



San Diego Cherokee Community Newsletter

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Fall Picnic – Oct. 19, 2014

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**DON'T FORGET TO RENEW
YOUR MEMBERSHIP.**



We will be having our 9th Annual get together with the Cherokee Nation officials and other from Tahlequah at the Admiral Baker Field this year. Chief Bill John Baker, Cara Cowan Watts and other prominent Cherokee Citizens including possibly Chief Chad "Comtassel" Smith will be attending. Enrollment will also be there issuing new photo IDs. Activities will include basket weaving, pottery, and others.

The picnic will start at 10 am, but come early to get your Cherokee ID cards. Please bring your CDIB and blue cards along with a picture ID.

For those who will be attending please bring something to share with at least 6 other people according to the first initial of your last name.

A-H Side dishes I-P Salads and rolls Q-Z Desserts

There will be more updates on the event as they become available via Evite and Facebook. So check your email often.

We are still looking for a local registered CN citizen who has served or is currently serving in the military to be honored. Please let us know ASAP at info@sandiegocherokeecommunity.com.

SDCC Council

Pictures from previous picnics:



September 14th Meeting

At our Sept. 14th meeting, we had about 40 people attending. After having lunch, our guest speaker, JP Johnson, was introduced. He started with a video about stickball. JP then went into the history of the game. He also demonstrated and displayed several versions of stickball sticks. Afterwards, he took everyone to show how to catch with the sticks. A small game was then played. When everyone came in after the game, JP said he had several videos on YouTube. And if anyone wishes to see them, they should google "JP Johnson". The meeting was then ended.



Cherokee Language

<u>USEFUL CHEROKEE PHRASES</u>		
<u>English</u>	<u>Cherokee in phonetic English</u>	<u>Syllabary</u>
Hello.	O si yo	ᎠᎩᎩ
How are you?	To hi tsu?	ᎠᎩᎩ
Fine.	O s da	ᎠᎩᎩ
And you?	Ni hi na	ᎠᎩᎩ
Okay.	Ho wa	ᎠᎩᎩ
Thank you.	Wa do.	ᎠᎩᎩ
Yes.	VV.	ᎠᎩᎩ
No.	Thla.	ᎠᎩᎩ
What is your name?	Ga-do de-tsa-do-(a')	ᎠᎩᎩ ᎠᎩᎩᎩ
My name is _____.	_____ da-wa?-do-(a')	_____ ᎠᎩᎩᎩ

Practice and give it a try at the picnic.

Community News and Announcements

SDCC Committee Members and Duties for 2013-2014

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

Phil Konstantin – Treasurer, Meeting Facilitator & SDCC Spokesperson

Ron Bussey -- Membership Coordinator

Mona Oge -- Membership Coordinator

George Lynch -- Record-keeper

Patrick Bea -- Webmaster and Newsletter Editor

Etta Miller -- Telephone Membership Outreach

Pamela Hightower -- Librarian

Natali Galt -- Facebook

All council members can be reached at info@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.ir.com.

Cherokee Community of Central California



At-Large Representatives

Julie Coates (2015):

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Other Council Members can be located [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Oct 19 -- Chief Visit and Fall Picnic, Admiral Baker's Field, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Dec 14 -- Centro, Holiday luncheon, Theme TBD

Jan 15, 2015, Anza-Borrego Indian artifacts trip

All meetings will be held at Centro Cultural de la Raza in Balboa Park unless otherwise stated and will start at 1 pm.

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.

Culture Notes

What is Cherokee Society?

Cherokee society refers to the traditional society and culture of the Cherokee (or **ḌḥḄỌᵛṬ** (a-ni-yv-wi-ya-i) in Cherokee language) people. The Cherokee are a people native to North America who at the time of European contact in the 17th century inhabited the mountain and inland regions of the southeastern United States in areas of present-day Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, before the majority of the tribe was forcefully moved to Indian Territory.

Cherokee society was traditionally organized into seven clans, with Cherokee villages having two governmental units (with one government handling affairs in peacetime and the other during times of war) and a medicine chief, who would resolve disputes between the Red Chief and White Chief should they disagree. Family was central to Cherokee society. During the year, the Cherokee celebrated the Cherokee Moons Ceremonies.

The capital of the Cherokee Nation and the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians is Tahlequah, Oklahoma. According to local legend, after the arrival of the Cherokee on the Trail of Tears, the three chiefs of the Cherokee People (Red Chief, White Chief, and the Medicine Chief) had scheduled a rendezvous near present day Tahlequah in order to select a site to settle and use as the seat of local government. When they arrived at the site of present day Tahlequah, only two of the three chiefs arrived on time. After waiting for the third chief to arrive and gain consensus, the two chiefs went ahead and approved the site and named it "Tahle-quah". In Cherokee, "Tahle" represents the number two and "quah" means "it's enough", or translated as "Two is enough", indicating the two chiefs present constituted a quorum and felt they could make the decision on the town site for the Cherokee Nation Capital without waiting for the third chief to arrive. The legend does not state which of the three chiefs were not present, but it was believed to have been the White Chief who was late.

Language Classes

Classes have started this week. There is still time to sign up for classes at www.cherokee.org/language/. All classes are free to take and archived for review after each class in case you missed one or would like to repeat them.

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 info@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*. The list of what is currently available is online at <http://sandiegocherokeecommunity.com/Library.htm>.

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Patrick Bea, Newsletter Editor

Membership Registration for 2015

If you have not joined the Community for 2015, 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, 2015.

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

TELEPHONE #: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Do you want to be listed in a SDCC membership directory? Yes _____ No _____

Do you wish to share your information with the Cherokee Nation? 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?
