



Kiowa Tribe District 7 Newsletter

October/November of 2025



Greetings from the Kiowa Tribe District 7 Office,

We hope this message finds you well as we transition from the festive spirit of October into the season of gratitude this November. First, we'd like to say we hope you had a safe and enjoyable Halloween holiday and that you're preparing for a wonderful Thanksgiving with your loved ones.

As November is a shorter month with the Thanksgiving holiday and the Kiowa elder check distribution, we've combined October and November updates into this single edition of our newsletter. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to keeping you informed.

In this edition, we'll be sharing important updates on the Emergency Response Act initiated by the Kiowa Tribe to assist those impacted by the recent government shutdown. This act is a critical step in supporting our community during these challenging times. Additionally, we'll provide a brief update on the legislative inquiry hearing with the Executive Branch, which aims to address key concerns and foster collaboration for the betterment of our tribe.

We understand that many of you are deeply concerned about the path forward for our tribe. Please know that your legislators are committed to working together with the Executive Branch to address these challenges. However, it's important to first recognize and navigate the complexities that affect our tribe as we strive for meaningful solutions.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement. We encourage you to stay connected and informed as we work together to strengthen our community. Wishing you a safe and joyful Thanksgiving season,

Warren Queton
District 7 Legislator
Kiowa Tribe



THOUGHTS FROM AN ELDER

Kiowa Civics

You baby boomers probably will know and understand the unspoken context of what and why the concept of civics was, and still is, critical to know who and what you are in this country, this state, and this tribe (?). What is the history of the territory commonly known as Oklahoma? What type of government does the state practice? How are politicians determined for leadership in this state? What are their duties and responsibilities? What are the duties and responsibilities of the citizens of the state/country? What does the organization of the government look like? What are the roles of the departments called "services", and how are these departments paid for? I could go on and on about civics and the reason(s) we were introduced to in junior and high school, plus required to take it as a lower division emphasis for a college degree. So?

So, what do you think about how our Kiowa people, especially the younger generation, would respond to these concepts, and others, today? To what extent are they familiar with the context of the correct answer to this question? Not that I gamble much, but I would bet my best gourd and blanket that they would have a very difficult time scoring at the lower tenth percentile among

all Kiowa citizens on a test developed addressing Kiowa Tribal Civics. This is not a criticism or an accurate reflection of their intelligence. It is a point of who is responsible for teaching our children and order as they grow in this environment today? I believe there is a need to ascertain the identity factor of our Kiowa youngsters as they grow and engage in life here in Oklahoma and the nation. Government and governance are major episodes in their lives, and it is imperative that they learn how they exist and function in the country, state, and even the tribe. I can't speak for today's public thrust in teaching national, state, and local civics like I could when I was going to public schools. I hear that the subject of civics is almost non-existent in today's public-school curriculum. Maybe what I hear is misinformation, maybe it is disinformation, but I know it is a concern just from watching and listening to the media. I can address the subject of Kiowa civics today. The tribe does minimal work on teaching Kiowa tribal civics to all citizens, not just the young people. WE need to teach our people about the Kiowa tribal government and how it works. Doing so is a great way to ground tribal citizens' identity. Sure, teaching about our tribal culture is also critical, and I support the efforts within the tribal circle. So is tribal civics.

Today, we are in the midst of cultural division, to put it mildly, in this state and country. Our tribal people must know and understand what is going on and how it affects their presence, not just as Americans and Oklahoma citizens but also as Kiowa tribal citizens. Not knowing how their tribal government works, or doesn't work, makes their vulnerability even greater to tribal termination. Hey, don't squeeze your eyes too tight because it has happened before in the history of tribal nations. Today, the Kiowa tribe is facing corruption, but our citizens don't know it. It will catch up with the tribe soon, and our citizens, all of them, will suffer further removal from being a tribe because those who are corrupt in government will get away with it, because we do not know our civics. We need to teach Kiowa civics to our citizens. The tribal government can do this as part of its educational sovereignty as it works toward tribal identity rejuvenation and recognition.

Friends, I am not saying we need a paradigm shift. I am talking about enhancing our shift to include values that were taken away from us and to reintroduce these values to our people, those who want to know, and the younger generation. An element in the shift is to focus on our identity and the role government/governance plays in our paradigm of Kiowaness. A note of clarity-I don't mean to go back to the 1800s of our people. I am focusing on today and tomorrow and the energy needed to keep our tribe alive, vibrant, and sustainable in these turbulent times. Go ahead. Keep promoting our Kiowa culture (language, customs, values, ceremonies, religion, behavior, etc.), but enhance the concept of identity with other beings, such as order. We have some critical problems that need to be addressed as we sit waiting for our elderly distribution. If we don't address these current developments, we will not have any more distributions. Want clarity with context on why and what I am talking about? Ask your Kiowa legislator what the devil is going on in tribal order today.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES



Legislative Hearings Bring Focus to Tribal Governance and Finances

The Kiowa Legislature recently held a series of public hearings to review important matters related to our tribe's governance, financial management, and future direction. These sessions, held over three days, provided a platform for transparency and allowed legislators to ask important questions of tribal leadership and officials. Here is a summary of the key topics discussed.

Financial Accountability and Oversight

A major focus of the hearings was the tribe's and its entities' financial operations.

Discussions included:

- **Kiowa Casino Operations Authority (KCOA):** Legislators closely examined the ongoing investigation by the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) into past board member compensation. Testimony from former KCOA Chairman Richard McMahon and current tribal Chairman SpottedBird detailed the history of payments and the tribe's evolving response to the NIGC's concerns. While the investigation is not yet complete, the current KCOA board has implemented changes, including a fixed monthly stipend for members to prevent future issues.
- **Tribal Investments and Business Ventures:** The hearings highlighted several economic development projects. This included a review of the Indian City Screen Printing venture, which resulted in a significant financial loss before being shut down. Questions were also raised about a \$50,000 investment in a private business, Native Brands of America, and the lack of a formal agreement detailing the tribe's ownership stake or return on investment.
- **Sponsorships and Fund Transfers:** Legislators reviewed the tribe's sponsorship practices to ensure compliance with the Sponsorship Act. Specific payments, such as a \$100,000 donation to the Rainy Mountain Church, were discussed in light of the law's limits. Additionally, the process for transferring funds from casino operations to the tribal government was examined, with a focus on ensuring all required revenue is accounted for.

Governance and Strategic Vision

The hearings also addressed the structure of our tribal government and plans for the future.

- **Chairman's 10-Year Strategic Plan:** Chairman SpottedBird presented his vision, which focuses on strengthening the tribal government, promoting economic development, and supporting human development, including programs to address health and wellness in our community.
- **Kiowa Inc. and Kiowa Health Services:** The Chairman detailed plans for Kiowa Inc., the tribe's economic development arm, and the creation of Kiowa Health Services to provide clinic and pharmacy services. Legislators emphasized the need for clear business plans, transparency, and consistent communication as these initiatives move forward.
- **Communication Between Branches:** A recurring theme was the need for improved communication between the executive and legislative branches. Both sides acknowledged challenges and committed to creating more streamlined and open channels for sharing information.

Your Voice Matters

These hearings are a critical part of the checks and balances that ensure our government is accountable to you, the Kiowa people. The Legislature is

committed to continuing this oversight and keeping you informed. The findings from these hearings will be compiled into a public report with recommendations for moving forward.

We encourage you to stay engaged. Please watch for announcements on the tribe's official website and Legislative Facebook page for information about upcoming community meetings and the next regular legislative session

(Please check our Upcoming Events section for information regarding an upcoming Webinar to discuss a recap of the October Legislative Hearings.)

Denver City Council



On October 20, 2025, Executive and Legislative leadership met with Denver City Council representatives and others to engage in consultations about the establishment of an American Indian Cultural Embassy. This initiative aims to recognize and honor the deep historical and cultural ties of the [Gáuigú, the Kiowa people, to the land now known as the State of Colorado and the modern-day City of Denver.

As part of this ongoing engagement, efforts such as *The Buffalo Return* program are being advanced to strengthen connections between the Kiowa Nation and Colorado. These initiatives are integral to preserving Indigenous history, protecting sacred sites, and reaffirming cultural ties to the land.

Legislation to support this endeavor is currently in development and will be made available for public comment. We look forward to continued collaboration with stakeholders as this important work moves forward.

Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society Honors Veterans in Annual Celebration

The Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society hosted its annual celebration on October 11-12, 2025, at the Indian City Campground in Anadarko, Oklahoma. This cherished event brought together members of the Kiowa Tribe and the broader community to honor the bravery and sacrifices of veterans, both past and present.

As one of the oldest and most revered societies within the Kiowa Tribe, the Black Leggings Warrior Society holds a deep commitment to preserving the legacy of Kiowa warriors and honoring all veterans of the armed forces. The celebration served as an important reminder of the sacrifices made by those who have served, particularly those who gave their lives in battle.

A highlight of the event was the induction of four Kiowa Tribe veterans into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame. The honorees—Lyndrith "Tugger" Palmer, Blas Preciado, Gene Tsatoke, and Charles Cozad—were recognized for their exceptional service and dedication to their country. Their induction stands as a testament to the enduring contributions of Native American veterans to the U.S. military.

In addition to these honors, the Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society welcomed a new member, Tommy Kopepasah of Anadarko, Oklahoma. A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, Kopepasah's induction into the society underscores the ongoing tradition of celebrating and integrating modern-day warriors into the fabric of Kiowa culture.

The two-day celebration featured traditional songs, dances, and ceremonies, creating a vibrant atmosphere of unity and reverence. Attendees gathered to pay tribute to the courage and resilience of Kiowa warriors, ensuring that their stories and sacrifices remain a vital part of the tribe's heritage.

The Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society continues to serve as a powerful symbol of identity, respect, and remembrance, bridging the past and present through its dedication to veterans and their families.

(Pics are below)







Podcast Episode 19 Available Soon



EPISODE 19 OF [DÒÑ:GYÁ A CONVERSATION WITH ERIN PARKER



- NATIVE MASCOTS IN TPS
- REPRESENTATION & IMAGERY
- HISTORY & ACCURACY



Episode 19 coming soon. To tune in to the latest podcast, please visit our YouTube channel or Spotify. Links can be found on our Linktree, <https://linktr.ee/kiowaD7>

Emergency Response Fund Act of 2025

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Application Available Now

The application is available now. Please check the website for any recent updates regarding the application, <https://www.kiowatribe.org/departments/social-services>

The Kiowa Tribe has not announced an official deadline for Emergency Response Fund Act (ERFA) applications if the government reopens. A new deadline will be approximately 30 days after the date the U.S. Government reopens. This information was received from the Social Services department via an informal email correspondence. For further information, please get in touch with Social Services directly. This information may be subject to subject and processing by the Executive Branch.

For any questions regarding your submitted application, please call Social Services.

Social Services will call you if they need additional information.

Although the District 7 and the Executive Outreach Office in OKC can help submit your application, they do not personally process it. That is done through Social Services:

Phone number: 405-901-4410 ext 200

Please be advised that Social Services anticipates a high volume of incoming phone calls.

If they are unable to respond promptly, please refer to the alternative phone numbers provided

405-648-0466

405-648-0492

Email Address:

Kiowa Tribe Housing Applications

1) NAHASDA Homeownership Assistance Program

The Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) provides a pathway to homeownership for qualified, low-income Tribal Members. District 7 residents who live outside the Southwest Oklahoma jurisdiction are eligible to apply for this program. This program offers crucial financial support for down payments, loan closing costs, and bridge assistance.

2) NAHASDA Rehabilitation of Privately Owned Homes

The Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) provides rehabilitation assistance to qualified low-income single-family private homeowners for home improvements based upon inspections and other physical assessments. Home must be applicant's primary residence.

Service Area:

There is a Service Area for this NAHASDA Rehabilitation Grant. Citizens must live in the Service Area including the following counties in Oklahoma: Caddo, Comanche, Cotton, Kiowa, and Tillman Counties; and selected parts of Blaine, Canadian, Grady, Stephens, and Jefferson Counties. We understand citizens may think this program is fair, because it does service nationwide, but the service area is a federal funding requirement. Please direct all questions regarding the service area to the Kiowa Housing Authority.

3) NAHASDA Storm Shelter Program

This program provides and installs storm shelters for qualified low-income homeowners. Both in-ground and above-ground shelters are available to ensure accessibility.

To be eligible, you must:

- Be a low-income homeowner.
- Live in a single-family home.
- Use this home as your primary residence.

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Kiowa Tribe Housing Authority

1701 E. Central Blvd. • Anadarko, Oklahoma • 73005
Phone: (405) 339-8100 • Fax: (405) 339-8101

KTHA is accepting applications for the following program:

NAHASDA Down Payment/Closing Cost and Bridge Assistance

Description of Services: Assist qualified low-income Tribal Members with financial assistance for the initial down payment and/or loan closing costs, or bridge assistance in order for them to become homeowners.

Eligible Service Area: All of the United States.

Documents required in addition to completed application (list is not all inclusive):

- Completed Housing Assistance Application: Down Payment/Closing Costs
- Driver's License, State I.D., or Birth Certificate for Household Members Age 18 and Over
- Birth Certificates for Minor Children Age 17 and Under
- Social Security Cards for Everyone Listed on the Application
- Tribal I.D. or Proof of Tribal Enrollment for Head of Household or Spouse
- Marriage License, Proof of Common Law Marriage, or Marriage Certification Statement
- Proof of Guardianship of Minor Children (If applicable)
- Current proof of income (earned and/or unearned)
 - Payroll Check Stubs for the Past 90 days or Current Income Tax Statement
 - Social Security, Disability (Current Award Letter)
 - Unemployment Benefits (determination letter)
 - TANF (award letter)
 - Child Support Paid and/or Received (copy of court order)
 - Education Scholarship/Stipends (award letter)
 - VA benefits (current award letter)
 - IIM Transaction Report for past 12 months, or BIA letter stating not a land owner
 - No income: Notarized statement of zero income for adults ages 18 and older.

Approved applicants for the Down Payment/Closing Cost Assistance must be prepared to invest 1% out-of-pocket cash towards the purchase price. Applicant is responsible for securing the traditional mortgage or home loan for the purchase of the home.

KTHA will not accept incomplete applications, all documents must be submitted with **application. Please allow 30 days to determine eligibility. It is the applicant's responsibility** to update their information every six months, or as needed, in order to remain as an Active applicant.

Applications can be found on the Kiowa Tribe's website at www.kiowatribe.org under the "Housing" tab on the home page.

For more information, or questions, please contact the KTHA office at 405-339-8100.

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Description of Services: Provide rehabilitation assistance to qualified low-income single-family private homeowners for home improvements based upon inspections and other physical assessments. Home must be applicant's primary residence.

Eligible Service Area: Caddo, Comanche, Cotton, Kiowa, and Tillman Counties; and selected parts of Blaine, Canadian, Grady, Stephens, and Jefferson Counties in Oklahoma.

Documents required in addition to completed application (list not all inclusive):

- Completed Housing Assistance Application: Major Home Rehab
- Driver's License, State I.D., or Birth Certificate for Household Members Age 18 and Over
- Birth Certificates for Minor Children Age 17 and Under
- Social Security Cards for Everyone Listed on the Application
- Tribal I.D. or Proof of Tribal Enrollment for Head of Household or Spouse
- Marriage License, Proof of Common Law Marriage, or Marriage Certification Statement
- Proof of Guardianship of Minor Children (If applicable)
- Deed to Home Showing Applicant's Ownership of the Home
- Proof of Homeowners Insurance
- Proof of Current Property Taxes
- Copy of Current Utility Bill Showing Applicant's Name
- Current proof of income (earned and/or unearned)
 - Payroll Check Stubs for the Past 90 days or Current Income Tax Statement
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Approved applicants for the Major Home Rehab assistance must be prepared to invest 2% out-of-pocket cash toward the cost of repairs. Elderly, Veteran, and Disabled applicants exempt.

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Description of Services: Provide installation of storm shelters to qualified low-income single-family private homeowners. Storm shelter can be either an in-ground or above-ground for handicap accessibility. Home must be applicant's primary residence.

Eligible Service Area: Caddo, Comanche, Cotton, Kiowa, and Tillman Counties; and selected parts of Blaine, Canadian, Grady, Stephens, and Jefferson Counties in Oklahoma.

Documents required in addition to completed application (list is not all inclusive):

- Completed Housing Assistance Application: Storm Shelter Installation
- Driver's License, State I.D., or Birth Certificate for Household Members Age 18 and Over
- Birth Certificates for Minor Children Age 17 and Under
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Upcoming Events

College Visit + N7 Game Day with Lindy Waters III Foundation!

A special day for Native high school students to explore OSU, connect with peers, and attend the Nike N7 Basketball Game!

Where: Oklahoma State University,
Stillwater, OK

When: Sunday, November 16

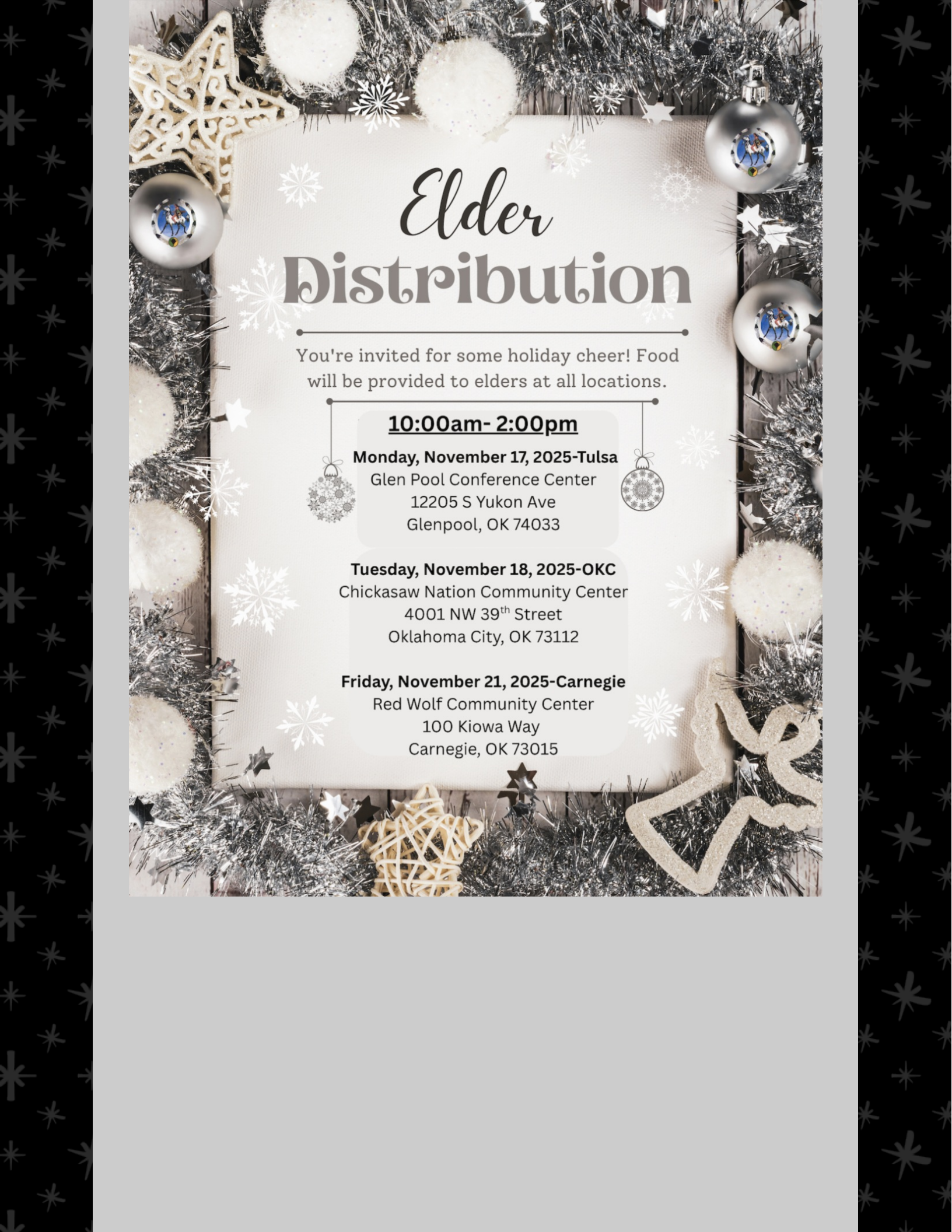
Who Can Join: Native High School Students

What's Included: Guided OSU campus tour,
lunch, and two tickets to the OSU Men's
Basketball N7 Game.

**Join the College Prep Cohort → Get
Your Spot on the OSU Visit!**

Scan the QR code or visit
[lwiiiifoundation.com/college-
prep](https://lwiiiifoundation.com/college-prep)





Elder Distribution

You're invited for some holiday cheer! Food
will be provided to elders at all locations.

10:00am- 2:00pm

Monday, November 17, 2025-Tulsa

Glen Pool Conference Center
12205 S Yukon Ave
Glenpool, OK 74033

Tuesday, November 18, 2025-OKC

Chickasaw Nation Community Center
4001 NW 39th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73112

Friday, November 21, 2025-Carnegie

Red Wolf Community Center
100 Kiowa Way
Carnegie, OK 73015



TULSA BEGINNING KIOWA LANGUAGE CLASS

**LET'S LEARN
KIOWA!**

**INSTRUCTOR:
WARREN QUETON**

**NOVEMBER 17TH
6 TO 7:30 PM**



**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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Kiowa District 7 Language Class



NOVEMBER 17TH



**PLAINS CLASSROOM
AT SAM NOBLE MUSEUM**
2401 CHAUTAUQUA AVE
NORMAN, OK 73072



POTLUCK! PLEASE BRING AN ITEM TO SHARE!
IN PERSON ACTIVITY BEGINS @ 7:00PM
VIRTUAL CLASS BEGINS
@ 8:00 PM



BRING YOUR
TRANSCRIBED &
UNTRANSCRIBED
PRAYERS

ZOOM
MEETING ID: 834 4943 7664
PASSCODE: KIOWA

SEND UNTRANSCRIBED
PRAYERS TO EMAIL
BELOW BY NOV 10TH

For any questions, please contact:
rhoadsconnywerdy@gmail.com



DISTRICT 7

November Zoom Webinar

NOVEMBER 19TH

12PM-1PM CST

ZOOM WEBINAR:
[HTTPS://LINKTR.EE/KIOWAD7](https://linktr.ee/kiowad7)

Topic of Discussion



Recap of October
Legislative Inquiry
Hearings

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PLEASE SUBMIT QUESTIONS:

<https://linktr.ee/kiowaD7>

LEGISLATORS



Please submit questions for the upcoming webinar

Link can be found on our Linktree, <https://linktr.ee/kiowaD7>



December 10th 6-8pm

Save The Date



District 7
Town Hall Meeting:

4111 Perimeter Center Pl.
Oklahoma City, OK 73112

Details
Coming Soon

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