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CHEROKEE NATION®

COMMUNITY EVENT & POTLUCK

Saturday, Nov. 18, 2017 10a.m.-2 p.m.

Valley of the Sun Cherokees



VFW Post 9400
804 E. Purdue
Phoenix, AZ

Visit with
Principal Chief & Secretary of State
Bill John Baker & Chuck Hoskin, Jr.
At-large Tribal Councilors
Wanda Hatfield & Mary Baker Shaw

Enjoy cultural presentations and demonstrations which may include:
Miss Cherokee, storytelling, traditional arts and crafts
Education and Voter Registration will be on hand.

Get your official Cherokee Nation photo ID

Photo ID applications will close 30 minutes prior to event conclusion.

POTLUCK: PLEASE BRING A DISH ACCORDING TO THE FIRST LETTER OF YOUR LAST NAME
A-G: MAIN DISH | H-N: BREAD/DESSERT | O-S: SIDE DISH | T-Z: DRINKS/PAPER GOODS



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Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017 Noon-4

Desert Cherokees



Tucson Botanical Gardens
Sahba Pavilion
2150 N. Alveron Way
Tucson, AZ

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Photo ID Requirements:
 Must be a previously enrolled Cherokee citizen
 Must present valid photo ID
 No minimum age requirement
 Parents must sign for minors

Community & Cultural Outreach
 Phone: 918-207-4963

Cherokee festivals were part of early tradition. Back before removal...There were six main festivals or religious observances before the forced removal. These festivals were to be observed at the capital. The Chief (O-JO-GA u ngu wiyuh), seven Counselors (S-P-W-Y J-H-W-O-Y galigwogi dila wigi), and people from all seven Cherokee clans (S-P-W-Y P-H-B galigwogi tsuni yvwi) participated.

The First New Moon of Spring was held in March. The seven Counselors determined when the moons would appear and a messenger would announce the upcoming festival to all the Cherokee people. Hunters were sent out to catch game seven nights before the festival.

The first evening was when the selected women performed a ceremonial dance. The second day, all went to the water for ritual purification. The third day, the people fasted. The fourth day everyone participated in ceremonial dances and ended the ceremony.

Afterwards the seven Counselors scheduled an all-night dance. They would have a religious dance, a new sacred fire was built and all old fires in the Cherokee homes were put out. They also had a scratching ceremony and medicine taking prepared by the Medicine person. At the end, white deer skins were presented to the Festival Priests.

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Traditional
 Cherokee Festival