

Forty-Seventh Annual National Indian Timber Symposium

"Restoring Tribal Relations and Values to the Land"

May 13-16, 2024



**Hosted by:
Intertribal Timber Council & Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
At Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort in Cherokee, NC**

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Host: Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, NC

Welcome

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians welcomes you to the Intertribal Timber Council’s Forty-Seventh Annual National Indian Timber Symposium being held at the Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort and Convention Center in Cherokee, NC. Aligning with this year’s symposium theme “Restoring Tribal Relations and Values to the Land” with the oldest of beliefs and stories of the Cherokee is that we are just visitors here. Everything in the natural environment came before humans and plays an important role and contributes to the balance of the world as we know it. During the symposium we wish to display this connection to the land and forests that make up the Qualla boundary, as well as the extended traditional homelands of the Cherokee. Speakers and tribal tours will attempt to highlight the importance of tribal lands and reestablishing management in line with traditional cultural knowledge to restore tribal trust as well as wider surrounding lands through the cooperative relationships formed across multiple agencies.

2024 Symposium Committee

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Monday, May 13, 2024

Pre-Symposium Workshops Require Additional Registration Fee

7:00 – 8:00 am

Pre-Symposium Workshop Registration for Workshop Attendees

Fees for the optional Pre-Symposium Workshops directly fund the Truman D. Picard Scholarship, dedicated to Native students pursuing an education in Natural Resources. Workshop attendees should check in at the registration desk at this time to pick up name tags. Full registration starts at 3:00 pm.

Cherokee Convention Center: Registration

Location

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Pre-Symposium Workshop 1: Forest Technology

Coordinator

Tia Beavert, Tribal Forest Manager, Yakama Nation, Toppenish, WA

Moderator

Mark Corrao, PhD, Chief Innovation Officer, Northwest Management, Inc., Moscow, ID

Location

Cherokee Convention Center: Room 103

Deadline / Limit

Register online by May 6, 2024 (50 maximum)

Description

An overview of Lidar technology and new developments regarding forestry applications. Topics included will cover landscape scale fire risk, landscape inventory viewing tools; On-ground forester tools in ArcPro; drone uses for updates and monitoring; and data security and confidentiality.

8:00 – 9:00 am

Lidar Technology Developments, Your Digital Inventory, and What Does a Digital Landscape Include?

Mark Corrao, PhD, CIO, Northwest Management, Inc., Moscow, ID

9:00 – 10:00

Using a Digital Inventory and Fire Risk to Drive On-ground Practices and Support Funding Requests

Ryan Sanchey, Forest Operations Manager, Yakama Nation, Toppenish, WA

10:00 – 10:30

Break

10:30 – 11:15

Digital Forester ArcPro Tool Demonstration

Greg Howisey, Senior Forester, Northwest Management Inc., Moscow, ID

11:15 am – 12:00 pm

Hand-On ArcPro Tool Workshop and Training for Attendees

Eli Saltzman, Software Engineer, Northwest Management, Inc., Moscow, ID

Greg Howisey, Senior Forester, Northwest Management, Inc., Moscow, ID

Dan Sims, Fuels Planner, Yakama Nation, Toppenish, WA

Sean Crisman, Forest Development Forester, Yakama Nation, Toppenish, WA

12:00 – 1:00

Lunch (provided)

1:00 – 2:00

Practical Uses of Drones for Forest Inventory Applications: Harvest Depletion Ortho Mosaics for Planting, 5-year Free-to-Grow Surveys, and TSI/PCT Applications

Ryan Eide, Forest Inventory Applications / Lead Drone Pilot, Quinault Indian Nation, Taholah, WA

2:00 – 2:30

Break

2:30 -3:15

Fire Modeling and 3D Scenario Tools a Demonstration on CSKT Lands

Russ Parsons, PhD, Research Ecologist, USDA Forest Service, Missoula, MT

3:15 – 4:00

Data Sovereignty and Next-Generation Natural Resource Professionals: Protecting Both Our Natural and Digital Resources

Maranda Compton, Founder & President, Lepwe, Missoula, MT

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Pre-Symposium Workshop 2: Fire Ecology and Traditional Knowledge - Sharing Experiences and Knowledges to Restore Relationships with Peoples and Places

Coordinator

Jim Durglo, Wildland Fire Technical Specialist, ITC Contractor, St. Ignatius, MT

Moderator

Aja Conrad, Pikyav Field Institute Program Manager, Karuk Tribe, Orleans, CA

Location

Cherokee Convention Center: Room 104

Deadline / Limit

Register online by May 6, 2024 (30 maximum)

Description

This workshop will provide participants the opportunity to gain understanding from cultural burning knowledge directly from researchers, scientists and tribal practitioners using shared learning and workforces.

8:00 – 8:30 am

Fire Ecology and Traditional Knowledge

Frank Lake, PhD, Research Ecologist, USDA Forest Service, Arcata, CA

8:30 – 9:00

Cultural Burning Knowledges

Bill Tripp, ITC Fire Subcommittee Chair / Director of Natural Resources & Environmental Policy, Karuk Tribe, Orleans, CA

9:00 – 10:30

Flash Presentations

Each speaker will have 10-15 minutes to highlight their respective work to restore fire to the land.

Aja Conrad, Pikyav Field Institute Program Manager, Karuk Tribe, Orleans, CA

Analisa Tripp, Cultural Resources Technician III, Karuk Tribe, Happy Camp, CA

Whitney Malatare, Reserved Treaty Right Lands Coordinator, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes, Ronan, MT

Nisogaabokwe – Melonee Montano, TEK Outreach Specialist, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, Odanah, WI

10:30 – 11:00

Break

11:00 – 11:30

Partnership with The Nature Conservancy, Indigenous Peoples Burning Network

John Waconda, Indigenous Partnership Program Director., TNC, Santa Fe, NM

11:30 – 12:00

Fire Science Consortiums and Learning Networks

Emily Jane Davis, A/Prof. & Fire P.D./Administrative Dir. & Principal Investigator, NW Fire Science Consortium, Oregon State University, The Dalles, OR

12:00 – 1:00

Lunch (provided)

1:00 – 1:15

Van Loading

1:15 – 4:00

Field Tour

Coordinator

Reese Kerbow, Regional FMO / Chief-Division, BIA DWFM, Nashville, TN

Description

The field tour will explore three prescribed fire projects including Lewis, Jenkins Ridge, and Big Witch. It will also delve into the cultural significance of burning oak/hickory stands for Tribal artists and the importance of habitat enhancement for key culturally significant vegetative species. Cultural burning examples will be highlighted, focusing on the firing methods defined by Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal Elders from a 1999 interview with the USFS-Daniel Boone National Forest.

8:00 am – 4:00 pm**Instructors****Location****Deadline / Limit****Description****Pre-Symposium Workshop 3: Mask Carving**

Butch Goings, Wood Carver/Pres., Qualla Arts & Crafts Mutual, Inc., Cherokee, NC

Louise Goings, Basket Weaver, Qualla Arts & Crafts Mutual, Inc., Cherokee, NC

Cherokee Convention Center: Room 105

Register online by May 6, 2024 (25 maximum)

Traditional and modern mask carving. Lunch (provided).

8:00 am – 4:00 pm**Instructors****Location****Deadline / Limit****Description****Pre-Symposium Workshop 4: Basket Making**

Mary W. Thompson, Basket Weaver, Cherokee, NC

Betty Maney, Basket Weaver, Cherokee, NC

Cherokee Convention Center: Room 108

Register online by May 6, 2024 (25 maximum)

Cherokee basketry, our culture, our art. The workshop will review the history of basketry of the southeast discussing different techniques and view materials used to weave Cherokee basketry. Participants will also make a small round Reed basket. Lunch (provided).

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm**Coordinators****Moderator****Location****Registration****Description****Private Event: Native Women & Allies in Forestry Luncheon**

Stephanie Gutierrez, Forest & Community Program Dir., Ecotrust, Portland, OR

Jessica Douglas, Indigenous Community Engagement Mgr., Ecotrust, Portland, OR

Elisha Flores, Regional Tribal Climate Resilience Coordinator, BIA, Oakland, CA

Jaime Yazzie, Research Coordinator, Southwest Mountains Climate Resilience Center, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ

Serra Hoagland, PhD, CWB, Acting National Program Lead Tribal Research, USDA Forest Service R&D, Missoula, MT

Cherokee Convention Center: Room 106

RSVP with the link provided in your email invitation to reserve your space, for inquiries contact Jaime Yazzie at jaime.yazzie@nau.edu

Join us for a complimentary luncheon bringing together Native women, non-binary, two-spirit, trans, and allies in forestry to build a more inclusive and supportive environment for Native women in forestry. This is a grassroots initiative and the first women-in-forestry event held during the Symposium in collaboration with the Women's Forest Congress (WFC). The event aims to create space, foster connection, and community for women and allies within the forestry sector as well as share professional and personal experiences. Please email jaime.yazzie@nau.edu if you are interested in attending this or future Native Women in Forestry events. Lunch (provided).

12:00 – 12:30**Introduction and Lunch**

Robin Harkins, ITC Secretary / NR Dir., Coquille Indian Tribe, North Bend, OR

Jaana Korhonen, WFC Advisory Council / USFS Forest Economics & Policy Fellowship, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Research Triangle Park, NC

12:30 – 1:30**Conversation****1:30 – 2:00****Closing and Survey****Symposium Officially Begins****3:00 – 6:00 pm****Symposium Registration at Cherokee Convention Center: Registration**

All attendees check in and pick up name tags before heading to Host Icebreaker.

5:00 – 7:00 pm**Host Icebreaker at Unto These Hills Outdoor Theater****Description**

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and mingle with attendees. Guests welcome. Musical performance. Parking available. Shuttle starts at 4:45 pm.

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Moderator	Larry Blythe, Past ITC President / Retired BIA Cherokee Agency Forest Mgr. / Past Vice Chief, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee, NC
<u>7:00 am</u>	<u>Registration Open / Exhibits Open/ Raffle Begins</u>
Location	Cherokee Convention Center: Registration
<u>8:00 am – 4:30 pm</u>	<u>General Session</u>
Location	Cherokee Convention Center: Rooms 111 - 113
8:00 – 8:30	Opening Ceremony
	Invocation
	Michell Hicks, Principal Chief, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee, NC
	Posting of the Colors
	Cherokee Legion Post, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee, NC
	Welcomes
	Michell Hicks, Principal Chief, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee, NC
	Cody Desautel, ITC President / Executive Director, Colville Tribe, Nespelem, WA
8:30 – 9:30	Keynote
	Tom Belt, Elder / Earthkeeper, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee, NC
9:30– 10:00	Featured Guest Speaker
	Chuck Sams, Director, National Park Service, Washington, DC [Invited]
10:00 – 10:30	Morning Break
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Panel 1: Building a Resilient Workforce in Tribal Forestry & Wildland Fire
Coordinator	Nicole Stiffarm, Program Manager, SKC TREES, Pablo, MT
Moderator	Tyler Everett, Forest Adaptation Technical Assistant, United South and Eastern Tribes, Nashville, TN
Description	The future of Tribal Forestry & Wildland Fire is dependent upon a healthy and thriving workforce. This panel will address the complex nature of workforce development within the tribal and federal sector, and the vision behind current initiatives to develop the future workforce.
Speakers	Caleb Cain, Projects Forester, BIA Division of Forestry, Billings, MT Phil Rigdon, ITC VP / DNR Superintendent, Yakama Nation, Toppenish, WA Cindi Tonasket, Fire Management Officer, Colville Tribe, Nespelem, WA Eric Ellison, FWDP Training Specialist, BIA DWFM, Boise, ID
12:00 - 1:00	ITC Luncheon (provided)
1:00 – 2:30	Panel 2: Turning Recommendations into Action - IFMAT-IV Implementation & Outreach Strategies
Coordinator	Nicole Stiffarm, Program Manager, SKC TREES, Pablo, MT
Moderator	Jason Robison, Land & Resource Officer, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, Roseburg, OR
Description	A comprehensive overview of the outreach and implementation strategies spearheaded by the ITC. These approaches are strategically aligned with four main goals identified by the Implementation committee as priorities.
Speakers	Peter Wakeland, Chief Forester, BIA OTS, Albuquerque, NM Cody Desautel, ITC President / Executive Director, Colville Tribe, Nespelem, WA Adrian Leighton, PhD, Director & NR Dean, SKC TREES, Pablo, MT Matt Hill, Information & Research Specialist, Lone Rock Strategies, Glide, OR

2:30 – 3:00	Afternoon Break
3:00 – 4:30	Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Host Presentation The presentation will focus on the role EBCI's traditional ecological knowledge in developing silviculture methods for traditional arts and crafts. Tommy Cabe, Forest Resource Specialist, EBCI, Cherokee, NC Mike LaVoie, Natural Resources Manager, EBCI, Cherokee, NC Josh Parris, CWB, Forestry Manager, EBCI, Cherokee, NC
4:30	Adjourn
<u>6:00 – 9:00 pm</u>	<u>Host Welcome Dinner at Wofltown Community Building</u>
Description	Guests welcome. Parking available.

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

<u>8:00 am – 4:30 pm</u>	<u>Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal Tour</u>
Coordinator	Tommy Cabe, Forest Resource Specialist, EBCI, Cherokee, NC
Description	Lunch (provided) at Cowee Mound. Guests welcome. Permethrin tick spray will be given to treat clothing and shoes prior to departure. Wear long pants tucked into your boots or socks and check for ticks after returning from wooded areas.
Speakers	Tom Belt, Elder / Earthkeeper, EBCI, Cherokee, NC Katie Tiger, Air Quality Program Supervisor, EBCI, Cherokee, NC Peter Bates, Interim Executive Director, Forest Stewards, Cullowhee, NC Brandon L. Stephens, Silviculturist, USFS Nantahala Ranger District, Franklin, NC Jordan Smith, Executive Director, Mainspring Conservation Trust, Franklin, NC
7:30 – 8:00 am	Bus loading at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort: Lobby Please be on time for bus loading. Departs promptly at 8:00 am.
8:00 – 9:00	Travel to Stop 1
9:00 – 11:15	Stop 1: Waterrock Knob Cultural stop to discuss the origin of Waterrock Knob and its significance to Kituwah, songs, and medicine. Tribal Elder Tom Belt will lead this stop to discuss air quality and relative work including climate trends and prescribed burns.
11:15 am - 12:30 pm	Travel to Stop 2
12:30 – 4:00	Stop 2: Cowee Mound Tour this diplomatic site and its history and significance to Cherokee and the Trail of Tears.
2:30 – 4:00	Shuttle attendees up to Eagle Mountain Community Forest Discuss prescribed burned and oak management.
3:00 – 4:00	Travel back to Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort
<u>5:30 – 7:30 pm</u>	<u>General Membership Meeting at Cherokee Convention Ctr.: Rooms 111–113</u>

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Moderator	Shawn de France, FMIP Program Manager, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes, Pablo, MT
<u>7:30 am</u>	<u>Registration Open/ Exhibits Open/ Raffle Continues</u>
Location	Cherokee Convention Center: Registration
<u>8:00 am – 10:30 am</u>	<u>General Session Updates</u>
Location	Cherokee Convention Center: Rooms 111 - 113
8:00 – 8:20	ITC President's Report Cody Desautel, ITC President / Executive Director, Colville Tribe, Nespelem, WA
8:20 – 8:40	Department of the Interior, Office of Wildland Fire Update Jeff Rupert, OWF Director, Department of the Interior, Washington, DC
8:40 – 9:00	Bureau of Indian Affairs Update Peter Wakeland, Chief Forester, BIA OTS, Albuquerque, NM Aaron Baldwin, Director Wildland Fire Management, BIA OTS, Boise, ID
9:00 – 9:20	Legislative Update Matt Hill, Information & Research Specialist, Lone Rock Strategies, Glide, OR
9:20 – 9:40	USDA Forest Service, Office of Tribal Relations Update Reed Robinson, Director OTR, USDA Forest Service, Washington, DC
9:40 – 9:45	Workshop Introductions
9:45 – 10:00	Retire Colors Cherokee Legion Post, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee, NC
10:00 – 10:30	Morning Break
<u>10:30 am – 4:15 pm</u>	<u>Workshop 1: Engaging Federal and Non-Federal Partners to Meet Tribal Management Objectives</u>
Coordinator	Jim Durglo, Wildland Fire Technical Specialist, ITC Contractor, St. Ignatius, MT
Moderator	Joshua Rosenau, Program Coordinator, SKC TREES, Pablo, MT
Location	Cherokee Convention Center: Room 103
Description	This workshop will provide information to participants about opportunities to engage both federal and non-federal partners to meet tribal natural resource management objectives. As tribes continue to face ongoing challenges of workforce development, the need to identify non-traditional partnerships is increasing. These partnerships can support tribes with both capacity, and workforce sharing, and research and information to better meet tribal land management needs.
10:30 – 10:40 am	Introduction Overview, Intent, Outcomes Joshua Rosenau, Program Coordinator, SKC TREES, Pablo, MT
10:40 – 11:30	USDA Forest Service Engagement Opportunities Jennifer Croft, Applied Fire Ecologist, USDA Forest Service., Washington, DC
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	A Means to an End: Collaborating to Build Capacity Zachary Erickson, Forest Resource Specialist, Wiyot Tribe, Loleta, CA
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch (provided)
1:00 – 1:30	Opportunities with Universities/Tribal Colleges Jaime Yazzie, Research Coordinator, Southwest Mountains Climate Resilience Center, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ

1:30 – 2:00	DOI U.S. Geological Survey Paul F. Steblein, Wildland Fire Science Coordinator, USGS, Reston, VA
2:00 – 2:30	Afternoon Break
2:30 – 3:00	Joint Fire Science Program Shawn Kelley, Fire Ecologist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bloomington, MN
3:00 – 3:30	Engagement Opportunities for Working with the Joint Venture Todd Fearer, Coordinator, Appalachian Mountains Joint Venture, Blacksburg, VA
3:30 – 3:50	Question and Answer
3:50 – 4:15	Workshop 1 Summary
<u>10:30 am – 4:15 pm</u>	<u>Workshop 2: Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK)</u>
Coordinator / Moderator	Mike Dockry, PhD, Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN
Location	Cherokee Convention Center: Room 104
Description	Tribes are bringing their own knowledge and cultural values into forest and natural resource management. Federal and State agencies are also developing policies to incorporate TEK into public land management. This workshop will provide participants an opportunity to share their own visions, examples, and challenges with using TEK as a basis for natural resource management. The first part of the workshop will serve as a mutual teaching and learning and take the form of a talking circle. The second part of the workshop will highlight specific examples from across the country. The final part will be developing a workshop summary that can be used by tribes, researchers, and ITC to further the call for increasing TEK in natural resource management.
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	TEK Talking Circle: An Opportunity for Mutual Teaching and Learning to Foster Natural Resource Management Based on Indigenous Values Mike Dockry, PhD, Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch (provided)
1:00 – 1:45	TEK and Cultural Fire Use in the Midwest Kyle Whyte, Professor, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI Hector Figueroa Fox, Post-Doctoral Fellow, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI Eric Clark, Lead Wildlife Biologist, Sault Ste. Marie of Chippewa Indians, Sault Ste. Marie, MI
1:45 – 2:30	Understanding TEK and Exploring Opportunities for Cultural Renewal Nisogaabokwe – Melonee Montano, TEK Outreach Specialist, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, Odanah, WI Frank Lake, PhD, Research Ecologist, USDA Forest Service, Arcata, CA Lydia Jennings, Presidential Postdoctoral Fellow, Univ. of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
2:30 – 2:45	Afternoon Break
2:45 – 3:30	TEK, Cultural Fire Use, and Federal Collaboration in the Southeast Tommy Cabe, Forest Resource Specialist, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee, NC Josh Parris, CWB, Forestry Mgr., Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee, NC Michelle Baumflek, Research Biologist, USDA Forest Service, Asheville, NC
3:30 – 3:50	Question and Answer
3:50 – 4:15	Workshop 2 Summary

<u>10:30 am – 4:15 pm</u>	<u>Workshop 3: Carbon Compliance & Voluntary Market Opportunities</u>
Coordinator / Moderator	Cody Desautel, ITC President / Executive Director, Colville Tribe, Nespelem, WA
Location	Cherokee Convention Center: Room 105
Description	Carbon project development and available markets have been an ongoing discussion in Indian country over the last decade. These opportunities continue to expand as the compliance and voluntary markets evolve. There are also questions about BIA involvement if projects are developed. This workshop is intended to share opportunities in carbon space, BIA inclusion/exclusion in the process, and tribal examples to demonstrate the potential.
10:30 – 11:15 am	Compliance Markets
	Dylan Jenkins, ACF CF, VP Origination, Finite Carbon, Williamsport, PA
11:15 am – 12:00 pm	Voluntary Markets Overview & Reforestation Funding
	Julius Pasay, Executive Director, Climate Trust, Portland, OR
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch (provided)
1:00 – 1:45	BIA Obligations and Trust Determination
	Peter Wakeland, Chief Forester, BIA OTS, Albuquerque, NM
1:45 – 2:30	Carbon Inventory and Verification
	Mark Strutzman, Professional Resource Manager, Northwest Management, Inc., Moscow, ID
2:30 – 2:45	Afternoon Break
2:45 – 3:30	Colville Tribe's Carbon Example
	Rebecca Hunt, Natural Resources Director, Colville Tribe, Nespelem, WA
3:30 – 3:50	Question and Answer
3:50 – 4:15	Workshop 3 Summary
<u>3:00</u>	<u>Raffle Closes</u>
<u>4:15</u>	<u>Adjourn</u>
<u>4:30 pm</u>	<u>Annual Business Meeting at Cherokee Convention Center: Room 103</u>
<u>6:30 pm</u>	<u>Annual Awards Banquet at Cherokee Convention Center: Rooms 111 - 113</u>
	Cody Desautel, ITC President, Nespelem, WA
	Shawn de France, ITC Education Chair, Pablo, MT
	Robin Harkins, ITC Awards Chair, North Bend, OR
	Tommy Cabe, Forest Resource Specialist, EBCI (2024 Host Tribe), Cherokee, NC
	Stephen McDonald, Forest Manager, CSKT (2025 Host Tribe), Pablo, MT

2024 Event Schedule

Pre-Symposium Workshops

Day	Time	Description	Location
Mon, Jun 12	7:00 am – 8:00 am	Pre-Symposium (PS) Registration	Cherokee Convention Center: Registration
	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	PS WS 1: Forest Technology	Cherokee Convention Center: Room 103
	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	PS WS 2: Fire Ecology and Traditional Knowledge - Sharing Experiences and Knowledge's to Restore Relationships with Peoples and Places	Cherokee Convention Center: Room 104. Van loading from 12:45pm – 1:00 pm for tour.
	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	PS WS 3: Mask Carving	Cherokee Convention Center: Room 105
	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	PS WS 4: Basket Making	Cherokee Convention Center: Room 108
	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	PS Workshops Attendee Lunch	Cherokee Convention Center: Room 107
	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Private Event: Native Women & Allies in Forestry Luncheon (Invite only)	Cherokee Convention Center: Room 106
	2:00 - 7:00 pm	Exhibitor Set Up	Cherokee Convention Center: Registration

Symposium Officially Begins

Day	Time	Description	Location
Mon, May 13	3:00 - 6:00 pm	Registration	Cherokee Convention Center: Registration
	5:00 - 7:00 pm	Host Icebreaker	Unto These Hills Outdoor Theater
Tue, May 14	7:00 am - 4:30 pm	Registration & Raffle	Cherokee Convention Center: Registration
	7:00 am - 4:30 pm	Exhibits	Cherokee Convention Center: Registration
	8:00 am - 4:30 pm	General Session	Cherokee Convention Center: Rooms 111 - 113
	12:00 - 1:00 pm	ITC Luncheon	Cherokee Convention Center: Room 107 - 108
	6:00 - 9:00 pm	Host Welcome Dinner	Wolfstown Community Building
	7:30 - 8:00 am	Bus loading for Tribal Tour	Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort: Lobby
Wed, May 15	8:00 am - 4:30 pm	Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal Tour	Off Property
	5:30 - 7:30 pm	General Membership Meeting	Cherokee Convention Center: Rooms 111 - 113
	7:30 am - 3:00 pm	Registration & Raffle	Cherokee Convention Center: Registration
Thu, May 16	7:30 am - 4:00 pm	Exhibits	Cherokee Convention Center: Registration
	8:00 am - 10:00 am	General Session Updates	Cherokee Convention Center: Rooms 111 - 113
	10:30 am - 4:15 pm	WS 1: Engaging Federal and Non-Federal Partners to Meet Tribal Management Objectives	Cherokee Convention Center: Room 103
	10:30 am - 4:15 pm	WS 2: Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK)	Cherokee Convention Center: Room 104
	10:30 am - 4:15 pm	WS 3: Carbon Compliance & Voluntary Market Opportunities	Cherokee Convention Center: Room 105
	12:00 - 1:15 pm	Lunch	Cherokee Convention Center: Room 107 & 108
	4:30 - 6:00 pm	Annual Business Meeting	Cherokee Convention Center: Room 103
	6:30 - 9:30 pm	Annual Awards Banquet	Cherokee Convention Center: Rooms 111 - 113
	Varies	SAF CFE Credits	Current members sign in at Registration
Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort, 777 Casino Dr., Cherokee, NC 28719			
Cherokee Convention Center, 123 Harrahs Service Dr., Cherokee, NC 28719			
Unto These Hills Theater, 688 Drama Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719 (2.4 miles, 6-minute drive)			
Wolfstown Community Club, 12 Burgess Dr., Cherokee, NC 28719 (2.7 miles, 4-minute drive)			

Airports / Car Rentals

Asheville Regional Airport (AVL) is in Asheville, NC and 54 miles east of Cherokee, NC.

For more airline and rental car information visit their website: <https://flyavl.com>

McGhee Tyson Airport (TYS) is in Knoxville, TN and 73.6 miles east of Cherokee, NC.

For more airline and rental car information visit their website: www.flyknoxville.com

Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport (GSP) is in Greer, SC and 117 miles south/east of Cherokee, NC.

For more airline and rental car information visit their website: <https://gspairport.com>

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) is in Atlanta, GA and 171 miles south of Cherokee, NC.

For more airline and rental car information visit their website: www.atl.com

Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT) is in Charlotte, NC and 161 miles east of Cherokee, NC.

For more airline and rental car information visit their website: www.cltairport.com

Lodging Information

Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort: 777 Casino Drive, Cherokee, NC 28719

Book a single or double occupancy standard room for **\$98.00 per night**, plus \$15 resort fee per night, and taxes. Additional guests are \$10.00 per person, per night, with a maximum of four persons per guestroom. **This special rate is only available until Friday, April 19, 2024.** The room block will be located in the Cherokee Tower. Guests with pets or smokers will be located in the Soco Tower.

Reserve by phone by calling: 828-497-7777 and refer to Group Code **S05ANIT**. **Book online at:** <https://www.caesars.com/book/?propCode=CHE&action=FindRooms&groupcode=S05ANIT>

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Check-In Procedures: Guests must be a minimum of 21 years of age to check-in. Guests are charged for all nights' room, tax, and resort fee at the time of check-in. In addition, a \$75.00 per night hold will be applied to the guests' credit card to cover any incidental charges that may be incurred. Incidental charges exceeding \$75.00 per night hold will be charged accordingly. If a guest room is being paid for by a master account, but the guest is still paying incidentals on their own a card will still be required to cover incidentals. Any amount not utilized will be released at the time of departure.

Check-Out Procedures: For your convenience, checkout is available via the following options: 1) Hotel Front Desk 2) In-room video check-out 3) Express check-out cards are given to guests on arrival 4) Express check-out boxes located in elevator foyer or Hotel Lobby 5) Contacting the Front Desk via Telephone. When guests check-in, they will be asked for an email address so that upon check-out, the Hotel can email the guestroom bill closing guest account. Guests may request their hotel guestroom bill through our website.

Business Center: The Business Center is located on the 2nd level of Harrah's in the walkway between the sky bridges and is a self-service facility. The Business Center is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can print and use our computers or plug into laptop ports to access the internet at your convenience. Fax and copy service is available at the Hotel Front Desk.

Parking: Complimentary Valet and Self-Parking are available for all hotel guests. All parking is first come, first served, and based on availability. Our garages are open 24 hours and are always staffed and Security monitored. Diamond & Seven Star members receive priority in the event that parking becomes limited.

Pet Stay: Rolling out the red carpet for traveling dogs. Canine guests are welcomed with special amenities like food & water bowls, welcome treats, and duffle bags with biodegradable waste bags. The program is available to dogs only at a \$100.00 per day charge. Dogs must be crated when in a room alone with crated rental available and are not permitted in food and beverage areas, spa, retail shops, or the casino floor.

Restaurants: www.caesars.com/harrahs-chokeee/restaurants

BRIO Tuscan Grille: Authentic Italian dishes including steaks, chops, fresh fish, made-to-order pastas, and hardwood-fired pizzas. Call for reservations: (828) 497-8233. Advance OpenTable reservations recommended: <http://www.opentable.com/r/brio-italian-grille-chokeee-chokeee-casino-chokeee>

Ceasars Eats Delivery & Room Service: Full-service menu offered 7 days a week. Contact room service by phone: (828) 497-7777 Ext. 8461. Order online: https://us.runtriz.com/clv_che/guest#/menu/2?tmpl=container-sections

Esports Zone: Offering wings, build-your-own pizzas, burgers, and more. Phone: (828) 497-8818.

Food Court: A variety of quick bites. Visit: www.caesars.com/harrahs-chokeee/restaurants/food-court

Gordon Ramsay Food Market: Featuring eight cuisine concepts and a full-service restaurant, enjoy dining options from street burgers and pizzas, fresh sushi, crispy fish and chips, New York-style deli sandwiches, and a full-service coffee bar, and classic fine-dining fare. Advance OpenTable reservations recommended for Truffles Pub: www.opentable.com/r/truffles-pub-harrahs-chokeee-resort-casino-chokeee

Guy Fieri's Cherokee Kitchen & Bar: Take a trip to Flavortown! Features award winning burgers, championship BBQ, and Big Eats dishes. Call for reservations: (828) 497-8311. Advance OpenTable reservations recommended: www.opentable.com/r/guy-fieris-chokeee-kitchen-and-bar-chokeee

Lobby Café: Grab a cup of coffee, a sandwich, or a glass of wine / beer.

Noodle Bar: Get a taste of the Far East with Dim Sum, soups or one house specialties. Phone: (828) 497-8337.

Ruth's Chris Steak House: World-renowned steaks, seafood, and a New Orleans-inspired menu in a fine dining experience. Call for reservations: (828) 497-8577. Advance OpenTable reservations recommended: www.opentable.com/r/ruths-chris-steak-house-harrahs-chokeee-casino-and-hotel

Selu Garden Café: Serving Southern-style café favorites . Breakfast buffet and à la carte. Call for reservations: (828) 497-7401. Advance OpenTable reservations recommended: www.opentable.com/r/selu-garden-cafe-harrahs-chokeee-casino-resort-chokeee

Starbucks: There are two locations - Resort Hotel Lobby and Cherokee Hotel Lobby.

Wicked Weed Brewpub: Pub fare. Call for reservations: (828) 497-8232. Advance OpenTable reservations recommended: www.opentable.com/r/wicked-weed-brewpub-harrahs-chokeee-casino-resort-chokeee

2024 ITC SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION

Visit the event website or scan the QR code!

<https://www.eventsquid.com/event/23216>



Online registration closes May 6, 2024. Register now!

<u>Registration Fee Types</u>	<u>Early Price Up to April 5</u>	<u>Late Price April 6 to May 6</u>
General or Associate Member	\$275.00	\$375.00
Government Employee	\$300.00	\$400.00
All Others	\$325.00	\$425.00
College Students	\$100.00	\$100.00
Pre-Symposium Workshops	\$105.00	\$120.00
Exhibit Booth Space (2 registrations) Exhibit Terms: Subletting or sharing space is prohibited. Registration is for the use of exhibitors & is nontransferable.	\$750.00	\$850.00

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Company Registration Packet Inserts	\$500.00
Guest Tuesday Luncheon Ticket	\$ 60.00
Guest Thursday Awards Banquet Ticket	\$ 90.00

**Purchase Guest Meal Tickets online
until May 6, 2024. No onsite sales.**

The Symposium Registration fee includes a Registration Packet, Tuesday Luncheon, Host Tribe Welcome Dinner, Wednesday Tribal Tour, Thursday Luncheon, Thursday Awards Banquet, and Final Proceedings.

Pre-Symposium workshop fees include lunch.

Registration fees can be paid online by credit card or through mail by check or money order.

Payments must be received by May 6, 2024, please mail to:

**Intertribal Timber Council
Symposium Registration
PO Box 11790
Portland, OR 97211
503-282-4296**

ITC uses symposium fees to cover symposium-operating costs. Therefore, we have established the following refund policies:

- All refund requests must be emailed to monica@itcnet.org.
- Refund requests received after April 19, 2024, will be charged a \$100 processing fee.
- No refunds will be issued after April 26, 2024.
- An NSF fee will be charged for returned checks.