



Kiowa Tribe District 7 Newsletter

July of 2026



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A July Greeting from District 7 Legislative Office

Greetings, District 7 tribal citizens. As the heart of summer settles over our lands, it is my honor to connect with you through this newsletter and share in the many meaningful moments that have marked this month for our Kiowa people. To our families, we wish you peace and warmth in these last summer days. May you find time to be together, to rest, and to reflect on all that this season has given us.

As always, it is a privilege to serve District 7. Please do not hesitate to reach out with your questions, concerns, or ideas. Your voice matters, and this office is here for you.

With respect and gratitude,
Warren Queton

Celebrating with Ceremony

July has once again brought with it much needed homecoming and fellowship that define who we are. Our annual gourd dance ceremonies and annual war dance ceremonies were held this month, gathering our people together in the spirit of tradition, honor, and cultural pride. These ceremonies are not simply events on a calendar; they are living expressions of our identity, connecting the generations that came before us to those who will carry our ways forward. To all who participated, hosted, danced, and supported, thank you. Your presence and dedication strengthen the fabric of our community.











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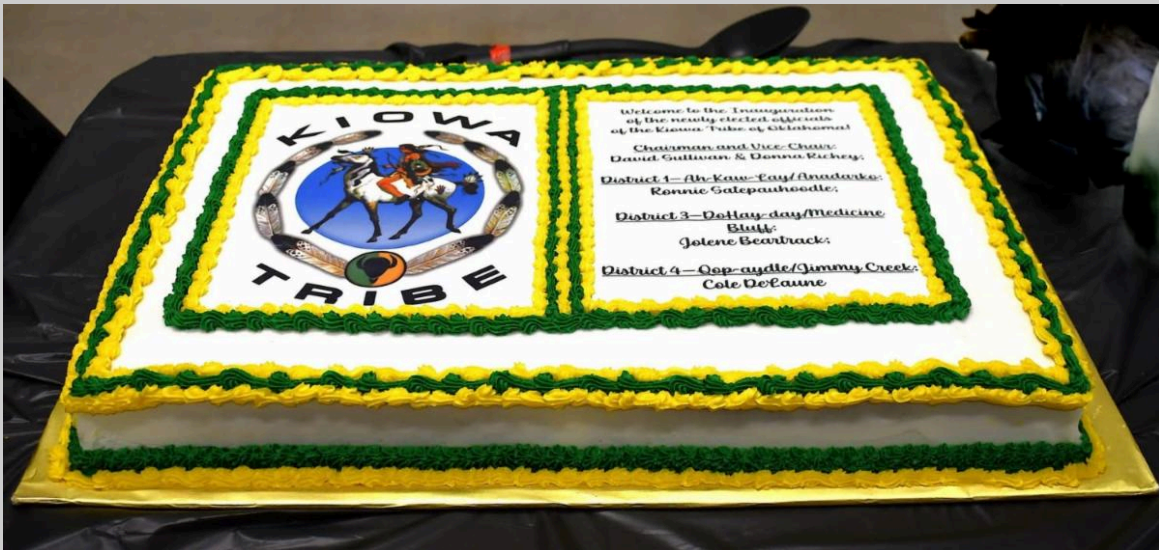
A New Chapter in Kiowa Leadership

This July also marked a significant moment in the governance of our Kiowa Tribe. We welcomed the swearing-in of Tribal Chairman David Sullivan and Tribal Vice Chairman Donna Richey. Chairman Sullivan has spoken clearly about his commitment to our people, and we look forward to the leadership and vision he and Vice Chairman Richey will bring to our nation. This transition represents an opportunity for unity and forward movement, and District 7 stands ready to work alongside our new leadership in service to all tribal citizens.

We also extend a warm welcome to our newly elected legislators: Ronnie Staepauhoodle, who will serve District 1, and Jolene Beartrack, who joins us representing District 3. Both bring fresh perspectives to our Legislature, and we are glad to have them step into these roles with purpose and commitment. We welcome back returning legislator Cole Delaune of District 4. Cole's continued service reflects the trust his constituents have placed in him, and we are grateful for the experience and dedication he brings back to the legislative body.







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Visiting Our Otoe-Missouria Relatives

One of the highlights of this month was the opportunity to visit our Otoe-Missouria relatives at their annual encampment in Red Rock, Oklahoma. Gathering with our relatives is a cherished tradition, one that reminds us of the relationships that extend beyond our own boundaries and tie us to a broader Native community. Moments like these affirm the importance of maintaining kinship ties, honoring our shared histories, and standing together as sovereign nations. It was a privilege to be welcomed into their camp, and we carry their hospitality with us as we return home.





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Looking Ahead to August

As July draws to a close, we turn our attention to the final days of summer and all that August holds. For many of our families, this time of year brings the familiar preparations of back-to-school season—new supplies, new teachers, new chapters for our students. To the young people of District 7 heading back to classrooms across the region: you carry the pride of the Kiowa people with you

Kiowa Tribe Awarded \$101,587 Federal Grant to Protect and Preserve Kiowa Cultural Heritage

PRESS RELEASE

JULY 29, 2026



Kiowa Tribe Awarded \$101,587 Federal Grant to Protect and Preserve Kiowa Cultural Heritage

U.S. Department of the Interior Historic Preservation Fund supports the Tribal Historic Preservation Office, Rainy Mountain Boarding School National Register nomination, and Kiowa students' journey to ancestral homelands



CARNEGIE, Okla. -- The Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma has been awarded \$101,587 from the U.S. Department of the Interior through the Historic Preservation Fund Annual Tribal Historic Preservation Office Grant. The award covers the period from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2027 and will fund the work of the Kiowa Tribe's Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) to survey, document, and protect Kiowa cultural and historic sites across the Tribe's ancestral territory.

The funding will support the Kiowa THPO across several program areas. The office will work with the Cultural Review Board to prioritize sites of historical and cultural significance, enhance the Kiowa Historic and Cultural Registry using ARC/GIS mapping technology, and survey tribal trust lands and cemeteries, including the identification of unmarked graves. The THPO will also pursue the implementation of a Historic Preservation Ordinance through a tribal legislative resolution.

One of the most significant projects funded under this award is the nomination of the Rainy Mountain Boarding School Historic Site to the National Register of Historic Places. The THPO will work with the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office to advance the nomination and seek funding for a permanent marker to preserve the site's historic and cultural significance for future generations. Rainy Mountain holds deep meaning for Kiowa people as a site of both profound loss and enduring identity.

The grant will also fund a Kiowa Historical Tour of Ancestral Homelands, bringing Kiowa students and chaperones to historic camps, battle sites, and culturally significant places connected to Kiowa creation stories within Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. The tour is being coordinated with the Teton Science School, the Kiowa Language Program, and anthropologist Dr. Michael Jordan. The Kiowa THPO will also coordinate a traditional tipi pole harvest under the Good Neighbor Agreement between the Medicine Bow-Routte National Forest and the Kiowa Tribe.

The Kiowa Tribe has maintained a Tribal Historic Preservation Office as part of its commitment to protecting Kiowa cultural resources and exercising its sovereign authority over the review and compliance process for federal undertakings that may affect Kiowa heritage sites. This award reflects the federal government's recognition of that work and its importance to the broader mission of historic preservation in Indian Country.

For more information about the Kiowa Tribe Historic Preservation Office, please contact thpo@kiowatribe.org.

Back to School Clothing Assistance Application

Open to ALL Kiowa Legislative Districts
For general questions: backtoschool@kiowatribe.org

VERIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

Online Application
School Enrollment
Students Kiowa Enrollment #
Ages 5 to 19

Please visit the Education page to download the School Verification Form and to access the Online Application (Or scan the QR code)

<https://www.kiowatribe.org/departments/kiowa-higher-education>

BACK-TO-SCHOOL CLOTHING ASSISTANCE APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027





ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT BACK-TO-SCHOOL CLOTHING ASSISTANCE

2026

Parents & Caregivers of
Kiowa School-Age Children and Youth:

We have heard from many of you and we recognize how **essential** it is for students to begin a new school year, fully prepared and **equipped**. We recognize that back-to-school assistance is a fundamental service that tribal nations routinely and annually provide for families of growing school-aged children. We want you to know that the Kiowa Education Agency including ALL of our staff **advocate** for your **needs**, and in **cooperation** & full **support** from the Legislative and Executive Branches and all of you, the K.I.C., we are proud to announce that Back-to-School clothing cards have been ordered and will be issued through the month of August, 2026.

Many of our local schools begin as early as 8/6/26 so our hope is that school enrollment verification can be easily obtained when school personnel report back for enrollment. Signed verification from a school representative is required. Application window is:

Wednesday, July 29th to August 31st.

Please be aware that services provided each year are not guaranteed, but must be approved annually through the budget process. Services and amounts are based on limited funds and projected eligible population to be served as provided by the enrollment office. Amounts may decrease or fluctuate to accommodate an increased applicant pool if necessary.

VERIFICATIONS
REQUIRED:

ONLINE
APPLICATION

SCHOOL
ENROLLMENT

STUDENT'S KIOWA
ENROLLMENT #

AGE: 5 TO 19

OPEN TO ALL
KIOWA
LEGISLATIVE
DISTRICTS





2026 **KIOWA TRIBE**

BACK TO SCHOOL

CLOTHING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
MUST SUBMIT ONLINE APPLICATION BY 8/31/26
PROGRAM APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED 7/29 TO 8/31

IN-PERSON GIFT CARD DISTRIBUTION
OKC EXECUTIVE OUTREACH OFFICE
4111 PERIMETER CENTER PLACE, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73112
MONDAY 8/3
2PM TO 6PM

KIOWA EDUCATION AGENCY
208 HARDEE STREET WEST, ANADARKO, OK 73005
WEDNESDAY 8/5
10AM TO 2PM
4PM TO 6PM

EMAIL QUESTIONS & SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION FORMS TO
BACKTOSCHOOL
@KIOWATRIBE.ORG

***GIFT CARDS REQUESTED BY MAIL WILL BE SHIPPED BEGINNING 8/17/25**
***NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN CARDS**
ONLY ONE ASSISTANCE APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED PER STUDENT

VERIFICATIONS:
1. AGE:
MUST BE 5 - 19 YEARS
OLD ON OR BEFORE
SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2026

2. TRIBAL AFFILIATION:
STUDENT MUST BE
KIOWA-ENROLLED
CITIZEN

3. EDUCATIONAL
ENROLLMENT:
K-12; ACCREDITED
COLLEGE OR LONG-TERM
VOCATIONAL PROGRAM



Upcoming Events

Please check the Legislative website for more information:
<https://www.kiowatribe.org/legislative>



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OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATURE

NOTICE

KIOWA TRIBE LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION CXII-(112)

Date: Saturday, August 08, 2026

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Kiowa Tribe Complex
100 Kiowa Way
Carnegie, Oklahoma 73015

Zoom Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89974596124?pwd=7vIWlk5j17FNE2Ix7KBEIZ19MD1dJu.1>

Passcode: 471749

*Kiowa Tribe Constitution, Article VI – Legislative Branch, Section 7. Sessions, (a)
The Legislature shall convene at the Tribe Headquarters for twelve regular sessions
of up to two consecutive days beginning on the second Saturday of each month
beginning at 9:00 a.m.*

Posted on the Kiowa Tribe website, August 03, 2026.



KIOWA HYMNS AND LANGUAGE LESSON CLASS

**LET'S LEARN
KIOWA!**

**INSTRUCTOR:
WARREN QUETON**

**AUGUST 31ST
6 TO 7:30 PM**

August

**LIGHT
REFRESHMENTS**

**Kiowa
District 7
Tulsa Office:**

**15th E 16th Street
Tulsa OK 74119**

ALSO AVAILABLE ON ZOOM

Zoom link available on our Linktree:

[HTTPS://LINKTR.EE/KIOWAD7](https://linktr.ee/KIOWAD7)



(539) 525-0437



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Link to join the Zoom can be found on our Linktree: <https://linktr.ee/kiowaD7>

D7 Links



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Kiowa Tribe District 7

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Website



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Schedule a Meeting with Legislator Warren Queton

YouTube Videos

September Zoom Meeting (PIN 381420)

Please bookmark and save <https://linktr.ee/kiowaD7> this page will be updated with easy-to-navigate links.

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