UNITED KEETOOWAH BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS IN OKLAHOMA

ABOUT US

Siyo is how we say, "hello!" We are the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma, one of only three federally recognized Cherokee tribes in the United States today.

Our stories tell us that our name, pronounced "Kit-oo-wah" and sometimes written "Kituwah," or "Giduwa" was given to us by the Creator. We are also known as the Western Cherokee, or Old Settlers, as many of us moved west in 1817 to avoid U.S. encroachment and colonialism before the Trail of Tears even began.

Today we are a sovereign nation with our own laws and government headquartered in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Our constitution and by-laws were ratified on Oct. 3, 1950, and our jurisdictional area is composed of nine districts covering much of northeastern Oklahoma. We now proudly walk in two worlds as both traditional and modern Keetoowahs.

BY THE NUMBERS

14,000 TRIBAL MEMBERS

9 TRIBAL DISTRICTS

1 TRIBAL COUNCIL

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

As a sovereign nation, our tribe sets its own standards for enrollment and membership. Members must provide documentation that they are a descendant of an individual listed on the 1949 UKB Base Roll or of an individual listed on the final Dawes Roll. Members must also meet a 1/4 blood quantum degree.

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MEET OUR TRIBAL COUNCIL

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COUNCILORS

CANADIAN DISTRICT
Eddie Sacks

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Frankie Still

SALINE DISTRICT
Charles Smoke

COOWEESCOOWEE DISTRICT
Clifford Wofford

GOINGSNAKE DISTRICT
Willie Christie

SEQUOYAH DISTRICT
Junior Catron

DELAWARE DISTRICT
Elmer Panther

ILLINOIS DISTRICT
Peggy Girty

TAHLEQUAH DISTRICT
Alvin Hicks

OFFICIAL TRIBAL OUTLETS

Website: www.ukb-nsn.gov
Facebook: www.facebook.com/UnitedKeetoowahBand
Tribal Newspaper: www.facebook.com/GiduwaCherokeeNews
Instagram: @UKBMedia
YouTube: @UKBMedia
Twitter: @UKBCherokee

UKB SERVICES

Child Care

We operate our own child care services through the Henry Lee Doublehead Childcare Center. We plan to expand our facility in Tahlequah and open a new facility in Stilwell, Oklahoma, in 2019.

Education

When funding is available, our Education Department offers services to students including library and media lab access and scholarship assistance. A GED program is also set for 2019.

Housing

In 2018 Housing expanded from five programs to 13, including home rehabs. Land for development has been purchased and predevelopment has also begun on a new warehouse on our grounds.

Health and Human Services

Health and Human Services offers members assistance with LIHEAP, burial and health services. In 2019 it will expand to include a new Victims of Crime and Behavioral Health Program.

Tag Agency

We offer generated and personalized tags to tribal members for their vehicles. These funds go back into the tribe to help its members in other departments.

Title VI

The Jim Proctor Elder Nutrition Center works under a Title VI grant that allows our tribe to feed our elders and their spouses lunch at no charge. The center also makes home deliveries.

Transit

Transit is available to tribal members Monday through Friday every week, excluding holidays. Transit operates multiple routes at low prices for tribal members without transportation.

Tribal Historic Preservation

THPO maintains historical sites related to our tribe both locally and across the U.S. They partner frequently with federal agencies and are now offering career training to tribal members.