

Group: Career Services-  
Education/Training Month/Year of Report: July 2011

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**I. Budget Highlights – Please refer to Monthly Financial Report**

None

**II. Program Highlights**

**a. Balanced Scorecard Measures**

Activity	June	YTD	Goal	% of Goal
GED Completions	24	271	250	108%
Training Completions	24	335	450	74%
Employment Completions	0	46	300	15%
Unsubsidized Placement	93	726	500	145%
Retention	37	246	200	123%
Job Readiness Training	84	415	500	83%
WorkKey Credentialing	51	448	500	90%
Job Bank	61	626	1,000	63%
Indian Owned Businesses	12	153	100	153%
Major Cherokee Employers	1	1	50	2%
Job Fairs	1	6	15	40%
Community Service	6	145	50	290%

Balanced Scorecard measures for the previous month will be available the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**b. Accomplishments**

1. Phase II and Phase III of our Hospitality Beverage classes have started at West Siloam Springs Hotel and Casino. We have 22 individuals enrolled in Phase II and 16 enrolled in Phase III. Melanie Dodge and Vicky Crowder are coordinating these classes with the Management team.

2. The \$250,000 set-aside Nursing Program has been moved from Education Services to Career Services. Jan Grogan has moved as well and is overseeing the program. It is her responsibility to recruit, counsel, monitor, and oversee the administration of the program.
3. Discussions are ongoing with Education Services about the other 80+ Nursing students. We believe it would be beneficial to students have one location for the Nursing Program.
4. Talking Leaves Job Corps Academic Department, Learning Styles Instructors, and Vocational Rehabilitation participated in the International Learning Styles Conference in Catoosa at the NSU Broken Arrow Campus July 18-22. On the 19<sup>th</sup>, we conducted a cultural exchange that included a tour of the Heritage Center.
5. Talking Leaves Job Corps students returned from the summer break on July 18. They, along with students from the Tulsa Job Corps, were treated to a summer water park fun day in Tulsa. This is the first time both Job Corps Centers have come together for such an activity.
6. We have 55 tribal members enroll in Medical programs, with five students enrolling at the W.W. Hastings Surgical Tech Program. One of our initiatives has been to implement the \$7.25 hourly stipend for our fulltime LPN and Surgical Tech students. This has been a success. Students are able to focus on their studies. These courses are demanding on the students, but once they have completed the class, they have employment opportunities in high paying jobs.

**c. Initiatives**

1. Career Services Career Literacy Program has been planning for Basic Computer Classes to be held in our Literacy Centers in Sallisaw, Stilwell, Claremore, and Tahlequah. The classes will be two evenings a week from 5:00 to 8:00 for six weeks.
2. We are planning for a Security/Surveillance Class for ten students in the Northern and Southern Counties, in conjunction with CNB. Classes will be held at NSU and Rogers State. Graduates of these classes will be a part of the Cherokee Pipeline we are working on for CNB.
3. We are working on expanding our Child Care Credentialing Training Program currently conducted in partnership with the Child Development Center, to our Head Start Program. This year-long training will begin in August and lead to nationally-recognized Child Development Associate Credentialing. Career Services Vocational Training staff have been meeting with Melanie Knight, Education Group Leader and Verna Thompson, Head Start Director and some of her management team to discuss expanding the program.
4. Career Services Testing/Training has submitted an application to Oklahoma City to certify a new GED testing site at West Siloam Springs.

**CHEROKEE NATION ~ CO-PARTNER PROGRAM**  
**EDUCATION SERVICES ~ DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT**

Group: Co-Partner Month/Year of Report: July 2011  
Program  
Group Leader: Melanie Knight Phone: 453-5705 E-mail: Melanie-knight@cherokee.org

**I. Budget:**

Please refer to the monthly financials submitted by Financial Resources Group/Treasurer.

**II. Program Highlights**

**a. Balanced Scorecard Measures**

**JOBS:** *Number of Cherokee speakers and artists who participated in program activities. (50)*

- Contract professionals for Cherokee Teacher Enrichment Institute journey: Song leader-1; Language-1; Curriculum specialist - 1
- 47 Artists in schools during the month of May.

**COMMUNITY:** *Number of parents who attended workshops, training, or cultural competitions(8)*

- Copan and Jay JOM programs held IEC meetings during June and July.

**COMMUNITY:** *Number of schools who participate in JOM cultural enrichment programs. (25)*

- 7 public schools: Stilwell, Maryetta, Ft. Gibson, Keys, Rocky Mt., Collinsville, Tahlequah. Plus Sequoyah High School participated in CTE journey.
- 17 public schools contracted cultural presentations: Stickball, blowgun shoot, cornhusk dolls, basketry, turtle shackles/traditional womens dance, traditional food preparation, clay beads, marbles, language and history, rattles, corn bead bracelets, sand art, storytelling, medicine pouches.

**LANGUAGE:** *Number of students who participate in language, history, culture, & leadership programs. (1000+)*

- End of year cultural events is most popular. It was difficult to determine exact numbers.

**LANGUAGE:** *Number of teachers who participate in Cherokee cultural enrichment workshops (11)*

- 11 certified or para-professionals participated in the Cherokee Teacher Enrichment journey July 5-16, 2011.

**b. Program Accomplishments**

- July 5 thru 16, 2011: Cherokee Teacher Enrichment Institute participants attended the Cherokee History and Culture Institute at the Museum of the Cherokee Indians and traveled to historical sites of the Cherokees in Tennessee, Georgia and North Carolina. Attached is the Institute's agenda. 9 out of 13 CTE graduates participated in the SE historic journey.
- Jay IEC meeting (4 parents attended)
- NEW JOM Program—Copan School – JOM IEC elections held June 28, 2011

**c. Program Partnerships for July 2011**

- Museum of the Cherokee Indians in Cherokee, NC. Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

**d. Program Initiatives for August 2011**

- Four Worlds Curriculum Development: July 25-29, 2011
- Co-Partner Program Strategic Planning: August 3-5, 2011/West Siloam Springs
- Co-Partner (JOM) Fall training in August: TBA
- JOM on-line applications due August 19, 2011.

# CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

## EDUCATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE REPORT

**Group:** Education/Youth Leadership Development Office - Learn & Serve and ANA Lifeways  
**Month/Year of Report:** July 2011  
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**I. Budget Highlights** – Received authorization from Learn and Serve for budget period to extend through 2013. Recommend transferring all expenditures from this fiscal year (except sub-grants) to ANA budget where approved line items with sufficient funds are in place for personnel, travel (mileage), utilities and telephones. This would leave approximately \$56,500. in the Learn and Serve budget which would provide initial operating funds for 2012 until other funds can be secured.

Received AmeriCorps planning grant ends with fiscal year 2011; \$8K remaining in budget will be used to convene final meeting with community members, Natural Resources staff, Translation staff (with approval from Melanie Knight), and others recommended by Knight.. Remaining match would be met through participation of CN staff and (with approval) payment of guest speakers from an alternative source--request support for Chuck Sams contract from CN Leadership budget as Chief Smith recommended Sams time include meeting with Todd Enlow for possible consultation on the Arkansas Riverbed project. The program NOFO was postponed and is now scheduled out at the end of July.

ANA program officer recommended completing project this fiscal year, as no-cost extensions are not looked on favorably by the agency. Also, a no-cost extension would preclude our application for SEDS funding in 2012 (NOFO issued in April with funds available in September – not a solution for funding needs in 2012, but an option to consider for continuing Lifeways work. This leaves a considerable amount of money to spend down by the end of this fiscal year, but can be accomplished through fulfillment of the Cherokee Lifeways conference included in the OWP for September that will include schools, staff, community members, advisory partners, and CN leadership. The conference will also need to include time for and facilitation of the focus groups scheduled as part of the program evaluation.

## II. Program Highlights

### a.) Accomplishments

Meetings conducted with Pat Gwin of Natural Resources and John Ross of Translation department on the AmeriCorps program being developed to support **Culturally Significant Environmental Service-Learning**. Related meetings conducted with Cherokee Native Arts and Plants partners. Project survey developed to be taken during the COTTA meeting scheduled next week. Outcomes will be discussed as part of the agenda for August meeting where Chuck Sams of the Indian Country Conservancy will present information on “Using First Foods to Direct Natural Resources Restoration and Monitoring,” and Clint Carroll has been invited to present his research on “Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Practices.” (Note: In addition to his years of work with environmental projects, Sams operated a tribal AmeriCorps program in his early career.)

### b.) Future Plans/New Initiatives

Continue refinement of the Lifeways curriculum. Develop AmeriCorps grant application and, if program is funded, develop associated local environmental projects with relevant cultural curriculum.

**CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL**  
**EDUCATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Group:** Education/College Resources **Month/Year of Report:** August 2011

**Group Leader:** Melanie Knight **Phone:** 453-5705 **E-mail:** Melanie-knight@cherokee.org

**I. Budget Highlights**

College Resource Center has had a 20 percent increase in the number of complete applications received from last fall. Appeals are still being heard which may increase the final number of awards. Currently we will serve 500 more students than last year.

**II. Program Highlights**

**a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures**

1. *SCHOOL/COMMUNITY Outreach:* Workshops at Camp Cherokee and booths at School Clothing Voucher sites. .

**b.) Accomplishments**

1. Cherokee Nation College Resource Center is now on Facebook.
2. 2011-2012 undergraduate and graduate deadlines have passed

**c.) Future Plans/New Initiatives**

College Resource Center staff will begin working on a brochure to include but not limited to: info on the scholarship program, tips for high school and college students student success stories, FAFSA info, etc.

Future plans to provide in depth advisement opportunities (news releases/workshops/seminars/website) to those students entering college for the first time on "how, when, and what to prepare when starting college".

Plans are still on-going to go paperless in the College Resource Center who will allow for less manual data entry and more options for online completion and submission of student scholarship applications.

The 2012-2013 application process will be on-line. Staff will be available to assist students that do not have computer access.

**CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL  
EDUCATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE REPORT**

		Month/Year of Report	
Group:	Translation	June , 2011	Anna Sixkiller
Group Leader:	Melanie Knight	Phone: 457-8173	Email: annasixkiller@cherokee.org
I.	Budget Highlights		
II.	Program Highlights		

a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures

b.) Activities completed

**Anna Sixkiller & Group:** Translate words and phrases on a daily basis for individuals over the phone and email:

- Words and phrases for Immersion.
- Education Dept.
- Animation & Graphic Arts
- Government Relations.
- Communications
- Marketing/Tourism
- JOM
- Heritage Center/Village Cherokee Guides
- Natural Resources/Mark Dunham
- Salina Clinic/Dana Espinal
- Salina Dental Clinic
- Food Distribution
- 4 Articles for the Phoenix Newspaper.
- All attended Speakers Bureau Meeting 6-9-11.
- Finished translating the book (Building One Fire)
- Brochure, Environmental
- Visited the Heritage Center/Female Seminary Exhibition
- Salina Clinic Signage /26 pages
- WIC/FOOD STAMPS
- 4 Proficiency testing.
- No Certification testing this month.

**John Ross:**

- June 2, 2011, the Translation Department toured the Cherokee Heritage Center's Female Seminary Exhibition and the Cherokee Village which was conducted in the Cherokee language.
- June 3, 2011, meeting with Donna Gourd's group on Culturally Significant Environmental Service/Learning, helping to formalize a survey for a grant.
- June 8, 2011, Culturally Significant Environmental Service/Learning meeting with Donna Gourd and Pat Gwin, we talked about the survey to be presented to the Cherokee communities.
- June 9, 2011, Cherokee Speaker's Bureau was held with 41 Cherokee speakers in attendants. Presented part-1 of the 1866 treaty, Cherokee Syllabary lesson and

worked on Cherokee Word List.

- Retyping in Cherokee Syllabary the Cherokee Nation laws of 1874 to 1879.
- Cherokee Nation Language Consortium Group is ready to travel to Cherokee, N.C. to meet with the Eastern Band of Cherokees Consortium Group the meetings are going to be held on June 22-25, 2011.

**Activities completed and initiated by Durbin Feeling**

- Completing Google Tech Terms translation and beginning MicroSoft translation. Need to complete translating 1100 words for MS.
- Entered short phrases and words on iPhone/iPad for Cherokee learners to easily access the recordings of Cherokee. Goal is one day to make it into a booklet

# CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

## EDUCATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE REPORT

Group Sequoyah Schools

Month/Year of Report: July 2011

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### I. Budget Highlights

### II. Program Highlights

#### a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures

#### b.) Accomplishments

1. The deadline for applications for the 2011-2012 school year was July 1. The admission committee has accepted 96 new students. The numbers for new students are broken out by grade are:  
9<sup>th</sup> - 90    10<sup>th</sup> - 3    11<sup>th</sup> - 2    12<sup>th</sup> - 1  
We are currently set to start the new year with a total of 397 students.
2. The admission committee has declined a total of 30 applications. They are broken out as:  
Declined for GPA/Behavior - 26  
Declined for GPA - 2  
Declined for non-Indian - 2
3. Final transcripts for seniors have been mailed to colleges and senior packets are being distributed.
4. Office staff is attending NASIS classes in Albuquerque July 18-22 to learn new features being added to the software.
5. Immersion staff presented a language lesson to participants attending the Leadership Summit. They were taught greetings, numbers to five, and animals. Each participant received a DVD with all material developed for the Immersion school along with handouts.
6. Immersion staff attended a meeting on a grant for Documenting Cherokee Tone and Vowels. Two staff members are part of the grant. Participants will learn how to mark long versus short tone. Second language learners have a difficult time pronouncing Cherokee words correctly and it is hoped that the markings will help them.
7. The cheerleading squad is attending cheerleading camp at the University of Arkansas from July 18 to 21.
8. Summer school was held June 20 through July. Some of the classes offered were credit recovery for English I - IV, Drivers Ed, and Algebra I. Approximately 25 students attended.
9. We are finalizing changes to the parent/student handbook for the next school year. The changes will be submitted for approval during the July school board meeting.

#### c.) Future Plans/New Initiatives

1. Teachers will report for the 2011-2012 school year on August 8<sup>th</sup> and will participate in professional development August 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup>.
2. Classes for the 2011-2012 school year begin August 11<sup>th</sup>.





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## EDUCATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE REPORT



4 Rooting the Googles Android phone to make it work in Cherokee.



5. Computers set up for Immersion school for staff and students.

6. Working on the Glossary terms for the Microsoft project. Turn our first group of terms.

7. Teaching at Cherokee art camp.

### c.) Future Plans/New Initiatives

1. OCR project with Google.
2. Have ePub language books downloadable on Cherokee.org
3. Having a email system all in the Cherokee language.

# CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

## EDUCATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE REPORT

Month/Year of Report:

Group:

Education

July 2011

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### I. Budget Highlights

- a.) Please refer to the monthly financials submitted by Financial Resources Group/Treasurer.

### II. Program Highlights

#### a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures

1. The balanced scorecard estimates have been met for this quarter.

#### b.) Accomplishments

1. Completed and submitted the following proposal applications: One-Time Health and Safety, Replacement Grant, Annual Head Start Refunding and ARRA Continuation.
2. Two faculty received their CDA's: one infant/toddler and Pre-K endorsement.
3. Completed painting project at the Jay center.
4. Started Phase III at Tahlequah Early Learning Academy: walls and kitchen.
5. Hosted the Omaha Tribal Head Start and Public School Board/Superintendent on June 12 – 15.

#### c.) Future Plans/New Initiatives

1. The 2011/12 school year begins August 1 for staff and August 11 for children.
2. 10 Administrative staff will present at the Oklahoma Indian Head Start Director's Pre-Service Conference on July 26 – 28, 2011 in Tulsa, OK.
3. The AI/AN Phase III Research Assessments will be July 18 – 22, 2011.
4. Scheduled roof replacement project at Maryetta and floors at Salina Early Learning Academy.

Group: Leadership Services/Employee Development

Period of Report: July 2011

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**I. Budget Highlights**

**II. Program Highlights**

**a. Balanced Scorecard Measures**

**b. Accomplishments**

<b>Core Passport Classes</b>		
<b>Title</b>	<b>Monthly Totals</b>	<b>YTD Totals</b>
Exceptional Customer Service	12	185
Interpersonal Skills	14	196
Creative Problem Solving	0	139
CN Policies & Procedures	14	216
Sexual Harassment	14	165
Workplace Violence Prevention	15	215
Gadugi: Working Together	13	161
Cherokee History	25	91
Workplace Safety*	51	224
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>1592</b>
<b>Core Passport Completions</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Other</b>		
New Hire Orientation	41	321
Know Your Nation	373	373
Goal Setting for Managers/Supervisors	10	15
Creative Ways to Praise & Recognize Employees for Managers/Supervisors	10	10
Stress Management in the Workplace for Managers/Supervisors	15	15

(\*Course taught by Management Resources/Risk Management) (\*\* Course pending as of today's date)

<b>Leadership Courses</b>		
Managing Multiple Projects	10	10
Professionalism in Today's Workplace	12	12
Who Moved My Cheese? Managing Workplace Changes	14	14
<b>History/Culture</b>		
<b>Title</b>	<b># Attended</b>	
Cherokee Nation History Course	25	

**c. Initiatives**

- Know Your Nation Presentation continuing thru month of September 2011



Group: Leadership Services/Cherokee National Youth Choir

Month/Year of Report: July 2011

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**I. Budget Highlights**

**II. Program Highlights**

**a. Balanced Scorecard Measures**

**b. Accomplishments**

<b>EVENT-</b>	<b>Participants</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
<b>Rehearsals-</b>		
Council Chambers-3	40	
Recording-July 20,21,22	40	
One-on-one rehearsal-2	10	
<b>Performances-2</b>		
Elevate Conference-Muskogee	25	<b>1000</b>
Cotta Conference-Siloam Springs	35	<b>200</b>

<b>CD Sales-businesses</b>	<b>\$1374.10</b>
<b>CD Sales-personal</b>	
<b>Honorariums and donations</b>	<b>\$860.00</b>

**c. Initiatives**

- Recording final—Waiting for licensing before sending for production
- CD package in final stage for production
- Planning Inauguration performance
- Planning Holiday schedule

**Group:** Leadership Services/District Children's Choirs

**Month/Year of Report:** July 2011

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**I. Budget Highlights**

**II. Program Highlights**

**a. Balanced Scorecard Measures**

**b. Accomplishments**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Number of Participants</b>	<b>Attendees</b>
<b>Adair County</b> – 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 6:00pm- Boys/Girls Club Rm. Maryetta School, Stilwell	1	
<b>Tulsa/Rogers/Washington Counties</b> – 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 6:00pm – RCCA Building, Taiwah	6	
<b>Craig/Nowata Counties</b> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 6:00pm – Buffington Heights Community Room, Vinita	4	
<b>Cherokee/Wagoner County</b> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday 6:00pm – TsaLaGi Community Room	3	
<b>Sequoyah County</b> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday 6:00pm – Redbird Smith Health Center	2	
<b>Muskogee County</b> -1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday 6:00pm – Three Rivers Health Center,Muskogee	3	
<b>Delaware County</b> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday 6:30pm – Brush Creek Baptist Church, Jay	1	
<b>Mayer County</b> – 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday 6:30pm – Ballou Baptist Church, Locust Grove	5	

**c. Initiatives**

- Vinita – 2 rehearsals scheduled
- Claremore – 2 rehearsals scheduled
- Tahlequah – 2 rehearsals scheduled
- Muskogee – 2 rehearsals/ 1 performance scheduled
- Sallisaw – 2 rehearsals scheduled
- Locust Grove – 2 rehearsals scheduled
- Jay – 2 rehearsals scheduled
- Stilwell – 2 rehearsals scheduled

Danielle Culp has taken over as Director for Muskogee and Sequoyah Counties.

**Group:** Leadership Services/Youth Leadership Council

**Month/Year of Report:** July 2011

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**I. Budget Highlights**

**II. Program Highlights**

**a. Balanced Scorecard Measures**

2011 Council Attendance Records:

July Meeting – 46% (6/13)

**b. Accomplishments**

- **West to East History Learning Opportunity** – Report Attached
  - The following CNYLC members attended this opportunity:
    - Summer Locust (Dist 3)
    - Laurin Keen (Dist 1)
    - Kendall Horton (Dist 4)
    - Dylan Tucker (Dist 1)
    - Dillon Wallis (Dist 5)
    - Noah Collins (Dist 5)
    - Garrett Reed (Dist 4)
    - Eric Budder (Dist 5)
    - Brian Barlow (Dist 1)

**c. Initiatives**

- **Trail of Tears Awards for Excellence:** For the 2011-12 school year the CNYLC will be assisting with TOT Awards project and helping to direct the program.
- **Bylaws:** The bylaws are being reviewed and updated to fix some issues. The current mission does not align with the directives set forth by resolution 80-89 which created the Youth Council.
- **Tobacco Cessation Resolution** – the CNYLC is working on a resolution to encourage the cessation of tobacco products.



Group: I Believe

Month/Year of Report: July 2011

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**I. Budget Highlights**

**II. Accomplishments**

<b>I Believe Programs</b>			
<b>Date and Location of Event</b>	<b>Students Totals</b>	<b>Adults Total</b>	<b>Total Number</b>
July 6 <sup>th</sup> Camp	85	5	90
July 8 <sup>th</sup> , Job Corps	225	25	250
July 8 <sup>th</sup> CDC	50	10	60
Sunday, July 10 <sup>th</sup> , Camp Claremore	75	20	95
July 15 <sup>th</sup> , Camp	80	15	95
Sunday, July 17 <sup>th</sup> Camp	45	5	50
Monday, July 18 <sup>th</sup> Camp	60	20	80
Tuesday, July 19 <sup>th</sup> Camp	60	20	80
Tuesday, July 19 <sup>th</sup> , Elevate Conference	250	45	295
Wednesday, July 20 <sup>th</sup> Camp	60	20	80
Thursday, July 21 <sup>st</sup> Camp	60	20	80
Tuesday, July 26 <sup>th</sup> , Pryor Back to School	150	25	175
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1200</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>1427</b>

**III. Upcoming Events**

- Back to school events
- Last of camps

**Group:** Leadership Services/CNYC

**Month/Year of Report:** July 2011

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West to East  
Exploring Cherokee History Trip  
June 13-19, 2011

One Monday morning June 13, 42 members of the Cherokee National Youth Choir, parent chaperones and CNYC staff, left Tahlequah heading to Cherokee, North Carolina and points in between.

Our first stop was Lake Dardanelle State Park, where the kids performed for the tourists at the Visitor's Center. After singing, they enjoyed the history lesson, especially learning that Dwight Mission was originally located in that area.

Next, it was on to Mount Holly Cemetery in Little Rock for a guided tour to the Quatie Ross gravesite. It was very hot, but we enjoyed stretching our legs.

On Tuesday, our only historical stop was at Fort Loudon in Vonore, Tennessee. We enjoyed the beautiful lakeside scenery and the exhibitors at the Fort.

Wednesday, began our beautiful drive through the Smoky Mountains. We stopped at the "scenic outlook" on the Tennessee/North Carolina border. Below is an e-mail from a couple who were also at the outlook.

*"My husband and I vacationed in the Smoky Mountains June 14-18. One morning we were looking out at the mountains at the Tennessee/North Carolina border. A group of young people arrived by bus, and they quickly lined up and began singing. They were such a nice looking group, well mannered, and sang beautifully. We asked some of the adults where they were from and learned they were from the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma. We were so pleased to say we were from Oklahoma as well. They were certainly a great group. I was not sure who to contact, but I wanted to let someone know how much we enjoyed seeing and hearing this group of young people. Sadly in our society today we too often hear and repeat bad things and fail to give recognition to a group of young people like this. If possible, please let the directors of this group know how much we enjoyed this."*

*Sincerely,  
Phyllis K. McDougal  
Seminole, Oklahoma*

Wednesday continued with a very memorable trip to the Kituwah Mound. Tom Belt met the students at the Mound and gave them a history lesson. Then, some of the students had brought soil from their home in Oklahoma and participated in a "mound building ceremony". This was a highlight of the trip for a lot of our travelers. Also, not to be forgotten, was an exciting ride to a part of the original Trail of Tears.

The weather gave us quite a show that evening when the heaven's opened and we got a huge thunderstorm which knocked out power all over the area. We sang for Rock Springs Church that evening and really encouraged the group of people who had gathered.

Thursday, we were scheduled to sing at the Immersion school, but due to the power outages, this event was cancelled. So, we headed to downtown Cherokee and toured the Museum of the Cherokee, shopped at Qualla Arts and Crafts, (did an impromptu concert out side) toured the Ancient Village and then sang to open the performance of "Unto These Hills". The choir is always very well received in this area and I feel they are an encouragement to the Eastern Band to do more with their young people and their language.

Friday, we headed for home, and started the day with a concert and tour of the Chief Vann House in Chatsworth, GA. (Several local people were on hand and wanted to make this an annual event.) Then on to New Echota Historical Site and finally to the Etowah Mounds, Cartersville, GA.

Saturday was a fun day in Chattanooga, TN and then on to Red Clay State Park, Dickenson, TN, where we were greeted with a very nice reception from the "Friends of Red Clay".

What can I say about Sunday, but....HOME sweet HOME!

I am so thankful to the Cherokee Nation for the opportunities afforded the Cherokee National Youth Choir. Traveling is an educational experience that a lot of our choir members would never have if it weren't for the choir. Seeing young eyes see things for the first time and hearing about those who have traveled before us, is Priceless! I've said it before, but I will say it again, "I have the BEST job in the world!" Wado!

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### **History Tour Report - CNYLC**

The West East History Tour to North Carolina was a multi-sensory experiential learning opportunity for the CNYLC. Our objective was to take the Cherokee History Class out of the classroom and incorporate the other senses to increase the impact of the learning experience. This trip showcases many museums and national points of interest. Some of the sites visited are: Lake Dardanelle State Park, Mount Holly Cemetery, Fort Loudoun, Kituwah Mound, Museum of the Cherokee Indian, Oconoluftee Village, "Unto These Hills", Chief Vann House, New Echota Historic Site, Etowah Mounds, Ross's Landing and Passage, and Red Clay State Park.

This opportunity takes individual and family stories as well as the story of the Trail of Tears and makes them real and personal. The following CNYLC members attended this opportunity: Summer Locust (Dist 3), Laurin Keen (Dist 1), Kendall Horton (Dist 4), Dylan Tucker (Dist 1), Dillon Wallis (Dist 5), Noah Collins (Dist 5), Garrett Reed (Dist 4), Eric Budder (Dist 5), Brian Barlow (Dist 1).

A change was seen in the CNYLC participants. They became very close like a family by not only having the opportunity to develop a shared experience but more importantly they walked on the same ground as their ancestors at Kituwah Mound, they climbed the hills and heard the choir sing the Cherokee Language into the Smoky Mountains as it has not been sang in many years. These were moving experiences, which will have an impact that will last a lifetime. The participants left as individuals and returned as a family.

The outcome of this trip was bigger than expected; it changed us both individually and as a group. We now have a greater respect for each other since we all realize we all share a common ancestry unlike other Americans. Many participants are already talking of returning soon with the hope their family gets to see our Cherokee homelands.

One of the comments from nearly every participant is that every Cherokee Citizen should have this opportunity.

Blogs have been provided to expand on the personal experiences of a few participants.

### **Travel BLOG: Eric Budder (Dist 4)**

I recently embarked upon a journey unlike any I had previously undertaken. I was actually able to visit my ancestor's homeland, my place of origin. I saw the great mounds at Etowah and walked upon the greatest of them, dubbed Mound A by the ever-creative archeological community. I visited Red Clay, the last capitol of the Cherokees east of the Mississippi and in Cherokee, North Carolina; I saw a lovely performance of the production known as Unto These Hills amongst the backdrop of the Smoky Mountains. It was an invaluable learning experience of my past in which I learned many things that I was previously oblivious to and I am quite thankful for this because it helps me understand the present a great deal more.

I now have a deeper understanding of the perils and pains the Cherokee people endured on the Trail of Tears. I heard and saw a stirring dramatization of innocent Cherokee people being removed ruthlessly from their homes for the most unjust reasons. All acting in an amphitheater today of course, but it was unbelievably real for the Cherokee people not so long ago. I was ferried around in a bus for the duration of my trip and I detested it. The leg cramps that were waiting to strike once I stood to leave the bus for an all too brief bathroom break, the long dull hours of scenery floating by, and perhaps worst of all, the terrible chill emanating from the air conditioning. After a sad period of whining to myself about these things, thought struck me. How could this compare to what my ancestors faced on their voyage? They weren't riding in cushioned seats for hours; they were walking, sometimes with no foot protection. They couldn't transport themselves seventy miles an hour and finish their journey in a week; they staggered on for miserable months on end. And that cold air I was complaining about was probably a summer breeze to any of those on the Trail of Tears who walked in the midst of one of the worst winters of their time. Even now, I seriously doubt I comprehend even a small amount of the psychological and physical pain faced by those poor souls. The last time I checked, nobody I knew died on the bus trip. I came away with a better understanding of the Trail of Tears, possibly as close as I can get to fully grasping the removal. People are quite good at becoming inured to pain and suffering, it is a great strength of humanity and I am no different. Sometimes however, it is a stumbling block to blind us. One should remove the psychological shield for a little bit to better understand and truly see a thing for what it truly is.

On a lighter note, my experiences also taught me about more than just our darkest hour. I learned about every day life of my ancestors as I was briefly filled in on the art that is basket weaving and the games of chunky and stickball. I saw our strong villages as they were in the past and learned of our brave exploits in the French and Indian War. I appreciated our famous government full of logic and common sense. And of course I heard the language beautifully played out on the vocal chords of the Cherokee National Youth Choir. As a member of the Youth Council who experienced these things and more (such as my first taste of the food at T.G.I. Friday's, shooting nerf darts at my friends in hotels, and writing my first blog), I can certainly say at the very least that I understand and am more appreciative and connected to my heritage even more, which has the seemingly unrelated effect of strengthening my knowledge, love, and approval of the heritage I am currently living. As far as trips go, I'd call this one an invigorating success.

### **Travel BLOG: Brian Barlow (Dist 1)**

We loaded up the bus at 7:15 this morning, ready and eager to depart from Memphis, starting our long route home. It has been six days since any one of us have seen our friends, family, and our dearly missed beds! As I am writing this there is a boy in the seat next to me hunched over with his head cricked to the right and pressed up against the window in what I assume is a deep coma. On the other side of me a younger boy is laying down across two seats with his head dangling off the edge of the row; this will in-turn show to have been a terrible decision when he wakes up from his slumber with the worst neck crick he has ever experienced. On the floor between me and the younger boy there is Jr. Miss Cherokee herself snoozing away completely undisturbed by even the biggest jolt Smitty (our amazing bus driver) can throw at her! Point being it has been a long week; nonetheless I feel that each one of us has been able to take something from it along the way, after all the destination was "home". And when I say that I mean it, more then I ever have. I think that a lot of us were in a type of "conscious sleep", we were almost unaware of the true bearing of our roots, and completely content with our former standing. I think it takes a journey such as this one to jar one from such a "sleep". We as a people need to be Jared from our sleep. It's difficult for Native Americans to embrace their traditions and culture because their traditions and culture were stolen from them from the beginning. The Cherokee People are a society within a society, and a nation within a nation. We do not have our own Country like other nations do; we have reserves and territories, for our land was taken from us. So we must put extra initiative into holding tight to our culture and beliefs. It is important that the language is preserved and the traditions are still practiced. Without those things what sovereignty do we have, with out those things what would our people be, what would they represent?

### **Travel BLOG: Danielle Culp (CNYLC Alumna/Chaperone)**

I believe that you can always go home again. No, it will not be the same as when you left, but your home is not the only thing that will be different. We as people are constantly changing, whether it is willingly or unwillingly. We must have open hearts as we journey back to the past into the places in which we find our beginnings.

My heart smiles as I load a bus with other youth from Cherokee nation. We all have taken our seats to journey east; however the direction we go is not only cardinal but defined by time. The impact that this trip can make is one that will be forever carved upon the hearts of a once broken nation.

There were many stops along our journey, some more welcoming than others. The bus made a stop at Mount Holly cemetery to visit the grave of Quatie Ross, the wife of chief John Ross. The tour of the cemetery was long and numerous facts about the confederate history that was buried six feet under were told. It was only towards the end of the tour that I finally saw Quatie's grave. This was the reason for this stop, but I could not help but feel that this was not as important as the other graves. Little time was spent there and the guide said that legends of her great compassion were not historically accurate. Even her age had been lost when her gravestone was broken, whether on purpose or incidentally. I wonder if the youth's perception has changed because of the tour. We soon loaded up and headed out.

The choir sang throughout our journey, but a few places stood out in my mind. At one stop the choir lined up with the mountains behind them. They sang under the direction of Mary Kay, however this performance was different than any other I have witnessed. Yes, people were present like many of their other functions, but I felt that there was a bigger presence there that day. Not only did their voices reach the people, they also touched what only the Creator can make, the mountains. My People say that it was devastating to leave the mountains, and that it broke their hearts. I have to ask myself how the mountains felt when we left. We were placed here to take care of the earth and the animals that inhabit it. When we left, the mountains were taken over by people who did not care for them. How glorious it must have been for the mountains to once again hear Cherokee surrounding them.

Visiting the Oconaluftee village was an unforgettable experience. Walking into the village is like taking a magical step into a land untouched by greed. It is easy to forget the modern world as you are surrounded by the trees and are greeted by warm smiles inviting you to take a journey into their world. We watched as Cherokees perpetuated their culture by continuing to weaving, bead, and mold. The guide in the council house welcomed us home and reassured us that although we are separated by land we are still one people. He then asked the choir to sing. Singing holds a big part of my heart because it is how I express my feelings and emotions. My heart truly smiled as I joined in to sing with my people in the council house.

The bus finally made it to Red Clay, the last capital of the Cherokee Nation before the removal. I have visited this place many times and have experienced many different emotions each time. There I have seen the eternal fire, heard traditional stories told by Miss Cherokee, and watched as the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians gather with Cherokee Nation. Of all the things that I

have seen the spring is still what captivates me. A spring comes up to fill a pool resulting in a beautiful blue color. I was told when I was young that water is important, obviously, but it was deeper than a mere need to survive. I was told that in the morning you go to the water to purify yourself and to wash away your troubles and hatred. This spring is a symbol of that. It is priceless to return to the spring. For me, I must come to the spring, give thanks for it's provisions, and wash myself of my modern worries. A flower is most beautiful when it naturally grows outside, just like a bird needs to be free so that it may choose where to fly. Many times we bring nature to us in order to bring beauty into our lives. However this beauty is fleeting and we have started a slow cycle of death when we alter the original path that nature set out. The spring is magnificent because of what it is, a natural spring; to take that away and hide it in a bottle is changing the original purpose, to cleanse. Although I cannot visit everyday, I still come to visit when I can. I come to see what nature created, a blue hole, with crystal clear water that takes my breath away every time I return to it.

Returning home always affects me. I learn new things every time, and most importantly my heart grows with compassion and understanding. My people have a history; I refuse to categorize it as rough because I have overcome that hurt. We have had hardship, but we must not forget that we control our destiny. I choose to stand strong and be proud of where I come from. I choose to overcome hatred and to have faith in my people. I can never give up hope. Returning home allows to me to learn and to move forward like we always have.



**Travel BLOG: Patrick Hill (CNYLC Sponsor/Advisor)**

Sunday morning as we boarded the bus for the trip home, I look around the bus at the participants and I reflected on what I learned and observed. I was moved by the journey that took something once so distant and made it very personal. I often find it best to express my sentiments in poetry so here is what I was moved to write on our journey.

*Cause and Effect*  
*By Patrick Hill*

Gentle spirits encounter greedy bigots  
having unjustified actions  
resulting in rampant ambivalence.

Circumstances unfavorable  
created consequences unreasonable  
from policies unpalatable  
with results unforeseeable.

A tragic ending results from promises forged by greed,  
hearts annealed and wounded souls forever changed.

The ending to one story is yet a beginning;  
starting with roots running deep.  
Roots that soak up the spirit of the earth,  
which flows through our people.

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**DATE:** August 4, 2011  
**RE:** West to East Trip  
June 13-19, 2011

### **WHY**

The Cherokee Nation History Course is a fantastic springboard through which to learn the basic, overarching story of Cherokee history from time immemorial to today, but in and of itself it is only one part of a much larger whole. The history course must be supplemented by actual visits to people and places important to our history. While one may know facts and historical interpretations of Cherokee history, anyone who travels to sites important to Cherokee history will better intellectually *know* and emotionally *understand* so much more about Cherokees and their history after such a trip.

When the West to East trip was initially “advertised” via all-employee e-mail, interest and sign-ups were high. Once restrictions were laid down, interest waned and many who had signed up dropped out, as was to be expected. Nevertheless, planners forged ahead with our trip (*see attached itinerary*), and the final employee roster (*attached*) shows fifteen employees and myself going on the trip.

### **WHEN/WHERE**

See attached electronic itinerary for seven-day trip.

### **OUTCOMES/CHANGES**

- 1) Several people made the same exact remark to me: “I have always wanted to take a trip like this to see where my ancestors were from, and now I can cross this trip off my bucket list.” Several people became very eloquent and emotional in describing to me what the trip meant to them. We all concur that the mound-building ceremony with Tom Belt was for many people a huge highlight (if not **the** highlight) of the trip, and we all actively endeavored to keep that spirit of togetherness, relatedness, closeness going among our group, and I think to an admirable degree we succeeded.
- 2) The second almost universal comment made by most participants was “I’m going back!” So many people liked the stops we made (even if they were rushed and hurried) that they

declared they were coming back and taking their own sweet time in visiting wherever they wanted for as long as they wanted. I know of two employees who have actually gone back to the Southeast since our June jaunt—Helena McCoy and her husband went back, and so did Emily Raper and her husband.

3) The third universal comment was “I can’t wait to go back and take my \_\_\_\_.” Fill in the blank with: husband, mom, sister, brother, kid, whomever. As mentioned, Helena McCoy and Emily Raper have since taken their spouses back to the Southeast. Danny and Cindy Dotson also intend to take their youngest son to Cherokee. Their oldest son was on his way to Afghanistan the week they were on the trip, and they told me that if they hadn’t wanted to see the old Cherokee homeland so bad, they’d have cancelled the trip.

4) Helena McCoy is currently working on a PowerPoint presentation of the trip we took in June, and she will present it at the Immersion School and give a talk to go along with the slide show. I have asked Helena to show the same program to Employee Development.

5) Wanda Girty told me that she had always wanted to see Cherokee, North Carolina, one more time before she died. Evidently Wanda lived there many years ago with her husband, who became quite ill and subsequently died there.

6) Since the trip, I have seen six or eight of the people on the trip. I saw Emily Raper and Rebecca Smythe recently, and I have also seen Ellen Johnson, Helena McCoy, and Cherry Bark, and when we see each other we hug like family members who haven’t seen each other in a very long time. This trip emphatically forged bonds of friendship that are surprising in their intensity. I have also had e-mails from almost all the attendees, and some of their comments follow:

“Thank you and keep up the great work. If there is ever another trip to the East and visiting the historic sites, I would be more than happy to take on that as well.” --Emily Raper

“I would be up for another trip to the East.” --Lavell Bryan

“I am ALWAYS up for history trips! If it is at all possible, I will sign up.” --Rebecca Smythe

“Hey, I just wanted to take a moment and say ‘Thank You’ for all you did for us on the trip. It was amazing. I had a ball and you made it very interesting and enjoyable. I have no complaints and would do it again in a heartbeat! Thanks again and this flower is for you! [beautiful flower picture attached here]” --Barbara Neal

**EMPLOYEE ROSTER FOR WEST TO EAST TRIP, JUNE 13-19, 2011**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>WORK NUMBER</b>	<b>CELL NUMBER</b>
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Bryan, Lavell	Purchasing	5217	
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Dotson, Danny			918-458-7099
Gates, Jerica			
Girty, Wanda	Hastings (pub. health)	918-458-3190	918-315-5204
Jackson, Debbie	Dept. of Interior	918-453-5714 deborah_jackson@ost.doi.gov	918-261-2143
Johnson, Ellen	Govt. Resources	918-458-6113	918-207-8043
McCoy, Helena	Immersion	918-207-4900	918-774-5267
Neal, Barbara	Health Education	918-453-5138	918-207-8335
Raper, Emily	Financial Resources	5287	
Reed, Shirley	Immersion		
Smythe, Rebecca	Gaming Comm.	918-453-5702	
Stamper, Tonia	ICW-Resources	7742	
Switzer, Sue	Real Estate Svcs	453-5583	931-8678

## Cherokee History-West to East Bus Tour June 13-19, 2011

Monday, June 13, 2011	Catoosa, OK to Memphis, TN
5:00 AM	Two Kincaide motor coach busses arrive at Hard Rock, load supplies & luggage
5:30 AM	CNCT staff and Kincaide motor coaches depart Hard Rock for Tahlequah, OK
6:30 AM	Arrive CN Tribal Complex, CN and Choir group load both busses, group manifest checklist
7:15 AM	Both busses depart Tahlequah for Russellville, AR
9:50 AM	Arrive Lake Dardanelle State Park, unload, restroom break (youth choir sings 2 songs)
10:00 AM	Site intro, guide welcome, tour visitors center, gardens etc.
11:15 PM	Depart Lake Dardanelle State Park for lunch in Russellville, AR
11:30 PM	Arrive CiCi's Pizza- Russellville, AR- Eat lunch- Lauren to coordinate
1:00 PM	Depart restaurant for Little Rock, AR (use restroom before leaving; none at cemetery)
2:10 PM	Arrive Mount Holly Cemetery, Little Rock- guided tour and Quatie Ross gravesite
3:40 PM	Depart Mount Holly Cemetery for Memphis, TN
6:00 PM	Arrive Doubletree Hotel- Memphis, TN, unload bus, luggage, check- in Dinner on own-several restaurants in walking distance

Tuesday, June 14, 2011	Memphis, TN to Pigeon Forge, TN (meet w/ Bikers?)
6:30 AM	Begin loading luggage on busses-Subway sandwich delivery- LJ to coordinate
7:00 AM	Depart Doubletree Memphis
9:35 AM	Fuel/Rest stop at Flying J- Brentwood, TN
10:15 AM	Depart Flying J for Crossville, TN
12:30 PM	Arrive Rest Area- near Crossville, TN *eat Subway lunches, restroom break
1:15 PM	Depart Rest Stop
<b>CHANGE TO EASTERN TIME ZONE</b>	
3:40 PM	Arrive Fort Loudoun- Vonore, TN
5:10 PM	Depart Vonore, TN for Pigeon Forge
6:30 PM	Arrive Pigeon Forge, hotel check in- dinner on own(Golden Corral, Ryan's Buffet, etc.)

Wednesday, June 15, 2011	Pigeon Forge, TN to Cherokee, NC
8:00 AM	Begin loading luggage on busses*pickup or delivery of Subway (choir only)-LJ to coordin.
8:30 AM	Depart Pigeon Forge Hotel
varies	Scenic stop through Smoky Mountains- photo op
10:30 AM	Arrive Kituwah Mound- mound ceremony; Tom Belt, per Kathy Sierra
12:00 PM	Depart Kituwah Mound: <i>Groups separate on two busses.</i>
<b>BUS #1- Cherokee Nation Group only- Roger Hale (driver)/Lauren Jones (guide)</b>	



12:30 PM	arrive restaurant in Cherokee, NC (Paula Deen's Rest. At Harrah's)
2:00 PM	Arrive Museum of the Cherokee Indian- Cherokee, NC
3:30 PM	Arrive Holiday Inn- check in, free time, dinner on own
<b>BUS #2- Cherokee National Youth Choir &amp; Youth Council - driver TBD/ Joe Knight (guide)*add'l van to be provided for Y.Council, per Kathy Sierra</b>	
1:00 PM	arrive Junaluska Memorial & Museum in Robbinsville, NC (eat Subway on bus)- <b>Shirley Oswalt &amp; TJ to guide, per Kathy Sierra</b>
3:00 PM	Depart museum for Cherokee, NC
4:00 PM	Arrive Holiday Inn- freshen up, change clothes
5:30 PM	<b>BOTH BUSES DEPART FOR DINNER at Rock Springs Church- Whittier, NC</b>
6:00 PM	Busses arrive, eat pot luck dinner ( <b>provided by Eastern Band- Kathy Sierra to confirm</b> )
6:45 PM	Youth Choir Performs at Rock Springs Church
7:30 PM	Load busses, depart for Cherokee, NC
8:00 PM	Arrive Holiday Inn

Thursday, June 16, 2011	Cherokee, NC all day
<b>BUS #1- Cherokee Nation Group ONLY- Roger Hale (driver)/Lauren Jones (guide)</b>	
9:00 AM	Depart Holiday Inn for Oconoluftee Village
9:30 AM	Arrive, Oconoluftee Village Tour- Cherokee, NC
11:30 AM	Depart Oconoluftee Village for downtown Cherokee; lunch on own
<b>FREE TIME</b>	
6:00 PM	Load bus for ampitheatre
6:15 PM	Arrive ampitheatre, get seats, concessions etc.
6:30 PM	Youth Choir performs in ampitheatre
7:00 PM	"Unto These Hills" performance begins
9:00 PM	Load bus, depart for hotel
<b>BUS #2- Cherokee National Youth Choir &amp; Youth Council- driver TBD/ Joe Knight (guide)</b>	
8:30 AM	Depart Holiday Inn for Immersion School
9:00 AM	Arrive Immersion School
9:30 AM	Youth Choir performs
10:30 AM	Depart Immersion School for downtown Cherokee, NC
11:00 AM	Lunch on own, Musuem of the Cherokee Indian on own
1:30 PM	Load bus, depart for hotel
1:50 PM	Arrive hotel- shower, change clothes etc.
2:40 PM	Load bus, depart for Oconoluftee Village
3:00 PM	Arrive Oconoluftee Village Tour
5:15 PM	Load bus, depart for ampitheater
5:30 PM	Arrive ampitheatre, rehearse, eat dinner (concessions)
6:30 PM	Sing before "Unto These Hills" performance
7:00 PM	"Unto These Hills" peformance begins

9:00 PM	Load bus, depart for hotel
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Friday, June 17, 2011	Cherokee, NC to Chattanooga, TN (with Etowah Mounds)
7:30 AM	Depart Holiday Inn- Cherokee, NC *Subway lunches to be picked up (LJ to confirm)
8:55 AM	Arrive BP- rest stop/rest room break- Mineral Bluff, GA
10:20 AM	Arrive Vann House- Chatsworth, GA
10:30 AM	Youth Choir to perform at site- (youth choir sings 2 songs)
11:50 AM	Depart Vann House for New Echota Historic Site (eat Subway on bus or at New Echota)
12:15 PM	Arrive New Echota Historic Site- Calhoun, GA (picnic tables?) Heather to confirm
2:15 PM	Depart New Echota for Etowah Mounds
2:45 PM	Arrive Etowah Mounds- Cartersville, GA
4:45 PM	Depart Etowah Mounds
5:50 PM	Arrive Comfort Inn- Chattanooga, TN- dinner on own- restaurants near hotel

Saturday, June 18, 2011	Chattanooga, TN to Memphis, TN
7:30 AM	Depart Comfort Inn- Chattanooga, TN for Downtown Chattanooga
7:45 AM	Arrive boardwalk, board Southern Belle Riverboat - Chattanooga River
8:00 AM	Private river boat tour begins- Chattanooga River
10:00 AM	Boat tour ends, unload boat
10:05 AM	Load busses, depart for Ross's Landing (across the street)
10:15 AM	Arrive Ross's Landing and the Passage; lunch on own (food court/restaurants nearby)
12:15 PM	Depart Ross's Landing for Red Clay State Park
1:00 PM	Arrive Red Clay State Park- Cleveland, TN (how many rest rooms at site?)
2:30 PM	Depart Red Clay State Park for Dickenson, TN
<b>CHANGE TO CENTRAL TIME ZONE</b>	
4:35 PM	Rest/Fuel stop- Pilot Travel Center- Dickenson, TN
5:15 PM	Depart for Memphis, TN
7:40 PM	Arrive Doubletree Hotel, Memphis-Dinner on own

Sunday, June 19, 2011	Memphis, TN to Catoosa, OK
7:30 AM	Depart Doubletree Hotel- Memphis, TN
9:35 AM	Arrive Love's Country Store, rest/rest room break- North Little Rock, AR
10:05 AM	Depart North Little Rock, AR for Russellville, AR
11:10 AM	Arrive Russellville, AR- rest/lunch break- McDonalds/Taco Bell (LJ to coordinate)
12:30 PM	Depart Russellville, AR for Tahlequah, OK
3:00 PM	Arrive CN Tribal Complex-Tahlequah, OK- CN and Choir group unload busses
3:30 PM	Busses depart for Catoosa, OK
4:30 PM	Arrive Hard Rock, Catoosa- CNCT staff unload luggage, supplies, clean bus etc.
5:00 PM	Kincaide Motorcoach departs for bus barn in Tulsa