



Cultural Tourism
Cherokee Nation Tribal Council Cultural Committee Report
July 2019

Key Project Summary

Capital Projects

- Cherokee National Capitol Update:
 - Exhibit installation is complete. Cherokee National History Museum opening date will be announced soon, pending the installation of delayed case glass.
- Downtown Tahlequah Cultural Pathway
 - Currently working on the design of a cultural pathway to connect Cherokee Nation's downtown cultural resources.
 - Design will be bid late summer 2019
- Saline Courthouse Restoration:
 - The restoration of the courthouse and the construction of an onsite caretaker's home are nearing completion.
 - Restoration work began in August and will be complete in September. Work includes interior and exterior renovation to the courthouse, modernizing mechanical, electrical and plumbing, renovation of all interiors (walls, ceilings, floors, windows, and doors) to bring the building to a useable space.
 - The caretaker's home is now complete. A site caretaker should be in place by the end of July.

Retail

- New summer merchandise is currently in the stores.
- Cherokee Nation Gift Shops has once again partnered with the Remember the Removal bike ride planning committee to sell commemorative T-shirts with all profits being donated to the program to help support the riders.
- Cherokee National Holiday Shirt is on sale now.

Museum Promotions and Exhibitions

- Full details can be found at www.VisitCherokeeNation.com
- **Stories on the Square**
Cherokee National Peace Pavilion
July 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31
- **Where Has Your Flag Flown exhibit**
Cherokee National Supreme Court Museum
June 14, 2019; 10 am - 4 pm
- **Old Settler Capital at Tahlonteeskee Exhibit**
Sequoyah's Cabin Museum
August 2, 2019; 10 am - 4 pm

Tours & Events

- YTD tour activity
 - 52 tours schedule for FY 19 – Includes Motor coach, community, and education tours

Group: Education Services

Month: ☐☐☐☐☐ May / ☐☐☐☐☐ June

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CHEROKEE LANGUAGE PROGRAM - CULTURE COMMITTEE REPORT
- Community Language/Language Technology/Translation -

Community Language (Community classes, Online Classes, Public Events)

Activity

☐☐☐☐☐ May / ☐☐☐☐☐ June

Year To Date

# of staff presentations/classes	2	19
# of participants-Outreach	150	1,482
# of on-site classes	2	8
# of participants in on-line class	897	3,534
# contract community classes	1	27

Accomplishments:

1. Staff assisted with monthly Cherokee Speakers Bureau meetings.
2. June 17 – 20 the Third Annual IGNITE Teacher Training Conference was held at Cherokee Heritage Elementary School in Tahlequah, OK. 86 pre-registered attendees attended the event.
3. July 18 – 19 the Five Tribes Inter-Tribal Council Language Summit will be held at the Chickasaw Nation Community Building in Ada, OK. It will be staff development training for the Five Tribes Language Programs
4. Staff aided in the Cherokee Speaker Roll signing project held at Greasy, Kenwood, and Marble City
5. Roy Boney presented at the Cherokee Tri Council Meeting June 27 about the Cherokee Speaker Roll; worked with Howard Paden from the Master Apprentice Program to collect signatures of Eastern Band speakers. Approximately 60 signatures were gathered with plans to return to Cherokee, NC to collect more EBCI signatures.
6. Sammy Still did Cherokee cultural and language presentations for several public school summer events during May and June: Salina, Belfonte, Dwight Mission, Kansas, Marble City

Future Plans/New Initiatives:

1. Working with CN IT to upgrade the Cherokee Online Language classes software and equipment.

Language Technology (Cherokee Language Software, Design, Media, Outreach)

Accomplishments:

1. Answered 28 inquiries at the language@cherokee.org email address.

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Community & Cultural Outreach

Report for June 2019
Kevin Stretch – Interim
Director

The following report covers the activities of the CCO; Cultural Outreach Program, History and Preservation, At-Large Community activities and the Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program, staff for the month of June 2019.



Cultural Outreach & At-Large Communities

On June 9th, Vince Feeling gave a cultural presentation to the San Diego Cherokee Community. This presentation consisted of the complex of Cherokee Stickball from early times before the game was perpetuated by the Cherokee to the common communal game played today. After the presentation the attendees were then shown how to play and those who wished were then allowed to participate in a friendly game.

**Number of People attending the
San Diego event.**

30

In June, Cultural Outreach hosted one presentation within the TJDA. This event was held on June 18th and was given to the participants of Project A. Vince Feeling again gave his presentation on our Stickball game.

50

**Number of People attending
the Project A event.**



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The ANA Native Language Community Coordination (NLCC) partnership's language committee has finalized the long term language strategic plan and the curriculum criteria cross referenced between proficiency guidelines and age levels targeted for all CN language curriculum materials. The committee has also finalized the Cherokee language teacher certification criteria for the NLCC grant and has maintained a steady rate of curriculum alignment and curriculum construction for the Cherokee Nation's Unified Language Curriculum. The NLCC language committee met June 5th to finalize the Cherokee Nation's graduated Cherokee language teacher certification criteria for the NLCC grant.

On June 21st, on behalf of CN council, program staff and participants cohosted the Speaker Roll community event with Education services in Kenwood. They prepared and served nearly 150 first language Native Cherokee speakers a traditional dinner while asking them to sign a archival quality book to document their Cherokee identity as first language speakers before the language shift has taken its full effect. This allows us to capture the identities of our last generation of truly fluent speakers until our programs and communities are able to create a new generation of native speakers.

**First language speakers attending
the Kenwood event**

85

CLMAP helped host another speaker roll community event was held on June 25th in Marble City with similar number in attendance for the same purpose.

105

**First language speakers attending
the Marble City event**

The Summer Language Intensive hosted by CLMAP's 14th Generation Academy began its 10 week summer camp at Sequoyah High school May 28th and is enjoying a successful language learning experience with 15-20 students in attendance for the first month of this annual program.

Program staff and participants participated in two learning opportunities in June. From June 3rd through 6th CLMAP they attended the Digital Story Training hosted by CN Healthy Nation to learn how to digitize and make videos of language support content and teaching materials. From June 17th to 20th, this group also attended the annual IGNITE conference hosted by CN Education Services team. They took the opportunity to practice comprehensible input teaching techniques from expert instructors across the US.

June is the sixth month for the Adult Master Apprentice Program's new cohort of four program participants. This is the fifth cohort of the program and all of them have taken their second oral

proficiency interview evaluation for the first quarter programmatic evaluation. All first year program participants tested at the expected proficiency ranges for their first quarter, using the ACTFL guidelines. Two of them have reached **Intermediate low (Level 2)** and the other two are cresting **Novice high** proficiency levels (**Level 3**).

The six second year program participants, from our fourth cohort, continue to gain in language proficiency and teaching methodology skills. Of these second year program participants, two are at **Intermediate mid (Level 5)** proficiency and four are at **Intermediate high (Level 5)** proficiency. Although they are advancing at a rate that is on par or surpasses previous cohorts, the levels that they have attained take significant time to move through. Despite the slow rate of advancement in the upper proficiency levels, they will likely leave the program at higher proficiencies than previously attained by the majority of previous graduates. The six second year participants are also actively engaged in facilitating the language sessions for the new cohort and are learning language immersion teaching methodologies as well as creating curriculum and teaching lessons. In the month of July, both Cohorts will take their second quarter summative evaluation oral proficiency interviews.

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

2

2

2

4

**Novice
High
(Level 3)**

**Intermediate
Low
(Level 4)**

**Intermediate
Mid
(Level 5)**

**Intermediate
High
(Level 6)**

Coming Events:

- July 12 through 13 – CCO Community leaders Conference, Tahlequah

Monthly Report

June 2019

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At-Large Annual Meetings

June 08, 2019, Atlanta, GA, Georgia Cherokee Community Alliance
Attendance: 130

At-Large Cultural Presentations

June 02, 2019, San Diego, CA, San Diego Cherokee Community
Attendance: 40
Presenter: Vince Feeling- Stickball

June 22, 2019 Kansas City, MO, Kansas City Cherokee Community
Attendance: 45
Presenter: Richard Fields, Cherokee National Treasure- Bowery

June 21-23 Sacramento, CA, Cherokees of Northern Central Valley Annual Culture
Camp
Attendance: 55
Presenter: Jerrid Miller, Cherokee Heritage Center Archives

Local Cultural Presentations

June 18, 2019 Ft. Gibson, OK, Project A Annual Sports Camp
Attendance: 50
Presenter: Vince Feeling, Stickball

June 20, 2019 Ft. Gibson, OK, Project A Annual Sports Camp
Attendance: 50
Presenter: Brian Jackson, Feats of Strength

Cultural Inquiries via email, text, facebook messenger: 38

Personal: Had a paper on 'Going to Water' presented by a panel of scholars in Cork, Ireland on June 14th at the 2019 Conference on Religion, Water and Climate Change: Changing Cultures and Landscapes