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## **OSAGE NATION FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS**

The Osage Nation Foundation will host its inaugural youth summer camps in June and July. Through the fundraising and dedication of the Foundation's supporters, the organization is able to provide Osage and local youths the fundamentals and skills for four different camps at no cost to participants. Included will be basketball camps in Tulsa and Pawhuska, a golf camp in Tulsa, a non-contact football camp in Fairfax, and a photography camp in Pawhuska. The Foundation is providing a staff of experienced camp administrators, instructors, coaches and assistants, and participants will be divided by age groups to receive individual and group instruction.

"Our mission is multi-faceted but at the very core of what we are about is positively impacting the health and education of youth in and around the Osage communities," said Bill Webb, Executive Director of the Osage Nation Foundation.

"Directly due to the financial support of our contributors, we have been able to put these camps together, fully fund them, and allow youth to participate at no cost."

### **TULSA AND PAWHUSKA BASKETBALL CAMPS**

The Tulsa Basketball camp will be held at the North Mabee Boys & Girls Club Monday July 23<sup>rd</sup> through Friday July 27<sup>th</sup>. Campers will learn fundamental and advanced skills of basketball from a staff of experienced basketball coaches and assistants. Each participant will receive a camp shirt, equipment bag, and basketball. Campers are asked to wear shorts, t-shirt or other appropriate jersey/shirt, and sneakers. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Registrations accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Osage members will receive registration preference, but must attach a photo copy of Osage Membership card with registration form. Deadline for registration is July 17. Participants must be in grades 3 through 9 (as of fall 2012). Boys and girls welcome.

The Pawhuska Basketball camp will be held at the Boys & Girls Club of the Osage Nation Monday June 18<sup>th</sup> through Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Campers will learn fundamental and advanced skills of basketball from a staff of experienced basketball coaches and assistants. Each participant will receive a camp shirt, equipment bag, and basketball. Campers are asked to wear shorts, t-shirt or other appropriate jersey/shirt, and sneakers. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Transportation will be provided from Hominy and Fairfax if needed. The schedule of transportation is located on our website [www.osagefoundation.org](http://www.osagefoundation.org). If you would like transportation, please be sure to mark the location that you will need transportation from on your Registration Form. Registrations accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Osage members will receive registration preference, but must attach a photo copy of Osage Membership card with registration form. Deadline for registration is July 17. Participants must be in grades 3 through 9 (as of fall 2012). Boys and girls welcome.

## **TULSA GOLF CAMP**

The Golf Camp will be held at First Tee of Tulsa on Monday July 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday July 17<sup>th</sup>. The camp will be coordinated by Leslie Core-Drevecky (Osage), Certified PGA Head Golf Professional at Murphy Creek Golf Course in Aurora, CO. Leslie and her staff and instructors are motivated to teach each participant whether it be a first-time golfer or an advanced golfer the game of golf. Participants will be divided by age groups and skill levels. The First Tee of Tulsa is designed for just this type of instruction and the First Tee program will provide golf clubs for use at the camp for those who do not have their own clubs. Drinks and snacks will be provided while at camp. Participants will receive a camp t-shirt and equipment bag. Registrations accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Osage will receive registration preference, but must attach a photo copy of Osage Membership card with registration form. Deadline for registration is July 10. Participants must be in grades 3 through 12 (as of fall 2012). Boys and girls welcome.

## **FAIRFAX FOOTBALL CAMP**

The Football camp in Fairfax will be held at Woodland High School Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> through Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. This non-contact camp is open to boys ages 8 to 17. The camp will be led by former University of Oklahoma standout Scott Hill and a group of current and former high school coaches, college coaches and players. Campers will receive instruction in various areas of the game, based on the participant's position, including offense and defense, line play, skill positions, and kicking. Participants will be divided by age group. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Each participant will receive a camp t-shirt and equipment bag. Registrations accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Osage will receive registration preference, but must attach a photo copy of Osage Membership card with registration form. Deadline for registration is July 5. Eligibility determined by age as of July 9.

## **PAWHUSKA PHOTOGRAPHY CAMP**

The Photography camp in Pawhuska will be held at the Boys & Girls Club of the Osage Nation Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup> through Friday August 3<sup>rd</sup>. This camp is led by Sherry Stinson, owner of the award-winning [TylerDog Photography](#) and Tyler Creative studios. Participants will learn the basics of how to use their digital camera to take good photos. Younger students will create collages from photos printed during class, while the older students will learn how to edit them and get to print out a favorite photo each day. At the end of camp, a hardcover book will be created from the students' photos and given to all students, with each student selecting one photo to be featured, along with a short bio of that student. Books will be mailed to students approximately two weeks after the completion of the camp. This beginner's class is for anyone with a point-and-shoot camera or digital SLR. Participants must bring their own digital cameras but basic point-and-shoot cameras are fine. Each participant will receive a camp t-shirt. Registrations accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Osage members will receive registration preference, but must attach a photo copy of Osage Membership card with registration form. Deadline for registration is July 24. This camp is for boys and girls ages 8-17.

All camp sizes are limited. Registration forms are located on the Osage Nation Foundation's website at [www.osagefoundation.org](http://www.osagefoundation.org) under the "programs" section. Each camp has its own registration form that can be faxed, mailed or emailed. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis with preference to Osage Members. Osage members registering for a camp should remember to attach a copy of the Participant's Osage Membership card.

Registrations must be received by the registration deadline for each camp. There will be no walk-up registrations accepted.

Anyone with questions or needing more information can contact Bill Webb or Katy Laskey at the Osage Nation Foundation at (405) 415-0383 or emailing [info@osagefoundation.org](mailto:info@osagefoundation.org).

### **ABOUT THE OSAGE NATION FOUNDATION**

The Osage Nation Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization, was established in 2005 by the Osage Nation for the charitable purpose of lessening the burdens of the Tribal Government by providing charitable services to the Nation and its members. The mission of the Foundation is to promote and enhance the general welfare of the people of the Osage Nation by supporting cultural, educational, health, historical, community, and other appropriate activities and programs. The Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors which is responsible for executing the mission and objectives of the Foundation.

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