



## Chickasaw Country celebrates then and now with the US Travel Association Chickasaw tourism centers offer treats and games during National Travel and Tourism Week

**OKLAHOMA CITY (May 3, 2018)** – Chickasaw Country has been a tourism destination for generations of travelers, and that heritage is being celebrated during National Tourism Week May 6-12. Sponsored by the U.S. Travel Association, the week's theme, "Then and Now," shines a spotlight on the contributions and accomplishments of the U.S. travel community over time.

Free popcorn and old-fashioned travel games will be available at Chickasaw tourism and information centers throughout the week, so families can engage with each other while on the road, said Paige Williams Shepherd, Chickasaw Nation director of corporate development and tourism.

"The tourism centers are a great place to learn about all the attractions and destinations in Chickasaw Country," Shepherd said. "Visitors can make plans to recreate old experiences or take family and friends on new adventures throughout the area."

Locations and operating hours for the tourism information centers participating in National Travel and Tourism Week are as follows:

Exhibit C 1 East Sheridan Oklahoma City, OK 73104 Open daily 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Chickasaw Nation Welcome Center 35 N. Colbert Dr. Davis, OK 73030 Open daily 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Chickasaw Nation Information Center 504 W. Main Tishomingo, OK 73460 Open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Closed Sunday.

Chickasaw Visitor Center 901 W. 1<sup>st</sup> St. Sulphur, OK 73086 Open daily 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Thackerville Tourism Information Center 20569 Rest Area Road Thackerville, OK 73459 Open daily 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

"For years, families have made lifelong memories exploring Chickasaw Country," Shepherd said. "Even before statehood, travelers would visit the springs in what is now the Chickasaw National Recreation Area to bathe, swim and enjoy the waters' supposed medicinal benefits. This week is a great time to reminisce about old memories and make new ones."

For more information about Chickasaw Country and the many travel and tourism destinations in south-central Oklahoma, visit: <a href="mailto:chickasawcountry.com">chickasawcountry.com</a>. Follow the Chickasaw Country social media accounts to see photos throughout the week that highlight Chickasaw Country's "Then and Now."





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## **About Chickasaw Country**

Nestled in south-central Oklahoma, Chickasaw Country is a regional tourism organization representing 13 of Oklahoma's 77 counties. As the official destination tourism organization, Chickasaw Country includes 7,648 square miles, 11 percent of Oklahoma's total 68,597 square miles. Chickasaw Country, a division of the Chickasaw Nation, is a tourism source for visitors and communities within the region and promotes destinations, attractions and festivals. Chickasaw Country is a diverse and culturally-vested destination, with new adventures and experiences around every corner.

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