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**July 9th SDCC Community Meeting
Plan to join us.**



We have chosen Saturday, July 9th for the next Community event, starting at 5:00 pm at Liberty Station. We will have a Cherokee Nation Speaker on Stickball with history, instructions and a game if we have enough players.

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

A-H -- Desserts I-P – Sides Q-Z -- Salads
& Bread

We encourage any member to bring a Cherokee dish to share. If you like to try and have no recipes, please go to [Cherokee recipes](#) on the Nation website.

Directions: <http://libtystation.com/maps>

Fun for the entire family. Plan to join us!

Spring Picnic at Lake Murray – More Pictures

People





The Opportunity Drawing





More people and activities



Cherokee Youth Section

Urban Tribal Sports

Youth Flag Football – Inter Tribal Sports is recruiting young tribal youth (any tribe) for a new flag football league. They are also recruiting adults for coaches with free training.

For more information contact:

Inter Tribal Sports, Inc.
41892 Enterprise Circle South, Ste. B
Temecula, CA 92590
Tel. (951) 719-3444
Fax. (951) 719-3466
www.intertribalsports.org
Also on [facebook](#)

Native Dancing

Soaring Eagles

- Going to a Pow Wow with the Soaring Eagles Workshop

Tuesday July 26, 2011 6:00- 8:00 pm Balboa Park – Participants will learn about common Pow Wow dancing styles, cultural protocols, including how to design and make tribal regalia. For more info contact: Christopher Scott (619)234-2158 ext. 111 or visit the site below.

For more information on dancing and activities:

http://www.scair.org/soaring_eagles/

San Diego American Indian Youth Center

This organization provides a unique opportunity to enhance your life through cultural exploration, wellness activities, and social interactions. All groups and activities are designed to further self-awareness and a positive self-identity. They primarily serve an inter-tribal community of American Indian youth between the ages of 10-22. Their goal is to broaden your understanding of the unique Native American culture within the San Diego County. This organization is part of the San Diego American Indian Health Center.

For more information:

San Diego American Indian Youth Center
2560 First Avenue, Suite 103
San Diego, CA 92103
(619)531-1938
sdaihyc619@gmail.com
www.sdaihyc.blogspot.com

Summer Youth Employment

Employment Services for American Indian and Native Hawaiians

- 15-19 yrs. old at date of application
- 2.0 GPA requires
- Placements are limited – First come, first serve basis.

For more information:
Indian Human resource Center
www.indianhrcenter.org
(619)281-5964
4265 Fairmont Ave., Ste. 140
San Diego, CA 92105

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

Sept 2011 -- TBA

Oct 2011 -- Fall Get Together with Cherokee Nation Officials and others

Dec 2011 -- Year End Fellowship

All events TBA and are subject to change.

Mailing Address Change

We have an address change to announce. Our new mailing address is:

SDCC
1098 Canyon Creek Place
Escondido, CA 92025

Cherokee Culture Notes

TRACING YOUR GENEALOGY THROUGH THE INTERNET

People have often wondered who their ancestors were, where were they from, what did they do, etc. People would always talk to their parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, and other relatives. Then they would look in their bibles. They would even look in the old box in the attic or garage that contains many papers and photos of their family history. People would go to their local library to find their family history through the local newspapers, local history books, and even The US Census if it was available. But many people give up and decide not to continue with their searches. But with advent of the

computer and the internet, the search has become more easily accessible and cheaper both in time and money. But the question still remains – How do I start?

First, you have to find out all the information of at least one relative who was born before 1930. The reason for being before 1930 is that this is the last publically available census. The 1940 Census will be available in April 2012. The more information you have, the more accurate the information you can get. The minimum information I have found that is needed is the First and Last name and last known place of residence.

The next step is to go on the computer and start searching. You can Google your relative name and begin your search. Usually you can probably find over 1,000,000 references to that name. Below is a list of some of the most popular and extensive collection of genealogical information. Many of the sites are paid sites and require a credit card. Many also have a free trial. So if you don't like it, you cancel your subscription.

Site	Cost per Year	Free Trial	Number of Records	Sources
Ancestry.com	\$156	Yes	6,000,000,000	Birth, Census, Court, Death, Emigration, Immigration, Marriage Records, Newspapers, Periodicals, Ship Manifests, Voter Lists, War Records, Will Records
Myheritage.com	\$75	Yes		Aggregate Search of Online Databases
Archives.com	\$40	Yes	1,100,000,000	Cemetery/Gravestone, Census, Court, Death, Divorce, Immigration, Marriage, Military, Will Records, Funeral Home Obituaries, Passenger Records
Familysearch.com	\$0	N/A		Birth, Census, Court, Death, Emigration, Immigration, Marriage, and Military Records
Geni.com	\$0	N/A	100,000,000	User Generated Records/Family Trees
Genealogybank	\$70	Yes	793,000,000	Death, Military Records, Newspapers, Periodicals, Social Security Records

These are the best five genealogy sites. For more information and comparison of these and others, click [here](#).

Below are the top five free genealogy sites.

[USGen Web Project](#)

[Family Search](#)

[Ancestral Findings](#)

[Gen Graphics](#)

[Roots Web](#) – Note: This is an Ancestry.com affiliated.

For more information and comparison of these and others, click [here](#).

For information on Native Tribal Records, I find that [Access Genealogy](#) to be one of the best. It contains:

Native American Rolls	Native American Records
<u>Full List of Native American Rolls</u> <u>Armstrong Roll</u> <u>Baker Roll</u> <u>Cooper Roll</u> <u>Dawes Roll - Final Roll</u> <u>Final Roll Index</u> <u>Guion Miller Roll</u> <u>Kern Clifton Roll</u> <u>Old Settlers Roll</u> <u>Reservation Roll</u> <u>Ute Roll</u> <u>Wallace Roll</u>	<u>DNA - Native American Proving Your Indian Heritage</u> <u>Indian Tribal Histories</u> <u>Indian Tribes and Nations</u> <u>Indian Tribes by Location</u> <u>Indian Books and Articles</u> <u>Indian Genealogy Queries</u> <u>Indian Census Records</u> <u>Indian Cemetery Records</u> <u>Indian Treaties and Acts</u> <u>Indian Land Patents</u> <u>Indian Biographies</u>

...and many other documents concerning Native people. Access Genealogy is mainly a free site.

Many of the genealogy sites allow free downloads to copy and print the documents you have found. They also have tools to generate a family tree. They even can help you to set a website to publish your family tree both private and public viewing.

I hope this helps those who want to trace their family history. If you need help or have questions, please contact me at Patrick@sandiegocherokeecommunity.com.

Language

New Native Language iPad App - Writing Cherokee (Now Available)

For iPad – [iPad App](#)

For iPhone and iPod Touch - [iPhone](#)

Community News and Announcements

This is a new section for anyone who likes to share something about your family such as births, engagements, graduation, etc. All announcements must be sent in before the last day of each month. I will try to put out this Newsletter monthly. Send your information to sdcc_newsletter@sandiegocherokeecommunity.com.

Other Local Cherokee Communities News

Cherokee Community of the Inland Empire Hosted an Archeological Talk

The guest speaker was Dr. Brett Riggs, Archeologist from the University of North Carolina. His and others' hard work enabled the extension of the Trail of Tears into North Carolina and Georgia. Previously the trail started from Tennessee.

President Barak Obama in 2009 signed The Trail of Tears Documentation Act a part of the massive Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009 which extended the trail into North Carolina and Georgia. The extension was done in partly on the belief that the Trail started actually started at the doorstep of every Cherokee. Dr. Riggs and others began the long difficult task to populate Cherokee territory with those families in these territories.

Dr. Riggs went into detail on how this historically accurate repopulation happened. The 1930's census was used for what families populated the different areas. Next were the surveyors' surveys of the land that was conceded. Auction records of the personal properties that were sold and even store inventories were used to get a better picture of the people who inhabited the lands.

The archeological diggings were started after all this information was consolidated to give the archeologists accurate ideas where to dig. Dr. Riggs explained what was found at three of the diggings. The pits of each dwelling where perishable food like potatoes and such and other thing like dishes, baskets, etc. were storied were excavated. In the traditional Cherokee home's pit, there was very little was found -- ash, rotten food, and bits and pieces of traditional double weaved baskets. In the upper higher class Cherokee home, more non-traditional artifacts were found – traditional pots, whiskey glasses, place settings, personal items such as razors, and even Queen Victoria coronation memorabilia. The digging was a White man married to a Cherokee woman. Their pit had no artifacts of Cherokee origins.

Dr. Riggs explained that all this information was invaluable in getting the extension of the Trail of Tears into North Carolina and Georgia. He also stated that further diggings in other area along the Trail will continue. Dr. Riggs is also trying to get the Nation to set up an internship for anyone interested in helping out. This was a Presentation from the Nation and Julia Coates.

You can find more information on the extension of the Trail in Dr. Riggs' book **Cherokee Heritage Trails Guidebook**.

Official Election Results

Election Recount Results Declare Bill John Baker Cherokee Nation Principal Chief

July 01, 2011

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. — After an official recount of the results of last Saturday's Cherokee Nation general election, the tribe's independent Election Commission has released the results, naming Bill John Baker of Tahlequah the next Principal Chief. The official results show that Baker edged out Smith with a vote of 7,613 to 7,347, a difference of 266 votes.

Just prior to the recount, a ruling was issued by the Cherokee Nation Supreme Court stating that the ballots were found to be preserved intact and not tampered with and that the official recount could proceed.

According to Cherokee Nation election law, Smith has until July 5 to appeal the validity of the outcome of the election. Appeals are made through the Cherokee Nation Supreme Court, the tribe's highest court. The court must set a date for an appeals hearing, to begin no later than Friday, July 8. Tribal election law calls for the Supreme Court to render a decision within two days of the close of the hearing.

A run-off election to determine the outcome of the Deputy Principal Chief's race between Chris Soap and Joe Crittenden will be held on Saturday, July 23. Three seats on the Tribal Council will also be decided during the run-off. In District 1, which represents Cherokee and a portion of Wagoner County, David Walkingstick and Mark Vance will vie for Seat 3. Harley Buzzard and Jodie Fishinghawk, both incumbents on the Council, will square off to fill the District 2, Seat 3 spot, which represents Cherokees living in Adair, Delaware and a portion of Ottawa counties. Incumbent Bradley Cobb will face Dick Lay for District 4, Seat 2. District 4 includes a portion of Washington County along with all of Craig, Mayes and Nowata counties.

By Cherokee Nation election code, any races in which one candidate did not receive more than 50 percent of the vote in the June 25 general election must be decided in a run-off of the two candidates receiving the most votes.

Voters who wish to do so may still request absentee ballots for the run-off by requesting them from the Election Office through July 5. The absentee ballot request form for the run-off is available online from the Cherokee Nation Election Commission website or can be picked up at the CNEC office, most Cherokee Nation field offices or at the Cherokee FIRST office located inside the Cherokee Nation complex in Tahlequah. Request forms must be physically in the office no later than 5 p.m. Voters can fax the absentee ballot request form to the CNEC at 918-458-6101.

Voters who used an absentee ballot during the general election do not need to request a ballot for the run-off. They will automatically be sent a run-off ballot and must vote as an absentee in the run-off.

Results of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission recount can be seen as a downloadable PDF [by clicking here.](#)

Polls will be open on July 23 for the run-off election from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Local Cherokee Library

The Nation has recently sent use some books about the Cherokee to start our own library. If anyone wishes to donate, take care of, or check out a book, please contact us at council@sandiegocherokeecommunity.com. Below is a list of what is currently available:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>COPIES</u>
Cherokee Nation History Class	Compiled by Chadwick “Cornassel” Smith	2
Building One Fire	Chadwick “Cornassel” Smith, <i>et al</i>	1
<i>Art + World View in Cherokee Life</i>		
See Say Write with CD	Compiled by Victor Vance	1 *
Cherokee History and Culture		
Though Art	Wade Blevins	1 *
Outline of Cherokee Grammar	William Pulte & Durbin Feeling	1
Cherokee Consortium Word List	<i>Unknown</i>	1*
Cherokee Immersion Curricula & Language Learning Materials On CD	<i>Unknown</i>	1
Various Color Charts including Solar system, States, Continents, and various stories in Cherokee Syllabary		1*

*soon be available online at www.sandiegocherokeecommunity.com

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Membership registration continues for 2012

If you have not joined the Community for 2012, 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, 1098 Canyon Creek Place, Escondido, CA 92025. 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? _____
