TENTATIVE SCHEDULE - SUBJECT TO UPDATES

CONFERENCE ATTENDEES ARE INVITED TO PRE AND POST CONFERENCE EVENTS

PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS

Sunday Afternoon October 15th

2:00 - 2:45 Wayside Exhibit Dedication, Battle of Webbers Falls Park, Webbers Falls

3:00 - 3:30 Dedication Reception: Showtime at the Falls Theater
Webbers Falls Museum open next door during reception

3:30 - 4:30 Lecture - Genesis of the Eastern Band of Indians
Anita Finger Smith, Pres. Cherokee Genealogy Services
National Trail of Tears Board Member
Showtime at the Falls Theatre, Webbers Falls

4:30 - 5:00 Open House at Webbers Falls Historical Society
Museum next to the Theater

CONFERENCE ITINERARY

Monday Morning October 16th

8:00 - 12:30 Registration at Choctaw Casino Hotel across from Registration in the Lobby

9:00 - 12:15 TOTA Board of Directors Meeting - Center Stage
Monday Afternoon October 16th

12:30 - 1:45  Opening Luncheon - Center Stage

12:35  Opening Welcome ..... Jack D. Baker, National TOTA President


Welcome to the Choctaw Nation address ..... Principal Chief Gary Batton

Door prizes with Paul Austin, of the famous Chewing the Fat with Les and Paul AR PBS radio program

2:00 - 3:00  Keynote
African Descendants and Indian Removal ..... Dr. Daniel Littlefield
Director Sequoyah Research Institute, Univ. of AR Little Rock
Center Stage

3:15 - 4:15  CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Ft. Smith Borderland History ..... Loren McLane,
Ft. Smith Historic Site Historian and Park Ranger
Seven Ponies Conference Room

Cherokee Old Settlers in AR ..... Dr. George Sabo,
Director AR Archaeological Survey
Gilley’s

1902-1903 Choctaw Removal by Train ..... Ryan Spring
Director, GIS/GPS Specialist, Historic Preservation Dept.
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma - Center Stage

4:30 - 5:30  CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Early Arkansas Banking and Indian Removal ..... Cody Berry,
University of Arkansas
Center Stage

Tiana’s Journey: In Wake of Removal
“A documented story of harassment and loss before during and after the infamous removal to Oklahoma” ..... Marjorie Lowe, Cherokee Citizens League of Southeast Texas - Gilley’s
Seminole Removal …..Ted Underwood, Historian Seminole National Museum
Seven Ponies Conference Room

6:30 Reception at Gilleys, Hosted by Choctaw Nation ….. Music and Food provided by the Choctaw Nation (not yet determined if gospel or western music)

Tuesday Morning October 17th

9:00 - 10:00 Youth Presentations - Center Stage
*Remember the Removal Riders, Choctaw Bike Riders*
Door Prize Drawing ….. *Paul Austin and the Bike Riders*

10:15 Board Buses for Borderlands Field Trip Tour to Cane Hill
*Tour Narrators: Bus (1) Tom Wing; Bus (2) Dusty Helbling*
Stop at Evansville for narrators to change busses

11:30 - 12:00 Welcome and Introduction to Cane Hill ….. *Bobby Braly*
Cane Hill College Auditorium

Tuesday Afternoon October 17th

12:00 - 1:00 Box lunches at Cane Hill College
Lunches created by Briar Rose, in Farmington, AR

12:45 - 1:15 Choctaw Storyteller ….. *Nicholas Charleston*
Performance during lunch in Cane Hill College Auditorium (upstairs auditorium), viewing room with big screen for those unable to climb stairs.

1:15 – 1:30 Choctaw Removal Song ….. *Ryan Spring, Choctaw Nation GIS*

1:30 - 2:00 Cherokees and Cane Hill ….. *Troy Wayne Poteete*
A Talk about Cane Hill connections to the Cherokee Seminaries and Cherokees who attended Cane Hill
Cane Hill College Auditorium

2:15 - 3:00 Tour Cane Hill
Break into three groups. Groups one and two will alternate between Tour of the Grounds and Tour of the Museum while group 3 will remain stationary
at the College building (probably those with mobility issues and who have been to site previously will remain in this group)

Group 1 - Begin at Museum
Cane Hill Museum ..... Curator Lawrence McElroy will serve as station guide

Group 2 - Begin at front of College Building
Grounds Tour ..... led by Tom Pennel, Event Coordinator Cane Hill College
Sorghum Press, Restored Methodist Manse, explanation of other structures, apple industry, shunning of RR, etc.

Group 3 - Remain in the College Facility
Flute songs by Gaby Nagel, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
A short story from Choctaw storyteller Nicholas Charleston,
Discussion of the Drennen-Scott House by Tom Wing, UAFS Director of the Drennen-Scott Historic Site

3:15  Bus leaves for Prairie Grove Battlefield

3:30 - 5:00  Prairie Grove Activities (Split into three groups)

Tour of John Latta House ..... Dusty Helbling, Local Historian, station guide

Tour of grounds ..... Mark Christ, AR Historic Preservation Program with Alan Thompson, Museum Registrar of Prairie Grove Battlefield

Self- Guided tour of Museum exhibits

Snacks arranged by AR Chapter available in the air conditioned Latta Barn - Flute music from Gaby Nagel

5:15  Board buses for the hotel (narration by Masseurs Wing and Helbling Cont’d)

7:00  TOTA Phoenix Society Fundraiser in the Seven Ponies Restaurant

Dinner on your own

8:00  Guitar passing, poetry recital, group directed talent showcase gathering in Gilley’s for those with energy left ..... Master of Ceremonies Paul Austin, Arkansas Public Radio Personality
**Wednesday Morning October 18th**

General Session - Center Stage

8:30 - 9:15  National Park Service Report ..... *Aaron Mahr, Superintendent*
*National Trails Inter-mountain Region, and Staff*

9:15 - 9:45  Chapter Report Highlights - Chapter Presidents ..... *Moderated by AR*
*Chapter President Bethany Rosenbaum*
(written reports will be made available to those in attendance)

9:45-10:00  Door Prize Drawing ..... *Paul Austin, Ex. Dir. Arkansas Humanities Council*

10:00 - 10:20  Screening of *Introduction to Ft. Smith Hist. Site film* ..... *Loren McLane*
*Ft. Smith Historic Site Historian and Park Ranger*

10:30 - 11:30  Lecture on Supreme Court decisions and Congressional Policies which
gave rise to the circumstances necessitating Judge Parker’s Court
*Stacy Leeds, Dean Univ. of AR Fayetteville, School of Law,*

11:35 - 12:00  Private vehicle transportation encouraged
Shuttles available to Frisco Station Bldg., 100 Garrison Ave. on Ft. Smith
Historic Site Grounds

**Wednesday Afternoon October 18th**

12:00  Final Lunch - Cherokee Traditional Hog Fry
Sponsored by *Cherokee Nation Businesses* on the Grounds of Frisco
Station / 100 Garrison Ave. adjoining Ft. Smith National Historic Site

12:15  Remarks ..... Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Bill John Baker and/or
Secretary of State Chuck Hoskin, Jr. (invited)

12:30  Background of the Marshall Museum ..... *Jim Dunn Ex. Dir. of the*
*U. S. Marshall Museum*

Collection of conference evaluations ..... *Arkansas Chapter*

12:45  Grand Door Prize Drawing ..... *Paul Austin and Bike Riders*

CONCURRENT AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES:

1:00  Cherokee marble game demonstration ..... *Cherokee Marble Society*
The Players: Dennis Sixkiller, Richard Fields, Jerrod Davis, Terry Mounce, Jonathan Kingfisher, Cameron Kingfisher, Steve Kozicki

2:00
Stickball Exhibition Game by Choctaw Nation Cultural Dept. Team

INDOOR LECTURE SESSIONS
Classroom in Museum Visitors Center – 301 Parker Ave.

1:00 - 2:00
AR Politics and the 3 Creek factions in removal ….. Carolyn Kent, AR Chapter Research Coordinator

2:15 - 3:15
Bradley County Reservations ….. Debbie Moore, President TN Chapter

CONCURRENTLY ON THE GROUNDS
Booths and Demonstrations by Cherokee Nat’l Treasures

Featuring Potter - Jane Osti and Bow Maker - Richard Fields

3:30
Guided Tours of Museum and Grounds - for groups of 50
One begins at front of museum, the other at begins at the Commissary

4:45
Tours converge at Trail of Tears Overlook for viewing the Five Tribes Waysides and remarks by John McClarty, AR Chapter Past Pres.

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POST-CONFERENCE EVENTS

Wednesday Evening October 18th

5:45
Trial of Sam and Belle Starr - Judge Parkers Court Room
Reservations required - limit of 60. Jury to be chosen from audience
Night Court is a regular offering of the Museum, this is a special performance mid-week for conference attendees.
*For reservations, email Roy at: nationaltota@gmail.com
include “NIGHT COURT RESERVATIONS” in the subject line.

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