The Gathering

September 2023

Sovereign Nation of the Chiricahua Apache SNOCA Chiricahua Apache Nation CAN CANOMA 501(c3) Public Charity 170b

Chiricahua Apache Nation Council

Tribal Chair:

Robert Chokonen Van Fleet

Tribal Vice Chair:

Brad Hamilton

Chokonen Medicine Leader:

Bobby Cruz

Tribal Council:

Susie Durham

Tribal Council:

Diane Summer Rain Naranjo

Tribal Council:

Sharen Atkins

Citizen's Corner

We are pleased to announce Sharen Atkins as the newest Tribal Council seat.

We have so many strong and talented citizens — let's celebrate! Contact us to nominate one of our citizens!



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Thank you to those who were able to make the Gathering.

Federal Acknowledgement

It is time to begin collecting any and all historical, spiritual and political (governance) information that will be used to create a historical and spiritual timeline leading from the 1852-1853 treaty up to now. This is absolutely necessary to get our Nation to acknowledgment. Magazine articles, internet articles. Personal (family) stories, books, research papers and any communications to or from us that show we are recognized by other entities as a Nation. Examples would be recent communications from federal government asking for our input into place name reconciliation act, other federally recognized tribes forwarding requests for tribal enrollment, ICWA inquiries, any communications between state or federal government representatives (state or federal legislators, governors or other state officials). Involvement of support for Oak Flat, Boarding School historical education, support for our Nations and other Tribal Nations cultural or political causes.

Contacting scholars to see if they would help provide their research for the scattered Chiricahua. Remember no piece of information is to small.

This information will be preserved by Nantan in a hard copy and digital files.

This is an all hands on deck situation and will need Council and Citizens of our Nation to accomplish.

The time is now! If we want to achieve acknowledgment we MUST gather the above mentioned information. How much do we want this for future generations? How much do we want this for our people? This will not be easy but if we all work together it is possible. The future of our Nation is in every Citizens hands!



Next Open Council Meeting October 11th, 2023 - 6:30pm MST

Zoom link posted <u>www.ChiricahuaApacheNation.org</u>

Citizen participation welcome: questions, comments, concerns

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