



CHEROENHAKA (NOTTOWAY) INDIAN TRIBE
SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA
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“PEOPLE AT THE FORK OF THE STREAM”

Recognized by the Commonwealth of Virginia in The Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the County of Southampton County on March 3, 1851 In the 75th Year of the Commonwealth, Witness, Littleton R. Edwards, Clerk of Said Court (Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe Vs Jeremiah Cobb) -Senate Joint Resolution 127 & House Joint Resolution 171-

August 30, 2024

SUBJECT: Cattashowrock Town School Day – 17th Century Palisade Iroquoian Indian Village

Dear Educator:

The Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe of Southampton County Virginia, a Virginia State Recognized Iroquoian Speaking Tribe, will reopen its Native Palisade Village – Cattashowrock (Cat-tas-how-rock) Town for a “School Day Visit” on Friday, November 1, 2024. Cattashowrock Town is located on our 263 acres of tribal land (off Route 742 South/Cheroenhaka Road), 27345 Aquia Path, Courtland, VA 23837.

Cattashowrock Town is a facsimile / replica of the Native Palisade Fort / Village that William Byrd II of Westover wrote about upon his visit to our tribal land in Southampton County on April 7th and 8th, 1728. It is a Palisade Fort with Native Houses (Arbors / Long Houses); a three-sister’s garden; native flat cookers for smoking / drying fish, an Iroquoian corn thrashing booth, and dug-out canoe. Cattashowrock Town is a replica 17th Century Iroquoian Indian Village; all of which is *SOL Appropriate*.

We have Interpretative Trails with signage, depicting native flora and fauna, in both English and in our Iroquoian language. Our Iroquoian language was recorded by former Professor John Woods of W&M in 1820 from Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Queen Edith Turner, aka Wane’ Roonseraw, here in Southampton County. We will have Native Demonstrators and Tour Guides in full native regalia. There will be native drumming and dancing with a special visit and dance demonstration from the Aztec Dancers. Your students will be invited to join in with a native round dance to the sound of native drumming. The Archeological Society of Virginia (ASV) will be there with Native Artifacts dating back some 15,000 years.

We trust that your 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th graders and middle school students will get the opportunity to visit with us on Friday, November 1, 2024, from 9 am to 3 pm as we celebrate our Native American culture and traditions.

The Student School Day group rate is \$7.00 per individual. Please make checks payable to the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribal Heritage Foundation 501(c) (3), Tax Exempt). There is plenty of room for school buses and cars to park on our 10-acre Powwow Grounds.

On Saturday and Sunday, November 2 & 3, 2024 we will celebrate the 34th Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Inter-Tribal “Corn Harvest Festival” Powwow – we honor the Iroquoian “Three Sisters,” the Bean, the Corn and the Squash. On the days of the Powwow, the Powwow Ground is open from 10am to sunset.

Thank you so very much for all that you do for our children. Please contact the undersigned or Karen “Running Moon” Barrett for any needed information. For additional information on school presentations that we have given in the past, please visit our tribal website: <http://www.cheroenhaka-nottoway.org> or email Karen at barrettkd20@gmail.com.

Please be so kind as to RSVP, via email or telephone, with the number of students and grade level you plan to bring to the Native School Day activities on November 1, 2024.

Please note that we also offer “Individual School Tours” of all grades, at Cattashowrock Town throughout the school year. Please call or email the undersigned or Karen “Running Moon” Barrett for requests with your projected dates and time.

Again, thank you so very much. We look forward to seeing you and your students on November 1, 2024. The School Day Agenda is attached.

“may your walk in this sacred circle of life make better the walk of another - our children”

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