



"PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATELY RELEASE:"

"CHEROENHAKA (NOTTOWAY) TRIBE "REGALIA UP" FOR POWWOW"

The "General Public" is invited to the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe's 3rd Annual Powwow and Gathering on Saturday and Sunday, July 24th & 25th at the Southampton County Fairgrounds just off Hwy. 58 and New Market Road, Courtland, Virginia. Don't miss the "Grand Entry or Parade In" at 12 Noon on Saturday and 1:00 PM on Sunday. Bring the whole family and your lawn chair and enjoy the Drum(s), Native American Indian Dancers in full Regalia, the children demonstrations and the history of the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe and of course the food and drink - Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Fish and Chips, Indian Tacos and Indian Fry-bread.

There will be Native American Arts and Craft Vendors on site with a host of crafts and Native American Jewelry for sale. Powwow Chairperson, Ed "Ghost Feather" Branch said they are expecting a good crowd, a lot of dancers, and a grand time. "Tourist are calling from as far away as Texas, Florida, and Oklahoma" to inquire about lodging during their visit to our Powwow. The Master of Ceremonies this year will John "Blackfeather" Jeffries of the Occaneechi-Saponi Tribe, Hillsborough, NC and the Head Female Dancer will be Debora "Little Wing" Moore of the Pamunkey Indian Tribe of Virginia. The Head Male Dancer will be Keith "Hides In The Sun" Anderson of the Cherokee Indian Tribe of Northeast Alabama. Chief Walt "Red Hawk" Brown said "there will be a number of Drums this year; however, the Guest Drum will be the Eastern Bull Singers of Virginia and the Guest Drum will be KAN-TA-NOH, JR of NC. This will be an exciting two days of celebrating Native Traditions and Culture."

Chief Red Hawk "Treeheer," over the past two years, has become a familiar figure within the Southampton and Franklin Public School System; to include, Nottoway County and Virginia Beach - sharing American Indian Traditions, Culture and the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian History in full Regalia, with 4th and 5th Graders. He said "the Powwow here in our local areas should be viewed as a catalyst in assisting our 5th Graders in passing the Native American portion of the Standard of Learning (SOL) Exam. If you have children between the ages of 6 yrs and 12 yrs, especially 4th and 5th graders, bring them to this hands on / eyes on experience in Native American Traditions, Culture and History.

Of special interest to the General Public is the "First" publishing of the *WASKEHEE* (WAS-KE-HEE), a Journal of the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe, Southampton County Virginia. Waskehee, which means "To See" in our Nottoway Language as recorded by Thomas Jefferson in 1820, is a reflection on the past. The Journal Committee Chairperson and Editor of the *WAS-KE-HEE*, Lynette "Morning Dove" Lewis Allston, said that the "Waskehee" provides an opportunity for the General Public and our Educators to

began their journey into discovering the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe, here in Southampton County Virginia with the first installment (first 100 yrs of Ethnohistoric Colonial Contact) of the tribe's history and the meaning of our tribal shield as written by Red Hawk "Treeheer" in his own words, in his own way." "As Chief Brown says.....in our own Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Language.... Quaker Hun-te, EE Sun-Ke Was-We-Kr (Creator, My Heart Speaks)." "The journal (Waskehee) will be available at the Powwow for a donation of \$5.00 to the tribe." Chief Brown said that "We, the tribe," are deeply indebted to our local business in the Franklin / Southampton County Virginia Area, without whose sponsorship the Waskehee could not have been published."

**SEE YA AT THE POWWOW, SATURDAY, JULY 24TH AND SUNDAY, JULY 25TH, 2004.
GROUNDS OPEN AT 10:00 AM AND CLOSE AT 6: 00 PM.**