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February 12th SDCC Community Meeting



Our Feb. 12th meeting was held at Centro Cultural de la Raza with attendance of about 40 people. The theme of the meeting was about the introduction of the Cherokee Nation Foundation by K.A. Gilliland. More information and pictures will be in our next newsletter.

Winner at last meeting -- Betty Ross



Apr. 22th SDCC Community Meeting

Plan to join us.

Osiyo,

Please reserve Sunday, April 22nd, to join the San Diego Cherokee Community on a tour of San Diego East County Native American historical sites. Our commentator will be Phil Konstantin of Channel 10 News, who is also a book author on American Indian history. Lunch will be provided by the SDCC Council, so we will send an eVite later this week to get a headcount. If you have not received one or wish to get more information such as carpooling, please contact us at info@sandiegocherokeecommunity.com.



Phil recommends:

‘I’d suggest meeting at Dudley’s Bakery in Santa Ysabel around 9am (Sunday morning April 22). Our destination is in the desert, so I recommend bringing at least a quart/liter of water per person. We will walk over sand and rocks, so wear appropriate shoes. There are cacti everywhere, so dress appropriately, too (hat, pants, sun screen, etc.).

[Here](#) is a link on MapQuest for Dudley’s (Sr-79 & Sr-78).

Our first stop is Little Blair Valley. Once we get off of S-2, it is a sandy, but level road. The site is all level ground with a nicely maintained path. This site has many grinding holes (to make flour out of seeds, acorns, etc.). It also has a few pictographs. Click [here](#) for a map from Google.

Our second stop will be Indian Hill. It has LOTS of pictographs. There is also an amazing large boulder which forms an overhand which is 40 to 50 feet deep and about 4 feet high. Getting to the trail is a bit rough. The road from S-2 goes over some very poorly maintained dirt/rock roads. There are some potholes, so a vehicle with low ground clearance is not recommended. Getting from the end of the road to Indian Hill is about 3/4 of a mile walk over level ground. Seeing the Indian Hill pictographs involves climbing up some rocks. It should be easily reachable by most "able-bodied" people. You can see the area in the pictures on this [website](#).

Click [here](#) for a map from Google.

Phil

Cherokee Youth Section

Urban Tribal Sports

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

For more information on dancing and activities:

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

San Diego American Indian Youth Center

For more information:
San Diego American Indian Youth Center
2560 First Avenue, Suite 103
San Diego, CA 92103
(619)531-1938
sdaihc619@gmail.com
www.sdaihc.blogspot.com

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
sdcc_newsletter@sandiegocherokeecommunity.com.

Education

For those who are interested in Native Studies, please go to this website for [A Guide to Native American Studies Programs in the United States and Canada](#) by Robert M. Nelson, Editor.

Upcoming Meetings

Apr 22, 2012 – Local Native American Artifact Tour
Jun 10, 2012 – Spring Picnic and Elections
Jul 8, 2012 -- Cherokee Nation Presentation – COTTA
Sept 2012 – TBA
Oct 2012 – Cherokee Nation Visitation
Dec 2012 – TBA

All meetings will be held at Centro Cultural de la Raza in Balboa Park unless otherwise stated. Click [here](#) for a map.

All events are subject to change. Please check our web site www.sandiegocherokeecommunity.com or write to us at info@sandiegocherokeecommunity.com.

Summer Abroad in the Cherokee Nation

From: julcoates@aol.com [mailto:julcoates@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 07, 2012 4:02 PM
Subject: CN Update: Summer Abroad in the Cherokee Nation

Hello, everyone --

It has been awhile since I have communicated with you, but I have some exciting info at last. As many of you know, two years ago Northeastern State University in Tahlequah sponsored a program called "Summer Abroad in the Cherokee Nation." It was a program for students and community people alike in which they spent two weeks in the Cherokee Nation engaged in the classroom as well as a number of cultural activities. Students were able to earn credit through NSU that was transferable to their home universities, and community people were able to participate in the classes as "Continuing Ed." They lived together in the new Seminary Suites dorms at NSU, along with local Cherokee student hosts. They had many interactions with local Cherokee students and community people throughout the week. It was another fantastic way to build bridges between local Cherokees and the At Large citizens.

Last year the plans for the program hit a snag. But I am pleased to announce that we are finalizing the details for this year's program and will soon be registering. The dates will be July 6-21 and the costs are:

CN citizen students -- \$1600 (scholarships are available for At Large students from the Cherokee Nation Foundation)

non-CN citizen students -- \$2500

Non-student community participants -- \$900

Cherokee Nation citizens will be given in-state tuition rates for four credits they will receive for the two classes. The classes are:

Cherokee Identity and Sovereignty (taught by Dr. Julia Coates)
Beginning Conversational Cherokee (taught by Wyman Kirk, ABD)

Students and Participants are required to take both classes and are required to live in the student housing and participate in all the activities. The schedule is still being finalized, but some of the activities include:

Cultural Tours (the Cherokee Nation tour and the Old Settler tour, offered by CN Cultural Tourism)
Stomp Dances (Green Corn at Echota Grounds and Keetoowah Day at Stokes Smith Grounds)
Cherokee Church Services
Ethnobotany Field Trip
Language and Technology Presentation
Meetings with Elders
Meetings with Community Organizations
Tribal Council Committee Meeting

and much more...

Please see the attached flyer and contact the Cherokee Nation Foundation to reserve a spot (contact@cherokeefoundation.org or 918-207-0950). Space is limited to a maximum of 15 students and 10 community participants.

Please distribute this information to all your lists, websites, pages, etc. Thanks!

Julia

Cherokee Culture Notes

We have many stories of mythical creatures such as the Great Serpent, Uktena. Here are two stories about Uktena and places where he had been seen and left his marks.

The Uktena and the Ulûnsû'ti

Long ago--*hîlahi'yu*--when the Sun became angry at the people on earth and sent a sickness to destroy them, the Little Men changed a man into a monster snake, which they called Uktena, "The

Keen-eyed," and sent him to kill her. He failed to do the work, and the Rattlesnake had to be sent instead, which made the Uktena so jealous and angry that the people were afraid of him and had him taken up to Gälûñ'lätî, to stay with the other dangerous things.[1] He left others behind him, though, nearly as large and dangerous as himself, and they hide now in deep pools in the river and about lonely passes in the high mountains, the places which the Cherokee call "Where the Uktena stays."

Those who know say that the Uktena is a great snake, as large around as a tree trunk, with horns on its head, and a bright, blazing crest like a diamond upon its forehead, and scales glittering like sparks of fire. It has rings or spots of color along its whole length, and can not be wounded except by shooting in the seventh spot from the head, because under this spot are its heart and its life. The blazing diamond is called *Ulûñsû'tî* "Transparent," and he who can win it may become the greatest wonder worker of the tribe, but it is worth a man's life to attempt it, for whoever is seen by the Uktena is so dazed by the bright light that he runs toward the snake instead of trying to escape.

Even to see the Uktena asleep is death, not to the hunter himself, but to *his family*.

Of all the daring warriors who have started out in search of the *Ulûñsû'tî* only *Āgän-uni'tsî* ever came back successful. [1] The East Cherokee still keep the one which he brought. It is like a large transparent crystal, nearly the shape of a cartridge bullet, with a blood-red streak running through the center from top to bottom. The owner keeps it wrapped in a whole deerskin, inside an earthen jar hidden away in a secret cave in the mountains. Every seven days he feeds it with the blood of small game, rubbing the blood all over the crystal as soon as the animal has been killed. Twice a year it must have the blood of a deer or some other large animal. Should he forget to feed it at the proper time it would come out from its cave at night in the shape of fire and fly through the air to slake its thirst with the lifeblood of the conjurer or some one of his people. He may save himself from this danger by telling it, when he puts it away, that he will not need it again for a long time. It will then go quietly to sleep and feel no hunger until it is again brought out to be consulted. Then it must be fed again with blood before it is used.

No white man must ever see it and no person but the owner will venture near it for fear of sudden death. Even the conjurer who keeps it is afraid of it, and changes its hiding place every once in a while so that it can not learn the way out. When he dies it will be buried with him. Otherwise it will come out of its cave, like a blazing star, to search for his grave, night after night for seven years, when, if still not able to find him, it will go back to sleep forever where he has placed it.

Whoever owns the *Ulûñsû'tî* is sure of success in hunting, love, rainmaking, and every other business, but its great use is in life prophecy. When it is consulted for this purpose the future is seen mirrored in the clear crystal as a tree is reflected in the quiet stream below, and the conjurer knows whether the sick man will recover, whether the warrior will return from battle, or whether the youth will live to be old.

The Red Man and the Uktena

Two brothers went bunting together, and when they came to a good camping place in the mountains they made a fire, and while one gathered bark to put up a shelter the other started up the creek to look for a deer. Soon he heard a noise on the top of the ridge as if two animals were fighting. He hurried through the bushes to see what it might be, and when he came to the spot he found a great Uktena coiled around a man and choking him to death. The man was fighting for his life, and called

out to the hunter: "Help me, nephew; he is your enemy as well as mine." The hunter took good aim, and, drawing the arrow to the head, sent it through the body of the Uktena, so that the blood spouted from the hole. The snake loosed its coils with a snapping noise, and went tumbling down the ridge into the valley, tearing up the earth like a water spout as it rolled.

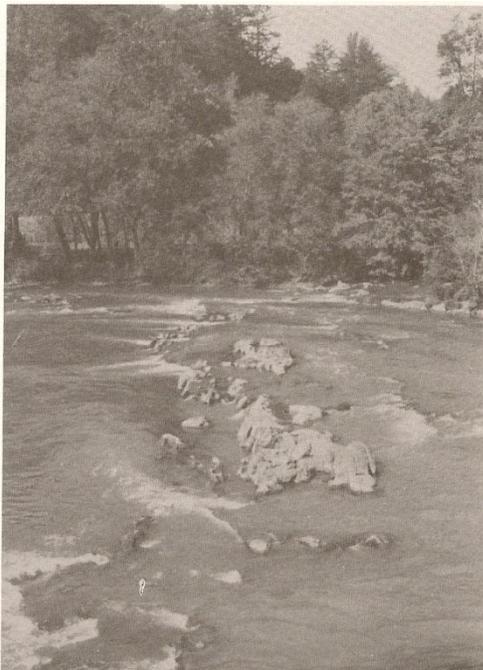
The stranger stood up, and it was the Asga'ya Gi'gägei, the Red Man of the Lightning. He said to the hunter: "You have helped me, and now I will reward you, and give you a medicine so that you can always find game." They waited until it was dark, and then went down the ridge to where the dead Uktena had rolled, but by this time the birds and insects had eaten the body and only the bones were left. In one place were flashes of light coming up from the ground, and on digging here, just under the surface, the Red Man found a scale of the Uktena. Next he went over to a tree that had been struck by lightning, and gathering a handful of splinters he made a fire and burned the uktena scale to a coal. He wrapped this in a piece of deerskin and gave it to the hunter, saying: "As long as you keep this you can always kill game." Then he told the hunter that when he went back to camp he must hang up the medicine on a tree outside, because it was very strong and dangerous. He told him also that when he went into the cabin he would find his brother lying inside nearly dead on account of the presence of the Uktena's scale, but he must take a small piece of cane, which the Red Man gave him, and scrape a little of it into water and give it to his brother to drink and he would be well again. Then the Red Man was gone, and the hunter could not see where he went. He returned to camp alone, and found his brother very sick, but soon cured him with the medicine from the cane, and that, day and the next, and every day after, he found game whenever he went for it.

Places Where Uktena Left His Mark

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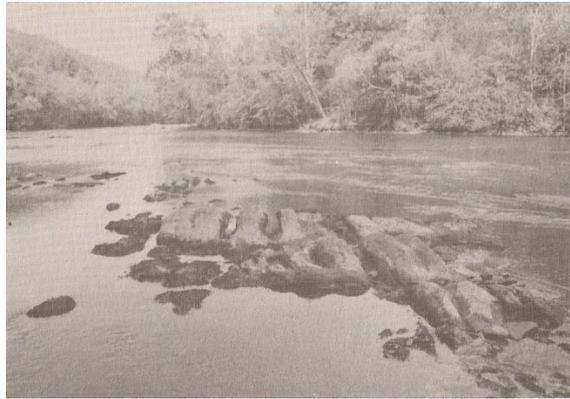
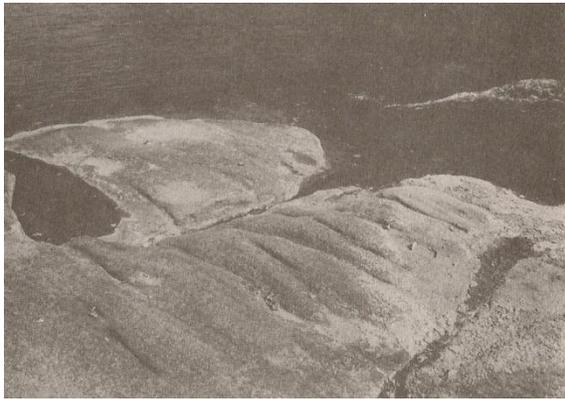
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"Where the Uktena became entangled"



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.



Uktena-udasinuhsduh-i (*U:khthe:nv-u:tansi:nv?stv'?*)
“Where the Uktena just crawled.”

On the Tuckasegee River, about 4 miles above Bryson City. Swain Co., North Carolina. Any of a number of rocks east of the railroad bridge crossing would seem to fit Mooney’s description.

Comments: An Uktena left depressions in the rocks in and along the river bed as it crawled upstream. These rocks are mostly easily seen during periods of low water.

Taken from Where Legends Live by Douglas A. Rossman

Language

See the Nation [website](#).

Community News and Announcements

SDCC Committee Members and Duties for 2011-2012

Phillip Powers -- Council Leader, Meeting Facilitator & Community Outreach

Phil Konstantin -- Meeting Facilitator & SDCC Spokesperson

Joe Radeker -- Treasurer

Mona Oge -- Membership Coordinator

George Lynch -- Record-keeper

Patrick Bea -- Webmaster and Newsletter Editor

Etta Miller -- Telephone Membership Outreach

Cindy Swayze -- Event Program Coordinator

Jennifer Parramore -- Email Communications Coordinator

Elections will be held on Jun 10, 2012 for those seats that need to be filled. If you wish to run, contact the council.

All council members can be reached at council@sandiegochokecommunity.com.

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 (CCIE)

General Meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of every month.

Monthly General Meetings are held at:
Sherman Indian High School
Bennett Hall
9010 Magnolia Ave.
Riverside, CA. 92503

For more information, check the website at: www.cherokeecommunityie.org.

Orange County Cherokees

For more information, contact Ed Carey at ecarey@socal.rr.com.

Powwow Schedule

April 14-15, 2012

14th Chumash Day Powwow

24250 Pacific Coast Highway
Malibu, CA

April 21, 2012

Sherman Indian High 27th Annual Powwow

9010 Magnolia Avenue

Riverside, California

10am gates open, 11am & 6pm gourd dancing, 12pm & 7pm Grand entry, 11pm retiring of the Colors

Free admission - 5.00 for parking, all proceeds of Pow Wow after cost go to Senior Scholarships.

April 27-28, 2012

Ohlone "Big Time" Gathering & Pow Wow

400 W Grand Ave.

Pomona, CA

May 4-6, 2012

Second Annual [Tha Pow Wow](#)

The National Orange Show
689 E' Street
San Bernardino, CA

[East TN. All Nations Gathering 2012](#)

3075 Floyd Hall Dr. (Cherokee Park)
Morristown, TN

May 12-13, 2012

[24th Annual Culture Days Powwow](#)

IHRC's upcoming 24th Annual Cultural Days Powwow
Balboa Park

[CSU Dominguez Hills 2nd Annual Honoring the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas Pow Wow](#)

Carson, California

May 19 & 20, 2012

[2nd Annual UCSD Powwow](#)

Muir Field, UC San Diego
9450 Gillman Dr.
La Jolla, CA

May 25 - 26, 2012

[31st Annual UCR "Honoring Our Warriors" Powwow](#)

The Native American Student Association and Native American Student Programs Presents: 31st Annual Honoring Our Warriors Powwow
1000 West Blaine St. Riverside, CA 92507

June 15, 2012

[Ceremonial Gourd Dance & Blessing](#)

11 area - Soccer Field
Vandergrift Blvd, (Main side)
Camp Pendleton, CA

June 29, 30 & July 1, 2012

17th Annual Pechanga Powwow

Pechanga Resort & Casino
45000 Pechanga Way
Temecula, CA

July 20, 2012

[Children of Many Colors Powwow](#)

Moorpark College 7075 Campus Road
Moorpark, CA

August 24 - 26, 2012

5th Annual Pala Powwow

August 31 - Sept 2, 2012

42nd Annual Barona Powwow

Barona Stars Baseball Field
1095 Barona Rd
Lakeside, CA

September 7, 8, & 9, 2012

Sycuan Pow-Wow

23rd Sycuan Pow-Wow on the Sycuan Indian Reservation.
5459 Sycuan Road
El Cajon, CA 92109

September 21 - 23, 2012

16th Annual Soboba Payom Kawichum Intertribal Powwow

23333 Soboba Rd
San Jacinto, CA

September 28 - 30, 2012

22nd Annual Morongo Thunder & Lightning Powwow

Morongo Resort and Casino

October 6 & 7, 2012

17th Annual Santa Ynez Chumash Intertribal Powwow

Live Oak Campground
Santa Ynez, CA

If anyone knows of any traditional Powwows, please contact me at sdcc_newsletter@sandiegocherokeecommunity.com. Also if you wish to go one of these and want to organize a group, please contact me at the above address.

Local Cherokee Library

The Nation has sent us some books about the Cherokee people and culture 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. Some of the books are now available online. Please check back from time to time for others such as the *Cherokee Nation History Class book*

Below is a list of what is currently available:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>ONLINE</u>	<u>COPIES</u>
Cherokee Nation History Class	Compiled by Chadwick "Corntassel" Smith		2*
Building One Fire <i>Art + World View in Cherokee Life</i>	Chadwick "Corntassel" Smith, <i>et al</i>		1
See Say Write with CD	Compiled by Victor Vance	Book CD	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>	HERE	1
Cherokee Immersion Curricula & Language Learning Materials On CD	<i>Unknown</i>		1*
Trail of Tears – The Rise and Fall of the Cherokee Nation	John Ehle		1
The Native Americans -- An Illustrated History	David Hurst Thomas, <i>et al</i>		1
Historic Fort Gibson	Fort Gibson Historic Preservation		1
Handy Tips to Your Genealogical Research in Southern Records	<i>Unknown</i>		1
Syllabary Chart		HERE	1
Various Color Charts including Solar system, States, Continents, and various stories in Cherokee		CHARTS STORIES	1
Comfort & Joy -- Cherokee Christmas Songbook			1*
Additional Reading List		HERE	1
	<i>*soon be available online</i>		

Wado, Patrick Bea, Newsletter Editor.

Membership registration for 2013

If you have not joined the Community for 2013, 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, 2013.

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? _____
