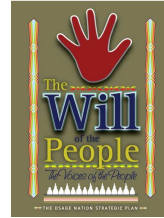


From Kansas to Home, a Cultural Experience



A strategic plan project!

Our Mission: To bring insight and knowledge to our Osage people as we are descendents and survivors of a great nation of people. To experience, on a very basic level, our history and culture through modern eyes; to encourage historic learning and cultural activity.

Over the generations our people walked from the Ohio basin to what is now the Osage reservation. We want to experience a small symbolic taste of what that might have been like for them. We will not have the hardship they experienced, but we will have the pilgrimage in our hearts.

In the Osage Nation 25 year Strategic Plan, the Osage people ask for:

- *Support of a cultural curriculum*
- *Initiate history/genealogy projects*
- *Support the dissemination of history*
- *Welcome all Osages to participate*
- *Cultural outreach to off reservation Osages*

Our hope is to bring you a happy family event; you are encouraged to bring your children, your parents and all your relation. This will be only a first in a series of events that will lead up to discovering the entire journey from eastern Kansas to home. ***Please join us!***

The Committee

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Cherokee Cheshewalla
Addie Thomas
Bobby Tallchief
Cherise Lookout
Faith Allison
Tammy Bright
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Jackie McCann
Otto Hamilton
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Crystal Holt
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Registration

Registration opens: September 1, 2009, and closes September 30, 2009.

Members and their families of the Osage Nation are invited to participate in a cultural walk on Saturday, October 24, ending Sunday, October 25, 2009.

Eligibility:

You must be Osage. Your application will be verified through our Membership department. If you do not have a membership number, your CDIB will work and once again, verified through CDIB.

Non-Osage parents, spouses, significant others will be allowed so long as you are registered with an Osage member.

Children 17 and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

You must agree to participate in a **group** and be responsible for completing the group assignment.

You must agree to complete the orientation and training the morning before the journey begins.

Absolutely, no alcohol will be allowed on this travel.

Registration Fees:

There will be a \$20 charge for each adult traveling. Children 17 and under are free.

For your registration fee you will receive for **each** traveler, including non-paying children:

- An over the shoulder pack
- A water container
- A flashlight
- 1 set of dishes for each individual. Plate, bowl, utensils and a water container.

Items you should bring: Remember you have to carry them to the camp site. So, pack to share the load and keep it simple.

Tent – which you can set up yourself

Walking shoes – don't buy them at the last minute. Make sure they are broken in.

Sleeping Bags and blankets.

Clothes for warmth.

Toiletries – keep to a minimum, we are only going to be gone overnight.

Porta johns will be provided.

Rain gear – our trip will go on rain or shine.

Cell phones must be turned off during event. They can be used for emergencies only.

Flash lights – one small key ring flashlight will be provided to each traveler, but if you would like to bring something else, as long as it is portable and not attached to a generator.

You cannot bring:

Ice Chests – we will be providing food and water for the trip.

Pets

Alcohol

Hotel Information:

Here is information for those of you traveling early or staying late that might need hotel stays:

These listings are within the Osage Reservation boundaries. Note: Bartlesville is within 30 miles of Pawhuska, OK.

Pawhuska

Black Gold Motel 918/287-3303

Economy Inn 918/287-1110

Holly Cottage 918/287-3879

Wah Zha Zhi House 918/440-1209

Inn at Woodyard Farm 918/287-2009

Hominy

Payless Inn 918/885-4465

Skiatook

Million Dollar Elm Travel Plaza & Motel 918/396-2626

Groups: Each adult traveler will be assigned to a group.

Logistics:

Trail: Members of this group will be assigned to guide, assist and keep our travelers safe as we transport. Such as physical needs, assisting with travelers crossing a rocky area and securing that all in their assigned group are accounted for.

Transport: Members of this group will be assigned to seeing that all travelers are safely loaded and transported to the final area.

Safety: Members of this group will be assigned to seeing that all travelers are moving safely across the trail and assist if there are needs such as, sprained ankles, becoming overly exerted, or unable to keep up. Also working with trail workers, see to the medical attention of the travelers.

Once we arrive at our destination, this group will also be responsible for the safety of the camp for security and fire prevention.

Storage: Members of this group will see to the needs of our supplies and once we arrive at our final destination, storage set up and protection from invasion.

Operations:

Fire & Wood: Members of this group will be responsible for lighting and keeping the fires going all night. This is a highly responsible job. We will be lighting fires with flint and then it will be the responsibility of these members to secure that we have fire all night and in the morning. These members are also responsible for working with fire prevention.

Food: Members of this group will be responsible for seeing that dinner, snacks and breakfast are provided. The food stores will be managed by the Storage group, but the cooks group will be responsible for preparing all meals. Each member is responsible for their personal clean up. Cooks will be responsible for meal clean up.

Water: Members of this group will be responsible for water storage. Everyone will be given a water container to keep filled as they need. No individual plastic containers will be allowed. Keep your water container filled.

Games: Management of the entertainment for the evening. Following our speakers, we will be joining in hand game, Indian dice and maybe some other forms of entertainment. This group will be in charge of setting up, hosting and getting people involved.

You will be allowed to divide your group and select different groups (i.e., husband might choose fire and wife might choose food) or keep your group together (i.e., a parent and children might want to pick one group and stay together). You will make your selection in the registration forms below.

Agenda:

Friday, October 23 2:00pm

Early Birds

Meet us in the parking lot of the Osage Nation gift shop at 222 W. Main, downtown Pawhuska, for a historic tour of Pawhuska. Future trips will include our other district locations. We need a confirmation that you want to go on the tour. Transportation will be by caravan.

- Yes, I want to tour
- Number in party
- I will not have a vehicle

Pawhuska Historic Tour:

- Blacksmith House
- Cathedral of the Osage, Immaculate Conception Church
- Osage Tribal Museum, the oldest tribal museum in the United States

At the close of the tour join us for a reception from 5:00 to 6:00 pm at the Museum to meet and greet other early bird travelers.

Saturday, October 24 8:00 am Check-In

Everyone must be pre-registered by September 30, *no on-site registrations*.
View the exhibit of maps and documents from the original trip in the Cultural Center.
Come early and allow plenty of time for orientation.
Medical Check in.
Coffee & rolls will be provided.

Saturday, October 24 9:00am

Group Orientation
Safety Orientation
Pack Training

Each traveler will be assigned to a group. Each group will have an assigned responsibility, just as we did when we lived in bands and clans. Group leaders will meet with each group and give a layout of their responsibilities for the two day journey.

Everyone who is able bodied will walk to our campsite. It is approximately a 3 mile cross country walk in and out.

You will have to carry or in some way traverse your personal belongings. A check list is provided for suggested items.

Everyone must participate in safety training provided at orientation.

If you have medical needs, such as Insulin that must be kept refrigerated, you need to check in with our medical team and they will assist you with any needs you might have.

Saturday, October 24 11:00am

Lunch is on your own. The Osage Nation Visitors Guide will provide you with a selection of restaurants in the area. You are welcome to pick up lunch and eat at the cultural center.

Saturday, October 24 11:30am Vehicles move to travel location.

Vehicles will be allowed up to the Cross Bell Ranch. Once you park, you must take everything with you that you need for the overnight stay. No one will be allowed back to their vehicles.

Second tier transport to starting location north of the Kansas border- Vehicles will be left at our final destination. We will be transported to our starting location for the walk.

Move to Camp – Our trail group will be in charge of lining everyone up for the walk to camp.

A long house will have been constructed ahead of time, wood and water will be on sight as well.

Once we arrive at our camp site, each family will be assigned a camping location and begin setting up their campsite.

Cooks will need to begin dinner for the camp.

Historic Vignettes:

Weather permitting, along the trail there will be displays set up of historic events for your learning experience.

Dinner 4:30

Traditional dinner followed by clean up.

Evening Activities:

History – Historians will talk about our history at the time of the movement.

Story Telling – Story tellers are welcome to join in. Old Indian lore, stories by your ancestors.

Games: Indian Dice & Hand game

Sleep under the stars of your ancestors.

Sunday, October 25

Sunrise Prayer time for those interested. It is the belief of many that the breaking of dawn is the most spiritual and powerful moment of the day. A time when prayers are most powerful.

Breakfast The cooks will prepare a simple breakfast for all travelers.

Break Camp The camp must be packed up and ready to move. We are guests this time on the ranch and we must leave everything as we found it. All belongings, including trash must be ferried out.

Depart Camp 11:00am

Walk out of the camp in the same style we walked into camp to the ranch house for a wonderful catered meal by the Mullendore family. Their gift to you.

Return the following pages to:
Wah Zha Zhi Cultural Center
Attn: Cultural Walk
1449 W. Main or
P. O. Box 779
Pawhuska, OK 74056

Or: fax to 918/287-5569
Or email to: ccheshewalla@osagetribe.org

For office use only: ApRec'd: _____ M/V: _____ Check in: _____ Recd pkt: _____ # _____ Pmt: chk cash c/c \$ _____ Special needs: _____
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Registration form: Return pages 7 thru 11 only

Last Name	First	MI	Membership # (or CDIB) Copies are not required
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Mailing address including city, state & zip

Phone: Home _____

Cell phone # _____

Email address: _____

Home phone # _____

Emergency contact information: Please list two contacts. Names, relationship & phones numbers

Physicians: List your immediate physician and phone # in case of emergency.

Registration fees: \$20 each adult. Children 17 and under free.

Traveling as: (circle one)

Individual Family Group

Names and ages of family members:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

_____ **I would like to bring a horse drawn wagon, or ride a horse on this trip.**

Please describe your rig:

_____ **I would be willing to transport anyone needing to ride.**

How many? _____

I am able to walk the distance of three miles in and three miles out

__ Yes ___ with assistance from my family ___ I will need assistance

What kind of assistance do you require?

Groups: Each adult traveler will be assigned to a group.

I have reviewed the group dynamics and would like to be considered for the following group. Select your first, second and third choices with the numbers 1, 2 and 3. Be aware that we will try to place you in your first choice, if that group is already fulfilled, we will go to your next choice.

You will be allowed to divide your group and select different groups (i.e., husband might choose fire and wife might choose food) or keep your group together (i.e., a parent and children might want to pick one group and stay together). Please explain in the section below how your group would like to be placed. Groups are for adults; however, children may work along side their parents at the parent's discretion.

Logistics:

Trail _____
Transport _____
Safety _____
Storage _____

Operations:

Fire & Wood _____
Food _____
Water _____
Games _____

WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT
FOR
Osage Nation Cultural Walk

1. In consideration for receiving permission to participate in the Osage Nation Cultural Walk, I hereby RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE, Osage Nation, their officers, agents, servants, or employees (hereinafter referred to as RELEASEES) from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, or any of the property belonging to me, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, or otherwise, while participating in such activity, or while in, on or upon the premises where the activity is being conducted.
2. I am fully aware of the unusual risks involved and hazards connected with this activity, including but not limited to travel risks. I hereby elect to voluntarily participate in said activity with full knowledge that said activity may be hazardous to me and my property. I VOLUNTARILY ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISKS OF LOSS, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, that may be sustained by me, or any loss or damage of property owned by me, as a result of being engaged in such activity, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.
3. I further hereby AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS the RELEASEES from any loss, liability, damage or costs, including court costs and attorney fees, that they may incur due to my participation in said activity, WHETHER CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES or otherwise.
4. It is my express intent that this Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement shall bind the members of my family and spouse, if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns and personal representative, if I am deceased, and shall be deemed as a RELEASE, WAIVER, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the above-named RELEASEES. I hereby further agree that this Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the Osage Nation.
5. IN SIGNING THIS RELEASE, I ACKNOWLEDGE AND REPRESENT THAT I have read the foregoing Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement, understand it and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed; no oral representations, statements, or inducements, apart from the foregoing written agreement, have been made; I am at least eighteen (18) years of age and fully competent; and I execute this Release for full, adequate and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by same.

Signed on this _____ day of _____, 2009.

PARTICIPANT

 Printed Name

 Signature

If Participant is under the age of 18, Parent/Guardian consents to the minor's participation in the event, consents for Osage Nation to seek reasonable and necessary medical treatment for Participants during such event or associated activities, and agrees to be responsible for any cost of such treatment.

 Parent/Guardian Signature

 Date

Acknowledgments:

Personal Medical- please initial the section that applies to you
I have medical issues that need to be addressed.

_____ No, I do not have medical issues that need to be addressed.

_____ Yes, but they will not hinder my traveling this distance.

During orientation: Please register and discuss with our medial team any needs that might arise for you during this trip (i.e., insulin needs, heart medications, etc.)

Safety – please initial each section

_____ I will follow all of the safety rules set out by the safety team. I understand that they are in charge of the group as a whole and I will abide by their rules.

_____ I promise to participate fully in the activities of this cultural exchange and understand that it is an experience for me and my family to share with other Osage people.

Consent and Release- please initial each section

_____ I will not hold responsible the Osage Nation for damage or loss of my personal belongings.

_____ I grant to **the Osage Nation**, its representatives and employees, the right to take photographs of me and my property in connection with the above-identified event. I authorize **the Osage Nation**, its assigns and transferees to copyright, use and publish the same in print and/or electronically.

_____ I agree that **the Osage Nation** may use such photographs of me with out without my name and for any lawful purpose, including for example, such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content.

_____ I understand that my signature below represents my responsibility for all of the travelers listed in my family and/or group.

I have read and understand the above:

Signature

Printed Name

Payment:

I have a total of _____ adults and _____ children traveling
@ A Registration fee of \$20 for each adult = \$_____

_____ Enclosed is my check or money order. _____ Enclosed is my credit card information.
Credit card: Please refer to credit card information page.

**OSAGE NATION
CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORM
EVENT: Cultural Walk
October 24 & 25, 2009**

Name as it Appears on Card: _____

Billing Address of Card: _____

Credit Card Type: VISA MASTERCARD

Credit Card Number: _____

Verification Code: _____
(Last 3 digits on signature panel)

Expiration Date: _____

Total Amount Charged to Card: _____

Date: _____

SIGN HERE

X _____
The issuer of the card identified on this item is authorized to pay the amount shown as **TOTAL** upon proper presentation. I promise to pay such **TOTAL** (together with any other charges due thereon) subject to and in accordance with the agreement governing the use of such card.