



Cultural Tourism
Cherokee Nation Tribal Council Cultural Committee Report
March, 2017

Key Project Summary

Capital Projects

- Cherokee National Capitol Update:
 - Architectural development and exhibit planning for the interior of the building continues. This work focuses on developing the building as a museum devoted to showcasing Cherokee history and culture from time immemorial to present day. The museum is currently in schematic design.
- Water Avenue Pavilion
 - Currently bidding the Pavilion structure that will be located on the vacant lot on the east side of the Cherokee National Capitol. Focused on creating a community gathering space, the Pavilion could be used as a multi-function space for community events, live music performances, farmers markets, and outdoor cultural classes.
 - Project will be awarded for construction pending approval of the CNB Board of Directors.
- Downtown Tahlequah Cultural Pathway
 - Currently working on the design of a cultural pathway to connect Cherokee Nation's downtown cultural resources.
 - Design work will complete by Spring 2017
- Saline Courthouse:
 - Master planning and architectural design for the development of the plans will consider site access and bridge access, walking trails, parking, public restrooms, restoration of the courthouse, and the recently acquired additional 60 acres.
 - Currently preparing phase 1 bid documents for trails, restrooms and site amenities.
- Sequoyah's Cabin
 - Currently working on the development of new exhibits and improvements for the property.
 - The site will reopen in March 2017.

Retail

- Cherokee Nation Gift Shops winter sale is currently underway with new spring merchandise coming soon.

Museum Promotions

- Cherokee Nation Museums have launched a new schedule of cultural classes, lecture series and events with activities for children and families. Check www.VisitCherokeeNation.com for event info.

Highlighted upcoming events:

- March 16- Spring Break Make and Take- Cherokee Nation owned museums
- May 4 & 5- Preservation Series, Gravestone Workshop- Tahlequah Public Cemetery
- May - November- Temporary Exhibit, *Oddities of the Advocate* – Supreme Court Museum
- June - July (Wednesdays at 10 am) - Stories on the Square- Cherokee National Capitol Square

Tours & Events

- Cherokee Days at National Museum of the American Indian in Washington DC is scheduled for March 31- April 2, 2017
Details @ www.cherokeedays.com
- Launched spring education tour grant program in January and currently booking spring education tours for school groups with expected attendance near 2,000. Details @ www.visitcherokeemuseum.com/group-tour/Pages/education-tours
- Cherokee Art Market Youth Competition and Show will be held April 8- May 6, 2017 at the Cherokee Heritage Center. The youth artist awarded best of show will receive a scholarship for a booth at the Cherokee Art Market scheduled for October 14-15, 2017.
- Currently planning a tour to Cahokia Mounds Tour that will depart from Tulsa on September 26.
Details @ www.visitcherokeemuseum.com/events/Pages/Cahokia-Mounds-Tour

7. Met with Jon James, Cherokee Nation CIO, about pushing out the Cherokee language interface pack updates to CN employee computers.
8. Answered 34 inquiries sent to the language@cherokee.org email address. Recorded audio of the monthly Cherokee Phoenix articles that are translated into Cherokee.
9. Finalizing training videos on how to update computers and other devices to use the Cherokee syllabary on them.
10. Assisted with the monthly Cherokee Speakers Bureau

Future Plans/New Initiatives:

1. Start working on a weekly Cherokee Language Podcast

Translation (Translation, Presentations, Community Outreach)

Activity	OʼZʼIʼWƏ January/ᎠᎿᎿ February	YTD
# of internal requests completed	16,812	35,458
# of external requests completed	164	880
# tested for Certification/Proficiency	0-Proficiency 1-Cerification	0-Proficiency 1-Cerification

Accomplishments:

1. Assisted with monthly Speakers Bureau meeting for January & February.
2. Sent 11 staff members to attend the Cherokee Language Consortium meeting in Robbinsville, NC
3. Staff continues translation of technology terms for Microsoft and Google.
4. Anna Sixkiller & David Crawler translated and recorded 6 stories for the Cherokee Phoenix.
5. Job Position for the Coordinator of the Cherokee Language Teacher Training Program was filled; Lawrence Panther took the position.

Future Plans/New Initiatives:

1. Next Speaker’s Bureau Meeting March 2017.



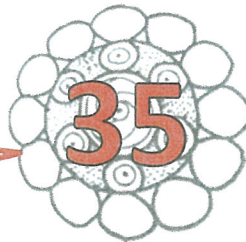
The following report covers the activities of the CCO; COTTA, Community Work and Volunteer Program and Cultural Outreach Program, History and Preservation and the Cherokee Language Master Apprenticeship program staff for the month of February 2017.



Technical Assistance Capacity Building

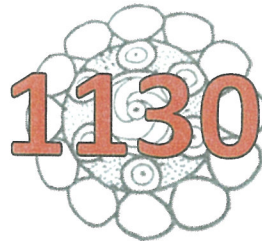
Capacity Building in February

Number of Community Organizations Assisted
December



Received a total of hours of Capacity Building training

The total number of capacity building hours is calculated using the number of leaders from each organization, the number of hours of that training (both classroom and individualized) and any travel time those leaders may have incurred to attend. These are all combined in this number and can be compared to any other month or year.



Number of hours of capacity building training received by community leaders

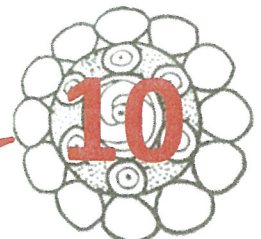


Community Room.

CCO staff partnered with the Native Learning Center to provide our Cherokee community leaders with training on writing and managing grants. The Native Learning Center offers free Training and Technical Assistance to Native Americans and those working within Indian Country. The workshop was February 6th through the 9th in the



Number of Community Leaders Attending



Number of Community Organizations Represented

Organization Receiving Technical Assistance in February

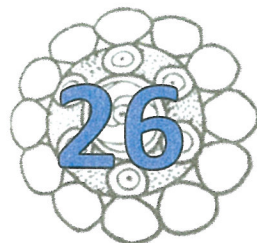
Adair County Boys & Girls Clubs (D7&8)	Indian Women's Pocahontas Club (D14&15)
Adair County Historical & Genealogical Asso (D7&8)	Jeremiah 29 Foundation (D7&8)
Brushy Cherokee Action Association (D6)	Marble City Food Pantry & Youth Services (D5&6)
C.C. Camp (D8)	Native American Fellowship, Inc.(D11)
Catoosa Library Friends Society (D13&15)	Nativeknot* (D11)
Cherokee Citizen League of Southeast Texas (At-Large)	Neighborhood Association of Chewey (D7&8)
Cherokee Elders Council (D9&15)	Orchard Road Community Outreach ((D7&8)
Cherokee National Historical Society (D1)	P.O.T.L.U.C.K. Society (D14&15)
Cherokees for Black Indian History Preservation (D1)	Project A (D4)
Encore Performing Society (D1)	Project OSiYo Tahlequah Men's Shelter (D1)
Este Mvskokulke Momen Hopuetvke, Inc (D5)	Rocky Mtn. Cherokee Community Org (D7&8)
Fairfield Community Organization (D7&8)	Spavinaw Youth Neighborhood Center (D10)
Family Support Center of Oaks (D2&9))	Stilwell Public Library Friends Society (D7&8)
Friends of the Hulbert Library (D1)	Tri-Community WEB Association (D1,2&3)
Goforth Concessions* (D1)	Victor Echo Tango Foundation (D1)
Grand Lake 360* (D11)	Victory Cherokee Organization (D13&14)
Grand Nation, Inc. (D11)	Webbers Falls Historical Museum (D4&5)
Greater Tulsa Cherokees (At-Large)	

· indicates an organization new to the program (D7) indicates the Council Districts served by the organization



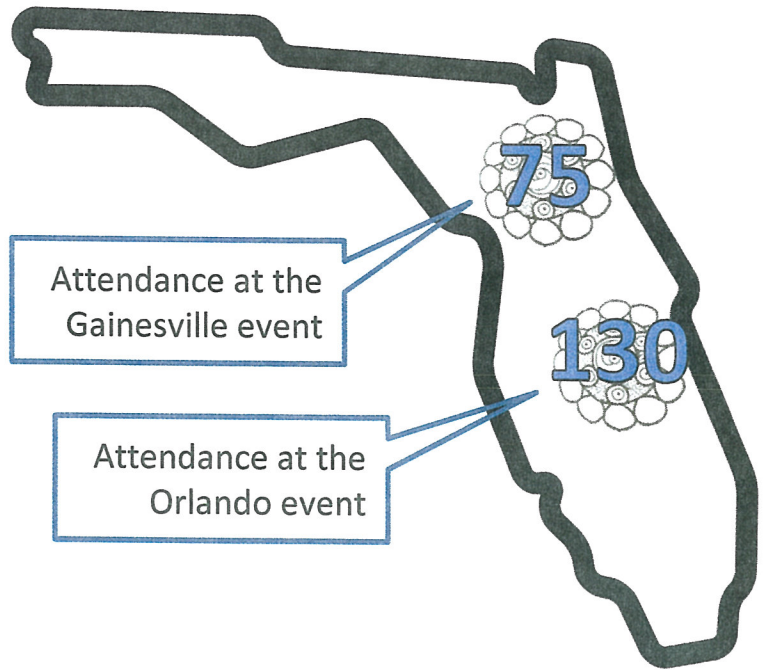
Cultural Outreach & At-Large Communities

The Cultural Outreach Program hosted a Community Cultural Presentation in Eucha on January 31st. Those attending were treated to a traditional hog fry. The discussion of Cherokee cultural was led by Cherokee National Treasure Jess Oosahwee, He discussed the making of Cherokee blow guns and darts.



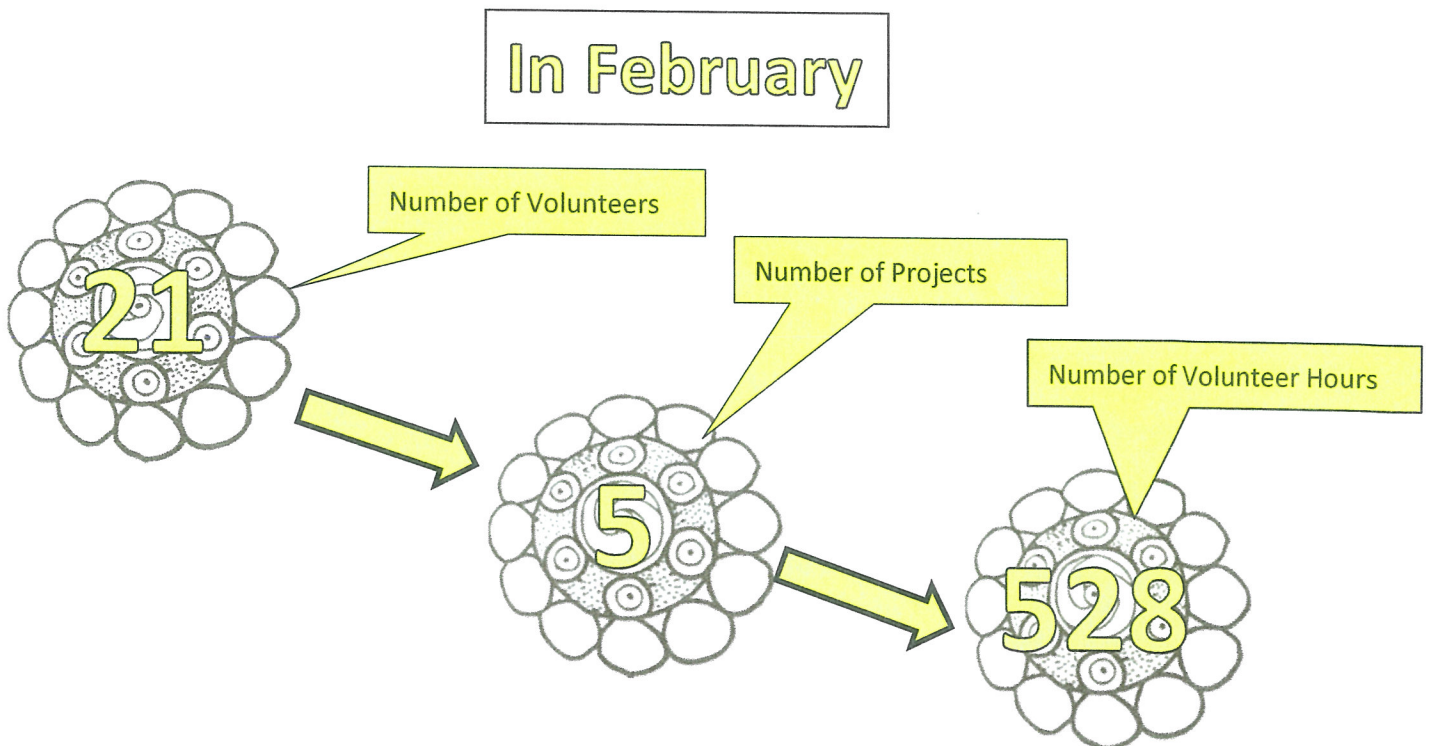
Number attending Eucha Cultural Presentation

Cultural Outreach staff also assisted the Cherokees of Central Florida with their community meetings. These were held February 4th in Orlando and February 5th in Gainesville, FL. Cultural presentations were in the very capable hands of Betty Frogg, Robert Lewis and Tommy Wildcat. Pam Bakke assisted attendees in making corn bead necklaces. Miss Cherokee, Sky Wildcat, was also present at these events.



VP Volunteer Program

In January, Volunteer Program staff worked with The Cherokee Nation Building Trades Program to give assistance to five of our elders. We assisted them by providing them easier access to their homes. Handicap ramps and porches were built on their homes in five different Cherokee communities; Candy Mink Springs, Zion, Cherry Tree, Bull Hollow and Keys. Volunteer Program staff would like to thank Mike Pearman of the Building Trades Program for his invaluable assistance.





History & Preservation

The following was information was submitted by CCO History & Preservation Officer Catherine Grey

Ongoing Projects:

Scheduling presentation calendar for CN satellite communities

Online Cherokee Nation History & Humanities Course – content complete. Review consistency in content and branding.

Events:

February 8th – Provided presentation to the Capitol City Cherokee Community in Washington, D.C. Robert Lewis spoke to the 15 people attending.

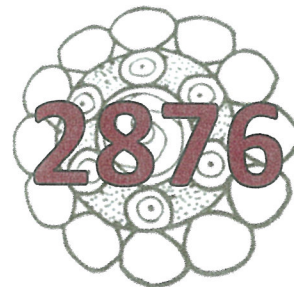
February 21st – 24th - Catherine Gray attended the To Bridge a Gap Conference at the Hard Rock Casino. This conference was attended by approximately 400 people including over 40 tribes and various government agencies.



CCO's Digital Footprint

To provide useful and accurate information to our Cherokee community leaders that may not be able to attend presentation in Tahlequah, CCO staff films and broadcasts all our learning opportunities on YouTube. This insures that not only Organizational and Leadership topics reach our community leaders but also accurate Historical and Cultural information is available. Viewership for February was at 2876.

**Number of On-line viewers of
CCO trainint**





Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program

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Because of the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) Native Language Community Coordination (NLCC) grant, we were able to hire three new staff members in February. These staff members will work organizing, updating and building various Cherokee language curriculum. They will coordinate the activities of CLMAP with other Cherokee Departments language programs as well as other strategic language goals.

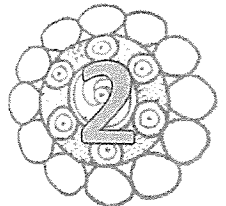
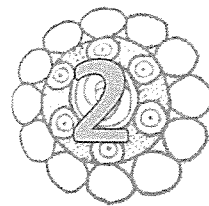
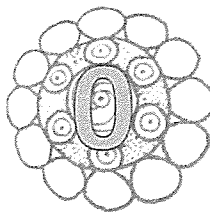
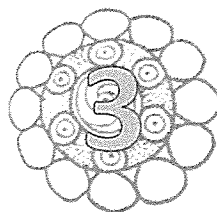
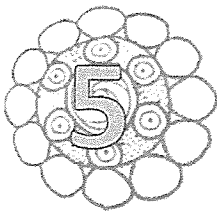
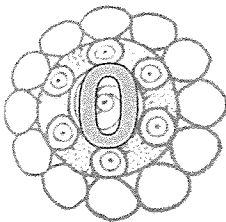
Under the guidance of our first language master speakers, Cohort #2, our second year participants, are all learning to teach using our immersion methodology. Two have tested at Intermediate High or level six and the other two are at Intermediate Mid or Level five.

Cohort #3, the first year participants, were brought into the program in the first week of January. They are progressing at a faster rate than the previous year. After only one month, all tested at or above Novice Mid-level. Three members of this cohort started the program with a good understanding of the language and some speaking ability. Those three with previous experience tested as Novice high or level three.

Cohort #2 students attended five field trips to the Greasy community nutrition site to interact with fluent speaking community members. Because of these learning opportunities, they have been able to develop inter-conversational language skills to a greater detail.

We have also developed self-assessment tools for program participants to enable them to evaluate their own progress in language acquisition. These tools will be refined and administered in the forthcoming months.

Number of Students at Each ACTFL Speaker Level at the end of January



Level 1

Level 2

Level 3

Level 4

Level 5

Level 6

Future Initiatives

1. March 4th – Cherokee Community of North Texas at the Spring Lake Event Center, Farmers Branch, TX
2. March 9th - Technology Thursday Webinar – Microsoft Excel
3. March 11th – Tsalagi LA presentation by Secretary Sara Hill.
4. March 18th – Cherokees of Central Florida, Genealogy Workshop, Tamps, FL
5. March 28th – Leadership Series – Financial Wellness
6. June 9th & 10th – 13th Annual Conference of Cherokee Community Leaders – Wyndham Hotel, Tulsa, OK

January 2017 Monthly Report

Youth Activities:

We held 7 youth activities in January, due to one school being out for a professional day and the community organizations asking to cancel due to school schedule conflicts. Total attendance at January youth activities was 148 youth, 12 parents/community members/B&G Club staff/volunteers & 7 CYD & ARS staff. Not all staff attended each site, 3 – 4 staff members went to each site.

Cherokee Heights had 2 youth activities in January on Tuesdays, the 3rd & 17th; where they made Valentines for Veterans & beaded wind chimes. There were 2-16 youth at each meeting. There were 18 youth & 4 & ARS staff in attendance

Lost City had one youth activity scheduled for Thursday, January 19th, but the community organization asked to Cancel as there was a conflict with school activities.

Tailholt/ Caney had one youth activity scheduled for Monday, January 23rd, but the community organization asked to Cancel as there was a conflict with school activities.

Chewey had 1 youth activity on Tuesday, January 10th, where they made Valentine's for Veterans & beaded wind chimes. There were 7 youth, 2 adult and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Brushy had 1 youth activity on Tuesday, January 24th, where they made Valentine's for Veterans & beaded wind chimes. There were 26 youth, 4 B&G club staff/adult community members & 5 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Maryetta Boys & Girls Club had 1 youth activity on Thursday, January 12th, where they made Valentine's for Veterans & beaded wind chimes. There were 34 youth, 3 B&G staff and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Cave Springs/Zion Boys & Girls had 1 youth activity on Thursday, January 26th, where they made Valentine's for Veterans & beaded wind chimes. There were 25 youth, 3 B&G staff & 3 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Briggs Boys & Girls club had 1 youth activity on Wednesday, January 11th, where they made Valentine's for Veterans & beaded wind chimes. There were 34 youth, 3 B&G staff and 5 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Rocky Mountain Boys & Girls youth activity was canceled due to school being out for a professional day.

Mailed & handed out 134 copies of flyers about February youth activities to residents, community organizations & participants in Cherokee Heights, Chewey, Lost City, Brushy & Tailholt and e-mailed a flyer to Briggs, Maryetta B&G club, Cave Springs/Zion B&G club & Rocky Mountain B&G club to post for their youth activities.

Adult Resident Activities:

We held 7 adult resident activities in January. Total attendance at January adult resident activities was 36 adult residents & 6 CYD & ARS staff. Not all staff attended activities at each site, 3-4 staff went to each site.

Tom Buffington Heights in Vinita, had 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, January 19th, where they embellished gourd bowls with beads and charms. There were 2 residents & 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Will Rogers Senior Housing in Claremore had 9 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, January 26th, where they embellished gourd bowls with beads and charms. There were 9 residents and 3 CYD & ARS staff in attendance,

Wisdom Keepers in Tahlequah held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, January 12th, where they embellished gourd bowls with beads and charms. There were 7 adult residents and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Jay Senior Housing held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Tuesday, January 10th, where they embellished gourd bowls with beads and charms. There were 3 adult residents and 4 CYDARS staff in attendance.

Stilwell Senior Housing held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, January 6th, where they embellished gourd bowls with beads and charms. There were 7 adult residents and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Tahlequah Housing held 1 Adult Resident Activity for adult residents of Swimmer, Autumn Heights & Daniels additions at the Gregg Glass Building on Monday, January 9th, where they embellished gourd bowls with beads and charms. There were 7 adult residents and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Fort Gibson Garden Walk apartments held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Tuesday, January 17th, where they embellished gourd bowls with beads and charms. There was 1 adult resident & 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Mailed and handed out 181 copies of flyers about February adult resident activities to housing residents and housing offices in Claremore, Wisdom Keepers, Tahlequah (Leon Daniels, Ross Swimmer and Autumn Heights housing additions) and Vinita and e-mailed flyers to Wisdom Keepers, Stilwell Senior Housing, Claremore Senior Housing, Tahlequah Housing Office, Vinita Tom Buffington Heights HACN office, Jay Senior Housing to post and Garden Walk Apartments in Fort Gibson.

Activities scheduled in the future:

We have 9 youth activities scheduled for February 2017.

We will have activities in:

- Cherokee Heights on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, February 7th & 21st, 4 pm. – 6 pm.;
- Chewey on the 2nd Tuesday, February 14th, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.;
- Briggs Boys & Girls Club on the 2nd Wednesday, February 8th, 3:30 pm. – 5:15 pm.;
- Maryetta on the 2nd Thursday, February 9th, 4 pm. – 5:30 pm.;
- Lost City on the 3rd Thursday, February 16th, 6 pm. – 8 pm.;
- Tailholt on the 4th Monday, February 27th, 4 pm. – 6 pm.;
- Brushy community organization on the 4th Tuesday, February 28th, 4 pm. – 6 pm.;
- Cave Springs/Zion Boys & Girls Club on the 4th Thursday, February 23rd, 4 pm. – 5:30 pm.;
- Rocky Mountain Boys & Girls Club on the 3rd Monday, February 16th 4 pm. – 5:30 pm., canceled due to the President's Day holiday;

We have 7 adult resident activities scheduled for February 2017.

We will have activities at:

- Stilwell Senior Housing, on the 1st Thursday, February 2nd, 10 am. – 11:30 am.;
- Fort Gibson Garden Walk Apartments, on the 3rd Tuesday, February 21st, 10 am. – 11:30 am.;
- Swimmer/Autumn Heights/Leon Daniels, Tahlequah at the Gregg Glass building, on the 2nd Monday, February 13th, 1:30 pm. – 3:30 pm.;
- Jay Senior Housing, on the 2nd Tuesday, February 14th, 10 am. – 11:30 am.;
- Wisdom Keepers, Tahlequah, on the 2nd Thursday, February 9th, 1 pm. – 3 pm.;
- Tom Buffington Heights, Vinita, on the 3rd Thursday, February 16th, 1 pm. – 3 pm.;
- Will Rogers Senior Housing, Claremore, on the 4th Thursday, February 23rd, 2 pm. – 4 pm.;

We have moved all of our offices, equipment and supplies from the 5000 S. Muskogee location to the office off the warehouse and the warehouse on Hwy 51 at the old nursery location. We are unpacking, sorting, setting up and organizing our offices, equipment and supplies.

We are still waiting on IT to come out and get us set up for internet and office phones.

We are continually working on learning and putting together new projects, language lessons and leadership exercises to use at future youth and adult activities and teaching each other skills we have and making sure everyone is teaching the same way so we will not confuse the participants.

We are all working on getting projects ready and taking turns making sure all supplies and paperwork is ready for each activity.