughout the storytelling process.

Robert is currently employed by the Cherokee Nation as a School and Community Specialist. He has a BA in Fine Arts from Northeastern State University and teaches evening classes in Art/Native Crafts for NSU.

Fun for the entire family. Plan to join us!

Youth Volunteers Needed

Osiyo,

My name is Mona Oge and I have volunteered to help our tribal community as a Youth Advisor. Ashley Kicklighter and I are currently looking for community service opportunities for our tribal youth..... as most high schools, as well as junior high schools, require a couple hundred hours of community service, prior to graduation.

Right now, we are looking at a data-input need for the 'Point in Time Count' of San Diego's homeless population conducted by San Diego's Regional Task Force on the Homeless. I, and 30 volunteers from the VA, counted in the morning from 4 AM to 8AM on Friday January 28th. Now the data needs to get into the computers. The data is used to determine the number of homeless and how much money will be allocated to the San Diego region to help them. This is a very important volunteer project. People with good computer skills will be needed to "fill in the squares" with the information from the count and survey/interviews.

Starting mid-February there is an opportunity to do data-input of responses to interview questions. Jennifer Letwik from the San Diego Regional Task Force on the Homeless is interested in this idea of Cherokee Tribal Youth and adults volunteering to help.

I need to find out how many older teens and adult tribal members are interested doing this or other volunteer/community service activities. Would there be a week day or days that volunteers could put in some hours at the

United Way Building
4699 Murphy Canyon
San Diego, CA 92123

The hours may be negotiable. We could try to volunteer as a group or as individuals if we can't find a time to work as a group.

Here is the site explaining more about the Count.

<http://www.rtfhsd.org/events.html>

If you want to volunteer either now or some time in the future: email either Ashley Kicklighter akicklighter@hightechhigh.org or me: mona2u@aol.com.

Also, let us know what kind of activities you would want to participate in during the year. We would like to have a Tribal Youth event in the next few months and creating our own data base of Cherokee tribal youth information will help organize this project.

The plan is to create a data base of the names, phone numbers, email addresses of the tribal youth, as well as the name and address for the letters to the schools for each volunteer. The letters will describe the kind of community service and the dates, times, hours, etc. Reports will be presented to the local Cherokee Council to be included in the news letter.

It would be nice to have some volunteer events in the future for the whole family. That can be planned if there is interest.

Respectfully,
Mona Oge
Ashley Kicklighter

Listed below is the name, address, and contact information of Jennifer Litwak. Ashley and I will contact her as soon as we know if there is interest in this volunteer project.

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Cherokee Youth Section

This is a new section of our newsletter to have our Cherokee youth to share their activities, thoughts, pictures, etc. about being Cherokee and culture.

If you wish to share, please submit your material to sandiegocherokeecommunity@yahoo.com.

Upcoming meetings

May 2011– Spring Get Together and Council Elections
July 2011-- Cherokee Nation Speaker
Oct 2011—Fall Get Together with Cherokee Nations Officials and others
Dec 2011 – Year End Fellowship

All events TBA and are subject to change.

Cherokee Culture Notes

Where Legends Live



Datsuna-laskuh-i
(*Tatsu:na?lahskv':?i*)
“Where the tracks are”

Track Rock Gap, 4 ½ airline miles east of Blairsville, Union Co., Georgia. Take U.S. 76 approximately 6 ½ miles ENE from its junction with U.S. 19 & 129 and turn south on the paved road marked with a Track Gap Archeological sign.

Comments: The petroglyphs on the rocks here are generally similar to those found on Judaculla Rock and are said to be tracks left, when the

newly created earth was still soft, by a hoard of animals fleeing through the Gap to escape some pursuing danger from the west.

Uktena-tsuganuhdasuh-i
(*U:khthe:nv-tsu:ka?nv:t?ahsv':i*)
“Where the Uktena became entangled”

On the Tuckasegee River, about 2 miles above Deep Creek, Bryson City, Swain Co., North Carolina. The site lies on the western side of the U.S. 19 bridge.

Comments: An Uktena that was heading upstream became stuck between some rocks in the river bottom. In struggling to free itself, the giant serpent pried up some large rocks and left deep scratches in others along the river.

Taken from Where Legends Live by Douglas A. Rossman



Wado, Patrick Bea, Newsletter Editor.

Membership registration continues for 2011

If you have not joined the Community for 2011, please fill out the application below and mail your check for \$10 for Individuals or \$15 for multiple family members living at the same address to SDCC, PO Box 504453, San Diego, CA, 92150-4453. The Membership Year is from May 1 through April 30th. Your dues payment now will carry you through April 30th, 2012.

San Diego Cherokee Community (SDCC) Membership Form

Date: _____

NAME: _____
 First Middle Initial Last

If you are renewing and your contact information has not changed, check here ___ and mail us the form with your check. Fill in the rest of the form only where changes have occurred.

MAILING ADDRESS: _____
 Street Address & Apt. # or Post Office Box #

City	State	Zip
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TELEPHONE #: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Do you want to be listed in a SDCC membership directory? Yes _____ No _____
How do you prefer to receive the SDCC newsletter? E-Mail _____ Postal Mail _____

Names of other household members over 18 at the same address to be added to the SDCC Roster of Members:

CHEROKEE AFFILIATION (Check One):

Cherokee Nation	_____	Registration # _____
United Keetoowah Band	_____	Registration # _____
Eastern Band of Cherokee	_____	Registration # _____
Cherokee Descent, Unregistered	_____	Other (Explain) _____

Topics you would recommend for future SDCC Community Meetings? _____
